



The Priest Corner

This year, St. Brendan's is off to a great start for Lent with a festive pancake dinner this past Shrove Tuesday. Many thanks to all the crew who made that happen for St. Brendan's and our community friends. It was a perfect "celebration" to start off our more solemn Holy Lent.

There are many opportunities for Brendanites to experience a "holy Lent" this year. The first is a "catechism" class for young adults (and everyone else) prepare for Bishop Ketlen's visit April 23 where she will confirm those who wish to be confirmed in the Episcopal church, baptize older children who wish to be baptized, and receive those who wish to be affirmed as members of the larger Episcopal church. The class will be held in the church on Sundays 9:00 – 9:45 a.m. beginning Sunday February 26. If you would like you (or your child) to be confirmed, please see Mother Robin or Ruth Horton.

We have begun our simple "bring a dish to share" Wednesday evenings March 1 through March 29, with a Lenten meal at 6 p.m., followed by the prayerbook service of Compline and Holy Eucharist at 7 p.m.

Another opportunity for experiencing a "holy Lent" is to observe the "Sacrament of Reconciliation" (beginning in the BCP on page 447). The Episcopal Church's sacrament is a bit different from the practice used by Roman Catholics and really does require some introduction and preparation. An exceedingly helpful book I have found is written by Martin Smith. Mother Robin has many copies on hand and will be glad to lend them to folks if you are interested.

Finally, during the season of Lent, Mother Robin is expanding her "office hours" to Wednesdays 2-6 pm and Thursdays 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Our first Lent together promises to be a wonderful time of deepening and strengthening our relationship to God and to each other. I look forward to sharing this time with you.

Mother Robin



We have made very encouraging progress towards the ambitious monetary target of our **Raise the Roof for St. Brendan's Appeal**. Thank you, therefore, to everyone who has participated.

But we are only halfway towards our hoped-for goal of attracting 80 contributions overall. It would be wonderful to feel that the Appeal had **involved all of our fantastic parish family** in some way, however modest. Please visit our Web page to learn more: <http://www.stbrendans.org/roof> and get your contribution in soon.



As our mascot, Dublin, points out: **"This is no time to take a PAWS!"**



Adopt-a-Highway. St. Brendan's roadside crew will hold its first trash pickup of the year on **Saturday, March 11**, at the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279 in Ohio Twp. After meeting at the church at 8:30 a.m., volunteers will carpool to the litter site. Anyone age 14 and up may participate. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski (twaseleski@comcast.net).

Wednesday Simple Meal and Compline. Need a midweek pick-me-up as you wind your way through Lent? Join fellow Brendanites on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. for a potluck meal followed by Compline and Eucharist at 7 in the chapel. It's a quiet evening of friendship, fellowship and short, monastic-style prayer. Bring a dish to share and an open heart.

APRIL 1, 9:00 am-12:00 noon we need your help **in cleaning up St. Brendan's, inside and out.**

INSIDE TASKS:

Washing baseboards Washing windows Dusting Washing floors

OUTSIDE TASKS:

Spread Mulch Weeding Tree trimming Leaf Raking

So please bring your cleaning supplies and garden tools to help in our spring cleaning.

A sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!



Book Club News: Join us on **Monday, March 6th** as the St. Brendan's Book Club discusses "The Lacuna" by Barbara Kingsolver. Our meetings are a great time to discuss good books while having a laugh or two among church friends. Please feel free to come whether its every time or just once in awhile. Meetings are held on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm at the church. Contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com for more information. Thanks!



For the month of **March**, the **North Hills Food Bank** is in particular need of these specific items:

- Salad Dressing – Italian, Ranch, Thousand Island
- Jelly and Peanut Butter
- Granola Bars, Applesauce and Fruit Cups
- Of course they will always accept non-perishable food items

Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars.



Music requests. Got a favorite hymn or other piece of music you'd like to hear at the 10 a.m. Sunday service? Feel free to complete a Music Request card, which can be found on the narthex table. Then either hand it to Daniel May, our music director, or drop it in the basket outside Katie's office. You can also speak directly to Daniel about your musical favorites.



Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like a way to acknowledge a special day like a baptism or a birthday or to remember a departed loved one? A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friend's (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. HVAC replacements, live-streaming technology, elevator repairs, playground equipment and much more have been funded through BFF. You can make your BFF donation through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly), a donation card found in the narthex, on the website, or by contacting Katie. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!



Women's Luncheon

Saturday, April 22, 2023 12:00 p.m.

Sign up in the narthex or contact Janice Moore naperville@yahoo.com

Please plan to bring a dish to share and join us in the parish hall.



Did you know that St. Brendan's earns 5% for each grocery 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 grocery cards in the narthex each Sunday, buy a grocery card for Kuhns and/or Giant Eagle, then go grocery shopping for those special Lenten foods! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!

A Great Opportunity to Make a Difference for the Homeless



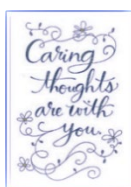
There are so many things we take for granted - not only our homes, but fresh water, lights, clean clothes, the list goes on and on. Some folks are not blessed with these luxuries; they live on the streets or in their cars. The Justice Ministry has a new project taking place during Lent, where we can all help the homeless right from our own homes. You will be given a calendar, with a different entry for each day during Lent, and if you have access to that item or if you do that task, you put a small amount of money in a container we will provide. For instance, donate \$0.50 every time

you have a meal today, give \$0.25 if your home has heat today, etc., etc.

