

NAVIGATOR'S LOG

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS



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

February 5, 2023

Lent

Early Christians observed “a season of penitence and fasting” in preparation for the Paschal feast, or Pascha (BCP, pp. 264-265). The season now known as Lent (from an Old English word meaning “spring,” the time of lengthening days) has a long history. Originally, in places where Pascha was celebrated on a Sunday, the Paschal feast followed a fast of up to two days. In the third century this fast was lengthened to six days. Eventually this fast became attached to, or overlapped, another fast of forty days, in imitation of Christ’s fasting in the wilderness. The forty-day fast was especially important for converts to the faith who were preparing for baptism, and for those guilty of notorious sins who were being restored to the Christian assembly. In the western church the forty days of Lent extend from Ash Wednesday through Holy Saturday, omitting Sundays. The last three days of Lent are the sacred Triduum of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Today Lent has reacquired its significance as the final preparation of adult candidates for baptism. Joining with them, all Christians are invited “to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God’s holy Word” (BCP, p. 265).

From: “An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church, A User Friendly Reference for Episcopalians,” Don S. Armentrout and Robert Boak Slocum, editors. <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/glossary/lent/>

This year, St. Brendan’s will celebrate the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, Shrove Tuesday (from the Old-English word for “absolved/forgiven” as the last day before Lent begins. (You can read more about our plans for a traditional pancake supper here in the Navigator.)

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 22. We will have two prayerbook services on that day: one at 12:00 noon and one at 7 p.m., both with Holy Eucharist and imposition of ashes.

There will be three opportunities for St. Brendanites to experience a “holy Lent” this year. The first is a “catechism” class which will help our young adults (and anyone who would like to join) 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 me or Ruth Horton.

Beginning Wednesday evenings March 1 through March 29, we invite you to a simple “bring a dish to share” for a Lenten meal at 6 p.m., followed by the prayerbook service of Compline and Eucharist at 7 p.m.

The third 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:

https://www.amazon.com/dp/0936384301?psc=1&ref=ppx_yo2ov_dt_b_product_details

I have many copies on hand and will be glad to lend them to folks if you are interested. I will be writing and speaking about the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the future and am happy to answer any and all questions you might have.

Our first Lent together can 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

Vestry News Roundup:



Vestry Retreat. St. Brendan’s Vestry met for five hours on Saturday, Jan. 28, to reorganize its areas of parish oversight and discuss the latest topics before the church. The annual retreat is held soon after the election of new vestry members. In its first order of business, the vestry elected Lauren Ramakrishna as its clerk. Roger Botti, who was elected parish treasurer, reviewed the parish finances and showed members how to read the budget. Tim Austin detailed plans for a special appeal to help fund the building’s roof replacement. Ruth Horton gave an update on the insurance claim filed by the church for water and mold damage caused recently by a burst water line in a sprinkler. The vestry agreed that St. Brendan’s should reserve a shelter for the annual church picnic at North Park and reserve a spot in the Pittsburgh Pride march in June. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.

Bylaws Committee. The vestry wants the examination of parish bylaws to continue, with an eye toward an update that eventually would be put before the congregation for consideration and possible approval. The next step will be the formation of a committee whose members would look carefully at the bylaws and identify provisions that might be changed. If you’d like to serve on this committee, which will have limited duration, please contact Tom at twaseleski@comcast.net.

Next Meeting. The vestry moved its next meeting to Monday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. The date is one week later than usual and it more evenly falls between the January retreat and the March meeting. Under the parish bylaws vestry meetings are open to St. Brendan's members.

CHANGE: Due to set up for the Book Sale, our **Hospitality Hour for Feb 5th and 12th** will be moved to the lower level in the Hand Print Room. Please use the steps or elevator to go downstairs and enjoy fellowship with church friends.

Please have all **Navigator/bulletin announcements** to Katie by Wednesday evening. Katie@stbrendans.org Thank you.

A BFF donation was given in memory of Rodge Wood from Sylvia Affleck and Katie & Howard Cervone.



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. 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!



