



Please welcome Mother Julie Smith who will be our Celebrant this Sunday.

The Senior Wardens Corner

Racism is often called America's original sin. If nothing else, it is surely America's enduring sin. No one has to go further than their daily news feed to witness racist attacks on groups or individuals. Whether in caustic epithets or subtle messaging, the slurs and actions against people who are different are demeaning and hateful.

Jesus commanded, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," and so it's not enough to condemn the overt racism we see around us but to examine what may lurk in our own hearts and minds. In 2000, General Convention adopted a new canon mandating that "lay and ordained leadership of the Episcopal Church, including all ordained persons, professional staff, and those elected or appointed to positions of leadership ... be required to take anti-racism training." That means vestry members, lay leaders and others who help run our parish.

Toward that end, the Diocese of Pittsburgh is again offering "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other," its periodic anti-racism workshop. Fall sessions will take place online via Zoom at 6 pm to 9 pm on Friday, Oct. 11, and 9 am to 4:30 pm on Saturday, Oct. 12. Over a relative handful of hours, participants will explore, from the convenience of their homes, topics such as the systemic racism in our country, the personal biases that shape our attitudes toward others and what we can do in our parish to combat hate. Mother Julie Smith (who will serve as St. Brendan's supply priest this Sunday), Deacon Darrell Johnson and I are alums of the anti-racism workshop held in April 2018. It was friendly, eye-opening and time well spent.

For more information on the October workshop or to register, please go to:

<https://www.episcopalpgh.org/fall-2024-anti-racism-workshop/> And, of course, thanks for all you do for St. Brendan's.

Yours in faith,

Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden (twaseleski@comcast.net)

Announcements



Adopt-a-Highway. St. Brendan's roadside crew will perform their third litter cleanup of the year under the PennDOT program **THIS Saturday, Sept. 28.** After meeting at the church at 8:30 a.m., the group will carpool to the church's designated site, the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279. Anyone age 14 and up may take part. The trash pickup concludes by 10:45 am. For more information, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



Calling all fiber crafters for Sticks and Strings! Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! Sticks and Strings meetings are on the **first Friday and third Wednesday of each month, 6-8 pm**, in St. Brendan's library.

The next meeting is **Friday, October 4th**. Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Sherri at sherri.angeletti@gmail.com, or text 412-689-0737 to be added to the email list for the most up-to-date information, or if you have questions.



Plastic bags for Cookie Walk cookies are available. Last year, the plastic bags in which cookies were stored for freezing were washed and stored away. They are now available in the Narthex for reuse! Some bags have last year's labels; some do not. Let's be good stewards of the environment and reuse what we have when freezing cookies.

Bylaws



Oct. 6 Special Parish Meeting and Bylaws Vote. St. Brendan's will hold a Special Parish Meeting on Sunday, Oct. 6, after a 9 am joint service. There will be no 8 a.m. or 10 a.m. services that day. The meeting will be held to consider and vote on a proposal to amend St. Brendan's Bylaws that was drafted by a committee of parishioners over the past year. An email blast has gone out to parishioners containing 1) the proposed new set of bylaws and 2) an annotated version showing where changes were made to the current bylaws. If you did not receive the email, please contact the office. A limited number of printed copies of both are also available on the narthex table.

Voting at the Special Parish Meeting will be done by secret, paper ballot. St. Brendan's current bylaws set these qualifications for voting: "The right to vote at parish meetings shall be confined to baptized, non-excommunicated, members in good standing — having received Holy Eucharist three times in the past year, and having given financially at least once during the past year — who are sixteen years of age or over, in attendance at the parish meeting, and regular worshipers in the parish for six months prior to the meeting."

The current bylaws also provide for absentee voting when the following conditions are met: "1. The voter is unable to attend the annual meeting by reason of illness or other unavoidable absence. 2. The voter may use only official ballots obtained from the parish secretary or Judge of Elections. 3. The ballot must be returned to the parish secretary or Judge of Elections prior to the calling to order of the annual parish meeting." To obtain an absentee ballot, please contact Parish Administrator Katie Cervone (katie@stbrendans.org) or Judge of Elections Richard Munsch.



The Food Pantry for the month of September is focusing on collecting breakfast items – cereal, pancake mix and syrup, plain and flavored oatmeal, juice boxes, and ground coffee (11oz. bags). All other non-perishable donations are gladly accepted. Thank you.

Please be sure there is no glass, and the expiration dates are not past.



Cooked—Survival by zip code, Film Showing.

In the summer of 1995, Chicago experienced an unthinkable disaster, when extremely high humidity and a layer of heat-retaining pollution drove the heat index up to more than 126 degrees.

