



Epiphany

This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(2-17)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		8:30 a.m.	Hospitality hour
		8:30 a.m.	Brother's Brother ministry
		9:00 a.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:15 a.m.	Discipleship Group
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		11:15 a.m.	CRICES meeting
		11:30 a.m.	Children's Choir rehearsal
Monday	(2-18)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		6:00 p.m.	Rite 13 Group
		7:00 p.m.	Episcopalian small groups
Tuesday	(2-19)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		12:30 p.m.	Tai Chi (new time)
		7:00 p.m.	Love-Teach-Heal
Wednesday	(2-20)	9:00 a.m.	Men's breakfast
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(2-21)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
Saturday	(2-23)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans
		10:00 a.m.	Brendan's Boots

Serving Sunday, February 17, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Ruth Horton
	10:00 a.m. Susan Shoemaker
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Michael Donadee
Chalice Bearers:	Joyce Donadee
	Michael Donadee
Altar Guild:	Joan Klinefelter
	Anelisa Tarrant
FISH:	TBD
Godly Play:	Joyce Donadee
Door person:	TBD
Nursery:	Stacy Connifey
	Julia Wick
Ushers:	Larry Toler
	Bradford Thompson
Vestry:	Ruth Horton
Hospitality:	Ken Parsons & Regis Smolko
LEM:	Ruth Horton

The Priest's Corner

When an Experience Happens Only Every 15 Years!

There are some things in life that occur only every 15 years. Cicadas, for example, crawl selected areas of the Earth every 15 years. Saturn's rings disappear and reappear every 15 years. Some cactus flowers and the perennial herb *Amorpha phyllis* (an 8-foot-tall flower) bloom only every 9-15 years. In order to enjoy these infrequent happenings people go to extremes to have a front-row seat at these events. They plan for years.

Do you remember the total solar eclipse of August 21, 2017 (dubbed the "Great American Eclipse")? This sort of solar eclipse occurs every year or so, but this one was very different because it was visible within a band that spanned the entire contiguous United States from the Pacific to the Atlantic coasts. The path of totality touched 14 states, and the rest of the USA had a partial eclipse. This type of occurrence last featured itself in 1979. As a result, people travelled hundreds and thousands of miles to get a view of this highly unusual phenomenon. We had a decent number of Brendanites make their way to a sight-friendly area of the country for this once-in-a-lifetime happening.

So why all the build-up? Here's why! The readings you will hear this Sunday were last heard in our churches 15 years ago, way back in 2004. This was the year Ronald Reagan died and Facebook was born. Bluetooth auditioned and Skype wowed the world. The Gospel (Luke 6:17-26) comes from the section of Luke 6:17-49, and this is called The Sermon on a Level Place. We have familiarity with The Sermon on the Mount. Jesus in this Lucan Gospel "levels" with us as He teaches the Beatitudes (only four of them) and the Woes (again, four of these, too) in a very unique way. It's worth coming to church and hearing this Gospel -- which you won't hear for another 15 years.

Here's a hint of reflections to come. Ever hear the saying, "You can't see the forest for the trees"? To identify several trees as a forest, you gotta rise above the trees (maybe do your talk from the Mount). When you choose to leave the Mount and converse on the same level as your audience, you're a tree among the trees. There's a perspective change on Jesus' part here, and we get to explore this tweak only every 15 years. Tell me that's not worth planning a part your morning at St. Brendan's this Sunday!

Regis +

Announcements

Parish Notes. St. Brendan's Vestry met in an all-day retreat on Saturday, Feb. 9. With its three new members on board, the vestry sorted out the roles and oversight areas that each will have in the coming year. Members elected Tom Waseleski senior warden and Ruth Horton junior warden. Chris Botti volunteered to be clerk and maintain official vestry documents and track vestry action from month to month. Janice Moore volunteered to be secretary and record the monthly meeting minutes.

Vestry members agreed to oversee these areas of parish activity: Ruth Horton-Education; Kevin Boyd-Finance and Technology; Christ Botti-Fundraising; Annemarie Malbon-Communication; Dean Peters-Newcomers; Larry Toler-Invite/Welcome/Connect and Outreach; Tim Austin-Worship and Security; Janice Moore-Hospitality and Inreach. Although parishioners can approach any vestry member with questions or suggestions, they are encouraged to direct their comments to the vestry member who oversees the relevant area.

In other business, the vestry: adopted an emergency church closing and parish notification protocol to be used in future cases of severe weather and other emergencies; received an update by Tim Austin on his committee's work toward policies that would improve church security; learned that five members will host new-member brunches at their homes in the months ahead.

–Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden

Sticks & Strings will meet TONIGHT, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. Happy Valentine's Day! Let me know if you can join us – bring your knitting! Joni Reis joan_reis@yahoo.com.

Stacy Connifey, **Nursery Supervisor**, is looking for volunteers for the nursery. She is grateful for the five loyal women who currently rotate from week to week. The more volunteers we have, the less often each is called upon to help. There are no age or ability restrictions; all are welcome!

Want to help but can't commit? Perhaps you'll consider covering for Stacy while she is out of town February 24, March 17, or March 24.

Please contact Stacy at stacy.connifey@gmail.com if you can help one Sunday or if you'd like to be added to our weekly rotations. Thank you.

Bowling for Chickens. On February 26, the **Rite 13 group** will be bowling as a fundraiser for World Vision while they strengthen their fellowship in Christ with one another. The Rite 13 youth hope to make enough money to buy chickens for a family in an underdeveloped or developing country.

Please help Rite 13 raise money for others by pledging a dime or quarter (or 15 cents or 20 cents) per pin knocked down. All proceeds will be used to purchase chickens for a family in need. So, if you pledge 10 cents a pin and the youth's score is 100 that would be \$10; if you pledge 25 cents a pin and the score is 100, that would be \$25. No worries – no one is expected to bowl a perfect game and bumpers will not be used! If you would like to sponsor a member of the Rite 13 group – Nate and Abby Boyd and Silvia and Anthony Bertucci – please let them know. Thank you.

Lost & Found: Have you lost pair of glasses? A watch? Two glass candleholders? A creche? Your favorite plastic containers? An umbrella? All of these treasures and more are on a card table in the social hall. Your name may be on one of them. Please take your items ASAP.

Quiet Evening Prayer. St. Brendan's will offer the candlelight Evening Prayer service again on Wednesday, February 27, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The service will include Taize music and a quiet time for silent prayer, reflection, or meditation. Communion will be offered after the service for those who wish to remain. This is the perfect remedy for a busy day! Come worship in a tranquil, peace-filled space. Bring a friend! Thanks to all those who braved the cold for the January 30 service, and thank you as well for your kind feedback and suggestions, each of which will be addressed.

You Have a Mailbox! St. B's provides this amenity to deliver messages or materials from Father Regis and our administrative assistant, Katie, such as our quarterly contribution records, Sunday School materials and choir music. In alphabetical order from left to right, top to bottom, you can find the name of someone in the congregation for whom you want to leave a book or CD, a note or invitation, or knitting yarn. Last names beginning with A-P are to the left of the sanctuary doors as you approach it, and last names beginning with R-Z are to the right in the coat room. Couples with two last names are listed by the first name to occur alphabetically. If you can't find your mailbox, please contact Rob Latta at gelrwl@live.com, or text 412-841-9568.

Cuddling Ministry. It's now a possibility and finally available to us. Would you like to help newborns who struggle with addiction? West Penn Hospital in Bloomfield has a program to do just that and it's so easy. Volunteers will rock, walk, soothe and cuddle the infants. Times are 24/7. No training needed. The hospital provides clearances. All you need to do is go on line www.ahn.org/volunteer-application and fill out an application. Someone will then contact you. Please let Regis know of your interest, and go to the web site above to get an application.

Help Wanted. Looking for a way to pitch in at St. Brendan's but not sure how? Here are two places where your help is needed.

- **Sunday School teachers.** Our children need role models to help them grow in faith. Because St. Brendan's has a fun and easy-to-use curriculum, no prior teaching experience is necessary. Lessons are taught during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. For more info, please contact Allison Kline.

- **Greeters.** We need greeters to help by opening the front doors, assisting the elderly and recognizing a new face. We tell visitors about St. Brendan's – where all are welcome. If newcomers are not familiar with our service, we stand by them and help them through our multiple liturgical resources. We also ask them to fill out a name tag and invite them to coffee hour for fellowship after the service. All you need is a friendly smile, a love for St. Brendan's and a willingness to let it show! If you'd like to help, please see Karen Peters at the Welcome Table on Sundays.

- **Hospitality Committee Members.** Would you like to part of a fun-loving group of people who plan, prepare food and help with set-up/clean-up at church-sponsored events? If so, please sign up to join the Hospitality Committee today! Whether you have been on the committee in the past or would like to try a new way to serve at our church, please consider being part of this essential team of Brendanites. Currently, the parish is preparing to host Lenten Learning Day 2019, which will take place at St. Brendan's on Saturday, March 23. This is a diocese-sponsored event and we will rely on our Hospitality Committee to ensure that it is a successful one. If interested, you can find the Hospitality Committee sign-up sheet on the table in the narthex. Please direct any questions to Mike Newton or send him an email at michaelnewton2004@yahoo.com. Thank you!



Brendan's Boots, the parish hiking group, will hold its next outing on Saturday, February 23. After meeting in the church parking lot at 10:00 a.m., the group will carpool to Washington's Landing in Pittsburgh, then walk the Three Rivers Heritage Trail, cross the David McCullough Bridge and have lunch in the Strip District. After lunch the group will complete the four-mile roundtrip. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski.



