

NAVIGATOR'S LOG

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS



FRANKLIN PARK, PA
**ST. BRENDAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

December 18, 2022



At our December meeting on Monday (12/12), **the Vestry** continued preparations for 2023 and beyond. We reviewed and discussed the 2023 budget and discussed possible updates and revisions to St. Brendan's Bylaws. We also reviewed St. Brendan's rental fees and received an update on the roof replacement project.

In addition, the Vestry set the date of the annual parish meeting (see below) and received an update on the nomination process for new vestry members.

Finally, we revisited and received updates on the open positions for Children & Youth Coordinator and Nursery Director.



The **Parish Annual Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 22**. Like last year, we will have one joint worship service at 9 am, followed by the annual meeting at 10 am.



Interested in joining the Vestry at St. Brendan's? The Vestry Nominating Committee will be meeting next week and would love to hear from you!

The Vestry is St. Brendan's lay leadership committee. In addition to meeting monthly, the Vestry works to oversee all ministries and activities in the parish to ensure that they run as smoothly as possible and align with St. Brendan's ultimate mission of being a beacon of progress and change in our community and city.

Each member of the Vestry oversees a specific aspect of parish life and activity. For example, there are vestry liaisons for Finance, Hospitality, Communications, Outreach, among others. Additionally, the Senior and Junior Wardens are elected annually by the Vestry.

If you have any interest, or would like more information on joining the Vestry, please contact a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: Cameron Grosh, Donna Aiello, Mary Bertucci, Kathy Miller, Marilyn Mulvihill, and Tammy Spoonhoward.

Please take some time to reflect and consider joining this vital ministry at St. Brendan's.

2 BFF, Brendan's Family and Friends, donations were given this week.

One in **honor of Arnold Groves on his 80th birthday**, from Joan Beatrous.

One in **thanksgiving for the life of Ginger Warrick**, one of the founders of St. Brendan's, from Saundy and Tom Waseleski.



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 (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. Please contact Katie if you're interested Katie@stbrendans.org. Your donation will be noted in the Little Log if you wish. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!

Christmas services are as follows:

Saturday, December 24, Christmas Eve we have 2 services, one at 5 pm and one at 10 pm.

Sunday, December 25, Christmas Day, 1 service at 10 am only, which will be in the chapel.

The church office will be closed

Wednesday, December 21 ~ Tuesday, December 27 ~ Wednesday, December 28 ~ Friday, December 30



Mark your calendar for the next Forum, **January 19th at 7pm.**

You don't want to miss "The Surge in Hate Groups in Western Pennsylvania".



Every year St. Brendan's accepts monetary donations towards the purchase of our **Christmas Flowers, Greens and Poinsettias** in memory of those who have died, those who have made a special impact in our lives, or because we love them. If you would like to contribute to the greening of the church and have your announcement in the bulletin on Christmas Eve, please contact Katie with your information Katie@stbrendans.org and submit your contribution of any amount to the office. On Christmas Eve the names are printed in the bulletin, the tree lights are lit, and our beautiful church glorifies the birth of Christ.

Stewardship 2023.

We're still short of our goal of 85 pledges. If you haven't already sent in your pledge, please consider what St. Brendan's means to you. Feel free to e-mail Katie and let her know your intentions Katie@stbrendans.org.

Taize/Evening Prayer: The next Taize/Evening Prayer service is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 7:00 PM in the chapel. We hope to see all the same folks that attended the November service (and more)! There will be no sign-up sheet in the narthex this time, but please do plan on attending and mark your calendar. Treat this service as a special devotion during the Advent season!

Children and Youth



THIS Sunday, December 18, is the Children's Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service. Practice for the pageant will be at 9 am on Saturday, December 17. There will also be a final practice on Sunday, December 18 at 9:20. Please put these important dates on your calendar. Parent help is needed for the practices. Please note: the pageant will serve as the children's worship service in December (there will not be a children's service on the fourth Sunday of December).

There will be no Sunday School classes on December 25 and January 1. Classes will resume on January 8.



St. Brendan's new and gently-used book, CD, DVD and audiobook sale will return on Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18, 2023! Please help us by putting aside items to donate. Our previous sale in 2020 was very successful because of the excellent donations that we received from parishioners, family and friends. Books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks will be accepted for donation beginning Sunday, February 5. (Please do not bring them before February 5th because we don't have storage space for items.)