Cooked, Survival by Zip Code, tells the story of this tragic heatwave, the single most traumatic in U.S. history, in which 739 citizens died over the course of just a single week, most of them poor, elderly, and African American.

Join us, **Sunday, October 6th at 1:15 pm**, here at St. Brendan's for the film showing. Light refreshments will be served.

Hosted by St. Brendan's Justice Ministry and the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Social Justice and Outreach Committee. For more information, contact Marilyn Mulvihill at mimi15143@yahoo.com.

Children and Youth Ministries CYM



- **Blessing of the Animals (October 13) and dog and cat treat drive:** please see the announcement elsewhere in this edition of the Navigator.
- **Looking ahead:** Parents, please note that **October 6 Sunday School classes begin at 9:00 am** (instead of 10 am) due to the joint service and parish meeting that day. The meeting will immediately follow the service, and we encourage all families to attend. We'll have a supply of drawing paper and crayons on hand to keep our little ones busy during the meeting, and there are other activities on the table in the back of the sanctuary for children to use.
- **Volunteers needed for the nursery!** If you enjoy interacting with the youngest members of St. Brendan's, please consider obtaining your clearances required for working with children and volunteering in the nursery. Thanks so much as always to my current volunteers and teen helpers! The following Sundays need filled: Oct. 20 and Nov. 17. If interested, please contact Liz MacDonald via text at 412-865-6486 or Liz702988@gmail.com.



Everyone at St. Brendan's knows Daisy.

Daisy says, "I love treats, and so do my BFFs at **Animal Friends**."

In honor of St. B.'s Blessing of the Animals, the children and youth are collecting cat and dog treats for Animal Friends. These are items that Animal Friends has requested.

Please help by donating cat and dog treats in bags or boxes no larger than 2 or 3 lbs. (Please, no treats that require refrigeration. We are not collecting regular dog or cat food.)

Donations may be brought to church on **Sunday, October 6, and Sunday, October 13.**

Make Daisy happy and donate treats for her friends!



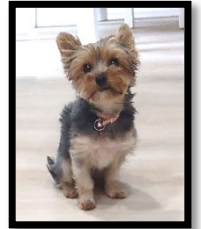
St. Brendan's Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 13, 2024

Bring your pets, large or small to St. Brendan's Annual Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 13, 2024. October is the month of the Feast of St. Francis where we celebrate our beloved family pets and honor them with a special blessing service.

And yes, for first timers to our blessing event, you are permitted to bring your animals inside the sanctuary with you, where your pets can choose to 'people watch', 'meditate' or 'sing along' with St. Brendan's choir!

Blessing Service: 10 AM Worship Service

The Animal Blessing service will be held for parishioners and welcomed guests during our regular 10 am worship service. The blessing will be towards the middle of the service. Remember to have your pets either on a leash or in a carrier for their safety.



Daisy says "I can hardly wait to see all of you on the 13th and meet your furry friends."



HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS! Saturday, November 23, from 9am to 2pm

Less than 2 months from now, we will have our biggest fundraiser of the year – Holiday Happenings. It's not only a fundraiser – it's a fun kick off for holiday events! Here's what you can look forward to on **November 23:**

Cookie Walk – Our Parish Hall will be filled with trays and trays of cookies, hopefully at least 1,000 dozen, all made by parishioners and friends. You can start making them now; we have plenty of room in our freezers.

Soup Sales – We will have at least five varieties of delicious homemade soup for sale, made right here in our kitchen!

Vendor and Craft Show – Quality vendors will fill the sanctuary selling their crafts, jewelry, pottery, candles, baskets, salsa, etc. One of the tables, Brendan's Boutique, will feature crafts made by our own parishioners.

Raffle – Because of the generosity of local businesses and many of our parishioners, we have collected over \$3,000 in gift cards. We will fill four baskets with them for our raffle.

Live entertainment – From the Avonworth Chamber Choir, Our Lady of Sacred Heart choral group, and some of Keely Singer's vocal students, our rooms will be filled with holiday songs.

To make this event successful, we need plenty of participation from parishioners. We can't do this without you! Many of you have already participated by collecting or donating gift cards. There are so many other ways to help, from making cookies to selling/buying raffle tickets and volunteering the week prior and the day of the event. Watch for more announcements to come.

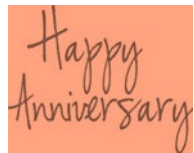
In the next several weeks, you'll see our Narthex come alive with various components of this event – posters, sign-up sheets, etc. Our cookie jar where parishioners will put the kind and quantity of cookies being made is already there.

