



Sunday, April 17, 2022

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Bill Pugliese

Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer and worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends.

Weekly at St. Brendan's

- Sunday:** 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday:** 7:45 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Saturday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>
Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720
11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976791143?pwd=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VIFBcVJia05LQT09>
4:00 pm Bible-Lite Group <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- Tuesday:** 7:00 am AA meeting, via zoom Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252
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:** 3:00 pm Deacon hours
7:00 pm Evening Service, in person
- Friday:** 11:00 am Limited office hours, please call ahead.

The Priest's Corner

ENCOUNTERING THE RESURRECTION

Easter is upon us: the resurrection of Jesus, an event to remember and celebrate, a day to give thanks. It is all that and more. It is more because it must be more than even a day or an event or even a reason for doing anything. Easter, to be Easter, must be lived to be real. Otherwise, it will remain only a day, an event, a reason for a season.

For Easter is about a person we are to encounter such as the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. As long as the resurrection remained for them an event, a story, their eyes were blinded. But when they saw the resurrection as a person, their eyes were opened.

The same is true for us, is it not? We can tell the Easter story, recount the event as the Gospels do. But it was the person of Jesus who was resurrected, raised up. It is in the person of Jesus-raised-up that the resurrection is encountered and understood.

Yet, can we not go one step further and say that it is in our own person that the resurrection must be encountered, experienced, not only for us to understand Easter, but for others to understand it as well? Can we not say that the resurrection of Jesus must be lived by us, in us; and that is truly the only way that Easter can be proclaimed today? We are Easter People, you and I, not simply because we believe in the resurrection but because others encounter the resurrection in us, encounter Jesus in us.

That can be a little frightening, I think, because it puts a heavy load on our shoulders, on us as present-day heralds of the resurrection. The reason why we can do so, of course, is that Easter, the resurrection, also includes something that happened fifty days later: Pentecost. It is through, and only through, the power of the Holy Spirit, through the grace and strength of God, that we can even begin to live as Easter People. We cannot do it all on our own.

We cannot do it on our own because faith is not lived out on our own. If our faith were merely a story to be told or a catechism lesson to be learned, there would be no need for Spirit-ual help. But because faith is a person, is person-al, it can only be lived. It cannot be deciphered or told.

True faith will never be confused with stories about faithful people. That is not to say that is because people of faith sometimes tell the wrong story about what faith is when they – we – try to live out that faith. We are all less than faith-ful even everyday even as we try our best to be so faithful.

And so we struggle each day to be Easter People, to allow the Person of the Resurrection to live in and be seen in us. Every day we fail, perhaps because of our own unwillingness to do what needs to be done to make the resurrection visible. And, yet, thankfully, every day we succeed through the grace of God. Happy Easter.

Bill

Holy Week Services:



TONIGHT, Holy Thursday: Service at 7:00 p.m. with Foot Washing and The Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday: 12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross; 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service



Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. - The Great Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: Services at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.-- Festive Celebration of the Resurrection



Easter Altar Flowers If you would like to make a contribution for the flowers that will be on the altar on Easter Sunday, make your check payable to St. Brendan's and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Send an email to [Katie StBrendansKatie@gmail.com](mailto:StBrendansKatie@gmail.com), and be sure to include the name/s of those who are being honored, celebrated, remembered or thanked through the flower donation. Any amount is welcome. Submitted information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



The St. Brendan's Book Club will hold its next meeting at the church on Thursday, May 5th at 7pm to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. It is the story of the divergent fates of African American twin sisters, born in the Jim Crow South, after one decides to pass for white. This book is an exploration of race, identity, family, history, love and belonging. We hope that you can join us as we delve into this most compelling read! Feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you need any further information. Thanks!



Volunteer to help with our church garden. The Vegetable Garden, located around the back of the building, will be planted sometime in mid-May. We need help with this wonderful ministry that supports our neighbors in need of fresh vegetables! **You can sign up for watering, weeding, and/or harvesting.** Harvesting is usually done on Wednesdays, when we clean up the veggies, pack them in zip lock bags, and get them ready for Thursday's delivery to a local Food Bank.

To sign up to help, click Garden Schedule Sign-up on St. Brendan's website, or go to <https://www.stbrpit.com/> and click on Garden Schedule. Enter your name and the days/weeks you will be responsible for by typing directly onto the document. Ideally, we would like volunteers to take on a task a full week, or a specific day each week. But we will be happy for whatever you can give us. Thank you. Any questions, contact Donna Aiello, 412-759-1521 or donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.



St. Brendan's Scholarships. A parishioner, the late Dorsey Doddroe, started the St. Brendan's Scholarship fund in 1996, which has awarded 76 grants to young parishioners for their post-secondary education plans. St. Brendan's invites our young members who will be enrolled in college, technical school or other post-secondary education programs in the fall of 2022 to apply for Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of the applicant's participation and attendance in St. Brendan's services and activities. Scholarship applications are available in paper and electronic forms and are available by contacting the church office. StBrendansKatie@gmail.com All applications are due by Saturday, April 30. The program is sustained by the generosity of St. Brendan's members, and donations can be made to the scholarship fund at any time. We have been blessed with the joy of watching St. Brendan's children grow into young adults. Please consider donating to the fund as they begin a new adventure in their lives.