St. Brendan's Book, CD, DVD Sale including a Soup and Bake Sale
Friday, Feb. 17: 9 am to 6 pm Saturday, Feb. 18: 9 am to 12 noon

****Set-up Day: Sunday, Feb. 5:** Please stay after the 10 am service to help us move tables and chairs in the social hall.

****Donation drop off:** Feb. 5 thru Feb. 14.

****Types of donations needed:**

- **Books, CDs, DVDs, books on CD:**

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 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 encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines or journals, newspapers, catalogs, VHS tapes, or cassette tapes.

- **Clean, reusable tote bags**
- **Produce boxes from Costco, Aldi, or Sam's Club**
- **Paper ream boxes with lids**

****Volunteer:** Sign up in the narthex to help before and during the sale.

****Volunteers:** Needed for book sale cleanup crew from 12 - 2 pm on Feb 18th.

****Soup Sale help:** Please consider making a monetary donation to cover the cost of ingredients for soup that will be sold during the sale.

****Bring a baked good:** The Book Sale will also feature a Bake Sale. Please bring a baked good between now and Feb 16th. Items should be marked and placed in kitchen freezer. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

****Spread the word: Flyers will be available in the narthex and through an email blast soon.**

****Questions:** Contact Chris Botti (shadypatch@msn.com) or Saundy Waseleski (swaseleski@comcast.net).



2022 Contribution Statements are on the table in the narthex. If you have any questions contact Katie.



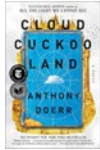
Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. February 21st 5-7 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, crepes, sausage and gravy, and applesauce. The entire meal will be prepared by our male Brendanites. Invite your extended family and friends to this Fat Tuesday celebration. Cost is \$10.00/person, \$18.00/family. Contact Dan Moore if you'd like to help in any capacity.

**CHURCH
DIRECTORY
UPDATE**

Church Directory: Our digital directory has moved and can now be found on our main website: <https://www.stbrendans.org/members> (Click on the blue button that says "Directory"). Maintaining the privacy of your personal information is important to us, so the directory is secured and may only be accessed by St. Brendan's members. Unfortunately, due to moving the document, you may need to re-request access even if you previously had requested access. We apologize for the inconvenience. On our website, click on the blue button that says "Directory." Then, on the page that pops up saying, "You need access," click on the blue button that says "Request access." You will receive an email notifying you once you are approved for access. Once you have access, you should be able to access the directory from our website at any time. Katie updates the directory monthly so the online directory is the best way to ensure you have the correct contact information for our members.



Save the date! We will once again be participating in the **Pittsburgh Pride Parade**. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2023 and will begin at noon. This is always a meaningful event. Signups and more details will be shared closer to the date.



Book Club News: Next Meeting **Monday, February 6th**. The St. Brendan's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the church to discuss an array of books, topics and genres. Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, February 6th as we discuss, "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr.

"Cloud Cuckoo Land" follows five characters whose stories, despite spanning nearly six centuries, are bound together by their mutual love for a single book. Dedicated to "the librarians then, now, and in the years to come," Cloud Cuckoo Land is a paean to the extraordinary human capacity to transmit stories from generation to generation and a novel about stewardship—of books, of our shared planet, and of the human heart (anthonydoerr.com). Sounds too good to miss! Feel free to join us whether it's on occasion or for regular meetings. All are welcome. Contact Chris Botti if you have questions at shadypatch@msn.com.

Children and Youth



February Food Drive: Jesus told us to "love our neighbors as we love ourselves." As Christians, it is our job to put that love into action. In that spirit, the children and youth of St. Brendan's are holding a food drive during the month of February to help neighbors in our own community. The children will be handing out flyers and making announcements about the food drive during February services. Please bring in your donations of non-perishable food items on February 19th and 26th for a special blessing at the February 26th children's service. All the food collected will be given to the North Hills Food Pantry. Thanks for your support!

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.

TWO JOB OPENINGS 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>.

NURSERY COORDINATOR:

St. Brendan's is seeking a paid part-time nursery coordinator who is present in the nursery during the 10 a.m. Sunday service to supervise and safeguard the children of adult worshipers and who recruits volunteers to ensure two-person coverage during formal nursery hours. The Director displays enthusiasm for the ministry, cheerfulness in dealing with children and skill in working with other adults in the nursery.

