



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(2-3)	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:00 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:00 a.m. Miryam's meal preparation 11:15 a.m. Discipleship Group 11:15 a.m. Hospitality Hour 2:00 p.m. Miryam's delivery
Monday	(2-4)	11:00 a.m. Be a Modern Episcopalian 6:00 p.m. Rite 13
Tuesday	(2-5)	7:00 a.m. AA meeting 10:00 a.m. Conversation Friends 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Tai Chi
Wednesday	(2-6)	7:00 p.m. Worship 7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 p.m. Conversation Friends 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(2-7)	10:00 a.m. Conversation Friends 7:00 p.m. Book Club
Saturday	(2-9)	9:00 a.m. Sacristans

Serving Sunday, February 3, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Sylvia Affleck 10:00 a.m. Nate Boyd
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Dean Peters
Chalice Bearers:	Stacey Coyle Dean Peters
Altar Guild:	Sylvia Affleck Shari Tarrant
FISH:	TBD
Godly Play:	TBD
Door person:	TBD
Nursery:	Stacy Connifery Mary Haider
Ushers:	Joyce Donadee Michael Donadee
Vestry:	Chris Botti, Larry Toler
Hospitality:	The Fleissner Family
LEM:	Stacey Coyle

The Priest's Corner

Lessons from a Dripping Faucet

I once again realized we were in the protective hands of an extraordinarily capable junior warden when I got to church several days ago and not only noticed the faucet in the men's room dripping rhythmically; but when I checked every other faucet in the place, each one of them was dripping to the same orchestral beat. Thank you, Ruth!

The *drip, drip, drip* brought back memories of my dad making sure the two or three faucets in my childhood home did their part to prevent water-pipe bursting on those freezing days. I was always taught that even a slow-moving drip in the water pipes would provide enough flow going through those pipes to prevent the water within from freezing. Then I visited Niagara Falls during a particularly cold winter and saw that nearly all those magnificent waterfalls were huge icicles. That thought reappeared momentarily when my next face-to-face with a dripping faucet to prevent pipes from freezing occurred. However, my childhood reasoning as to why we drip faucets during a freeze remain intact.

Then I arrived at the "concert" Ruth conducted. I finally did some research and found out my new understanding of why letting the water run during a freeze is good for the pipes.

Letting a faucet drip during extreme cold weather can prevent a pipe from bursting. It's not that a small flow of water prevents freezing; this helps, but water can freeze even with a slow flow. Rather, opening a faucet will provide relief from the excessive pressure that builds between the faucet and the ice blockage when freezing occurs. If there is no excessive water pressure; there is no burst pipe; even if the water inside the pipe freezes. The drip can be very slight. Even the slowest drip at normal pressure will provide pressure relief when needed.

So we can handle ice inside a pipe without the pipe bursting – if we have even the slightest pressure relief! There's a spiritual message here. You are invited to figure it out! Sometimes the Priest's Corner's job is to take the reader all the way through to application and invite you to drink. Today my hope is to bring you to the water and hope you get thirsty!

Regis +

Announcements



Are you using **Amazon Smile** when you shop online? Let's get St. Brendan's free money. Directions are on our website www.stbrendans.org. Please tell family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join us.

Lost & Found: Have you lost pair of glasses? A watch? Two glass candleholders? A creche? Your favorite plastic containers? An umbrella? All of these treasures and more are on a card table in the social hall. Your name may be on one of them. Please take your items ASAP.

You Have a Mailbox! St. B's provides this amenity to deliver messages or materials from Father Regis and our administrative assistant, Katie, such as our quarterly contribution records, Sunday School materials and choir music. In alphabetical order from left to right, top to bottom, you can find the name of someone in the congregation that you want to leave a book or CD for, a note or invitation, or knitting yarn. Last names beginning with A-P are to the left of the sanctuary doors as you approach it, and last names beginning with R-Z are to the right in the coat room. Couples with two last names are listed by the first name to occur alphabetically. If you can't find your mailbox, please contact Rob Latta at gelrwl@live.com, or text 412-841-9568.



This month the **Book Club** is reading "The Dry" by Jane Harper, a thriller/page-turner set in a parched small Australian town with big secrets. We'll be meeting in the church library at 7:00 p.m. on February 7 to discuss the book and have some fun. Copies are available from the local library in print and audio formats. For more information please email Pat Carl at pkarrcarl@gmail.com.

Help Wanted. Looking for a way to pitch in at St. Brendan's but not sure how? Here are two places where your help is needed.

- **Sunday School teachers.** Our children need role models to help them grow in faith. Because St. Brendan's has a fun and easy-to-use curriculum, no prior teaching experience is necessary. Lessons are taught during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. For more info, please contact Allison Kline.
- **Greeters.** We need greeters to help by opening the front doors, assisting the elderly and recognizing a new face. We tell visitors about St. Brendan's – where all are welcome. If newcomers are not familiar with our service, we stand by them and help them through our multiple liturgical resources. We also ask them to fill out a name tag and invite them to coffee hour for fellowship after the service. All you need is a friendly smile, a love for St. Brendan's and a willingness to let it show! If you'd like to help, please see Karen Peters at the Welcome Table on Sundays.



North Hills Food Pantry - For February, we are going to focus on collecting breakfast items – of course cereal, but also pancake mix and syrup, juice, even things like muffin mix. As always, any other donations are always welcome. **Please remember, no glass jars.** If you have any questions, contact Ruth Horton at rvhorton@gmail.com . Thank you for your support.



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

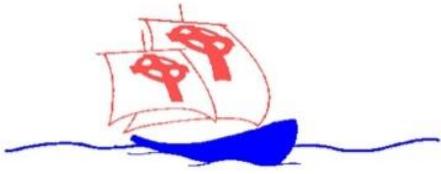
Winter Coat Drive: St. Brendan's is collecting new or gently used winter outerwear for refugees. Donations of all sizes of coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc., may be placed in the collection bin in the narthex. The clothing will be distributed by the Jewish Family and Community Services' Refugee & Immigrant Services organization. If you'd like more information, please contact Darrell Johnson.

Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry. Your donations help to feed and clothe 50 to 60 people each week. The ministry needs: diapers, socks, men and women's underwear, and travel-size cans of shaving cream. Please deposit them in the box outside Regis's office. Thank you for all the donations!

The Diocesan Social Justice Committee has asked me if we have any parishioners interested in learning about and focusing on ministry to prisoners and their families. Please let Regis know if this ministerial idea connects in any way with you.

Questions on Islam? Ask a Muslim. The Muslim Association of Greater Pittsburgh invites you to an open house on various topics in Islam and to meet your Muslim neighbors. It will be held Saturday, February 23, from 3:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 5725 N. Montour Road, Gibsonia (near the Pines Restaurant). Please RSVP to Sadaf Mansor sadafm27@gmail.com to make a reservation, as space is limited. Contact Joyce Donadee if you have questions.

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



February 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
February 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Annemarie Malbon P Dean Peters C Stacey Coyle C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Sylvia Affleck Shari Tarrant	Fish TBD Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Chris Botti	The Fleissner family
February 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
February 10 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Nate Boyd P Tim Austin C Tim Austin C Theresa Bryant LEV Joyce Donadee	Tammy Spoonhoward Betsy Smith	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Annemarie Malbon	Janice & Dan Moore
February 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
February 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Susan Shoemaker P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Fish TBD Godly Play Joyce Donadee	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Ruth Horton	Karen & Dean Peters
February 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Gladys Carlisle	Les Carlisle	~	~	~	~	~
February 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Debbie Wunsche P Theresa Bryant C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Darrell Johnson	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Mary & Dale Bertucci
February 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018  September 2019

October 2018

- 7 Nancy & George Snyder
- 14 Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous
- 21 Animal Blessing
- 28 Gail Gagnon & Karen Dennis

November 2018

- 4 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 11 Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton
- 18 Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis
- 25 Nancy & Wilder Bancroft

December 2018

- 2 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Anelisa Tarrant & Janet Fesq
- 23 Julia Wick & Ken Parsons
- 30 Rob & George Latta

January 2019

- 6 Kate & Keith Heston
- 13 Anne & Jno Hunt
- 20 Julia & Mike Wick
- 27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

February 2019

- 3 The Fleissner family
- 10 Janice & Dan Moore
- 17 Karen & Dean Peters
- 24 Mary & Dale Bertucci

March 2019

- 3 Amy & Kevin Boyd
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Mesko
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Ellen Groves & Kelli Cerra

April 2019

- 7 Betsy & Bob Smith
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aiello
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Regis Smolko & Ken Parsons

May 2019

- 5 Karen & Dean Peters
- 12 Sylvia Affleck
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

June 2019

- 2 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Jillian Mooman & Cameron Grosh

July 2019

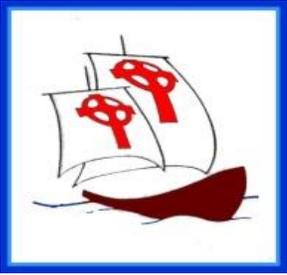
- 7 Stacy Connifey & Mary Haider
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Joan & Paul Klinefelter

August 2019

- 4 Ruth & Steve Horton
- 11 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Theresa Bryant

September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelus
- 8 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 15 The Aretz & Kinley family
- 22 Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich
- 29 Jean Pett-Ridge & Marge Marine



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

Tom Waseleski: Sr. Warden
Ruth Horton: Jr. Warden & Outreach
Tim Austin: TBD
Kevin Boyd: Finance & Technology
Chris Botti: Fundraising & Clerk
Annemarie Malbon: Communication
Janice Moore: TBD
Dean Peters: Worship
Larry Toler: TBD
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Pat Carl
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant
Invite Welcome Connect: Brad Thompson
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Nursery: Stacy Connifey
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Mark Shoemaker
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

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Musician, Erica Lin ~ hylERICA@yahoo.com

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
English as a Second Language: Joyce Donadee
Elizabeth Murphy
Linda Schneider
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Garden of Hope: **Open**
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
Janice & Dan Moore
Stacy Connifey
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko