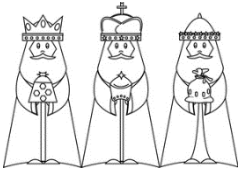




January 7, 2024 MASK UP SUNDAY

Children and Youth



Sunday, January 7: Sunday School classes resume. The Sunday School students will celebrate Epiphany with treats and a craft in the Handprint Room during hospitality hour. We hope that children can stay for a few minutes to celebrate with us while parents enjoy hospitality hour in the social hall.

Friday, January 26: Community Service Get-Together and Parents' Night Out from **5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** We'll have pizza, make valentines for some special people and play a few games. We hope to see lots of our children and youth that evening. **Teens, we need your help!** More information will follow.

Sunday, January 28: Children's Worship Service at 9:00 a.m. Please note the time change. The **9:00 a.m.** service will be the only service that day. It will be followed by the annual Parish Meeting, which we encourage all families to attend. We'll have a supply of drawing paper and crayons on hand to keep our little ones busy, but you may want to bring along a quiet activity like a coloring book or something that your child enjoys to keep busy with during the meeting.

Nursery Volunteers: Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer on various Sundays. Your help is greatly appreciated! Anyone who already has their necessary clearances and is willing and able to help out with our little ones during the 10 a.m. worship service, please reach out to me, Liz MacDonald, via text/call at 412-865-6486 or email Liz702988@gmail.com.



Katie will be out of the office from December 25 thru January 5, 2024. If you have an issue that can't wait for her return, please contact Mtr. Robin at Robin@stbrendans.org or Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. Wishing everyone a very blessed holiday season and a healthy New Year!



Vestry Nominating Committee Seeks Nominations. On January 28, St. Brendan's will elect three new members to join the Vestry for three-year terms. The Vestry plays a vital role in the life of our church. Its nine members provide administrative and financial oversight, and ensure we are living our mission. If you are interested in joining the Vestry, would like to nominate someone for Vestry consideration, or simply have questions about this process, please contact a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: Ruth Horton (rvhorton@gmail.com), Lauren Ramakrishna (lauren.ramakrishna@gmail.com), Annemarie Malbon (amalbon@gmail.com), and Donna Aiello (donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com).



Communication With the Vestry. The Vestry of St. Brendan's has established an email address so that you can have direct communication with us about any concerns, suggestions, or even compliments you might have. Please email us at vestry@stbrendans.org. All communications will be anonymously discussed at our monthly meeting and, while we can't guarantee that we will make the changes you are requesting, we do promise that we will thoughtfully evaluate all ideas as a group and come back to you with a disposition. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dinner Club

DINNER CLUB

We will be starting the 2024 dinner club. Sign-up sheets and information will be in the narthex. More information will come when we see how many people sign up. Contact Janice Moore at Naperville@yahoo.com with questions.



Our first **Justice Ministry** meeting of the new year will take place on **Thursday, January 11, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Social Hall. If you have an interest in any social justice topics, please plan to attend.



St. Brendan's Annual Parish Meeting will take place on **Sunday, Jan. 28, after a joint 9 a.m. service.** Mother Robin and the vestry will review the past year and preview the 2024 budget. Candidates will also be elected for vestry. So come to worship, stay for a brief meeting, and enjoy hospitality with fellow Brendanites afterward!



All ministry leaders are asked to provide a brief written summary of their ministry for 2023 for the **Annual Report.** Please submit your report to Tammy Spoonhoward tspoonhoward@yahoo.com by Tuesday, January 9. Thank you in advance.

Ukrainian Nativity and Holy Supper. Sts. Peter & St. Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church will be holding their Nativity celebration on Saturday, January 6. The Holy Supper (Sviat Vechir) will be held at 5:30 p.m. This dinner is free but reservations are required. For more information and reservations, go to orthodoxcarnegie.org. The Grand Compline service will start at 7 p.m. This is an excellent way to learn how the Ukrainian Orthodox Church celebrates Christmas.

This church is located in Carnegie at 220 Mansfield Blvd. Please contact Thaddeus Popovich at tedpop32@icloud.com or Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com for more information.



St. Brendan's Book Club. All are welcome! We meet the first Monday of the month at 1 p.m. in the library (or second Monday, depending on holidays). On **January 8** we will discuss Four Seasons in Rome by Anthony Doerr (Pulitzer Prize-winning author of All the Light We Cannot See and Cloud Cuckoo Land).

But wait, there's more! Upcoming titles:

- February 5: The Stationery Shop by Marian Kamali
- March 4: Forty Autumns by Nina Wilner
- April 8: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby van Pelt
- May 6: My Life in France by Julia Child

Any questions? Contact Anne Semmler at annegsemmler@gmail.com.