Please respond no later than March 1, 2023.

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

Annual Reports. If you did not receive a St. Brendan's Annual Report for 2022 in your email in January, you can still obtain one. The report is a comprehensive account of parish ministries, activities and finances. All members should have a copy and read it for a thorough understanding of the parish. If you would like to receive one in your email, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



Super Bowl LVIII! Following our exciting and successful football pool fundraiser this fall, we have launched a special pool ahead of the **Big Game on February 12**. A new and improved poster in the Narthex on Sundays or request a copy by email from Tim Austin austover@gmail.com. Squares cost \$10 each with a top prize of \$100. Net proceeds go to the ministries of our beloved St. Brendan's.



We celebrate the **February birthdays** of:

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| 4 Tammy Spoonhoward | 5 George Snyder | 6 Phil Burdette | 8 Andrew Costa |
| 10 Adam Konley | 11 Larry Greer | 11 Bill O'Toole | 13 Debbie Gray |
| 13 Robin Jarrell | 15 Saundy Waseleski | 18 Melissa Aretz | 19 Connie Weichel |
| 26 James Roche | 27 Ruth Haider | | |



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

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| 14 Arlena & Bill Pugliese | 21 Debbie & Mark Jennings |
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The **Parish Picnic** will be July 9th this year. **Please save the date.** Details will come at a later time.

How Can Pittsburgh Move from Environmental Racism to Environmental Justice?

A Zoom Panel with

Alyssa Lyon, Director of Black Environmental Collective, UrbanKind Pittsburgh

Patrick Campbell, Executive Director, Group Against Smog and Pollution

Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, Executive Director, Women for a Healthy Environment, Allegheny County Councilperson, District 8



Alyssa Lyon



Patrick Campbell



Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis

Sunday, February 19, 7 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82415414027?pwd=cnVQSE9aa3FUd3lrTGv1ODZvellrQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 1541 4027

Passcode: 390840

Environmental Racism is a condition in which places where people of color live are disproportionately affected by air pollution, toxic waste, extreme weather, and other hazards. **Environmental Justice** is a condition in which fairer participation in decision-making removes these dangers. Learn how you can work to make a better future for all.

This panel is sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, with co-sponsors Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light (PA IPL) and Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN).

Prayer Requests

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

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

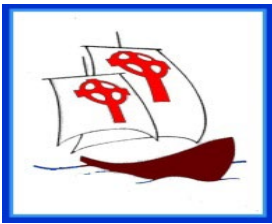
We pray for our family members, especially; Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Frank Nagy, Chris Sensenich, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Marie Hazelton, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Bob Kiehl, Robert Donato, John Sanborn.

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

We pray for all who have died, especially Bill Lindner, Rodge Wood, William Pierce, Jim Soloman.

February Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Nursery	Hospitality
February 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 5 th Sunday of Epiphany	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Kate Heston P John Appledorn	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Mary Bertucci Door keeper Katie Costa	Anelisa Tarrant Dottie Antonucci	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Ruth Horton	Tim Austin	Annemarie Malbon Pat Carl	Ruth Horton
February 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 6 th Sunday of Epiphany	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Dean Peters P Michael Donadee	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Kayla Tweedle Door keeper Katie Costa	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Toni Passarello John Appledorn	Allyson Baiert Michael Donadee	John Appledorn	Mike Wick	Annemarie Malbon Volunteer needed	Chris Botti
February 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Last Sunday of Epiphany	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Ann Vinski P John Appledorn	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Allyson Baiert Dean Peters	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	TBD	John Appledorn	Volunteers needed	Volunteer needed
February 22 Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm	12 TBD 7 TBD	n/a	TBD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 1 st Sunday in Lent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Michael Donadee 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Mary Bertucci	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Tammy Spoonhoward Susan Shields	Kate Heston Toni Passarello	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	TBD	Tim Austin	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Rosie Wood



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
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/UcKY2BEJlqMoVc_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: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 pm
Thursday: 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/>

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