



Senior Warden's Corner

Two Sundays ago at the 10 o'clock service, Mother Robin baptized Elowen Marie Struthers Thompson, the infant daughter of Annemarie Malbon and Daric Thompson. During the ceremony, the hearty throng of Brendanites who were there pledged to "do all in [their] power to support her in her life in Christ." It was a timely promise — not only for Elowen but for all children who are brought to St. Brendan's to be raised in the light of Christ's love and the rich soil of this Christian community.

Just the day before, St. Brendan's Vestry had held its annual daylong retreat to take stock of parish life and get organized for the year ahead. A key area of focus was the children and youth of St. Brendan's, the program that the church provides for them and the promises that we as adult members make to them. What a fortuitous moment that Elowen's baptism — and our vocal support for her — provided the next day.

After hearing at the retreat from leaders of our children's program about the needs of St. Brendan's young people, the vestry and Mother Robin committed themselves to finding new ways not just to support the Sunday School but to more broadly nurture the parish's youngest members as they grow into committed, thinking, active Christians. The most pressing need right now is, of course, more Sunday School teachers, but beyond that, there are other ways we can all help. For instance, could our ministries find a way to involve our young people in their projects and activities? Could our older members, at hospitality time, seek out young parents and their children for conversation (and vice versa)?

To increase awareness of our responsibility to raise up young Christians and to find more ways to keep that promise of support, three vestry members stepped forward to form a task force: Melanie Popovich, Frances Harpst and John Appeldorn. St. Brendan's will be hearing more from them in the weeks and months ahead. Till then, it is our duty as Brendanites to do all we can to raise the young members in our midst, answer their questions, and guide them toward rich, full lives in Christ. As Mother Robin has said, the children are not just the future of St. Brendan's, they are the present. They and their parents are the building blocks of our parish.

We made a promise this month to Elowen. Let's work on keeping that same promise we made to our other children on their baptism days.

Yours in faith,

Tom Waseleski

twaseleski@comcast.net

February Food Drive: Jesus told us to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). It is our duty as Christians to put that love into action. In that spirit, the children and youth of St. Brendan's are holding a food drive for the North Hills Food Bank **this Sunday, February 25th**. Please help by bringing your donations to church by this Sunday.

- **Items accepted:** non-perishable food items; cleaning supplies; paper products; toiletries.
- **Items not accepted:** items in glass jars; items beyond their expiration date; clothing.
- **Some special needs this month include:** cereal; crackers; canned soups (not chicken); canned stews; 1 lb. or 2 lb. flour; salad dressing; small bottles of cooking oil; granola bars; pudding, fruit and applesauce cups; ground coffee (11 oz. size).

Thank you for your support!



Ralph Tajak
Spiritual Care Coordinator

Positive suggestions for our Lenten practices. On **February 25 this Sunday after our 10 am**, liturgy **Ralph Tajak**, Spiritual Care Coordinator for Gateway rehab, will give a brief presentation on positive practices for our Lenten Journey. He will draw from his experience in adult formation, and current work to provide a few suggestions for our Lenten journey.

Lenten Offerings:

— Zoom Class - **Study of the Hebrew Scriptures** (Tuesdays at 6 pm):

There are only 3 classes left. One on February 20, one on March 5 and one on March 12.

We discuss the short summaries of the books of what Christians call the Old Testament using short animated films. You are welcome to join us! Just email Mtr Robin robin@stbrendans.org and she will put you on the "Zoom Link" list.

Lenten Wednesdays: We are asking folks to join us for simple supper (bring a dish to share) at 5 pm followed by Holy Eucharist at 6 pm. Remaining dates are February 28, March 6, 13 and 20.

There will be no Wednesday services March 27 or April 3.

Wednesday services will resume April 10. Stay tuned for Holy Week and Easter Day service times!

Children and Youth



• **Sunday, February 25: Children's Worship service.** There will be no Sunday School classes this Sunday. The children will participate in various ways during the service.