Our next **Tai Chi class** will be held on **Thursday, January 11, at 12 noon** in St. Brendan's Social Hall. It will once again be led by Thaddeus Popovich, who is certified to teach a gentle, meditative version of Tai Chi. This modified style is easy to learn, effective, and safe. It can increase flexibility, balance, muscle strength, and mental activity. It can also help increase heart/lung capacity, align posture, improve balance, relieve stress, and integrate the mind and body. Plus, it's fun and relaxing.

Everyone is welcome; no experience necessary. A donation of \$5 per class is voluntary. Thaddeus will give all donations to St. Brendan's as he is offering this class as a special gift to the St. Brendan's community.

We would love to have you join us! Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the lobby if interested. Questions? Contact Donna Aiello at 412-759-1521 or donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.

We celebrate the **January birthdays.**

2 Gail Gagnon	5 Mary Bertucci	6 Matthew Wunsche	9 Kelli Cerra
12 Donna Aiello	13 Shellie Hipsky	16 Sharon Basehore	16 Janice Moore
19 Zoe Boyd	21 Rob Latta	22 Marilyn Mulvihill	29 Sherri Angeletti



We have no January wedding anniversaries to celebrate, but if you would like your birthday or wedding anniversary announced here in the Navigator, email the dates to Katie at Katie@stbrendans.org.

Wednesday Evening Services: We will resume Wednesday evening services on January 10.

Giant Eagle Gift Cards. St. Brendan's will no longer be selling Giant Eagle gift cards. Years ago the program generated several thousand dollars annually for St. Brendan's, but since then people's buying habits have changed. Some prefer to use credit cards for their grocery and fuel purchases and shoppers have many choices for their grocery spending than one supermarket chain. As a result, despite weekly pitches at Sunday services to buy Giant Eagle gift cards and considerable time spent in the church office to process the related checks and cash, the program made only \$950 for the parish in the first 11 months of 2023. In the meantime, other church fundraisers have surpassed expectations and St. Brendan's surplus funds are being invested in interest-earning CDs. As a result, in preparation of the 2024 parish budget, the Finance Committee recommended discontinuing gift card sales and St. Brendan's Vestry voted to do just that at its Dec. 11 meeting. Thanks to everyone who supported the gift-card fundraiser over the years. Your dedication then, and in the future, is the key to a St. Brendan's we all can believe in.

The St Brendan's men's breakfast will be on January 8th at 9:00 AM at the Eat'n Park, 2650 Brandt School Rd, Wexford. Bring your hunger, humor, and good will. RSVP Steve Horton at stephenshorton@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing everyone again.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially: 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, Bill Spoonhoward, Ruth Haider, Nancy Bancroft, Joyce Donadee.

For our parents, especially: Ken McCormack, Ray Miltzer, Lenora, Diane Davis.

For our family members, especially: Conor Taylor, Carol and Guy Estes, Nelson Ferguson, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Christian, Jay & A, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Sue Burchill, Will Cummings, Rich, Bob Kiehl, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Carol Schmitz, Kirk Latta, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, AC, Joann, Frank Nagy, Nathan Schlumpf, John, Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially: Pat Reiner, Nancy Baker, Mike Colavita, the Silveira family, Rena Feingold, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Terri Hockenberry, Connie Geiger, Ellen Kuntz, Josh, Cindy & Bob Getty, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst & family, Maggie Cervone, Grayson Dundon, Patty Herrington, Juliana Moses, Vivian, Johan Smith, Jordon Medlin, Ron Neurohr.

January Ministry Calendar 2023



Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Steward
January 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 1 st Sunday of Advent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Paul Quinn 2 nd Cindy Koszarek P Tim Austin	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Doorkeeper TBD	Liz MacDonald	Ellen Groves Barb Fure	Saundy & Tom Waseleski	Kate Heston Linda Limberis	John Appeldorn
January 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st John Appeldorn 2 nd Derrek Wimmer P Kate Heston	Lambs Dawn-Day Quinn FISH TBD Doorkeeper TBD	Liz MacDonald	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	Susan Shields Kate Heston	Julia & Mike Wick	Tim Austin
January 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Steve Minegar P Donna Aiello	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Kayla Tweedle Doorkeeper TBD	Liz MacDonald	Dottie Antonucci Anelisa Tarrant	Barb Fure John Appeldorn	Allyson Baierl Donna Aiello	Julia/Mike Wick
January 28 Sunday 9:00 am Children's Service	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Linda Limberis	Lambs NA FISH NA Doorkeeper NA	Liz MacDonald	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Mary & Dale Bertucci	Linda Limberis



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;

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 MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Greeter: Donna Aiello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra

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

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
Mirvam's: Julia Wick

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Friday

Monday: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru

<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

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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ Katie@stbrendans.org

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ darrell@stbrendans.org