



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(1-27)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
		9:30 a.m.	Children's choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	Annual Meeting & Brunch
Monday	(1-28)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		6:30 p.m.	Under One Roof
		7:00 p.m.	Justice Ministry
Tuesday	(1-29)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
		6:30 p.m.	Social Justice
		7:00 p.m.	Love Teach Heal
Wednesday	(1-30)	7:00 p.m.	Worship: Taize'
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(1-31)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
Saturday	(2-1)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans
		10:00 a.m.	Brendan's Boots

Serving Sunday, January 27, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Ruth Horton
	10:00 a.m. Alan Schneider
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Susan Shoemaker
Chalice Bearers:	Alan Schneider
	Tim Austin
Altar Guild:	Chris Botti
	Janet Fesq
FISH:	Children's Liturgy
Godly Play:	Children's Liturgy
Door person:	Children's Liturgy
Nursery:	Stacy Connifery
	Libby Juel
Ushers:	Bob Smith
	Eric Helmsen
Vestry:	Dean Peters
Hospitality:	The Vestry and Mary & Jim Evanochko
LEM:	Darrell Johnson

The Priest's Corner

The Annual Parish Meeting ... from "Oh No!" to "Can't Wait!"

I conducted my first Annual Parish Meeting last year, only months after I became priest-in-charge at St. Brendan's. I asked advice on how to do this from parishioners and at the "new" priests meeting I go to monthly. 95% of what I heard was, "Keep it short!" And guess what? I did. It went 17 minutes. Now I know some of you are chuckling at this and saying, "There's hope for the sermons ... Yeah!"

Likely, you're going to think I'm making this next part up, but seriously I'm not. I've heard several people this year say things like, "We need more than last year. Give us a little more than 'Just read the reports – they're enclosed.' Prime the pump a bit – especially with some of the ministries and Invite-Welcome-Connect." Here's what I'm going to promise. We are going to have a great lunch provided and prepared by the vestry. Once everyone is served, the Annual Meeting will start. I guarantee that from meeting's start to finish, we will not exceed 60 minutes. I'm going to ask some of the major report-givers to highlight two to three points of their reports and take questions/comments from attendees for up to five minutes max. This is going to be a fantastic meeting because we have a lot of great news to report. ST. BRENDAN'S (the newest and youngest parish in the diocese) IS ALIVE AND WELL: Going on 32 years old, the "baby" of the diocese, is coming into its own. We are seeing the fruits of 31 years of planting, sowing and watering. What a blessed time it is for us to be at St. Brendan's.

At our Bible Study this week, we started Paul's letters, beginning with Galatians. We came upon these words in Chapter 2: "We ... know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we might be justified by faith in Christ and by the works of the law ..." The age-old debate: Is it faith or is it works that justify us? It's actually both, isn't it? One thing I've noticed is that works are very difficult without faith. Faith first, and works just seem to flow. But getting there and staying there is not easy.

One member said, "I always talk about St. Brendan's in terms of what we do, our ministries and so on. Maybe I need to change this and talk about the faith and beliefs that drive these works?" I hope that our faith and beliefs contextualize all the things we talk about on Sunday. So, how do you change an "Oh No! Annual Meeting!" attitude to a "Can't Wait" one? Here's one thing you can do. Go to www.TED.com and search for Simon Sinek and his 18-minute TEDtalk called "How Great Leaders Inspire Action."

Regis +

Announcements

The parish **Annual Meeting** will be held THIS Sunday, January 27, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Members will have the opportunity to ask questions of Fr. Regis and the vestry. The vestry and this week's hospitality hosts, Jim and Mary Evanochko, will provide a delicious brunch.

Seeking Vestry Nominations. Would you like to be a candidate for St. Brendan's Vestry? The parish will elect three people to join the nine-member group responsible for the financial and real affairs of the church. The election will take place THIS Sunday at the Annual Meeting. Candidates must be willing to serve for a term of three years.

St. Brendan's bylaws require vestry nominees to be baptized persons 16 years of age or older, financial contributors of record at least once within the past 12 months, and regular worshippers in the congregation for six months prior to the annual meeting.

If you are interested in nominating someone or would like to nominate yourself, please let one of these members of the Nominating Committee know: Mary Haider, Jno Hunt, Allison Kline, Dan Moore, Peter Sweet, or Julia Wick.

Here are mini-profiles of the three vestry candidates St. Brendan's has so far:

I was born just south of London, but moved to the USA in 1973. After graduate work at the University of Massachusetts, I served as a teacher, researcher and administrator at universities in Chicago, Omaha, and Worcester (Mass.) before retiring last July after five years at Duquesne. My parents were regular church-goers (in the "C-of-E," of course) and I have happily followed their example. I met my wife, Megan (Overby), when we were fellow parishioners at Trinity Church in Highland Park (Ill.), and serving parishes in various roles has been an important part of our life since then. Somewhere there is a photograph of me in a lobster costume, promoting a parish fundraiser in a July 4 parade; Meg served a term as warden, among other things. We are so grateful that we found St. Brendan's shortly after moving to Western Pennsylvania in 2013 and happy to be helping out with the Walk-In Ministry and the ESL classes as well as with all-parish events such as the Cookie Walk.

– **Tim Austin**

I was born and raised in the Pittsburgh-east area. In my late 20s I married and moved out of the area to various states – Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, then back to Pittsburgh. I got my degree in CIS and CIT and began work in computers. I have worked in various fields in the computer industry such as teaching and maintaining systems. We came back to Pittsburgh due to our parents getting older and we wanted to be back home. We are blessed to have our granddaughter Prudence in our lives and enjoy her growing and learning every day. We found St. Brendan's after nine years in Pittsburgh and belonging to many other churches. We found a home in St. Brendan's for our whole family and love it here.

– **Janice Moore**

Originally from Alabama, I moved with my partner Bradford to Coraopolis four years ago in February. We joined St. Brendan's not long after getting settled in the area. Bradford and I have been together for seven years. I have two children, Bradley and Carrington, and two grandchildren, Lilly, age 2, and Jackson, 6 months, whom I just adore. I work for SiriusXM as a project manager for the northeast. I love Alabama and Steelers football. At St. Brendan's I am an usher and work on the Invite, Welcome and Connect committee. I feel the best thing about St. Brendan's is that we welcome and love everyone.

– **Larry Toler**

Under One Roof. "We never thought this would be us," is a phrase that some participants in our support group, Under One Roof, express. Under One Roof is for anyone who is experiencing housing changes – a mother-in-law moves in, a college graduate returns home, a brother who became unemployed is sleeping on the couch. Our next group meets on **Monday, January 28**, 6:30 p.m., in the conference room next to Regis's office. For more information contact the office at 412-364-5974.

Quiet Evening Prayer. St. Brendan's will offer a candlelight evening prayer service on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The service will include Taize music and a quiet time for silent prayer, reflection, or meditation. Communion will be offered after the service for those who wish to remain. This is the perfect remedy for a busy day! Come worship in a tranquil, peace-filled space. Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Fr. Regis, Darrell Johnson, Debbie Wunsche, or Dean Peters.



Brendan's Boots, the parish hiking group, has set its next trek for **Saturday, Feb. 2**. Anyone who would like to walk will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m., carpool to Second Avenue in Pittsburgh and follow a course along the "Jail Trail," historic Hot Metal Bridge and Three Rivers Heritage Trail on the South Side. Hikers will have lunch afterwards at the Hofbrauhaus at South Side Works. This trail is bicycle-friendly. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski.

We celebrate the **February birthdays**:

4 Tamara Spoonhoward	6 Phil Burdette	10 Adam Konley	11 Bill O'Toole	12 Larry Toler
13 Debbie Wunsche	15 Saundy Waseleski	17 Eric Helmsen	18 Melissa Aretz	19 Connie Weichel

We are grateful for our **February Hospitality Hosts**:

3 The Fleissner Family	10 Janice & Dan Moore	17 Karen & Dean Peters	24 The Bertucci Family
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We celebrate the **February wedding anniversaries:**

14 Debbie & Mark Jennings

14 Arlena & Bill Pugliese

Please update the office with your information if you'd like to be included in these notifications.

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 the 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. Did you know that January is both National Soup Month and National Oatmeal Month? Guess the weather is getting cold! Let's do our best to help others warm up with donations of soup or oatmeal, but, 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.



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 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 email Pat Carl pkarrcarl@gmail.com.



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.



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. on 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 2019 January & February ministry calendars.



January 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
January 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
January 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Nate Boyd P Darrell Johnson C Stacey Coyle C Darrell Johnson LEV Stacey Coyle	Tammy Spoonhoward Betsy Smith	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Kevin Boyd	Kate & Keith Heston
January 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
January 13 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Michael Donadee P Anne Hunt C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Ellen Groves Anelisa Tarrant	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Allison Kline	Anne & Jno Hunt
January 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Gladys Carlisle	Les Carlisle	~	~	~	~	~
January 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Deb Wunsche C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play Lisa Fleissner	Stacy Connifey Annemarie Malbon	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Tom Waseleski	Julia & Mike Wick
January 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
January 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Alan Schneider P Susan Shoemaker C Alan Schneider C Tim Austin LEV Darrell Johnson	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Mary & Jim Evanochko
January 30 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~



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 & Bob 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.

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

VESTRY MEMBERS

Tom Waseleski: Sr. Warden
Ruth Horton: Jr. Warden & Outreach
Kevin Boyd: Finance & Technology
Chris Botti: Fundraising & Clerk
Allison Kline: Education
Annemarie Malbon: Communication
Dean Peters: Worship
Peter Sweet: Newcomers
Julia Wick: Hospitality / Inreach / Secretary
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

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
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