



Pentecost

This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(7-14)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
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		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
Monday	(7-15)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
Tuesday	(7-16)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		12:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
		7:00 p.m.	Love ~ Teach ~ Heal
Wednesday	(7-17)	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, offsite
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Saturday	(7-20)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, July 14, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Charlotte Pierce
	10:00 a.m. Sheila Bigelow
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Dean Peters
Chalice Bearers:	Sheila Bigelow & Tim Austin
Altar Guild:	Chris Botti & Janet Fesq
Sunday School:	Summer Break
Nursery:	Whitney Brown & Sarika Sethia
Ushers:	Chris Fleissner & Mike Wick
Vestry:	Janice Moore
Hospitality:	Judy Flick & Marcy Little
LEM:	Richard Gordon

The Priest's Corner

What Are the Possibilities When Your Church Has a Social Justice Ministry?

More and more organizations, particularly churches, are opting to take a stand on social issues. Individual members are doing so as well by participating in boycotts, joining protests, signing petitions, writing letters and donating to causes or groups that they feel are in alignment with their values.

Many churches are trying to be proactive on this front and are mirroring some business practices to fit the ways of parishioners. For example, as organizations offer extra time off for specific activities like volunteering or performing charity work, churches can offer onsite child programs so family members can march, protest or do charitable works like the walk-in ministry at our Trinity Cathedral. As organizations are adding benefits related to social activism, churches are trying to incorporate similar replications of the business practice. These could take many forms. For example, businesses offer extra paid time off days when used specifically for social causes like protests, marches, attending government functions or rallies, meeting with legislators, attending events designed to shape public policy. Imitating this practice, churches could simulate this by having meals available, offering house sitting services, doggy day care, etc. to help people free themselves up for justice activities.

Company matching of donations for social causes, such as to a specific activist community or group that is in alignment with company values could be simulated by our church utilizing CRIES Advocacy to match our appropriate and church-aligned charitable donations. Companies have provided bail money for employees if they are arrested while legally protesting. We could have a funding source that could help with such needs, should they occur. Many companies provide information about local voting opportunities to encourage employees to take part. Our Social Justice Committee is planning a voter registration drive as its next activity.

More and more often, potential Brendanites are interested in where a church stands on social issues. This actually offers a great opportunity to attract newcomers. For example, almost three years ago we decided to put our immigration ministry on our website. The ministry was not as multifaceted back then as it is now. We had two or three mentees and one immigrant whom we accompanied to Immigration and Customs Enforcement hearings. There was an energetic, retired individual who passed by our church several times a week. He decided to visit our website one day. He learned that we had an immigration ministry and eventually got the courage up to call us. The call was directed to me, and I talked to him four times on the phone; he and his wife joined our church. These two were Jon and Mary DeMartino. Jon got busy immediately with our fledgling immigration ministry and, with the help of other interested parishioners, he took this ministry to a three-day and -night experience which has touched hundreds of people who needed help with learning English. This ministry keeps taking on new shapes even to this day.

By offering parishioners the opportunity to express their views, a church is taking a step toward becoming socially active regardless of whether the organization itself publicly supports a specific activity. Taking a stand makes the most sense in churches where there are specific social causes that are a good fit with the community's goals or that are a way to shape public

perception of the organization. We expect that every issue the Justice Committee endorses and takes action on will not match the views and energy levels of 100% of our members all the time. That would be humanly impossible and we don't expect unanimity on every issue. No one will ever be forced to participate in or support an issue they don't favor or understand. However, we are committed to guaranteeing that all suggested/chosen social justice issues align with St. Brendan's mission and vision statements. We likely will not have the means to endorse all matters of social justice. However, we invite all members of the church to make known to the committee the issues of justice that touch your hearts. If you want certain activities to be supported by the committee, please let us know. We now have a process for taking an individual's social justice concerns and move them through the process to hopefully get them into action mode by an arm of the committee and other interested church members.

Where the cause is a good fit for the church's goals and image, it can make a lot of sense to give parishioners that flexibility to be engaged and active in the things they care about. Never do we force members to participate. Our goal here is to follow the call of the Gospel which expects us to care for others as they need to be cared for – feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit the imprisoned, as we pronounce the Day of the Lord and that indeed the Kingdom of God is at hand.

Regis+

Announcements



Contributions to the Brendan's Family and Friends fund were made by:
Rosie & Rodge Wood, in thanksgiving for St. Brendan's;
Pat Carl, in thanksgiving for her many blessings;
Linda & Alan Schneider.

Missed Vacation Bible School?

We have your second chance: A mini-VBS sessions will be offered this Sunday, July 14, for all children pre-K to 5th grade during the 10 a.m. service. Join us and learn to "Go Beyond with Faith and Kindness."

Parents with pre-K to school-age children: In the narthex, you will find file folders with activity pages for your child each week, which follow the lectionary readings as well as other Bible stories.

Fun Facts about the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) Fund

Did you know.....

- ~ The BFF fund began in 2017 as a way to honor St. Brendan's 30th birthday?
- ~ BFF funds are designated toward unbudgeted building needs.
- ~ A total of \$32,066 has been donated to BFF by generous family and friends of St. B's over the past two years.

