



Sunday, August 1, 2021

Celebrant: 10:00 am The Rev. Regis Smolko

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 am Worship, in person
 - 10:00 am Worship, in person, and
 - 10:00 am Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday**
 - 7:45 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>
Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720
 - 11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
 - 1:00 pm Bible-Lite Group
- Tuesday**
 - 7:00 am AA meeting, via zoom Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252
 - 8:00 am Staff meeting, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
 - 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>
 - 6:00 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Evening Service

The Priest's Corner

Can you believe it, (I know I can't) Fr. Regis has nothing to say this week?



(VBS) Vacation Bible School begins next Saturday, August 7, from 2-4:30! For 5 straight Saturdays, there will be crafts, readings, and games followed by a **short church service where we will celebrate Eucharist for all who attend.**

If you already have vacation plans, you children can still participate. Email Pastor Julie at jsphone1@gmail.com for more information.

We are looking to borrow several canopies and weights. If you have one, contact Katie StBrendansKatie@gmail.com or Julie jsphone1@gmail.com.



St. Brendan's Parish Survey. In the first step of St. Brendan's Discernment process, the committee is tasked with examining our past, present, and future in order to issue a valid, effective call for a new priest-in-charge. We need your voice to assist us with the questions of "Who are we?" and "Who is God calling us to be?"



Please help us by completing the Google survey that was sent in an email blast last week. There are four sections to the survey, which should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. All surveys are anonymous and completely confidential. Survey responses are not linked to the email, so each family member, 12 years old and up, can complete a survey. **All surveys are due by August 9, 2021.**

Thank You! Allison, Annemarie, Kevin, Mike, Pat, Tammy, & Tony.



Hospitality Hour Volunteers Needed! St. Brendan's has re-instituted Hospitality Hour! We are therefore looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks and would be willing to host. This is not a big deal. Numbers are modest at the moment (perhaps 25 people) and we urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). You can set up outdoors if the weather is nice or in the Social Hall if it is not. To volunteer, contact Katie (stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).



Are you struggling with any of these symptoms?

- A lost interest in what used to be fun.
- Troubling shifts in sleep patterns, appetite, and/or weight.
- Physically and emotionally drained.
- Becoming sick and withdrawn more than usual.

You might have Care-Giver Burnout. The Transitional Care Team at St. Brendan's is here to offer you support and guidance. You can reach Eddie Wise, our Pastoral Counseling intern at 724-825-3594.

Caregiver Burnout. 2021. <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/9225-caregiver-burnout>

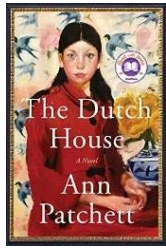
St. Brendan's Justice Ministry- Are you interested in finding ways to answer God's call to work for equity and social justice? We all have spiritual gifts to offer, and the committee would welcome you and your gifts. Please consider joining our committee. For more information, please contact Ginny Volponi, ginny4045@gmail.com.

Church Volunteers



We thank you all for taking the time to respond to the Survey Monkey requesting **Ministry Volunteers**. We fell a little short and still need more. As the short list can get quite burnt out if they are called upon every month or in some situations multiple times per month, we ask you to contact Katie StBrendans@gmail.com and re-consider volunteering for the following positions:

- **Lector (Live, Recorded or Both)**
- **Prayers of the People**
- **Ushers**



Book Club is Back! In-person Book Club meetings have resumed! Please join us for fun, fellowship and lively book discussions on the first Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be held at the church on **Thursday, August 5th at 7 pm**. We will be discussing, "The Dutch House", a work of contemporary fiction by award-winning author Ann Patchett. Published in 2019, the novel tells the story of what happens to siblings Danny and Maeve Conroy when their stepmother expels them from their sumptuous childhood home after the death of their father. Set in the Dutch House—located in the outskirts of Philadelphia—and New York, the novel is literary fiction with fairy-tale elements. For more info, feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com or 412 952-3180. All are welcome! Please join us!

Childrens Corner

Do you know what this means? 👍 I'll bet you do. It is a sign that everything is cool, good, O.K.

We see signs all around us every day. Driving we see stop signs and yield signs. We see danger signs and signs that tell us to be careful. Just about everywhere we go we see signs. Even at school when we walk down the halls at school, we see signs that tell where to find the different rooms in the school such as the cafeteria, office, library, or music room.

This week's Gospel lesson is about signs but a different kind of sign, not a sign you can touch, but something that would prove to people that Jesus really was sent by God.

Today's "sign" was when Jesus fed 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. That was a sign that Jesus was from God, but the people totally missed the sign and wanted proof. They wanted something like a flashing neon light that said Jesus is the Son of God.

So the people chased Jesus. He wanted to get away and pray in the quiet but the people went looking for Him. They found Him way over on the other side of the lake.

But this made Jesus kind of sad and angry. So he said to them, "You came looking for me not because you saw God in my actions, but because I fed you. You shouldn't be so concerned about things like food. Instead, you should be seeking the eternal life that I can give you."

But the people missed that he was angry and they asked him to prove that they should believe in him. They wanted to test Jesus and so they said "Show us a miraculous sign I. What can you do? After all, Moses gave our ancestors bread from heaven to eat when they were in the wilderness. Can you do that?"

Jesus answered them, "The true bread of God is the One who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world."

So the people started to chant. "Give us that bread! Give it to us every day," the people said.

Jesus replied with another sign when he said, "I am the Bread of Life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Some people today are still asking for some special sign that will prove that Jesus was sent from God. But God has given us all the signs we need. God wants us to believe in the one He sent.

Peace,
Julie+

CRIES Advocacy (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), donates 10% of our pledged income. This week we are supporting the work of Whole Planet Foundation. An organization trying to alleviate global poverty by providing microloans in communities with a focus on women. They are supported by Whole Foods Markets.

The next CRIES Advocacy meeting will be **Sunday, September 19, 2021** in the Library following the 10:00 service.

Senior Warden's Corner

The Senior Warden's Corner is taking a summer break this week and will return shortly!



We celebrate the **August wedding anniversaries:**

5 Claire & Bob Grotevant	14 Melissa & Ian Aretz	21 Joan & Frank Beatrous
26 AJ & Marian McKenna	29 Linda & David Schantz	30 Darrell Johnson & Tash Zukowski



We celebrate the **August Birthdays:**

1 Julia Wick	3 Ruth Horton	4 Michael Wick	5 Jim Gray	7 Paul Klinefelter
11 Margie Davies	13 Reid Karn	15 Stacey Coyle	15 Daniel May	23 Sean Dickerson
24 Sarah May	27 Gladys Carlisle	27 Wyatt Karn	31 Andrea Dickerson	



Easy Funds for St. Brendan's! You may not know it, but St. Brendan's earns 5% for each gift card that we sell! Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling gift cards in the narthex each Sunday after the 10 am service, buy a gift card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle for face value, do your usual grocery shopping or gasoline pumping, then pay for it with the card purchased at St. Brendan's! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!



Our Next Free Zoom Public Forum.

How can we lead our next generation into a greater and more equitable future? What do students need in order to access accurate historical information?

Join us in our next free Zoom webinar:

Systemic Racism & Teaching the Next Generation Thursday, August 19 at 7:00pm

A local activist, Tanisha Long will help us understand how we become a more socially aware society, beginning with teaching young students, as the way children approach the world is often shaped by early learnings in the classroom. Ms. Long will discuss education access, critical race theory and the long-term effects of systemic racism on students of color.

Ms. Long is the founder of Black Lives Matter-Pittsburgh as well as Re Visions, a non-profit focused on creating a fair learning environment and broadening our understanding about the long-lasting effects of inadequate education.

To register, email stbrendanskatie@gmail.com. This Public Forum is sponsored by St. Brendan's and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills.

Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

We Are All Neighbors: Celebrating all God's Children as Neighbors

Wednesday, August 11th 6:00–8:00 pm, at Trinity Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)

Trinity Council has agreed to partner with local congregations in affirming all people as children of God who are deserving of dignity and respect. This collaboration will include educational events and other gatherings. To celebrate this partnership, we invite you to our corner of the neighborhood for music, food, and fellowship.

For more information, email Trinity church at office@trinitywexford.org or call (724) 935-2746.

Requested Prayers:

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Jack Jacobs, Joyce Donadee, Matthew, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, John Jacobs, Larry Toler, Mark Shoemaker, Dr. Ken Judson and Mark Kinley.

For our parents, especially; Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora Haider.

For our family members, especially; Jennifer Archer, John Barie, Karen, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Steve Parsons, Marie Hazelton, Patrick Schantz, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

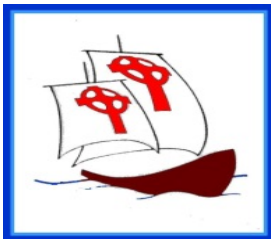
And for our friends, especially; Shari Mancini, Becky Horton, Dave Frazier, Jane Young, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

We pray for all who have died, especially Gladys Arduini.



August 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
August 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Ginny Volponi 2 nd AJ McKenna (virtual) P Kate Heston	Dottie Antonucci Shari Tarrant	~	~	Kate Heston Michael Donadee	Donna Aiello	Linda Limberis
August 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Donna Aiello (virtual) P Mary Bertucci	Sylvia Affleck Libby Juel	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Cameron Grosh	Need volunteer
August 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Tony Turo (virtual) P Tony Turo	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	~	~	John Appledorn Kate Heston	Tim Austin	Need volunteer
August 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Nate Boyd 2 nd Linda Limberis (virtual) P John Appledorn	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Tim Austin Donna Aiello	Janice Moore	Need volunteer
August 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 5th	8 George Snyder 1 st 2 nd P	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	~	~	~	Larry Toler	Need volunteer



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: Tim Austin
Jr. Warden: Janice Moore
Adult Formation: Ron Ladick
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Lauren Ramakrishna
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Larry Toler
Inreach & Hospitality: Tim Austin
Newcomers: Tim Austin
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Safety & Security: Ron Ladick
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Stewardship: Larry Toler
Worship: Cameron Grosh
Treasurer: Ellen Groves
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel
Sylvia Affleck
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: 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
Annemarie Malbon

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Linda Schneider
Garden of Hope: Open
Justice Ministry: Ginny Volponi
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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