



Senior Warden Corner

Dear Friends,

At its meeting Monday evening, St. Brendan's Vestry welcomed Kevin Boyd, who began serving as parish treasurer a month ago. Kevin reviewed the monthly financials, answered questions and offered to simplify his future financial reporting for the vestry. While Kevin is new to the treasurer's job, he is not new to St. Brendan's or to serving his church. He and his wife Amy have been members of the parish since 2010 and have raised their three children here — Nate, now a sophomore at Penn State, and Zoe and Abby at Avonworth High School. Kevin is a past vestry member and a veteran of the Finance Committee and Audit Committee.

While St. Brendan's has had other treasurers over its history (including Roger Botti and Carl Hockenberry), Kevin's immediate predecessor is Ellen Groves, who held the volunteer post off and on for decades. Ellen, who has been with St. Brendan's from the start, has served the parish in countless ways and will remain active on numerous fronts, for which we can all be grateful. Her remarkable level of service and commitment over 37 years has been pivotal to the growth and development of St. Brendan's. Every church should be blessed with someone like her.

Please take a moment to thank Ellen for her many years in the treasurer's office and to applaud Kevin for his willingness to take on this new role. Whether helping as security stewards, ushers, choir members, Sunday School teachers or in any other position of service, it's St. Brendan's volunteers who make our church what it is. God bless them all!

Yours in faith,
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden
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Easter Altar Flowers. Every year St. Brendan's accepts monetary donations towards the purchase of our Easter Altar Flowers. If you would like to contribute to the lilies and have the name/s of those you are honoring, celebrating, remembering or thanking, send in your donation of any amount. Contact Katie with your information Katie@stbrendans.org. Submitted information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.

Children and Youth



• **Sunday, March 17: Children's Worship Service.** There will be no Sunday School classes that day. The children will participate in various ways in the church service. Please be at the church by **9:45** so that Daniel can rehearse the song with the children.

• **Sunday, March 17 and 24: 9:30 am.** All of the children and youth are invited to help make 50 "**Blessings Bags**" to be distributed to the women served at Miryam's Kitchen of Bethlehem Haven. Please meet Saundy in the social hall where all of the materials will be available at 9:30. (We'll end our craft session at 9:45 this Sunday so that the children can practice the music with Daniel for the service.) Parent help is welcome! We're halfway to our goal of 50. The craft is very simple and involves some coloring and gluing. **Parents, we'll also gladly accept a bag of individually wrapped Easter treats to help fill the bags.**



• **Sunday, March 31: Easter Egg Hunt.** Bring your own basket or borrow one of ours for St. Brendan's annual Easter Egg Hunt. All children from age one to 11 are invited to join the Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 am service on Easter Sunday.

Throughout history, people have given each other eggs at spring festivals to celebrate the new season. Eggs represent new life and rebirth.

In the medieval period, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent so on Easter Sunday, biting into an egg was a real treat!

The egg hunt became an Easter tradition in 16th-century Germany. Martin Luther held egg hunts at the church for his congregation, where the women and children would look for eggs that the men hid around the property. This practice is symbolic of the women who discovered that the tomb was empty after the resurrection.



Calling all ministry leaders! St Brendan's is updating its ministries handbook, a helpful guide for members and visitors to wide range of activities in the parish. Please help by emailing a two-paragraph description of your ministry or activity, ending with a contact email for anyone who wants more information, to Sandy Nagy at Shelbie1982@icloud.com. Thank you!



Adopt-a-Highway. St. Brendan's volunteers will hold their first roadside cleanup of the year on Saturday, April 6. (This is a change from the previous date.) After meeting at the church at 8:30 am, participants age 14 and up will carpool to our designated site, the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279, and finish by 10:45 am. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.

Keep watch in the garden. After the Last Supper, Jesus asked his disciples to pray with Him in the Garden of Gethsemane, but the apostles fell asleep. On Maundy Thursday, after the conclusion of St. Brendan's 7 pm service and the Stripping of the Altar, the chapel will be quiet, empty and bathed in candlelight. It has been a longstanding tradition at St. Brendan's to invite parishioners "to keep watch" in the chapel with Jesus through personal prayer, meditation or reflection for a short time before the arrival of Good Friday. Please sign up at the narthex table for a 30-minute slot between 8 pm Thursday and midnight, when you and perhaps a loved one can be part of the vigil in the garden.



Palm Sunday Hospitality. Our church is known for wonderful cooks who have shared some of their amazing Easter dishes. If you have a favorite **Easter dish** you would like to share, we would love you to bring it on Palm Sunday. We will be having a meal after the 10 am service. We would love it if you could share a little bit of your family easter traditions with us.

Sign up in the narthex or email Janice Moore at naperville@yahoo.com and let me know if you can bring something. In the past years we have had a great time with this. Sign up in the narthex.

A RICHER LENTEN EXPERIENCE. Lent is not entirely about sacrifice and doing without. One of the positive ways to "do Lent" is to build stronger connections with each other — by sharing a simple meal followed by brief, quiet worship. On the remaining Wednesdays of Lent through March 20 Brendanites (and their guests) are invited to share food at a **5 pm** potluck. Bring an appetizer, soup, salad, vegetable or simple entree. After the meal we'll move into the chapel for a Eucharist service. Join your St. Brendan's family in not merely marking the weeks of another Lenten journey, but in getting to know each other better for all the journeys ahead.



Vestry briefs. At its March 11 meeting, the vestry:

- Formally thanked the Bylaws Review Committee for its work on proposing updates to St. Brendan's Bylaws and pledged to bring the proposals before the congregation for a vote at an upcoming special parish meeting;
- Offered its support for Mother Robin's call for a committee to develop an expanded Sunday bulletin that includes all prayers and music for the Sunday 10 am service and to identify a group of volunteers who will produce the larger bulletin;
- Learned of the survey now before parishioners on ideas for developing the church's outdoor space (it's in your email; please complete it!).

Holy Week Services:



Palm Sunday: Two Services one at 8:00 am. one at 10:00 am.



Holy Thursday: Service at 7:00 pm. The Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday: 12 Noon - Stations of the Cross. 7:00 pm - Good Friday Service



Holy Saturday: 6:00 pm - The Great Easter Vigil



Easter Sunday: Two services, one at 8:00 and one at 10:00 am.

Clean up Day, Saturday, March 23, 9:00-12:00 noon. We need your help in cleaning up St. Brendan's, inside and out.



Inside tasks:	Washing baseboards	Washing windows	Washing floors	Dusting
Outside tasks:	Raking leaves	Spreading Mulch	Trimming trees	Weeding

So please bring your cleaning supplies and garden tools to help in our spring cleaning.

Many hands make light work!



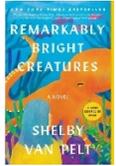
Adopt-a-Highway. The parish walking group will return to one of its favorite springtime spots, the Wildflower Reserve at Raccoon Creek State Park, on Tuesday, April 9. Carpools will leave the church at 9 a.m. The walk will take place on wooded, dirt trails and involve two short hills. Lunch will follow at Los Mariachis in Moon Twp. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



Daughters of the King. All women at St. Brendan's who desire a closer, spiritual walk in their daily lives are invited to consider participation in the Order of the Daughters of the King. An order of women within the Episcopal Church, its members seek to live out the commitments made in the baptismal covenant. The mission of the order is the extension of Christ's Kingdom through prayer, service and evangelism.

We will hold an informational meeting sometime in April. If you are interested in knowing more, please contact Sandy Nagy shelbie1982@icloud.com or Johanna Rengers jorengers@gmail.com.

Taize/Evening Prayer: The monthly Taize/Evening Prayer service for March is cancelled due to the other Holy Week services scheduled. Parishioners could focus on the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services that week. Also cancelled are the services on both **Wednesday March 27 and April 3**. The Taize/Evening Prayer service will return in April.



St. Brendan's Book Club meeting for April is tentative due to the Solar Eclipse! If the weather does not permit good eclipse viewing, we will meet on **April 8 at 1 pm** in the library. In case of good (!) weather that day, we will postpone the meeting to Monday, April 15 at 1 pm. We will discuss the novel **Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt**. Please contact Anne Semmler (annegsemmler@gmail.com) with any questions as our plans are weather-dependent. Fun news! Due to an excess of enthusiasm and great upcoming reads, the book club will continue to meet during the summer. Everyone welcome! Upcoming titles:

My Life in France by Julia Child (May 6)

Did Ye Hear Mammy Died by Seamas O'Reilly (June 3)

Justice Ministry Events



- **Remember to look at your "Help the Homeless" calendars every day!**

For those of you who have your Lenten kits to help the homeless, thank you! Please remember to check your calendar each day.

For those of you who do not have kits, you can still pick up one in the Lobby. It's not too late to get involved and help us help the homeless in Allegheny County – right from your own home!

At the end of Lent, bring your carton of money to church, and the funds will be given to Outreached Arms, a non-profit for the homeless. Thank you!