Ways BFF funds have been used include:

- Restoration of the social hall sound system
- Purchase of sanctuary AV equipment including screen, camera, cart, accessories
- Installation of wireless transmitter to enable wireless video recordings
- Purchase of kitchen items – shelving, microwave, flatware, knives, etc.
- Installation of solar reduction film on windows in social hall
- Installation of security film on glass doors and some windows
- Replacement of an air conditioning unit
- Pending project – acoustic tile treatment of the social hall – over \$6,400 has been donated of the \$8,000 needed for this project.



Over the past two years, faithful family and friends of St. Brendan's have routinely donated to the BFF fund in celebration/memory/honor of loved ones as well as for special life events. You can support St. Brendan's unbudgeted building needs by becoming a BFF donor any time during the year. Donation cards are available on the table in the narthex. Just complete one and place in the collection plate. Thank you for being a BFF!

Thank you for joining the Justice Committee last Sunday as we gathered to write letters to our elected officials on behalf of the migrant children who have been separated from their families at the border and subsequently detained in inhumane conditions. We collected nearly 40 letters and postcards from our friends in the St. Brendan's family – and that doesn't include the letters, postcards, and emails that folks sent from home! It was very encouraging to see so many people turn out for this project. Every letter and postcard helps shine light on what's happening in our country. History shows what can happen when good people choose to remain silent about things that matter. On Sunday, we showed that we can and, more importantly, do choose to speak up when the vulnerable need us most. Once again, thank you for your support.



Front



Back

St. Brendan's T-shirts are available in a variety of colors and sizes for only \$10. If you'd like to purchase one, please see Larry or Brad on Sunday or Katie any day during the week.



Easy Funds for St. Brendan's! You may not know it, but St. Brendan's earns 5% for each gift card that we sell! Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling gift cards in the narthex each Sunday after the 10 a.m. service, buy a gift card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle, do your usual grocery shopping or gasoline pumping, then pay for it with the card purchased at St. Brendan's! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!

CRIES Advocacy. Christian Response In Emergency Situations meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes.

This week we are praying for the work of Wounded Warriors, an organization that provides help and direction to veterans. www.woundedwarriorproject.org. The next meeting will be **Sunday, July 21**. All are welcome.

An electronic version of the **parish directory** will be available soon. Please be sure your e-mail address(es) and phone numbers are current with the office. Thank you.

Also, please update the church office e-mail address and be sure you are using only stbrendans@comcast.net.



Used ink cartridges

St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridge in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.



North Hills Food Pantry. During the summer when schools are closed, many families who depend on the free or reduced meals provided to students turn to food banks for assistance. Unfortunately, donations tend to decline at the same time the need is greater. This week, please add an extra box of cereal, jar of peanut butter, tube of toothpaste or can of fruit/vegetables to your grocery list and bring it in to church. The North Hills Food Bank needs any kind of non-perishable food. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.



Book Club is on summer hiatus until September 5, but if you want to plan your beach reading, we'll be comparing two books, Jane Austen's classic "Pride and Prejudice" and "Eligible," a modern take on the story by Curtis Sittenfeld. Both are easy to borrow from the library in print or audio formats. (Feel free to cheat with the PBS series starring Colin Firth.) For more information, email Pat Carl at pkarrcarl@gmail.com. Happy reading!



Do you have a special prayer request? You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to stbrendans.coh@gmail.com. Community of Hope members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.

Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry. Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis's office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

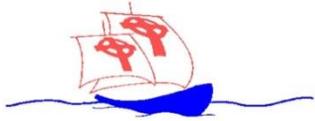


Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's public address. (Saturday, October 5)

Would you be interested in going to Wheeling, W.Va., to hear and see Presiding Bishop Michael Curry? In celebration of the 200th anniversary of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wheeling, the church will feature a special presentation by the presiding bishop at Wesbanco Arena at 3 p.m. Wheeling is about one hour and 30 minutes from St. Brendan's. Tickets are \$5. Click on the link to purchase yours:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5841774/bishop-michael-curry-wheeling-wesbanco-arena>. Contact Regis or Frances Kinley if you're interested or sign up in the narthex.

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



July 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
July 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
July 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Richard Gordon P Tim Austin C Debbie Wunsche C Richard Gordon LEV Ruth Getz	Ellen Groves Betsy Smith	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Libby Juel	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tom Waseleski	Rob & George Latta
July 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
July 14 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Sheila Bigelow P Dean Peters C Tim Austin C Sheila Bigelow LEV Richard Gordon	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Sarika Sethia	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Janice Moore	Judy Flick Marcy Little
July 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
July 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Susan Shoemaker P Deb Wunsche C Stacy Coyle C Darrell Johnson LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Summer Break	Julia Wick Annemarie Malbon	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Tim Austin	Debbie Wunsche Jim Gray
July 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
July 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Tim Austin C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Darrell Johnson	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Silvia Bertucci	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Ruth Horton	Betsy & Bob Smith
July 31 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~

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 Ken Parsons & Regis Smolke
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

March 2019

- 3 Mary & Dale Bertucci
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Meske
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Lauren Chappo & Becca Sands

April 2019

- 7 Karen & Dean Peters
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aielle
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Pot Luck

May 2019

- 5 Kelli Cerra & Ellen Groves
- 12 Mother's Day/Bishop's visit
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

June 2019

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

July 2019

- 7 Rob & George Latta
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

August 2019

- 4 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 11 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Volunteer needed

September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelius
- 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.

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

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

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: Tim Michael
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
Janice & Dan Moore
Stacy Connifey
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko

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