



## The Deacon's Corner

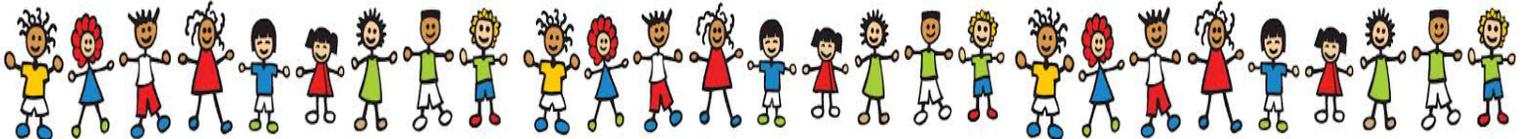
**The season of Advent** and the new liturgical year, Year B, begin on Sunday, December 3. During these four Sundays of the new season, we will light the Advent candles on the wreath and process the four banners according to our St. Brendan's tradition. It's a familiar and comforting tradition in our church. How should we think about this new season? Someone described Advent in the following words, "**Advent is the gentle nudge that invites me to remember that the truth most worth knowing is that Jesus Christ is the only way Home.**" Advent is the beginning of our liturgical and spiritual journey toward "Home". It is a season in which we watch, wait, and prepare for the arrival of our blessed Messiah in Bethlehem. It is a quiet time for reflection, marked by the weekly addition of another lighted candle in the Advent wreath. We move from darkness to light, and that light is the lantern by which we find our way on our journey. As we move into this season, may the light of Christ shine brightly in your hearts. Mtr. Robin and I wish you and yours a blessed Advent season!

**Deacon, Darrell Johnson**

**Sundae Sunday.** Be sure to join us in church this Sunday, for a sweet end to this year's "I Believe" stewardship campaign. Vestry members will be scooping ice cream during hospitality after the 10 o'clock service so you can make your own sundae. Worshipers at the 8 o'clock service will have their own array of treats as well. In the meantime, if you're considering completing a pledge card, please try to get it in this Sunday — and support the parish we all believe in!

**Taize/Evening Prayer:** The final Taize/Evening Prayer service for the year will be on Wednesday, November 29 at 6:00 PM. Please mark your calendars and note the time change to 6:00 PM. Come and join us for this quiet, reflective, candlelit service.

## Children and Youth



- **November brings to mind** Thanksgiving, a time when we reflect on the many blessings that have been bestowed on us. Once again, the children are constructing a "Gratitude Tree" in the narthex. All children and adults of the parish are invited to write something for which they are thankful onto one of the tree's leaves. Leaves are available in the narthex near the Gratitude Tree bulletin board. Let's show how much we have to be grateful for!
- **Parents: please check the pink box on the narthex table** (same table as where name tags are placed on Sunday). There are many photos and projects belonging to the kids that are ready to be taken home.

### Dates to keep in mind:

- **Sunday, November 26:** Children's Worship Service. There will be no Sunday School classes that day. Children will be involved in various ways in the service.
- **Saturday, December 16:** 10 am to 12 pm. Christmas pageant practice and costume fittings.
- **Sunday, December 17:** during the 10 am service: Christmas Pageant. We hope that all of our children and teens will be able to participate. More information to follow.



These are high needs for the **North Hills Food Bank** this month:

- Pasta – spaghetti, macaroni, ziti, penne
- Canned vegetables – corn, beets, carrots, green beans, peas
- Jelly and peanut butter ( not in glass jars)

Of course they will always accept other non-perishable food items.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ITEMS THAT ARE PAST THE EXPIRATION DATE – THEY CANNOT BE DONATED.**

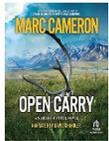


## THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our Holiday Happenings was a huge success!  
Our total raised, after expenses is over \$14,000.

The reason for its success is all of you. To everyone who was a part of making this happen -- whether it was planning, baking, soup-making, advertising, passing out flyers and signs, buying and selling raffle tickets, decorating, helping the day of the event with parking, traying cookies, selling tickets and making sure our cookies stayed refreshed and our vendors were happy. I can't possibly list all the ways everyone helped, but we couldn't have done it without you!

St. Brendan's is the best! Thanks again, everyone!



