



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(2-16)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		8:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
Monday	(2-17)	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, offsite
		11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		1:30 p.m.	International Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Rite 13 group
Tuesday	(2-18)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Wednesday	(2-19)	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Thursday	(2-20)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
Friday	(2-21)	9:00 a.m.	Book Sale
		5:30 p.m.	Sliding into Sabbath
Saturday	(2-22)	9:00 a.m.	Book Sale
		9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, February 16, 2020

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8 a.m. George Snyder
	10 a.m. Alan Schneider
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Welcome table:	Megan Overby
	Karen Peters
Prayers:	Tony Turo
Chalice Bearers:	Joyce Donadee
	Michael Donadee
Altar Guild:	Terri Dezort & Shari Tarrant
Sunday School: Lambs	Meghan Karn
Fish	Janice Moore
Door	Connie Weichel
Nursery:	Stephanie Illsley
	Annemarie Malbon
Ushers:	Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
Vestry:	Annemarie Malbon & Donna Aiello
Hospitality:	Richard Gordon
	Janice & Dan Moore
Steward:	Wesley Bell
LEM:	Ruth Getz

The Priest's Corner

2020 Lenten Adult Formation Offerings:

Celebrant: *Repent and believe the Good News.*

All: *Turning from sin, I'll be faithful to God.*

Recently, the newly formed Adult Formation Committee met to finalize two outstanding adult interactive learning programs for Lent. One deals with Various Forms of Prayer; the other, the spirituality of Mister Rogers' *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

The Forms of Prayer program will be during Coffee Hour following the 10:00 a.m. liturgy. The program begins on the First Sunday of Lent, which is March 1, and concludes on Palm Sunday, April 5. It will start once most people are seated and eating. One of our facilitators will present the 20-minute content. You will be given a workbook in which to take notes, journal and capture insights. After the educational piece, those who want to pray the featured prayer will be invited to the practicing portion of the experience. Sometimes this will be in the sanctuary; other times downstairs or in the library; and sometimes, weather permitting, outside. This will last approximately 15 minutes. You will leave with recommendations on how to use this new prayer practice during the week.

The benefit of this experience is that you will learn diverse ways people pray and have prayed throughout the world and over the ages. You will likely find one or two new prayer practices that you'll want to adopt in your spiritual practices. Not every prayer form you'll experience will fit you, but people who participate in this experience leave with at least one or two new approaches to add to their communication practices and time with the God of their understanding.

This prayer program is based on the book, *Kneeling with Giants* by Gary Neal Hansen. His guide to prayer is rooted in centuries of Christian tradition. Here are the prayer practices we will highlight during the offering: John Calvin's *Praying the Psalms*, Martin Luther's *Way of The Lord's Prayer*, *The Jesus Prayer*, *Ho'oponopono Healing Prayer*, Ignatian Prayer — *The Prayer of the Senses*,

Contemplative Prayer — *Cloud of Unknowing*, Puritans' Meditation Through Writing Prayer Practice, Praying the *Book of Common Prayer*, Saint Benedict — *The Divine Office*, and Reiki — Agnes Sanford's *Healing Prayer in Word and Action*.

This is a rare, phenomenal opportunity to find your best way(s) to meaningful conversations/experiences with the Divine. No registration is necessary: just show up for as many as you can. Video recordings of all the sessions will be available to everyone on our email blast list. Each session provides an opportunity to practice a different method for prayer. In the process your own prayer practice will be refreshed and renewed.

Just so you know, the author, Gary Neal Hansen, is assistant professor of church history and theology at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary. He is also an ordained Presbyterian minister with the Presbyterian Church USA. Professor Hansen commends the creativity of the Great Artist in giving human beings so many ways to pray. With energy and precision, he has selected the most significant master teachers of prayer through the centuries and matched each with a specific prayer method.

Next week, we will examine the Wednesday evening Lenten Offering. The Wednesday sessions start with a Meager Meal beginning on Ash Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. (You don't need to be there promptly. We know many of you work, so food will be available until 6:45 p.m.) Sessions will end at 6:55 p.m., in time for you to participate in the Wednesday evening Lenten Liturgy that starts at 7:00 and concludes at 7:45 p.m. Just to whet your whistle — it begins with the movie, *It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

Mark your calendars and make sure you get your 2020 Daily Lenten Workbook.