We will be happy to accept new and gently-used items for children and adults that:

- are clean and in good condition: no evidence of mold, stains, soil, spills, pet hair, odors like smoke or mildew, etc.
- have bindings and pages that are intact; no missing or browning of pages, no writing or coloring on pages, no rips or tears
- are not older than five years in genres of business, health/medicine, technology, science.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept and will not be selling encyclopedia, textbooks, magazines or journals, newspapers, catalogs, VHS tapes, or cassette tapes.

We are also hoping to use fewer plastic bags for customer purchases. We would gladly accept any clean, reusable tote bags that you may want to donate.

Mark your calendars and spread the word. Start clearing those shelves now! Look here for more information to follow, and thank you for supporting our sale. Feel free to contact Chris Botti or Saundy Waseleski with questions.

A **Blue Christmas service** will be held Wednesday, **December 21 at 6 pm via Zoom and in-person** at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 335 Locust Street, Johnstown, PA 15905.



Blue Christmas is held on the longest night of the year. This liturgy is a quiet, meditative service especially for those for whom the Christmas season is a profoundly sad and lonely time, a reminder of loss and brokenness. The death or impending death of a loved one, loss of health or employment, family crises, separation or divorce, and depression are some of the many reasons that Christmas can be painful and isolating. Our lighting of candles during the service offers an opportunity for remembrance, reflection, prayer and spiritual healing. One can grieve knowing they are not alone and be comforted and strengthened by the love of Christ and those present. A light shines in the darkness. Come for yourself, for someone you love or for those who suffer around the world.

If you wish to participate via Zoom, please contact the Rev. Nancy Threadgill at revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net or 814-535-6797 in advance of the event to obtain login information.

Prayer Requests

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's; Margie Davies, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Sandy Nagy, Ruth, Mark Kinley, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Matthew, Jim Gray, Mark Shoemaker and Alice Butterworth.

For our parents, especially; Adele and Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian, Diane Davis, Ray Militzer and Lenora.

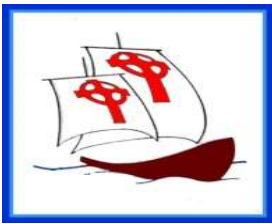
For our family members, especially; Bob Kiehl, Chris Sensenich, Tom Groves, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, Carol Schmitz, Robert Donato, John Sanborn, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Marie Hazelton, Ann and Ben Kirkpatrick.

And for our friends, especially; Julia Sloganaugh, Nancy Baker and Steve Parsons.

We pray for all who have died, especially Winifred Daly and Louis Magnotti.

December Ministry Calendar 2022

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Nursery	Hospitality
December 4 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday of Advent	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Alan Schneider P Tony Turo	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Mary Bertucci Door keeper Susan Shields	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant Susan Shields	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Allyson Baieri Mike Wick	Donna Aiello	Dave Miller	Janice Moore Prudence Thompson	Volunteer needed
December 11 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 3 rd Sunday of Advent	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Dean Peters	Lambs Joyce Donadee FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Toni Passarello	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Toni Passarello Susan Shields	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Linda Limberis	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Volunteer needed
December 18 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 4 th Sunday of Advent Children's Pageant	8 Tammy Spoonhoward	Children's Pageant	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Kathy Miller David Miller	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	Cameron Grosh	Mike Wick	n/a	Mary Bertucci
December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Ann Vinski P Robin Jarrell	n/a	Anelisa Tarrant Joan Klinefelter	John Appledorn Volunteer needed	Julia Wick Mike Wick	John Appledorn	Tim Austin	n/a	n/a
December 24 Christmas Eve 10:00 pm	1 st Joan Beatrous 2 nd Alan Schneider P Dean Peters	n/a	Kathy Miller	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Kate Heston Volunteer needed	Kate Heston	Dave Miller	n/a	n/a
December 25 10:00 only	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	John Appledorn	n/a	n/a



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: Cameron Grosh
Co-Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: TBD
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Kate Heston & Lauren Ramakrishna
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Newcomers: Kate Heston
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone

Treasurer: Roger Botti
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Usher: Tim Austin

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl
Carol Meese
Kathy Miller
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & 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
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
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: Annie Koch
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and via 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>
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
Tuesday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
1:00 pm Staff meeting
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: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 pm
Thursday: 6:00 pm Bible Study, via zoom
Friday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

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Web Site ~ <http://www.stbrendans.org>

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

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://www.stbrpit.com/> (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/>

Priest-in-Charge, Mother Robin Jarrell ~ Robin@stbrendans.org

Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ Katie@sbrendans.org

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ johnsdj31@verizon.net

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net