



Sunday May 1, 2022

Celebrant: The Rev. Robin Jarrell

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 a.m. Worship, in person
10:00 a.m. Worship, in person
10:00 a.m. Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday:** 7:45 a.m. Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Saturday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>
Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720
11:00 a.m. Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976791143?pwd=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VIFBcVJia05LQT09>
4:00 p.m. Bible-Lite Group <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. AA meeting, via zoom Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252
11:00 a.m. Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
4:30 p.m. Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>
- Wednesday:** 3:00 p.m. Deacon hours
7:00 p.m. Evening Service, in person
- Friday:** 11:00 a.m. Limited office hours, please call ahead.



The Priest's Corner

NOT TO...IS TO...

Somewhere in the files that I have been collecting since seminary over 50+ years ago is a poster with this observation by Harvey Cox, retired professor at Harvard Divinity School: "Not to decide is to decide." Very simply it means that when we have to make a decision if we should or should not do something and we put off making that decision, we have therefore made the decision that we will not to do what we were pondering about. We may change our minds later; but, for now, we have made our decision.

I was reminded about Cox's observation during a conversation my wife and I had with some close friends. It was about being in the presence of someone or some others who are disparaging another person or group of persons. The temptation is to say nothing because you don't want to start an argument. The thought is just to say nothing and hope to move on to another topic.

When we choose to do that, however, what we have done is tacitly agree with the statement that was made. When we have decided not to voice our disagreement, what we have done was to silently voice our agreement. There is no getting around that truth. But we do it, don't we? We've all been in situations where we hear something said that we totally oppose, but don't want to rock the boat, so to speak. And so we remain silent.

Several weeks ago I was waiting for my car to be serviced. In the area where we waited a couple were talking about the President. The gentleman (and I am using that description kindly) said that he "hated that ### Biden" I was stunned but decided not to ask him why he had such hatred. Instead, I asked him to change the channel that was set to Fox News. His look was not kindly and he and his wife simply got up and left the room.

Challenging him was really the Christian response that I should have made. Perhaps he had a valid reason to hate the President and my calling him on it would have forced him to articulate his reasons. On the other hand, his reasons may simply have been from some form of bigotry and that would have forced him to acknowledge that truth. Perhaps. I will never know because I chickened out and allowed my silence to be a tacit agreement to his opinion of the President. Not to agree was to agree.

Challenging another when we disagree does not have start a fight. Simply asking "Why do you believe what you just said?" can start the conversation. It forces the other to justify the position that is being held. Yes, it is a touchy situation. Perhaps the reason

that there is so much dissension in our country these days is that we don't challenge one another on why we believe what we believe.

Maybe if I had challenged that gentleman, he may have had to admit he was wrong. And maybe not. But at least he would have known that I thought he was wrong just as my decision not to was wrong. Sadly, my decision not to disagree was to agree

Bill

A Service of Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of Father Jared J. Jackson will take place **Saturday, May 14th at 2 p.m.** at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, 7507 Kelly Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208.



The St. Brendan's Book Club will hold its next meeting at the church on **Thursday, May 5th at 7 p.m.** to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. It is the story of the divergent fates of African American twin sisters, born in the Jim Crow South, after one decides to pass for white. This book is an exploration of race, identity, family, history, love and belonging. We hope that you can join us as we delve into this most compelling read! Feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you need any further information. Thanks!

The Children's Corner

The American Sign Language sign for "I love you" is this.



We see it occasionally in movies, and sometimes we see it in person and for people who cannot hear, this is how to say, "I love you."

In this week's gospel, Jesus (who has been resurrected and is appearing in different locations) asks Simon Peter if he loves him. And Peter is a bit hurt because of all they have done and been through together, Peter thought Jesus KNEW Peter loved him. So Peter says, "yes Lord, I love you." Jesus asks Peter three times (the same number of times Peter denied Jesus – just saying) and each time Peter says, "Yes, Lord, I love you." And each time Peter gets a bit more frustrated. Because each time he says yes, Jesus tells him to do something. Like, feed Jesus' people.

Loving someone is not just something we say, it is something we do. When I was young, each year on our birthdays our mother made our favorite meal, it was her way of telling us she loves us. We have Merry Meal Makers here at St. Brendan's to help feed people when they are not feeling well or need a meal. In North Carolina, our church built ramps to help our neighbors be able to care for themselves and be able to get around. When a colleagues daughter needed emergency surgery at Hershey medical center, a group of us had food delivered to her so she could keep up her strength. So being with our friends and helping where it is needed is what Jesus was asking Peter to do.



This week, I've been sick and Colette has taken really good care of me – making me special meals, going to the pharmacy to get medicine, reminding me about taking my medicine and reminding me to drink a lot of fluids. Now, she could have just said I love you, but what she did was show her love for me by taking care of me. Which is exactly what Jesus wants. It is not the grand gestures, it is the everyday acts of kindness that Jesus wants us to do to help others.

As we welcome Mother Robin this week, let's all think of a way to help her into our community and show her our love.

**Peace,
Julie+**



We celebrate May Birthdays.

1 Joyce Donadee	6 Allison Burdette	7 Nate Boyd	8 Marjorie Marine	9 Sara Byrne
9 Susan O'Toole	9 Rosie Wood	10 Bill Pugliese	10 Bev Sanker	11 Reece Basehore
17 Jno Hunt	18 Mary Evanochko	18 Emily Zupancic	19 Michele Greer	21 Joni Reis
22 Tim Austin	23 Brigid Christenson	24 Jennifer Saitz	24 Becca Sands	25 Nancy Bancroft
25 Anne Hunt	30 Mark Jennings	31 Maryn Zupancic		



We celebrate May Wedding Anniversaries.

17th Amy & Kevin Boyd

17th Kathleen Ganster & Paul Sauers

23rd LuAnn & James Aldridge

**CRIES
Advocacy**

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 praying for the work of Southern Poverty Law Center, a ministry that fights racism, white supremacy and intolerance through legislation and education efforts.



Volunteer to help with our church garden.

The Garden of Hope, our church vegetable garden located in the back of our building, is a wonderful ministry that supports our neighbors in need of fresh vegetables!

We will be planting vegetables in the Garden of Hope on Sunday, May 15 about 30 mins after the 10 am service (we'll get a snack and change shoes first). Gardeners of all ages and abilities are welcome to help plant.

Also, remember that another way to help is to sign up for watering, weeding, and/or harvesting. Harvesting is usually done on Wednesdays, when we clean up the veggies, pack them in zip lock bags, and get them ready for Thursday's delivery to a local Food Bank.

To sign up to help, click "Garden Schedule Sign-up" on St. Brendan's website, or go to <https://www.stbrpit.com/> and click on "Garden Schedule". Enter your name and the days/weeks for which you will be responsible by typing directly onto the document. Ideally, we would like volunteers to take on a task a full week, or a specific day each week. But we will be happy for whatever you can give us.

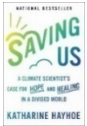
Thank you! Any questions, contact Donna Aiello, 412-759-1521 donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.

Neighborhood Events

Opportunities for assisting refugees and immigrants

THRIVE and AJAPO are seeking ESL Friend Volunteers for Afghan refugees.

Volunteers are needed to mentor and teach ESL to Afghan refugees. *It is important to note that most of the Afghans needing this kind of mentoring/ESL are women, and it is not culturally appropriate for them to meet with male volunteers. So, the majority of the volunteers need to be women. Volunteers will receive training on how to navigate the relationship/cultural differences and easy ways to introduce more English into the conversation. The volunteer and Afghan would meet, hopefully weekly or bi-weekly at most, in the Afghan woman's apartment or in the community-use apartment (as desired), to share/learn about each other and work on some English. Some Afghans know more English than others, but the primary purpose is to establish a relationship between the volunteer and the Afghan woman, to lessen social isolation, and to establish a mentoring relationship which can bring understanding between two cultures. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact kganster@verizon.net or mhess@ajapopittsburgh.org.



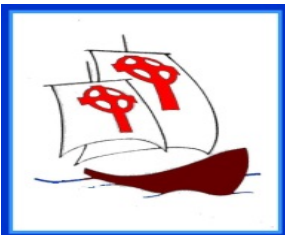
This Book Club was started by Episcopal delegates to the world climate negotiations in Glasgow last November. The book being read is *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Texas Tech professor Katharine Hayhoe. The New York Times called her "one of the nation's most effective communicators on climate change". The next meeting is **May 2, then June 6, and July 11**. You can register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).





May 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeter	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
May 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Tim Austin P Tony Turo <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Joan Klinefelter Libby Juel	~	Sharon Hlawati Dean Peters	Eric Helmsen Mick Wick	Donna Aiello	Kate Heston
May 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Mary Bertucci P Donna Aiello <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	~	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	John Appledorn Allyson Baierl	John Appledorn	Volunteer needed
May 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Kate Heston P AJ McKenna <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Libby Juel	~	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
May 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Kathy Miller Anelisa Tarrant	~	Annemarie Malbon John Appledorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Volunteer needed
May 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Annemarie Malbon P Marilyn Mulvihill <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Tammy Spoonhoward Dotti Antonucci	~	Allison Baierl Joyce Donadee	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Kate Heston	Volunteer needed



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: Cameron Grosh
Co-Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: John Appledorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Sean Sweeney
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Kate Heston & Lauren Ramakrishna
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Newcomers: Kate Heston
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
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
Usher: Eric Helmsen

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl
Carol Meese
Kathy Miller
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: TBD
Memorial Garden: John Appledorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Ann Vinski
Mike Wick
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIS Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadée
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Ginny Volponi
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

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