Regis+

A Brendan's Family and Friends Fund donation was made this week in celebration of George Snyder's birthday, by Nancy.

Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like to acknowledge or remember a loved one on a birthday or anniversary? A donation to the **Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund** is the perfect way to honor that special person or event now or anytime throughout the year. BFF funds are earmarked for our unbudgeted building needs. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or from our website and donate today! Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!



Be a sweetheart. Tomorrow is Valentine's Day and what better way to show some love for St. Brendan's than by committing time to help with the Book, Bake & Soup Sale between now and next weekend? The actual sale times are **Friday, Feb. 21, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 22, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

How can you help? Let us count the ways:

• **Gather your unwanted, good-condition books, CDs and DVDs** and bring them to the church no later than Feb. 17. (No magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, records or cassette tapes, please!)

• **Make a batch of your favorite winter chill-chasing soup**, which will be sold by the quart. Pick up plastic containers ahead of time at the narthex table while supplies last. For more info, contact Ken Parsons at CleanKRP1@aol.com.



• **Nothing says lovin' like something from the oven.** Bake cookies, a cake or a sweet bread for donation. Linda Schneider is eagerly awaiting your donated treats for the bake sale. For more info, contact her at lindalans@comcast.net.

• **All you need is love and all St. Brendan's needs is your time.** Can you pitch in with a few hours between now and the end of the sale? We need Brendanites to sort donations every day leading up to the sale and we need a small army to work the days of the sale – not to mention a cleanup crew afterwards to restore the social hall for Sunday hospitality. You can choose your day, make your own hours. Just check the volunteers schedule in the narthex and pencil in your name.

This is the first standalone book-sale fundraiser at St. Brendan's, which reminds us of that great poet's words: "Roses are red, violets are blue. The book sale works only with you." Thanks for supporting St. Brendan's. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Botti, shadypatch@msn.com or Saundy Waseleski, swaseleski@comcast.net.



Quiet Evening Prayer. The next Evening Prayer/Taize service will be **Wednesday, February 19** (because the last Wednesday of the month is Ash Wednesday). Please add this date/time to your calendar if you would like to attend. The service includes Taize music and silent prayer, reflection, or meditation – with Communion afterwards for those who wish to remain. This is a perfect way to enter into the spirit of Lent, just around the corner. Bring a friend and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.



A member of the parish is currently living with a compromised immune system and her doctor is especially concerned about exposure to the shingles virus, which could have unusually serious consequences for her. If you have the shingles, could you please notify Fr. Regis or the Church Office so that we can pass that information along? Thank you.



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Shrove Tuesday is **February 25** this year, and St. Brendan's will once again be offering a family-friendly Pancake Supper. Additions to this year's menu include French toast and crepes with lemon and castor sugar (the traditional British way to celebrate the last day before Lent). Last year's supper even brought out some carnival-style costumes. Since the ingredients are donated, all proceeds benefit the church.



Lent begins February 26, with an observance of Ash Wednesday. Our services with the imposition of ashes will be at noon and 7:00 pm.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will take a city walk on Monday, Feb. 24, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. Participants will begin at Washington's Landing, cross the Allegheny River and loop through the Strip District. Lunch will follow at Penn Brewery on the North Side. All are welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



On May 25, 1988, it was established at a CRIES meeting – in the words of Pat Carnahan, our founding rector who took these notes – that, "As Christians, we are called to respond to the cries of those who are in need because our heavenly Father has responded to the cries of His people in acts of deliverance from generation to generation. Scripture instructs us that we are not to meet the needs of our brothers and sisters with mere charity (i.e. a gift made from our surplus) but with justice – Micah 6:8 – assuring them of the fullness of life which is theirs by divine intention.

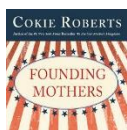
The distinction between charity and justice is essential, as it keeps us from focusing on ourselves and becoming enamored with our own 'do-gooding.' The pursuit of justice challenges us to deal with the controversial and the complex. It means that varieties of concerns and viewpoints must be honored.

If CRIES is to succeed, members of the church must feel free to speak to the cry they hear, certain that St. Brendan's will listen to, pray for and whenever possible, support that concern. We believe that the church must be both a sanctuary, a safe place for all, and a beacon of help and hope for those who are in need. If CRIES is to be of St. Brendan's, it must involve ALL of us."

Come to the CRIES meeting on Sunday after the 10:00 service and voice your concerns for consideration. Your vote counts equally with everyone else's.

CRIES Advocacy. Christian Response In Emergency Situations meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithes each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes. This week we are praying for the work of two organizations. One is Just Harvest, a local advocacy group that promotes good nutrition for children and mother/infant programs. www.justharvest.org. The other is Episcopal Peace Fellowship, an organization that keeps issues of peace and justice before the church through prayer and action. www.epfnational.org.

The next CRIES meeting is **THIS Sunday, February 16**. All are welcome.



In this primary election season **Book Club** is delving into our nation's beginnings and reading the late journalist Cokie Roberts' *Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation*. Join us for an evening of discussion and fun on Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the church library. Books are available in all formats at Northland library. For more information, contact Pat Carl at pkarrcarl@gmail.com.



Handling the **Announcements at the 10:00 Sunday service** is a challenge. Many Brendanites like to hear in person from the organizer of each event and to "put a face to the name." But announcements that are too numerous or too prolonged can interrupt the flow of the service and extend its overall duration. Beginning on **February 9**, therefore, we began a new approach. As the exchange of the Peace nears its end, those with announcements they would like to make are invited to join the vestry member of the week at the altar steps. The vestry member will have the hand-held mic and will help to move the announcements along. We hope that this new process will be useful; if not, of course, we can always return to the drawing board.

Second Truck for Haiti: We continue collecting donations for Haiti. The first truck has reached its destination for distribution. Isaac Mondelus, our parishioner from Haiti, now has an additional vehicle that needs to be filled for the next departure. Items requested are sewing machines, light-weight clothing (no sweaters or extra-large sizes), bicycles, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries and school supplies (pens, pencils, notebooks, sharpeners, etc.). Isaac and the Justice Ministry gratefully appreciate your donations.



St. Brendan's Justice Ministry is looking for new members who are interested in making a difference by working for equality, justice and transformation. Our projects include immigration, voter registration, collections for Haiti, gun violence prevention and the climate crisis. Typically, we meet the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Donna Aiello at 412-759-1521 or Claire Grotevant at 412-974-0617.



North Hills Food Pantry. We are asking for soup, crackers and other packaged food donations to help needy families. Please remember, no glass jars or expired items. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support

Please visit our website: <http://www.stbrendans.org>

Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

Recommend us on Nextdoor: <https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>



Do you have a special prayer request? You can write one and leave it on the Prayer Plate near Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to stbrendans.coh@gmail.com. Community of Hope members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.



Used ink cartridges. St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridges in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.

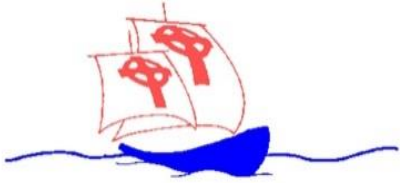
Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry. Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis' office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has a fantastic camp which has been popular for generations of Pittsburghers. It's called **Sheldon Calvary Camp** and it's located in Conneaut, Ohio, on the shore of Lake Erie. The camp teaches children to come together with joy and love as they choose the many activities that are provided. Campers are ages 8 to 16. Registrations for campers are open now and spaces fill up quickly. You can google Sheldon Calvary Camp for more information or talk to Joyce Donadee.

Our Muslim friends are inviting the community, including us, to an open house on **February 22** from 4 to 6 p.m. They will host small-group discussions on various topics, which will give us a chance to know our Muslim neighbors. Space is limited so please RSVP by February 18 to Sadaf Manor sadafm27@gmail.com. Many Brendanites have participated in various dinners, talks and other events at the mosque at 5725 N. Montour Road in Gibsonia (near the site of the now-closed Pines Tavern). We have enjoyed the gracious hospitality and were able to ask any questions we had about their faith.

The **North Allegheny Women's Association** is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year in memory of Doris "Meemo" Knowlton. It is specifically offered to community-service minded female residents in the North Allegheny School District. Application Deadline: March 13, 2020 -- www.nawomen.org.

Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule and the February ministry calendar.



February 2020

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Welcome Table	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Steward	Hospitality
February 2 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Annemarie Malbon P Sheila Bigelow C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEM Stacey Coyle	Mark Shoemaker Tom Waseleski	Sylvia Affleck Betsy Smith	Lambs TBD Fish Allison Kline Door Mary Bertucci	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tim Austin	Rob Latta	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati
February 5 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	~	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 9 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Debbie Wunsche P Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore C Darrell Johnson LEM Joyce Donadee	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Children's Chapel Julie Smith Mary Bertucci Connie Weichel	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci	Chris Fleissner Dan Moore	Dean Peters Cameron Grosh	Eric Helmsen	Chris & Roger Botti
February 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	~	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder L Alan Schneider P Tony Turo C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEM Ruth Getz	Megan Overby Karen Peters	Terri Dezort Shari Tarrant	Lambs Meghan Karn Fish Janice Moore Door Connie Weichel	Stephanie Illsley Annemarie Malbon	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Annemarie Malbon Donna Aiello	Wesley Bell	Richard Gordon Janice & Dan Moore
February 19 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Dean Peters C Debbie Wunsche LEM Ruth Horton	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Janice Moore Tammy Spoonhoward	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Larry Toler Mary Bertucci	Mike/Julie Wick	Anne Semmler Cameron Grosh
February 26 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Anelisa Tarrant Brigid Dezort	~	~	~	~	~	~

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2019  September 2020

October 2019

- 6 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 13 ~~Dottie & Carl Antonucci~~
- 20 ~~Kinley & Aretz families~~
- 27 ~~Lauren Chappo and Becca Sands~~

November 2019

- 3 ~~Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey~~
- 10 ~~Melinda & Wesley Bell~~
- 17 ~~Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche~~
- 24 ~~Church sign-up (Appetizers)~~

December 2019

- 1 ~~Choir~~
- 8 ~~Brigid & Jim Christenson~~
- 15 ~~Julie Smith & Colette Satler~~
- 22 ~~Church sign-up (appetizers)~~
- 29 ~~Stacey Coyle and Andrea Dickerson~~

January 2020

- 5 ~~Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq~~
- 12 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~
- 19 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 26 ~~Annual Meeting church sign-up (soup)~~

February 2020

- 2 ~~Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati~~
- 9 ~~Chris & Roger Botti~~
- 16 ~~Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 23 ~~Anne Semmler and Cameron Grosh~~

March 2020

- 1 ~~Clair & Bob Grotevant~~
- 8 ~~Amy & Kevin Boyd~~
- 15 ~~Pete Sweet & Mike Newton~~
- 22 ~~Kate & Keith Heston~~
- 29 ~~Meghan & Robert Karn
and Eric Helmsen~~

April 2020

- 5 ~~Cindy & Pete Larson~~
- 12 ~~Hospitality Committee~~
- 19 ~~Libby and Phoebe Juel~~
- 26 ~~Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler~~

May 2020

- 3 ~~The Bertucci family~~
- 10 ~~Parish Men~~
- 17 ~~Laureen & Todd Douds~~
- 24 ~~Sharon & Ron Ladick~~
- 31 ~~Linda & Jason Konley~~

June 2020

- 7 ~~Marian & AJ McKenna
Trish & Neil Galone~~
- 14 ~~Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin~~
- 21 ~~Erica & Mark McClure~~
- 28 ~~Parish Picnic~~

July 2020

- 5 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 12 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 19 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 26 ~~Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich~~

August 2020

- 2 ~~Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna~~
- 9 ~~Arlena & Bill Pugliese~~
- 16 ~~Anne Semmler and Andrew Sprentz~~
- 23 ~~Saundy & Tom Waseleski~~
- 30 ~~AJ Turo, Rob & George Latta~~

September 2020

- 6 ~~Nancy & George Snyder~~
- 13 ~~Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski~~
- 20 ~~Emily & Brad Zupancic~~
- 27 ~~Janet Fesq and Chris Fleissner~~



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.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Pat Carl
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Inactive
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Karen Dennis
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Parish Profile: Inactive
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Linda Schneider
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Larry Toler
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant
Marilyn Mulvihill
Under One Roof: Inactive

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck
Libby Juel
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden,: Tim Austin
Jr. Warden & Secretary/Clerk: Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: Dean Peters
Audio-Visual Technology: Cameron Grosh
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Larry Toler
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Dean Peters and Mary Bertucci
Outreach and Social Justice: Donna Aiello
Safety & Security: Tim Austin
Treasurer: Ellen Groves (with Roger Botti)
Worship: Cameron Grosh

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