



From the Senior Warden . . .

At last Sunday's well-attended, well-received Newcomers' Brunch, an inevitable question was asked: "What does a vestry do?" Indeed. What does a vestry do?

The simple, standard answer is that the vestry of an Episcopal Church looks after the finances, property and budget of the parish. That obligation, of course, comes with many offshoots, such as providing for a safe and secure space where everyone can worship and ministries can flourish.

There was big news on that front this week when St. Brendan's received a \$12,500 grant from the diocesan Growth Fund toward a \$20,000 package of security improvements that have been planned by the vestry. **Ever since the 2018 Tree of Life shooting in Pittsburgh and similar tragedies at other houses of worship (like the one in Minneapolis on Wednesday), St. Brendan's has worked to enhance its security measures.** One of the most notable was creation of the security stewards, a team of volunteers overseen by Tim Austin who unobtrusively patrol the property during Sunday services.

The newest security improvement will be the \$20,000 package that was in the works for months and given final approval by the vestry in July. When installed this fall, the upgrades will include electronic door locks on the main entrance and kitchen doors; replacement of metal keys with key codes to ensure that doors stay locked and key access is properly limited; and the application of bullet-resistant safety film to more of our windows. Our thanks go to Junior Warden Dan Moore of the vestry for shepherding this project through various contractors and competing bids. We're grateful also for Tim's persuasive application which secured the \$12,500 diocesan grant that will pay for nearly two-thirds of the project — no small feat.

That's good work all around, for the greater good of St. Brendan's.

Yours in faith,

Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **Sunday, September 7: Sunday School Kick-off "Camp Kindness" from 9:15 until 12 noon.** Parents, please drop off children at 9:15 in the classroom area and pick them up at noon. We'll have a fun morning with activities based on Bible stories. A snack will be served. We're looking forward to a great time and hope that all our Sunday Schoolers can attend. If you haven't done so already, please tell Saundy if your child will be there. Parents, please stop in the social hall for a brief meeting with Annemarie at 9:30 while you enjoy coffee and donuts.
- **Sunday, September 14: Regular Sunday School classes begin** for the Lambs (Grades K to 2) and the Fish (Grades 3 to 5).
- **Sunday, September 28: Children's Worship Service.** There are no Sunday School classes that day. Children will be involved in the service in various ways. More information will follow.

Announcements

Due to an unexpected conflict, Megan Overby and Tim Austin will not be able to use their tickets to the musical "Six" on October 11. If you would like to buy them, please contact Tim (austover@gmail.com or 508-688-9554).



Acolyte Training: There will be a training for new and returning acolytes after the 10 am service on Sunday, **September 14**. Any parishioner in 2nd grade or older (including teens and adults) may train to be an acolyte. Please contact Annemarie at amalbon@gmail.com if you or your child(ren) are interested in being an acolyte.

Masking at St. Brendan's. As Mother Nancy wrote in a recent column and the vestry discussed at its July meeting, St. Brendan's has revised its masking policy. Instead of masking up at the 10 a.m. service on the first Sunday of the month, everyone is being asked to be mindful of our vulnerable parishioners *at all times*. That means considering wearing a mask on any day if you're recovering from a cough, cold or other respiratory illness. Masks will be available in three locations: the church entrance and on two tables in the rear of the sanctuary. Also, while mask-wearers are welcome to sit anywhere, St. Brendan's continues to offer a "safe zone" in the last two rows of seats on the left for any mask-wearers who feel more comfortable seated away from others. Please be considerate of our friends with health vulnerabilities who want to worship in person. Kindness counts.



The Discernment Committee wants to thank everyone who participated in our three recent Discussion Groups. In that process, we learned in greater detail about themes that the **Holy Cow!** survey revealed and we received wholly new suggestions that will enrich our work.

NOTE: We did discover that some folks are still unclear about the exact nature of the position we are looking to fill: **a full-time priest-in-charge**. Our parish is not yet ready to recruit a rector. **Rectors** are full-time priests who enjoy a form of ecclesiastical "tenure" in that their positions have no time limitation. **Priests-in-charge** can be full-time or part-time, but they all work on contracts that cover a set time period (usually three years). Rev. Smolko and Rev. Jarrell both worked part-time on such contracts; our new priest will be full-time.

At this point in our work, the Committee must frame the three documents that will launch our search for a new priest: (i) our Parish Profile, (ii) the Community Portfolio required by the national Church's Office of Transition Ministries, and (iii) our position announcement for the Episcopal Church news. We will work as quickly and efficiently as we can, but it will be several weeks before you hear from us again. Please be patient and keep us in your prayers at this pivotal time.



Please notice the "thermometer" poster hanging on the wall in the Narthex.

This shows how many gift cards have been accumulated so far and where we have go to reach our goal of \$4,000+ for the Holiday Happenings raffle. Please pitch in and help us if you can!

We will have at least three baskets of gift cards in the raffle. The more gift cards we get, the more baskets we can offer!

Gift cards in any amount are appreciated. Flyers are available in the Narthex to give to your businesses, your favorite restaurant, hair salon, grocery stores, etc. You can also pick up a sheet to use as a guideline when making your request. If you would like to donate a gift card yourself, we would welcome that as well.

Reminder: Holiday Happenings takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving, November 22. It traditionally is St. Brendan's most profitable fundraiser of the year, with our famous cookie walk, soup sales, craft show and, of course, our raffle.

With questions or to turn in gift cards, contact: Kathy Miller (komiller747781@yahoo.com), Deborah Cale (cale.deborah@gmail.com) or Donna Aiello (donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com).

Thank you!



The Steelers' first home game is just three weeks away! Now is clearly the time to get in on St. Brendan's Annual Football Pool. Squares are priced very reasonably; it's fun to play along with a group of church friends; after 10% is donated to CRIES Advocacy (the parish's tithe for needy neighbors), all proceeds support our own parish ministries.



Next Social Justice Meeting -- THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 at 4 pm

If you have an interest in social justice, please attend our next meeting to see what we are all about. Come with any ideas you might have, or jump into anything we are already working on: immigration, gun violence prevention, LGBTQ+, environmental issues, just to name a few. The meeting will be held in person. For anyone that cannot come to St. Brendan's, we will also have

virtual available. Everyone is welcome!

Questions: Contact Marilyn (mimi15143@yahoo.com) or Donna (donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Thank you!



Sticks & Strings meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, and again on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 in St. Brendan's library. Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! **The next meeting will be Wednesday, September 3rd at 6 pm.**

Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there! Contact Sherri at sherri.angeletti@gmail.com or text 412-689-0737 if you have questions or if you'd like to be added to the email list.

For the month of **August, CRIES distributions** are as follows:

Episcopal Relief and Development	\$470
Miryam's Kitchen	\$125
Justice Ministry	\$125
Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry	\$561
Bethlehem Haven	\$716
Caring Foundation	\$592
North Hills Community Outreach	\$672
Environment Defense Fund	\$757
Habitat for Humanity	\$702
Total distribution	\$4,720



The
Caring
Foundation



Would you like to do a corporal work of mercy and bless a parishioner? Each week the lovely **altar flowers** could brighten the day for a shut in. We need folks to volunteer to deliver them after the 10 am service or on Monday. For more information contact Marilyn mimi15143@yahoo.com.

Thanks in advance.



We celebrate our **September Wedding anniversaries.**

8 Tammy and Bill Spoonhoward

14 Linda and Tom Limberis



We celebrate the **September birthdays.**

1 Ethan Burdette	1 Anthony Turo	3 Luke Cerra	10 Annie Koch
11 Phoebe Juel	12 Aidan McKenna	13 Sylvia Affleck	46 Bobby Cerra
15 George Latta	17 Ida LaQuatra	18 Anelisa Tarrant	21 Zara Fine
21 Reid Shoemaker	22 Melinda Bell		

We will begin collecting coats and warmer clothes starting the week of **September 15**. Bins will be available under the narthex table.



Thanks so very much to all who helped with the school backpack program. We did 120 plus 7 extra filled packs which were brought in along with extra supplies. Please know that every single item you brought in was given to a student, and by doing this you have made a direct impact on at least 127+ lives.



Food Bank: The Food Pantry for the month of September is focusing on collecting **paper goods/cleaning supplies – napkins, tissue, toilet paper, paper towels, foil, plastic wrap, storage bags, pine sol, Windex and Clorox wipes.** All other non-perishable donations are gladly accepted. Please be sure that there is no glass, and that the expiration dates are not past. Thank you.

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Christ Episcopal Church Presents: **2025 Women's Retreat**

A GOOD ENDING IS OUR GREATEST GIFT WITH: THE REV. JULIE SMITH, PHD. Oct. 18, 2025 8:30-4:30. Julie now serves as a hospice and facility chaplain in Greensburg and as a supply priest in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, currently at St. Barnabas in Brackenridge. **Cost: \$65 includes Lunch & Refreshments.**

Prayer Requests

For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially; Charlotte Pierce, Heike Hartmann, Frannie, Joan Beatrous, Tom Cindric, Gladys & Les Carlisle, Bill Spoonhoward, Nancy Snyder, Dave Miller, Matthew, Rich Nagy, Nancy H., Thaddeus Popovich, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Deborah Cale, Libby & Richard Juel.

For our parents, especially; Tony Carta, Rose Mankowski, Margaret Nagel, Ken McCormack, Ken W., Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Logan Fortuna, Margaret & Lawrence Czerpak, Neil Armor, John, Sara Zeek, Joe Smolko, Nathan Schlumpf, Sue Burchill, Robert Donato, John Murphy, Geoff Wood, Tom Groves, Diane Brackus, Tom Payne, John Peters, Parker Shebs, Christian, Pat Schulze, Jennifer Cale, Denise Nagel, Gary Gladowski, Steve Getty, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Cindy, Bee Ward, Marie Hazelton, Carol Schmitz, John Pease.

For our friends, especially; Patty Herrington, Jordon Medlin, Josh, Susan N., Charlotte S., Connie Geiger, Hannah & Horst Hartmann, Cindy Clifton, Nancy Baker, Cindy & Bob Getty, Frank Monakowski, Terri Hockenberry, Patty Walker, Mike Colavita, Andy, Laurie, Bill Pugliese, The Hancock family, Heidi Sherwin, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

We pray for all who have died especially; John Varkonda.
Give to the departed eternal rest.



August Ministry Calendar

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
August 31 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd John Appeldorn P John Appeldorn LEV No visit this week Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Evie Mathie	TammySpoonhoward Phoebe Juel	Annie Koch Kathy Miller	Kate Heston Sangyeop Lee	Paul Quinn	Melanie Popovich	Megan & Tim



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September 7 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Tim Austin P Alan Schneider LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Kickoff 9:15 – 12:00	Elizabeth MacDonald Volunteer needed	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Linda Limbiris LuAnn Aldridge	Deb Erb-White	Ken Parsons	TBD
September 14 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Mary Bartucci 2 nd Kate Heston P John Appeldorn LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Kayla Tweedle Fish: Doorkeeper:	Elizabeth MacDonald Volunteer needed	Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller	Wesley Bell Dean Peters	John Appledorn Richard Munsch	Tim Austin	Tom Waseleski	Lauren Burling
September 21 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Aidan McKenna P Tony Turo LEV Marilyn Mulvihill Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Kayla Tweedle Fish: Janice Moore Doorkeeper: Ellen Groves	Elizabeth MacDonald Volunteer needed	Joan Kleinfelter Jan Dorman	Toni Passarelli Annmarie Malbon	Kate Heston Allyson Baierl	Dan Moore	Richard Munsch	TBD
September 28 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Paul Quinn 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Dean Peters LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Children's Worship	Elizabeth MacDonald Volunteer needed	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Tim Austin Sangyeop Lee	Donna Aiello Richard Munsch	Dan Moore	Lauren Burling



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

Senior Warden: Tom Waseleski
Junior Warden: Dan Moore
Adult Formation/Technology: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Hospitality: Ken Parsons
Inreach/Children & Youth: Mike Wick
Finance: Frances Harpst
Outreach: Richard Munsch
Pastoral Care/Clerk/New Members: Melanie Popovich
Worship: Donna Aiello

Treasurer: Kevin Boyd
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin & Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Ken Parsons
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Bank: Richard Munsch

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Caring Cards: Megan Overby
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline, Ann Vinski, Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra, Jen & Bob Mankowski

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Marilyn Mulvihill
Greeter: Toni Passarello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Debra Erb-White
Spirituality: Donna Aiello
Usher: Tim Austin

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: 10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2 pm, then from home till 4 pm
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2 pm, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
Wednesday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer, via zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGm1UT09>
10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2 pm, then from home till 4 pm
2:00 pm Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 5 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist
Thursday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
7:00 pm Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
Friday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 2 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Deacon, Darrell Johnson ~ darrell@stbrendans.org

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

Vestry ~ Vestry@stbrendans.org