**St. Brendan's Book Club** will meet **Monday, Dec. 4** at 1 pm in the church library. Join us for a discussion of *Open Carry* by Marc Cameron, a thriller set in the Alaskan wilderness. (If you have a Kindle and Amazon Prime, this title is apparently available to download for free). Looking ahead, our January 8 meeting at 1 pm will feature *Four Seasons in Rome* by Anthony Doerr. All are welcome! Contact Anne Semmler [annegsemmler@gmail.com](mailto:annegsemmler@gmail.com) with questions.



We celebrate the **December wedding anniversaries** of:

15 Janice & Dan Moore    23 Anne & Michael Semmler    29 Melinda & Wesley Bell    29 Rob & George Latta



We celebrate the **December birthdays** of:

2 Melanie Popovich    6 Joan Klinefelter    9 Tom Tweedle    11 Matrid Harper    14 Jim Evanochko  
14 Richard Munsch    15 Roger Botti    20 Cameron Grosh    20 Julia Wick    22 Brian Gliptis  
23 Prudence Thompson    27 Silvia Bertucci

## Prayer Requests

**We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's**, especially; Sharon Hlawati, Kelli Cerra, Judy McKarnin, Alice Butterworth, Larry Tarrant, Mark Shoemaker, Nancy Snyder, Mark Kinley, Jim Gray, Matthew, Charlotte Pierce, Sherri Angeletti, Rosie Wood, Margie Davies, Nancy Bancroft, Joyce Donadee, Ruth Haider.

**For our parents**, especially; Ken McCormack, Ray Militzer, Lenora, Diane Davis.

**For our family members**, especially; Will Cummings, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Jay & A, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Sue Burchill, Bob Kiehl, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Carol Schmitz, Kirk Latta, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, Frank Nagy, Nathan Schlumpf, John, Robert Donato, Joann.

**And for our friends**, especially; Mike Colavita, The Silveira family, Rena Feingold, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Ellen Kuntz, Josh, Cynthia Chapman, Jordon Medlin, Cindy & Bob Getty, Ron Neurohr, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst & family, Maggie Cervone, Vivian, Pat Reiner, Nancy Baker.

**We pray for all who have died**, especially Betty Moore.



# November Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
November 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Children	Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Ellen Groves Kathy Miller	Susan Shields Kate Heston	Kate Heston	John Appledorn	Tom Waseleski	Kathy & Dave Miller

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December 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Derrek Wimmer 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Mulvihill P Steve Minegar	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Susan Shields	Liz MacDonald TBD	Sylvia Affleck Phoebe Juel	Kathy & Dave Miller	Julia & Mike Wick	Tim Austin	Sandy Nagy	Sandy Nagy
December 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Christmas Pageant 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P John Appledorn	Children's Pageant	2 Volunteers needed	Janice Moore Ellen Groves	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Allyson Baieri Donna Aiello	Dave Miller	Neil Galone	Kathy & Dave Miller
December 24 Sunday 9:00 am 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Volunteer needed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Bertucci P Marilyn Mulvihill	Christmas Eve No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald TBD	Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Julia & Mike Wick	TBD	John Appledorn	No Hospitality
December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Kate Heston 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Vinski P Paul Quinn	Christmas Eve No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald TBD	TBD	Kathy & Dave Miller	TBD	TBD	Dan Moore	No Hospitality
December 31 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Donna Aiello 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tim Austin P Tony Turo	New Year's Eve No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald TBD	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	Allyson Baieri Dean Peters	Mary & Dale Bertucci	Linda Limberis	Tom Waseleski	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello



## 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  
Audio-Visual Technology: Sandy Nagy  
Communication: Sandy Nagy  
Children & Youth: Ruth Horton  
Finance: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Fundraising: TBD  
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston  
Membership: TBD  
Outreach: Ruth Horton  
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Worship: Neil Galone  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### 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: Kevin Boyd  
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  
11:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc\\_nXXG7ew](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>  
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 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: 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm  
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist  
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm

### ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Calendar ~ <https://www.stbrendans.org/calendar>

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwwZVlmlqjcQ4WFAynP16D/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](mailto:darrell@stbrendans.org)

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ [Liz702988@gmail.com](mailto:Liz702988@gmail.com)