Join us for a visit to a Hindu Temple this Monday, March 18 at 6 pm

As part of the mission of the Spirituality Mission, we want to expand our understanding of other religions. To that end, we have reached out to **The Chinmaya Amarnath Hindu Temple** to help us gain insight into their traditions, spirituality and their beliefs. We have arranged a tour of their temple on **Monday, March 18 at 6 pm**. They have then invited St. Brendan's to attend their **puja ritual ceremonial prayer service at 6:20 pm** which should last about an hour.

Besides a tour of the temple and attending a puja, we will also get some understanding of the three pillars of Chinmaya Mission Pittsburgh, which are:

1. Devotional practices
2. Community service
3. Studying Vedanta (the philosophical foundation of Hinduism)

This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our Hindu brothers and sisters and become aware of and appreciate their beliefs, and they have been very welcoming. If you are interested in attending, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the church lobby, and let me know if you would like to meet at St. Brendan's and carpool there. The temple is approximately 18 minutes from St. Brendan's at 358 Mars Valencia Road in Mars. If you have questions, contact Donna Aiello, donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com

Prayer Requests

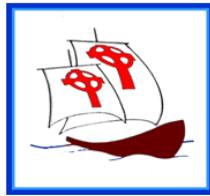
We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially: Allison, Avery and Eli Kline, Ruth Haider, Bill Spoonhoward, Jean Skwareki, Janet Fesq, Alice Butterworth, Joan Beatrous, Nancy Bancroft, Dave Miller, Matthew, Jim Gray, Linda Schneider, Kelli Cerra, Charlotte Pierce, Larry Tarrant, Mark Shoemaker, Nancy Snyder, Sherri Angeletti, Judy McKarnin, Margie Davies, Joyce Donadee.

For our parents, especially: Ken McCormack, Margaret Nagel. Ray Militzer, Lenora, Diane Davis.

For our family members, especially: Conor Taylor, Neil Amor, Carol and Guy Estes, Pat Schulze, John, Rich Mankowski, Joann, Bee Ward, Margaret and Lawrence Czerpak, Frank Nagy, Sierra Reckley, Paula Watson, Pat Shields, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Christian, Ray Spoonhoward, Sue Burchill, Jay & A, Robert Donato, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Carol Schmitz, Tom Groves, Rich, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, A-C, Nathan Schlumpf, Laurie Brooks, Bob Kiehl.

For our friends, especially: Mike Colavita, Terri Hockenberry, The Silveira family, Ellen Kuntz, Jordon Medlin, Connie Geiger, Vivian, Cindy & Bob Getty, Ron Neurohr, Patty Herrington, Jim Noel, Juliana Moses, Pat Reiner, Johan Smith, Maggie Cervone, Josh, Nancy Baker, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

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



March Ministry Calendar 2024

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Steward	Vestry	Hospitality
March 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Derrek Wimmer 2 nd Donna Aiello Prayers Tim Austin	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Susan Shields	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Dotti Antonucci Phoebe Juel	Toni Passarello Anne Koch	Ruth Horton Kate Heston	Tim Austin	Tom Waseleski	Donna and Sharon
March 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Ann Vinski P Donna Aiello LEV Ellen Groves	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Dawn Day-Quinn Door keeper Kayla Tweedle	Liz MacDonald Annemarie Malbon	Sylvia Affleck Barb Fure	Annemarie Malbon Barb Fure	Mary Bertucci Dale Bertucci	John Appeldorn	Sandy Nagy	Sandy Nagy
March 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Worship	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Kate Heston LEV TBD	Children's worship No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Annie Koch Wesley Bell	Tim Austin John Appledorn	Mike Wick	Dan Moore	Mary and Dale
March 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Palm Sunday	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Volunteer needed 2 nd Tony Turo P Dean Peters LEV Ellen Groves	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Michael Waseleski Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Sharon Hlawati Kate Heston	Allyson Baiert Donna Aiello	Linda Limberis	John Appeldorn	Janice Moore
March 28 7 pm Maundy Thursday	Dean Peters	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 29 12 and 7 pm Good Friday	12 Aidan McKenna 7 Paul Quinn	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 30 6pm Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	Ann Vinski	~	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 31 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Easter Sunday	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Aidan McKenna P Tony Turo LEV TBD	Easter Sunday No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Susan Shields John Appledorn	Kate Heston Dan Moore	Tim Austin	Kate Heston	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

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: TBD
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
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

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/UCkCY2BEJlqMoVc_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 1:00 pm
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 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: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist
Thursday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm
11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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