Please help us wherever you can!



We celebrate the October Birthdays:

1	Julia Beel	1	Kate Heston	1	Kenneth Parsons	2	Annemarie Malbon
7	LuAnn Aldridge	15	Randy Stachel	17	Mary Haider	21	Judy Flick
23	Anthony Crawford	23	Archer Thompson	31	Martha Munsch	31	Darrell Johnson
31	Paul Sauers						



We celebrate the October Wedding Anniversaries:

4	Allison & Phil Burdette	4	Ruth & Steve Horton	4	Lisa & Ralph Tajak
12	Mary & Karl Haider	17	Kelli & Bobby Cerra	22	Saundy & Tom Waseleski
23	Kayla & Tom Tweedle	24	Shellie Hipsky & Ken Judson		

Prayer Requests

For our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Joan Beatrous, Charlotte Pierce, Alice Butterworth, Bill Spoonhoward, Rosie Wood, Matthew, Jim Gray, Derek Wimmer, Dave Miller, Margie Davies, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Ruth Haider.

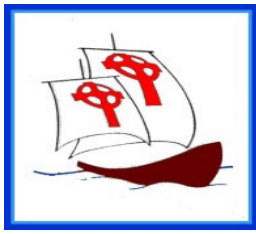
For our parents, especially; Margaret Nagel, Lenora, Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian.

For our family members, especially; Tom Payne, Neil Amor, Carol Schmitz, Daniela, Carol and Guy Estes, Bee Ward, Joann, Pat Schulze, Marie Hazelton, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Frank Nagy, Rich, Paula Watson, Margaret and Lawrence Czerpak, Jay & A., John, Nathan Schlumpf, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Steve Getty, Sue Burchill, Christian, Robert Donato.

For our friends, especially; Patty Herrington, Patty Walker, Terri Hockenberry, Mike Colavita, Jordon Medlin, Connie Geiger, Josh, Frank Monakowski, Mark Hubert, Heidi Sherwin, Susan N., Laurie, Cindy & Bob Getty, Nancy Baker, Debbie and Dale Kline, The Silveira family, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

We pray for all who have died especially Seldon Little and Robert Sabolik.

If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin, please email her at robin@stbrendans.org.



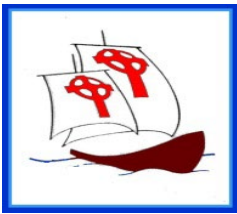
September Ministry Calendar 2024

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
September 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Aidan McKenna 2 nd Paul Quinn P Donna Aiello LEV n/a Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Katie Costa Door keeper Dawn Day Quinn	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields Avery Kline	Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello Toni Passarello	Julia/Mike Wick Dan Moore	Tim Austin	Sandy Nagy	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati



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October 6 Sunday 9 am only	1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Kate Heston P Linda Limberis LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Allison Kline Doorkeeper: TBD SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 9 AM	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Sylvia Affleck Kathy Miller	John Appledorn Annie Koch	Allyson Baierl John Appledorn	Donna Aiello Richard Munsch	Dan Moore	Kate Heston Richard Munsch
October 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Mary Bartucci 2 nd Paul Quinn P John Appeldorn LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Janice Moore Doorkeeper: Susan Shields	Liz MacDonald Dawn Day Quinn	TBD	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Kate Heston Dan Schneider	Paul Quinn	Tom Waseleski	Mary Bertucci
October 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Aiden McKenna 2 nd Ann Vinski P Tony Turo LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Dawn Day Quinn Fish: Kayla Tweedle Doorkeeper: Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	TBD	Wesley Bell Tony Turo	Tim Austin Julia/Mike Wick	Mike Wick Julia Wick	Melanie Popovich	Janice Moore
October 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Alan Schneider P Marilyn Mulvihill LEV Sylvia Affleck Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Children's Worship No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	TBD	Kate Heston Dean Peters	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Norm Erb-White Deb Erb-White	Richard Munch	Kate Heston



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
Communication/Technology: Sandy Nagy
Children & Youth: John Appeldorn
Finance: Frances Harpst
Fundraising: Frances Harpst
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: Melanie Popovich
Pastoral Care: Melanie Popovich
Outreach: Richard Munsch
Secretary/Clerk: Kate Heston
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Kevin Boyd

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
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl~Carol Meese~Barb Fure
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Annemarie Malbon
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Finance Chair: TBD
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
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: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton

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

Monday: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Wednesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
Katie's office hours from home

Friday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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(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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Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ Katie@stbrendans.org

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

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

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