



Sunday, September 19, 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
 - 10:00 am Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday**
 - 7:45 am 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 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
 - 1:00 pm Bible-Lite Group <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- 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>
- Wednesday**
 - 7:00 pm Evening Service

The Children's Corner



I think you all know what this means – right? It means we are number 1, no one is better than us. It draws attention to the person holding up the finger and it means recognize me for how special, how great, how wonderful I am. This kind of thing may be fun, but it is also kind of selfish.

We see fingers like this at ball games or rock concerts. But, do you ever see something like this in church? Do we go around saying, hey look at us, we are the best church? Or look at her, she is the best Christian? We don't see this because, well, we might be polite, and my mother used to tell us not to brag. But it is also wrong, because to be the best Christian is to be the most humble. And being humble means more than just not bragging. It also means

not having an excess (too much) of pride, not doing things to attract attention but doing things because they are the right things to do or the things that need to be done.

It doesn't mean we don't try to be the best when we work, but it means while we are being the best Christians we can be, we also are trying to serve others. And when we serve others from our heart, we don't brag about it, or try to make others feel less than us. It means we treat others as we would want to be treated – with love, respect, and dignity.

Being humble means doing what is right because it is right, and not expecting a reward or even recognition for what we are doing. That is what Jesus meant when he asked the disciples why they were arguing like siblings in the back of a car on a long family road trip.

Because, one day the disciples were walking along the road with Jesus, and they began arguing among themselves. Jesus heard them, and when they got to the place where they were going, he asked, "What were you arguing about on the road?" The disciples suddenly got very quiet. They were embarrassed because they had been arguing about which of them was the greatest.

Jesus sat down and called his disciples to him. "If anyone wants to be first," he said, "he must be the very last, and be the servant of everyone else."

Now that wasn't exactly what the disciples wanted to hear. They were hoping to hear Jesus say that they were going to have a position of great importance in his kingdom.

If I were to ask you, "Who is the greatest person who ever lived?", what would your answer be? Would you name a famous athlete? A movie star? A world leader?

I don't think so, because I think we all agree that Jesus Christ was the greatest person who ever lived. And Jesus never walked on water with a big foam finger bragging that he was number 1. He just is.

**Peace,
Julie+**



(BFF) Building Family & Friends donations

were given this week in celebration of the life of Karen Peters, from Sylvia Affleck, Marilyn Case, Laurie & Richard Johnson, Elliott Oshry, Ann & Bruce Gabler, Carolyn & Lawrence Tourangeau, Mary Lou McLaughlin, Cynthia & Ed Yavorsky, Linda & James Farmerie, Adam's Crossing Condo Association and Musco Sports Lightning, LLC.

Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor. Contact Katie if you are interested in making a donation. stbrendanskatie@gmail.com.



"Spring" Cleaning THIS Saturday, Sept. 18 @ 10:00 and again Sunday, Sept. 26 @ 11:45. At St. Brendan's we are lucky to have a large area to worship in. However, we do not have much storage space, so we must be particular about the items we save. Please join us Saturday as we make decisions about lots of items.



Vestry Meeting. On Monday, September 13, the Vestry held its regular monthly meeting. We began by reviewing the excellent materials submitted to us by the Discernment Committee for inclusion in the Community Ministry Portfolio. Together with some basic factual data, those materials will describe St. Brendan's for candidates who hope to be called as our next priest-in-charge. We were impressed by the Committee's success in capturing St. Brendan's in the comparatively limited space available to them/us and made only a few minor suggestions for possible improvements. We also began the discussion of the compensation to be offered to the new incumbent.

Fr. Regis then joined the meeting and we discussed several items including the following: (1) recent developments in our efforts to receive the blessing of the Borough of Franklin Park on our proposed collaboration with C.A.R.E.S.; (2) planning for the upcoming "Spring" Cleaning Days at church; (3) membership of this year's Stewardship Committee (Lauren Ramakrishna, Mary Bertucci and Tim Austin); and (4) early steps in planning for the annual Cookie Walk in November. (As always, the full Vestry Minutes are available for those who would like a more detailed account. There will also be more detailed explanations of some of these items in future issues of The Little Log.)