Looking for Stewards to help keep St. Brendan's safe. With more and more parishioners coming back to church, we are re-instituting having a steward present every Sunday. A steward will be at the church for both services and assist in keeping the church safe. The steward will lock the front door and stay in the back of the church during the service. They will be able to let anyone in that arrives once the door is locked. They will also make a round or two around the building just to make sure all is well. The steward on duty will be given a walkie talkie with numbers to call if there are any concerns.

Ideally, we would like to have at least eight stewards, so that each one will be assigned only once every two months. All stewards will be trained in their responsibilities.

If you are interested in becoming a steward or would simply like more information, please contact Tim Austin at austover@gmail.com.

CRIES Advocacy

CRIES Advocacy, (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10:00 a.m. service where they determine the distribution of St. Brendan's 10% tithe of our pledged income. This week we are praying for the work of Brother's Brother Foundation. Our monthly donation has been given for aid of the Ukrainian situation through Brother's Brother Foundation.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will explore Spring blooms along the Wildflower Trail at Raccoon State Park on **Saturday, April 23**. (This is a change from the trail that had been previously scheduled.) Walkers will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and carpool to the park. After the walk, the group will enjoy lunch at nearby Lu-Lou's Restaurant. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski twaseleski@comcast.net.

The Children's Corner

Kid's Corner – Buoyed by Faith – EASTER!!!

Hello all,

This Sunday is EASTER and we usually have an Easter Egg Hunt. And after two years of no hunt, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt after the 10:00 service on Sunday. After we will hear a story about Jesus not being where everyone expected him to be. Have you ever been where you weren't supposed to be? Like playing outside when Mom or Dad thought you were in your room? This is a different kind of not being where he was expected.

According to the Bible, on Good Friday, Jesus was crucified and put into a tomb. Everyone expected him to stay in that tomb, so on Sunday (3 days later according to the tradition) Mary went to visit the tomb to help prepare his body.

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Wasn't

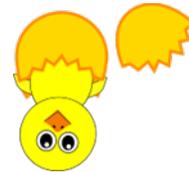
THERE?!?!@#

Mary saw a gardener and asked, have you seen Jesus? He said Mary, open your eyes. And she looked again, and saw....JESUS.

So the first person to know Jesus was alive was Mary. She ran back and told everyone because this time Jesus didn't say, "don't tell anyone what you've seen."

In addition to an Easter Egg hunt this year, look for an Easter Bag at your door. And inside will be something for everyone in the family – including a survey for parents and a scavenger hunt! Mom & Dad don't worry, I'll include the directions, so check with them. So just like Mary looking for Jesus, you have something to search for too.

And remember, just as we are looking for Jesus, he is also watching over us.



Happy Easter.

Pastor Julie+

Social Justice Ministry. Calling all those interested in social justice. Whether you are interested in all of the areas or just one please consider joining the Social Justice Ministry. Those areas are Domestic Poverty Issues, Racial Reconciliation, Climate Crisis, Gun Violence Prevention, Immigration and LGBTQ issues. All these issues impact people of color and those with disabilities disproportionately, so addressing them addresses racial and disability issues. Voting rights/issues are also fundamental cornerstones to social justice so we continue our efforts in those areas. Whether you are interested in being part of one project or many, please consider adding your name to ours. For more information, please contact Ginny Volponi ginny4045@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Events

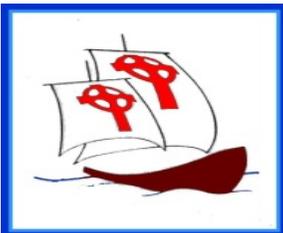


This Book Club was started by Episcopal delegates to the world climate negotiations in Glasgow last November. The book being read is *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Texas Tech professor Katharine Hayhoe. The New York Times called her "one of the nation's most effective communicators on climate change". The next meeting is **May 2, then June 6, and July 11**. You can register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).



April 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lector	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeter	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
April 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Ann Vinski P John Appledorn <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	n/a	Toni Passarello Annemarie Malbon	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
April 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 10 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd Donna Aiello P Kate Heston <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Janice Moore Sylvia Affleck	n/a	Allyson Baiert Sharon Hlawati	Donna Aiello Mike Wick	Donna Aiello	Volunteer needed
April 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 17 Easter Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Alan Schneider P Dean Peters <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Anelisa Tarrant Ellen Groves	n/a	Kate Heston John Appledorn	John Appledorn Allyson Baiert	Kate Heston	Volunteer needed
April 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	n/a	Joyce Donadee Wesley Bell	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Volunteer needed
April 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	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 Appledorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Sean Sweeney
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

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel
Sylvia Affleck
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
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: TBD
Memorial Garden: John Appledorn
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
Annemarie Malbon

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Ginny Volponi
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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