At the end of Lent, you will turn the carton of money into us and we will give it to Outreached Arms, which is a non-profit for the homeless. The money will be distributed through First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

All are welcome to participate -- adults as well as children. You can pick up your supplies for this project after the service. Please help us help the homeless in Pittsburgh! Thank you!

Donna Aiello and Annie Koch from the Justice Ministry



Caring Cards Ministry. "We, though many, are one body in Christ." Romans 12:5

It's important that we show church family members that we care and what better way than to send a greeting card! We will be sending cards to members who are ill, grieving, going through hardships and/or absent from church. Cards will be available in the narthex for you to sign before and after both services on some Sundays. These cards are not meant to take the place of cards that you may wish to send individually. Just a way to send caring thoughts from St. B's as one body in Christ. Please take a moment to sign cards for our church family members. Thank you!

Children and Youth



February Food Drive: Thank you to everyone who donated nonperishable items to the North Hills Food Bank. The items were delivered on Tuesday, and the workers at the food bank were very grateful. Participation among our parishioners was great! We were able to fill an SUV to the max with all of the donations. We also want to thank all of the children and youth for designing flyers for the collection, making announcements, creating items for the wall display, and for bringing in items for the collection. It was truly a community effort.

Sunday, March 26: Children's worship service. There will be no Sunday School classes on this date. Children will remain in church with their families and participate in various ways during the service. More information will follow.

Monday, March 27: The Youth Group will meet this month on Monday, March 27 from 7 to 8:30 PM. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. More information will follow.

Volunteers are still needed in the Sunday School program and nursery. Please contact Allison Kline, Saundy Waseleski, or Annemarie Malbon for more information. We really need your help! These are important ministries for our families and our church.

JOB OPENING AT ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR:

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Franklin Park is seeking a coordinator of children and youth programs, pre-K through Grade 12.

The applicant for this position should have a strong commitment to the religious education of all children. He or she should be familiar with curriculum used in Sunday School and with teen programs in Episcopal churches. Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong communication skills with children, youth, and parishioners and should be able to work as part of a team to deliver sound instruction and experiences.

This is a paid, part-time position and requires attendance on Sundays for Sunday School, designated evenings for teen programming, and other meetings and events as they may arise.

Please respond no later than April 15, 2023.

Response information, detailed job descriptions and more information can be found on St. Brendan's Episcopal Church website: <https://www.stbrendans.org/employment>.



Sign a petition to save lives and end gun violence.

In their Pastoral Letter in February, the five Episcopal Bishops of the Commonwealth of PA have asked us to support their actions and goals to end gun violence. To that end, petitions are in the Narthex today for anyone who would like to sign. By signing, we join the Bishops in calling for enactment of legislation to:

- Limit sales to individuals to One Handgun a month
 - Temporarily remove firearms from individuals deemed dangerous by Extreme Risk Protection Orders
 - Prohibit sales, transfer and possession of assault guns and large capacity ammunition magazines
 - Prohibit manufacture, sales, transfers and possession of ghost guns and kits
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Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Bill Spoonhoward, Karl Haider, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Elizabeth Murphy, Mark Kinley, Ruth, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Matthew, Jim Gray, Mark Shoemaker, Alice Butterworth.

We pray for our parents, especially; Carol Crawford, Diane Davis, Ray Militzer, Lenora, Adele & Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian.

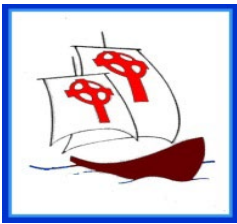
We pray for our family members, especially; Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Chris Sensenich, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Marie Hazelton, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Bob Kiehl, Robert Donato, Frank Nagy, John Sanborn, Carman Lorcas & family.

And for our friends, especially; Cliff Mauriello, Kevin Mahoney, Julia Sloganaugh, Nancy Baker, Steve Parsons, Barbara Hagen.

For all who have died, especially Allene Hazeltine, Mary Lynn Magnotti.

March Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Nursery	Hospitality
March 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday in Lent	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd John Appledorn P Donna Aiello	Lambs Kayla Tweedle FISH Mary Bertucci Door keeper Susan Shields	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Toni Passarello John Appeldorn	Kate Heston Michael Donadee	Chris Botti	Mike Wick	Pat Carl Mi Jang	Megan & Tim
March 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 3 rd Sunday in Lent	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Michael Donadee 2 nd Tony Turo P Kate Heston	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Kayla Tweedle Door keeper Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Allyson Baierl Donna Aiello	Lauren Ramakrishna	Linda Limberis	Annemarie Malbon Mi Jang	Kate Heston
March 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 4 th Sunday in Lent	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Michael Donadee P Tim Austin	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Katie Costa Door keeper Ellen Groves	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	Annemarie Malbon Dean Peters	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Ruth Horton	John Appledorn	Dawn Quinn Mi Jang	Volunteer needed
March 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 5 th Sunday in Lent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children	Children's Service	Ellen Groves Susan Shields	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Allyson Baierl Michael Donadee	Kate Heston Sandy Nagy	Tim Austin	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	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: Chris Botti
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: Chris Botti
Outreach: Ruth Horton
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
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
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/UcKY2BEJXlqMoVc_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: 10:00 am Katie office hours till 2:00 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: 2:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 6:00 pm
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 pm
6:00 pm Bible Study, via zoom
Friday: 10:00 am Katie office hours till 2:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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/>

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

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net