



**Sunday, November 14, 2021**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Regis Smolko**

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](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  
Varying office hours, call ahead  
11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
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  
8:00 am Staff meeting, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
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>  
6:30 pm Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- Wednesday** Varying office hours, call ahead  
3:00 pm Deacon hours  
7:00 pm Evening Service
- Friday** Varying office hours, call ahead

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## **The Priest's Corner**

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### **Sacraments: Baptism and Eucharist**

In the Episcopal Newcomer's first meeting, we explored prayer and the BCP (Book of Common Prayer). This coming Tuesday we will begin discussing Sacraments in the Episcopal Church. We have seven, and all of them are "outward signs, instituted by God to give Grace." This is Roman Catholic language. Episcopal language makes the same theological expression but with more directness: "outward and visible signs of inward and spiritual grace." In other words, sacraments are "earthly signs of heavenly activity."

We further differ in our wording about these seven sacraments from the Roman Church in that we distinguish two of the sacraments (Baptism and Eucharist) from the remaining five (Confirmation, Healing, Reconciliation, Marriage and Ordination). The first two we call dominical (taught by Jesus); and the other five we call ecclesial (taught by the church). The BCP is somewhat inconsistent but largely refers to the first two as sacraments and the last 5 as sacramental rites. In terms of our theology all seven are clearly sacramental. They all are outward signs of inward and spiritual grace.

Let's talk about the first two: Baptism and Eucharist. Baptism is how we get into the family of Christ. The sacred meal, Holy Eucharist, is what we as a family do together. We do Baptism only once; Holy Eucharist is the sacrament that Episcopalians experience most often.

In the Episcopal Church as well as the Roman Catholic Church, there is a fundamental principle that is best expressed by this Latin phrase: Lex Orandi, Lex Credendi, Lex Vivendi. Loosely translated, these words mean "the law of prayer is the law of belief is what we do." In other words what we pray is how we act—our belief becomes us and so we do. Prayer therefore expresses what we do. I will conclude this corner by sharing the crowning prayers that explain Baptism and Eucharist. I ask that you pray these and allow their words to give you the useful understanding of these two essential sacraments.

For Baptism: "Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit, you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give each of them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. Amen."

For Eucharist: “God our Father, whose son our Lord Jesus Christ in a wonderful Sacrament has left us a memorial of his passion: Grant us so to venerate the mysteries of his Body and Blood, that we may ever perceive within ourselves the fruit of his redemption; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

## Regis+



**Knitting Group.** We are a group whose purpose is to share needlework. We have knitters, but also can have crochet, embroidery, etc. Some have come because they want to learn to knit or crochet, others come who like the company of others with similar interests. I have also found that it is great to have help when you get stuck on a project! We meet the second Thursday of every month in the library at church. Contact Joan Reis if you have any questions [joan\\_reis@yahoo.com](mailto:joan_reis@yahoo.com).

## Cookie Walk ~ Next Saturday ~ November 20, 2021 ~ Walk-In: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm ~ Drive-Thru: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

We could use more cookies. Please consider baking cookies over the next few weeks.



Save the date to celebrate with us, **December 5<sup>th</sup>, 4:00, Regis's retirement.** RSVP to Julia [Lawford1@msn.com](mailto:Lawford1@msn.com).

Please use this link for the **Parish Directory** and book mark it as the directory is updated often!

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1\\_NkE3ZP4ngPHe5j0TL1eeJzITMGA9G1Y/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_NkE3ZP4ngPHe5j0TL1eeJzITMGA9G1Y/view)



**Help for Inner City Children.** Once again, St. Brendan's, through the Justice Ministry, is partnering with Blessed Be Educators, to provide gifts to needy children in the Pittsburgh area. Hats and gloves are needed for children 1 year old to 14 years old, sizes XS to XL. The older children are in often forgotten, so let's make an effort to include them. The bin is at the entrance of the church. Please be generous, as you have in the past. Call Marilyn at 412-427-2715 with questions. Thanks in advance!

## Senior Warden's Corner

**In most Episcopal parishes, November is Stewardship Month**—and our parish is no exception. At St. Brendan's, however, we like to manage the details a little differently. In my comments at last Sunday's service, I stressed that our annual stewardship reflections focus first on all that we value most about our life together as a community of faith. This approach, we feel, is more appropriate than a dollar-centric fundraising drive. (How many remember the Jerry Lewis Labor Day telethons of the 1980s?) We trust that our fellow Brendanites will make the obvious connection between the ministries that our parish sponsors and Jesus' teaching that “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21).

That said, there are those (and I admit to being one of these folks myself) who do like to understand in broad terms the finances of organizations to which they plan to make a commitment. If you belong in that group, let me offer a few key facts based on our 2021 Budget (a plan that we laid out last January, when COVID remained hugely unpredictable, but one that, thank God, we have been able to follow quite closely):

Our income this year will total around \$225,000, of which \$206,000 was pledged by Brendanites this time last year. Special fundraising events of one kind and another would normally boost that figure considerably, but these were of course limited by COVID restrictions until quite recently.

Our expenses will total about \$250,000, of which fully 50% goes to salaries and benefits. Our operating costs (mortgage payments, utilities, insurance, cleaning, etc.) total a little over \$70,000. We also pay an assessment to the Diocese of about \$26,000. This leaves just a little over \$5,000 for all the ministries and programs we sponsor—a true indication of how heavily they rely on volunteer leadership and participation.

Finally, as I hope you know, our CRIES Advocacy organization oversees donations equal to 10% of our income each month (for a total of about \$22,500 this year) to our neighbors in need here at home and around the globe.

To return, however, to where I began: we value your pledges, however large or small, not principally because of the dollar amount they will add to our bottom line in 2022 but because they reflect your commitment to **walking in love** with others and with Our Lord.

**Senior Warden, Tim Austin**



## Public Forum Scheduling.

Because of the holidays in November and December, there will be no Forums for those two months. We will resume again in January with forums on many aspects of social justice and racial inequity.

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Reminder: **Another alternative Bible Study** option is available to all Brendanites on **Tuesdays from 11:00 to 12:15 pm**. This is a small group that has had experience with Bible Study, but no one in the group is a "Bible scholar". Discussion is informal and no experience is required. Typically, the meetings begin with intentional, intercessory prayer. Often discussion will include reference to contemporary events that are in the news. If you would like to consider this option, just click on the Zoom link below at the appointed date/time. All are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83037652502?pwd=RFBmRXFPTmtLS3RaWHlrWHcxNFE0QT09>

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**Donate Men's Suits and Men's Casual Clothing!** Men's dress and business casual clothing is greatly needed by men in the Pittsburgh area who cannot afford appropriate clothing for job interviews and potential employment opportunities. Trinity Lutheran Church is collecting these, and are requesting that anyone that can contribute to bring any of the following used items (in good condition) on hangers and place them on the coat rack in their Fellowship Hall at your earliest convenience. Two-piece suits, dress shirts, casual shirts, sports coats, winter coats, men's slacks, belts, ties, and shoes in good condition (all sizes) are all needed.

Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 2500 Brandt School Road in Wexford. Please contact Trinity Lutheran at **Office** if assistance is needed at drop-off. Thank you in advance for your donations!

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**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 supporting the work of two organizations. One is Technoserve, a nonprofit organization offering small loans to people working around the world to jump start businesses and teaching better working methods. [www.technoserve.com](http://www.technoserve.com). The other is Environmental Defense Fund, an organization working to decrease climate pollution, protecting forests and wetlands and supporting a healthy environment. **Next meeting, November 21**, in the library after the 10:00 service.

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Mark Your Calendars! **The St. Brendan's Book Club** will meet at the church on Thursday, December 3rd at 7 pm to discuss "Next Year in Havana" by Chanel Cleeton. It's the story of a Cuban American woman who travels to Havana following the death of her beloved grandmother. She subsequently discovers the roots of her identity and unearths a family secret hidden since the revolution. Join us for fun and fellowship as we discuss what is sure to be an intriguing book. Please feel free to email Chris Botti at [shadypatch@msn.com](mailto:shadypatch@msn.com) if you have any questions. Hope to see you then!

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## Requested Prayers

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We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Benjamin Bigelow Roche, Alice Butterworth, Larry Toler, Sandy Nagy, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Mary, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker and Larry Tarrant.

For our parents, especially; Sandy Martin, Ray Miltzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Sue Bushill, Kirk Latta, Mike Dixon, Raphael Walton, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Marie Hazelton, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Heidi Sherwin, Bill Phelps and Cat Munz, Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Sherri Hilbert, the family of Kelly Chiccitt, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

We pray for all who have died, especially Kelly Chiccitt.

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# November 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeters	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
November 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 <sup>st</sup> Michael Donadee 2 <sup>nd</sup> AJ McKenna P Dean Peters <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Janice Moore	~	Allyson Baierl Annemarie Malbon Wesley Bell	Kate Heston Allyson Baierl	Tim Austin	Angela Schlumpf
November 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Schneider P Linda Limberis <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Shari Tarrant	n/a	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati John Appledorn	Eric Helmsen Michael Donadee	Larry Toler	Tim & Megan
November 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Donna Aiello 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Bertucci P Kate Heston <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Phoebe Juel	n/a	Kate Heston Megan Overby Tim Austin	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Need Volunteer
November 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 George Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Children	8 Ellen Groves 10 Libby Juel	~	Joyce Donadee Kathy Miller Dave Miller	John Appledorn Mike Wick	Janice Moore	Need Volunteer



### 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: Tim Austin  
Jr. Warden: Janice Moore  
Adult Formation: Ron Ladick  
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney  
Communication: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Finance: Mary Bertucci  
Fundraising: Larry Toler  
Inreach & Hospitality: Tim Austin  
Newcomers: Tim Austin  
Outreach: Donna Aiello  
Safety & Security: Ron Ladick  
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Stewardship: Larry Toler  
Worship: Cameron Grosh  
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  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: Karen Dennis  
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Sandy Waseleski  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: George Snyder  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
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  
Linda Schneider  
Garden of Hope: Open  
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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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

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

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