Brendan's Boots. The parish walking group will return to the banks of the Allegheny River on **Monday, Feb. 26**, leaving from the church at **9 am**. Carpools will park at Washington's Landing in Pittsburgh, trek along the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, cross the David McCullough Bridge, then continue along the river trail in the Strip District. Walkers will have time to browse and have lunch in the Strip before heading back to their cars. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



Next Tai Chi Class, Tuesday February 27, Noon, at St. Brendan's, once again led by Thaddeus Popovich.

Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention is easy to learn, effective and safe. It increases flexibility, muscle strength, mental activity and heart/lung capacity while it aligns posture and improves balance. Studies show this class is safe and effective for people with arthritis, and is an excellent fall prevention program. It's also a good way to decrease stress and anxiety, promote serenity and help you meditate. Plus it's fun and relaxing.

Everyone is welcome; no experience necessary. A donation of \$5 per class is voluntary, and Thaddeus will give all donations back to St. Brendan's as he is offering this class as a special gift to St. Brendan's.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the Narthex if you would like to attend. Questions? Contact Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.



Our church is known for some wonderful cooks who have shared some of their amazing Easter dishes. If you have a favorite **Easter dish** you would like to share, we would love you to bring it on Palm Sunday. We will be having a meal after the 10 am service. We would love it if you could share a little bit of your family easter traditions with us.

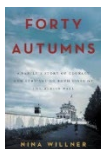
Sign up in the narthex or email Janice Moore at naperville@yahoo.com and let me know if you can bring something. In the past years we have had a great time with this.



We are starting another year of the **Supper Club**. We will meet twice a year mixing the people so you hopefully you will meet different people at each supper. You can join as a couple or just one person. You can also request not to host at your home. We have also had two people host at one house. The important part is you join. Please either sign up at the church or contact Janice Moore at naperville@yahoo.com. Make subject line Supper Club. Hope to see you there.

Taize/Evening Prayer: This month's Taize/Evening Prayer service will be held on Wednesday, February 28 at 6:00pm in the chapel. This quiet, reflective, candlelit prayer service is especially appropriate for the season of Lent. Please join us if you can. For more information about the service, contact Rev. Darrell at darrell@stbrendans.org.

Taize Sunday: Please join us for a special celebration of Taize music on Sunday, March 3. Our wonderful, talented Music Director, Daniel May, has prepared a special service featuring all Taize music. This is the music we use each month at the Taize/Evening prayer service (next service is February 28). Taize music is widely used in many churches now and was developed in France in 1940 by Brother Roger Schutz when he founded the Taize Community. Brother Roger was searching for a different expression of the Christian life, one that reflected what it really meant to live a life according to the Scriptures.



St. Brendan's Book Club is meeting on **Monday, March 4 at 1 pm** in the church library to discuss *Forty Autumns* by Nina Willner, a memoir of a family split by the Berlin wall. All are welcome--please join us!

Upcoming titles:

April 8: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby van Pelt **May 6:** My Life in France by Julia Child

Any questions? Contact Pat Carl, pkarrcarl@gmail.com.



Show your love of St. Brendan's with a new t-shirt! With three colors to choose (white, gray, and blue) and both children and adult sizes, the whole family can share St. Brendan's message of "All are welcome." with the world. It's easy to order! Go to customink.com/fundraising/st-brendans-t-shirt-sale and click the Blue Buy/Donate button. Enter your shipping information and credit card information when prompted. The sales will run through March 15. All orders should arrive by April 2. Buying a t-shirt will help support St. Brendan's fundraising efforts. Once we reach the minimum required order (21 t-shirts) then we will start making a profit on every shirt sold. For a small shipping fee all t-shirts purchased will be shipped directly to you.

Happy Anniversary

We celebrate the **March Wedding Anniversaries** of:

15 Anne & Jno Hunt

16 Martha & Richard Munsch

24 Megan Overby & Tim Austin

Hoppy Birthday

We celebrate the **March Birthdays** of:

3 Allyson Baierl

6 Pat Carl

9 Tom Waseleski

10 Larry Tarrant

14 Abigail Boyd

15 Linda Mesko

18 Maddie Angeletti

22 Tyler Cerra

22 TJ Tweedle

30 Dale Bertucci

30 Megan Overby

Justice Ministry Events



Remember to look at your “Help the Homeless” calendars every day!

For those of you who have your Lenten kits to help the homeless, thank you! Please remember to check your calendar each day.