North Hills Food Pantry. For February, we are going to focus on collecting breakfast items – of course cereal, but also pancake mix and syrup, juice, even things like muffin mix. As always, any other donations are always welcome. **Please remember, no glass jars.** If you have any questions, contact Ruth Horton at rvhorton@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.



Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like a way to acknowledge a special family event like a baptism or a birthday? A donation to the **Brendan's Family and Friends** fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or from our website and make a donation today! Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!

Winter Coat Drive. St. Brendan's is collecting new or gently used winter outerwear for refugees. Donations of all sizes of coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc., may be placed in the collection bin in the narthex. The clothing will be distributed by the Jewish Family and Community Services' Refugee & Immigrant Services organization. If you'd like more information, please contact Darrell Johnson.



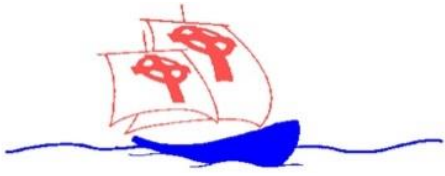
Are you using **Amazon Smile** when you shop online? Let's get St. Brendan's free money. Directions are on our website www.stbrendans.org. Please tell family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join us.

Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry. Your donations help to feed and clothe 50 to 60 people each week. The ministry needs: diapers, socks, men and women's underwear, and travel-size cans of shaving cream. Please deposit them in the box outside Regis's office. Thank you for all the donations!

The Diocesan Social Justice Committee has asked me if we have any parishioners interested in learning about and focusing on ministry to prisoners and their families. Please let Regis know if this ministerial idea connects in any way with you.

Questions on Islam? Ask a Muslim. The Muslim Association of Greater Pittsburgh invites you to an open house on various topics in Islam and to meet your Muslim neighbors. It will be held Saturday, February 23, from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 5725 N. Montour Road, Gibsonia (near the Pines Restaurant). Please RSVP to Sadaf Mansor sadafm27@gmail.com to make a reservation, as space is limited. Contact Joyce Donadee if you have questions.

Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule and the February ministry calendar.



February 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
February 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Annemarie Malbon P Dean Peters C Stacey Coyle C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Sylvia Affleck Shari Tarrant	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play Lisa Fleissner	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Chris Botti	The Fleissner family
February 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
February 10 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Nate Boyd P Tim Austin C Tim Austin C Darrell Johnson LEV Joyce Donadee	Tammy Spoonhoward Betsy Smith	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Annemarie Malbon	Janice & Dan Moore
February 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
February 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Susan Shoemaker P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Fish TBD Godly Play Joyce Donadee	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Ruth Horton	Ken Parsons Regis Smolko
February 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Gladys Carlisle	Les Carlisle	~	~	~	~	~
February 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Debbie Wunsche P Theresa Bryant C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Darrell Johnson	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Amy & Kevin Boyd
February 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018  September 2019

October 2018

- 7 Nancy & George Snyder
- 14 Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous
- 21 Animal Blessing
- 28 Gail Gagnon & Karen Dennis

November 2018

- 4 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 11 Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton
- 18 Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis
- 25 Nancy & Wilder Bancroft

December 2018

- 2 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Anelisa Tarrant & Janet Fesq
- 23 Julia Wick & Ken Parsons
- 30 Rob & George Latta

January 2019

- 6 Kate & Keith Heston
- 13 Anne & Jno Hunt
- 20 Julia & Mike Wick
- 27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

February 2019

- 3 The Fleissner family
- 10 Janice & Dan Moore
- 17 Regis Smolko & Ken Parsons
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

March 2019

- 3 Mary & Dale Bertucci
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Mesko
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Karen & Dean Peters

April 2019

- 7 Betsy & Bob Smith
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aiello
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Ellen Groves & Kelli Cerra

May 2019

- 5 Karen & Dean Peters
- 12 Sylvia Affleck
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

- 2 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Jillian Mooman & Cameron Grosh

July 2019

- 7 Stacy Connifey & Mary Haider
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Joan & Paul Klinefelter

August 2019

- 4 Ruth & Steve Horton
- 11 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Theresa Bryant

September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelus
- 8 Lauren & Todd Douds
- 15 The Aretz & Kinley family
- 22 Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich
- 29 Jean Pett-Ridge & Marge Marine



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 & Education: Ruth Horton
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Inreach/Hospitality/Secretary: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Dean Peters
Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Tammy Spoonhoward
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck
Libby Juel
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Pat Carl
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant
Invite Welcome Connect: Brad Thompson
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Nursery: Stacy Connifey
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Mark Shoemaker
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

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OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
English as a Second Language: Joyce Donadee
Elizabeth Murphy
Linda Schneider
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Garden of Hope: **Open**
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
Janice & Dan Moore
Stacy Connifey
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko