



Announcements



St. Brendan's Blessing of the Animals THIS Sunday, October 5, 2025

Bring your pets, large and small to **St. Brendan's Annual Blessing of the Animals** on Sunday, October 5, 2025. October is the month of the Feast of St. Francis where we celebrate our beloved family pets and honor them with a special blessing and celebration service.

And yes, for first timers to our blessing event, you are permitted to bring your animals inside the sanctuary with you, where your pets can choose to 'people watch', 'meditate' or 'sing along' with St. Brendan's choir!

Blessing Service: 10 am Worship Service

The Animal Blessing service will be held for parishioners and welcomed guests during our regular 10 am worship service. Remember to have your pets either on a leash or in a carrier for their safety. The blessing will be towards the middle of the 10 am worship service.

Daisy says "I can hardly wait to see all of you on the 5th and meet your furry friends. I'm also available for selfies on request!"



Cat and Dog Treat Collection

In honor of St. B.'s Blessing of the Animals, the children and youth are collecting cat and dog treats for Animal Friends, a shelter in Ohio Township. These are items that Animal Friends has requested. Please help by donating cat and dog treats in bags or boxes no larger than 2 or 3 lbs. (Please, no treats that require refrigeration. We are not collecting regular dog or cat food.)

Donations may be brought to church from Sunday, October 5 through Sunday, October 26. Please be a friend to the cats and dogs at Animal Friends with your donations.



We celebrate the October Birthdays of:

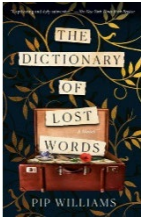
1 Julia Beel	1 Kate Heston	1 Ken Parsons	2 Annemarie Malbon
5 Jeffrey Reidenbaugh	7 LuAnn Aldridge	10 Addaelyn Fortune	15 Randy Stachel
17 Mary Haider	21 Judy Flick	23 Anthony Crawford	23 Archer Thompson
31 Darrell Johnson	31 Kathy Miller	31 Martha Munsch	31 Paul Sauers



We celebrate the October Wedding Anniversaries of:

4 Allison & Phil Burdette	4 Lisa & Ralph Tajak	9 Janice & Ed Czerwinski
12 Mary & Karl Haider	17 Kelli & Bobby Cerra	22 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
23 Kayla & Tom Tweedle	24 Shellie Hipsky & Ken Judson	

St. Brendan's Book Club will meet next on **Monday, Oct. 3 at 1 pm** in the library to discuss *On Call: A Doctor's Journey in Public Service* by Anthony Fauci, MD, the best-selling memoir of his six-decade career. Our next titles:



Nov. 3: *The Dictionary of Lost Words* by Pip Williams
Dec 1: *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah
Jan 5: *Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten
Feb 2: *All About Me* by Mel Brooks

All are welcome to attend, even if you haven't read the book! For more information please contact Anne Semmler (annegsemmler@gmail.com).

A quarter-century ago, five bright young stars of St. Brendan's - Carol Gaertner, Molly Fair (Gagnon), Matt Gray, Drew Snyder, and Mike Waseleski - were lifted up and celebrated during their Rite 13 ceremony, recognizing their transformation from childhood to the creative powers and responsibilities of womanhood and manhood.



Fast forward twenty-five years, and in a twist of cosmic timing, the planets lined up in September to bring four of the five back together (Matt felt the beams of love in LA).

Around Frances Harpst's table - joined by our former rector Cat Munz (who launched and tirelessly supported our youth groups), a gaggle of spouses, partners, siblings, and kids - the circle grew even wider. Frances and Bill Phelps (Cat's late husband) had the joy of walking for 2 years alongside this amazing group in the Episcopal Church's Journey to Adulthood Program.

The evening overflowed with laughter, stories, and the kind of joy that only comes from rediscovering old friendships. It was a gentle reminder that some circles never close - they only grow wider, carrying us all along in their embrace.



Brendan's Boutique Needs You! Did you know that St. Brendan's has a table, **Brendan's Boutique**, at Holiday Happenings, November 22? Members donate handcrafted items - knitwear, crochet, needlework, crafts, jams and jellies, homemade gifts and more- to be sold at the vendor's fair. This year we will have more space than ever to feature our wares and we are looking for donations. Contact Kate Heston (kmheston71@gmail.com) or Pat Carl (pkarrcarl@gmail.com) with any questions or for more information. If you are interested in helping staff the table on November 22 let us know.



Next Ladies' Breakfast

Reminder: our next Ladies' Breakfast will be held on the **2nd Wednesday of the month, October 8, at 9:30 am** at Panera Bread in Cranberry. The back room is reserved for us. If you can attend, we would love to have you!

Directions: You can get there by taking Rt. 79N to the second Cranberry exit (the one on the right), and turn left at light onto Rt. 228. You will cross over Rt. 19 and then be on Freedom Road; Once you cross Rt. 19, turn left at the second light;

Panera's will be on you right. It is in the Cranberry Mall right next to the movie theater. Contact donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com or 412-759-1521 with questions.



Adopt-a-Highway. St. Brendan's volunteers will hold their third roadside cleanup of the year on **Saturday, Oct. 11**. Volunteers will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to the church's designated site, the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to pitch in. The cleanup will conclude by 10:45 a.m. For more info, please contact Mike Wick, lawford1@icloud.com.



The Discernment Committee appreciates the interest that everyone is taking in our progress. Please understand that we have two substantial documents and one smaller (but important) one to prepare. One of the longer pieces is now in final draft form and we have embarked on the second, meeting weekly to review new material. Our goal is to have all three items ready for Vestry review and approval in mid-October. Once approved, they will be posted to the parish website. Thanks for your patience.



Some remarkable programs and events are around the corner with our fellow parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Details are available at <https://www.episcopalpgh.org>; be sure to sign up for the official diocesan newsletter *Grace Happens* under the "resources" tab on that website. Lots to

look forward to, including: the **Beloved Community Initiative** online series; the **Diocesan Anti-Racism workshop**; the new **Diocesan Passport Program**; and Rev. Julie Smith, PhD will present "**A Good Ending is our Greatest Gift**" workshop on Oct. 18 at Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills.

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **Blessing of the Animals (October 5)** and dog and cat treat drive: please see the announcements elsewhere in this edition of the Navigator.
- **Sunday, October 26: Children's Worship Service.** Sunday School classes will not meet on this day. Children will be invited to participate in various ways during the service. More information will follow.
- **Sunday School is in need of teachers and doorkeepers.** Please contact Saundy for more information. We'll help you acquire necessary clearances and work with you on getting started. You can choose the Sundays that you serve.



Speaker event on Marriage Equality

Mark your calendar for Thursday, October 9th at 7pm

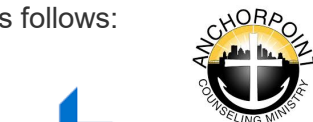
Join us for a virtual conversation with Evan Wolfson, who founded Freedom to Marry, the campaign that won marriage for all in the USA, and is widely considered the architect of the movement that led to the nationwide victory in 2015. Evan is a recipient of the Presidential Citizens medal and named one of the 100 most influential people by Time Magazine.

You won't want to miss this dynamic speaker discuss the current situation including threats, progress and the need for action!

We encourage you to attend in person at St. Brendan's. If you are unable, this event will be available livestream.

For the month of **October**, **CRIES distributions** are as follows:

Episcopal Relief and Development	\$ 470
Miryam's Kitchen	\$ 125
Justice Ministry	\$ 125
Anchorpoint Counseling Ministry	\$ 561
Bethlehem Haven	\$ 716
Caring Foundation	\$ 592
North Hills Community Outreach	\$ 672
Environment Defense Fund	\$ 757
Habitat for Humanity	\$ 702
Total distribution	\$ 4,720





HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS – SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 9AM TO 2PM

Approximately two months from now, we will have our biggest fundraiser of the year – Holiday Happenings. It's not only a fundraiser – it's a fun kick off for holiday events! Here's what you can look forward to on November 22:



Cookie Walk – Our Parish Hall will be filled with trays and trays of homemade cookies, hopefully at least 1,200 dozen, all made by parishioners and friends. We ask them to make 10 dozen of a single kind (that's about 2-3 batches). You can start making them now; we have plenty of room in our freezers. Join in the enthusiasm and add your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthex.



Soup Sales – We will have six varieties of delicious homemade soup for sale, made right here in our kitchen!

Vendor and Craft Show – Quality vendors will fill the sanctuary selling their crafts – jewelry, pottery, candles, baskets, salsa, etc. One of the tables, Brendan's Boutique, will feature crafts made by our own parishioners.

Raffle – Because of the generosity of local businesses and many of our parishioners, we have collected approximately \$2,400 in gift cards so far. We will fill at least four baskets with them for our raffle.

Live entertainment – With the Avonworth High School Chamber Choir, Our Lady of Sacred Heart choral group, and some of Keely Singer's vocal students, our rooms will be filled with holiday songs.

To make this event successful, we need plenty of participation from parishioners. We can't do this without you! Many of you are already participating by collecting or donating gift cards. There are so many ways other ways to help, from making cookies to selling/buying raffle tickets and volunteering the week prior and the day of the event.

Watch for more announcements to come. In the next several weeks, you'll see our Narthex come alive with various components of this event – posters, sign-up sheets, etc. Our gift card thermometer, showing the number of gift cards collected, has been posted in the lobby for several weeks. Today, our cookie jar which will show the kind and quantity of cookies being made by parishioners, is displayed. Please help us wherever you can!



Anti-racism workshop. Everyone is invited to attend "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other," the diocese's anti-racism workshop. It will take place online via Zoom **Friday and Saturday, Oct. 10-11**. The event will focus on the beauty and scope of humanity in the world, helping everyone to go beyond the biases that push people away –sometimes unwittingly– based only on their appearance. With a vote at diocesan convention, the diocese committed all clergy, vestry members and

ministry leaders to take the workshop as part of their responsibilities. For more details and registration: <https://tinyurl.com/4y4yjx4m>.

Prayer Requests

For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially; Charlotte Pierce, Heike Hartmann, Frannie, Joan Beatrous, Sherri Angeletti, Tom Cindric, Gladys & Les Carlisle, Bill Spoonhoward, Nancy Snyder, Dave Miller, Matthew, Nancy H., Thaddeus Popovich, Rich Nagy, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Deborah Cale, Libby & Richard Juel.

For our parents, especially; Tony Carta, Rose Mankowski, Margaret Nagel, Ken McCormack, Ken W., Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Logan Fortuna, Michelle, Nathan Schlumpf, Bee Ward, Margaret & Lawrence Czerpak, Sara Zeek, Carver Tripp, Joe Smolko, Sue Burchill, Robert Donato, John Murphy, John, Geoff Wood, Diane Brackus, Tom Payne, Parker Shebs, Christian, Pat Schulze, John Pease, Jennifer Cale, Denise Nagel, Gary Gladowski, Steve Getty, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Marie Hazelton, Carol Schmitz.

For our friends, especially; Patty Herrington, Jordon Medlin, Josh, Susan N., Charlotte S., Connie Geiger, Hannah & Horst Hartmann, Cindy Clifton, Nancy Baker, Frank Monakowski, Patty Walker, Mike Colavita, Andy, Laurie, Bill Pugliese, Heidi Sherwin, The Hancock family, Terri Hockenberry, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

We pray for all who have died especially; Neil Armor and Jim Dahlberg.
Give to the departed eternal rest.



October Ministry Calendar

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Stewards	Ushers	Vestry	Hospitality
October 5 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Linda Limberis P John Appeldorn LEV Marilyn Mulvihill Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Allison Kline Doorkeeper: Annemarie Malbon	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Sylvia Affleck Phoebe Juel	Susan Shields Kate Heston	Paul Quinn	LuAnn Aldridge Linda Limberis	Mike Wick	Kate Heston
October 12 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 Ann Vinski 1 st Kate Hesston 2 nd Aidan McKenna P Donna Aiello LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Katie Costa Doorkeeper: Richard Munsch	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Joan Klinefelter Jan Dorman	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Norman Erb White	Donna Aiello John Appeldorn	Ken Parsons	Janice Moore
October 19 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Tony Turo P Marilyn Mulvihill LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Janice Moore Doorkeeper: Ellen Groves	Annemarie Malbon Evie Mathie	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Toni Passarello Dean Peters	Julia Wick	Allyson Baierl Mike Wick	Donna Aiello	Linda & Alan Schneider
October 26 Sunday 8 & 10 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd John Appeldorn P Kate Heston LEV No visit this week Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald TBD	Anelisa Tarrant Dotti Antonucci	Anne Koch John Appeldorn	Tim Austin	Sangyeop Lee Dan Moore	Melanie Popovich	Lauren Burling



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

Senior Warden: Tom Waseleski
Junior Warden: Dan Moore
Adult Formation/Technology: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Hospitality: Ken Parsons
Inreach/Children & Youth: Mike Wick
Finance: Frances Harpst
Outreach: Richard Munsch
Pastoral Care/Clerk/New Members: Melanie Popovich
Worship: Donna Aiello

Treasurer: Kevin Boyd
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin & Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Ken Parsons
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Bank: Richard Munsch

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Caring Cards: Megan Overby
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline, Ann Vinski, Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra, Jen & Bob Mankowski

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Marilyn Mulvihill
Greeter: Toni Passarello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Debra Erb-White
Spirituality: Donna Aiello
Usher: Tim Austin

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2 pm, then from home till 4 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2 pm, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Wednesday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer, via zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGm1UT09>
10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2 pm, then from home till 4 pm
2:00 pm Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 5 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
7:00 pm Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Friday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 2 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Calendar ~ <https://www.stbrendans.org/calendar>

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlqicQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing>
(authorization required for access--apply now)

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Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

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