For those of you who do not have kits and would like to get one, there are still some left in the Lobby. Help yourself. It's not too late to get involved and help us help the homeless in Allegheny County – right from your own home!

At the end of Lent, bring the carton of money to church, and the funds will be given to Outreached Arms, a non-profit for the homeless. The money will be distributed through First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

We can all agree that clean air is a basic need. Now our future is at stake!

Unfortunately, our region continues to rank poorly in air quality assessments, a key factor to a livable future. Matt Mehalik, Executive Director of the Breathe Project, will help us learn what we can do to assure a future with clean air.

Please join us: Next Sunday, March 3, 11:30 pm (right after the 10 service in the Parish Hall)

A little about Matt:

Besides working as Executive Director of the Breathe Project, Matt teaches environmental policy and community resiliency courses at Heinz College and Carnegie Mellon University. He also served as Program Director of Sustainable Pittsburgh for 10 years. Matt has a Ph.D. in Systems Engineering, is published and serves as the chair of the board of trustees of Phipps Conservatory.

You won't want to miss this important presentation!

If you would like to participate in the Justice Ministry or have ideas for social justice projects, please contact Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com or Marilyn Mulvihill at mimi15143@yahoo.com.

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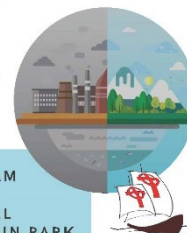
**ST. BRENDAN'S PARISH HALL
2365 MCALEER RD. FRANKLIN PARK**

You won't want to miss this important presentation, sponsored by the Justice Ministry of St. Brendan's.

Refreshments will be provided.
Questions? Contact donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com



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Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially: Janet Fesq, Anne Semmler, Joan Beatrous, Nancy Bancroft, Dave Miller, Matthew, Jim Gray, Linda Schneider, Kelli Cerra, Charlotte Pierce, Larry Tarrant, Rosie Wood, Bill Spoonhoward, Mark Shoemaker, Nancy Snyder, Ruth Haider, Sherri Angeletti, Alice Butterworth, Judy McKarnin, Margie Davies, Joyce Donadee.

For our parents, especially: Ken McCormack, Margaret Nagel, Ray Militzer, Lenora, Diane Davis.

For our family members, especially: Conor Taylor, Neil Amor, Carol and Guy Estes, Pat Schulze, John, Rich Mankowski, Joann, Bee Ward, Margaret and Lawrence Czerpak, Frank Nagy, Sierra Reckley, Paula Watson, Pat Shields, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Christian, Ray Spoonhoward, Sue Burchill, Jay & A, Robert Donato, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Carol Schmitz, Tom Groves, Rich, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, A-C, Nathan Schlumpf, Laurie Brooks, Bob Kiehl.

For our friends, especially: Mike Colavita, Terri Hockenberry, The Silveira family, Ellen Kuntz, Jordon Medlin, Connie Geiger, Vivian, Cindy & Bob Getty, Ron Neurohr, Patty Herrington, Jim Noel, Josh, Juliana Moses, Pat Reiner, Johan Smith, Maggie Cervone, Nancy Baker, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin, please email her at robin@stbrendans.org.



ST. BRENDAN'S MISSION

Jesus said, "I have come to give life – life in all its fullness." John 10:10.
Our mission is the realization of fullness through:
the worship of God; service to the world;
active concern for each other;
and education to expand mind and spirit.

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden: Dan Moore
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Communication/Technology: Sandy Nagy
Children & Youth: John Appeldorn
Finance: Frances Harpst
Fundraising: Frances Harpst
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: Melanie Popovich
Pastoral Care: Melanie Popovich
Outreach: Richard Munsch
Secretary/Clerk: Kate Heston
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Kevin Boyd

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Greeter: Donna Aiello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: TBD
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl & Carol Meese
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Finance Chair: Lauren Ramakrishna
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings/Cookie Walk: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline~Ann Vinski~Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
Monday: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>
9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>
Wednesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist
Thursday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm
11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlgicQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing> (authorization required for access--apply online)

Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ darrell@stbrendans.org

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

Vestry ~ Vestry@stbrendans.org