CRIES Advocacy (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), will be meeting after the 10:00 service this Sunday in the Library.



Greeters Needed: We are in need of a few more greeters for the 10:00 Sunday service. A greeter is an easy and fun job. You get to say hello to the parishioners coming in for the service, make sure they get their name tags, welcome any newcomers and chat with them a bit. We also usually have one or two greeters open the door for folks coming in and greeting them as they enter.

We ask greeters to try to be at church by 9:30am to set up (we will show you how), and then after the service one of the greeters will stay for hospitality, collect all name tags while people are enjoying their coffee and snack, and put them back in the name tag box. If we have enough greeters (we would need 3 or 4 more than we already have), each person will be assigned to one service each month. If you are interested, please contact Katie at stbrendanskatie@gmail.com. Thank You!



Help End Family Homelessness: St. Brendan's is partnering with Bridge of Hope to come alongside a local family in need. Volunteers will be trained and equipped to be a good neighbor to a local family facing homelessness.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C1Xqn9mr1al&authuser=0>

Please consider if Jesus is calling you to be a good neighbor. For more information call Marilyn Mulvihill at 412-427-2715.

[Preview YouTube video From Mentoring to Neighboring](#)



Our English as a Second Language conversation classes at St. Brendan's have started. If you think that you might be interested in volunteering, we would be happy to have you join us. You do not need to know a foreign language as the classes are in English and you do not need to be a teacher. We will help you to learn how to do it. We meet Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30, Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 and Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. Our volunteers schedule themselves every month and so they can be flexible as to when they want to volunteer. If you should have any questions, you can contact Ginny Volponi at ginny4045@gmail.com, or 412 491 8130. Or Joyce Donadee jdjdonadee@gmail.com, 412 849 9816.



September Taize/Evening Prayer service: Due to the annual diocesan clergy conference on September 29-30, our monthly Taize/Evening Prayer service will move up a week to **September 22 at 7:00 p.m.** Kindly make note of the date change on your calendars. See you on the 22nd!



Public Forum Via Zoom – Thursday, September 23, 7:00 pm.

The topic for the next Forum is Refugees Knocking at our Door: How Faith Communities Can Respond. The speaker is Kristin Witte, Director of Outreach at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in Baltimore MD.

To register, email Trinity Lutheran Church at office@trinitywexford.org. The zoom link will be sent in advance on event day.

Last month's Watch Party was a great success, so we will again be holding a Watch Party in St. Brendan's Social Hall starting at 6:30pm. Come if you'd like with a treat and/or wine, and we can watch the Forum together and have fun socializing. This free Zoom event is sponsored by Faith in Action, a partnership of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, and the Trinity Lutheran Church of Franklin Park, educating for justice in the Pittsburgh area.

Senior Warden's Corner

Ah! Fundraising! It's a tricky business, fundraising. If you're not careful, all the weight of planning and executing a given project falls on volunteers from the organization itself and almost all of the funds raised come from the pockets of those who are already dues-paying members or active pledgers. Many are the gala dinners that I myself have attended at which most of the tables were bought by the organization's own board members, past and present!

This fall, St. Brendan's will be focusing some of its energies on two fundraisers. At last week's 10:00 Eucharist, Karen Dennis kicked off preparations for the Annual Cookie Walk. And you will be hearing soon about a football pool that we will run for the upcoming Steelers game against the Bengals.

This is not the place to spell out the details of either of those two fundraising projects. However, it is a good time to stress that both of them offer ample opportunity for Brendanites to involve friends, neighbors, family and co-workers. They open the door to telling non-members about the work we do at St. Brendan's (not just for ourselves but for the wider community) and they give us a solid reason for soliciting modest donations to support those efforts.

So, as announcements come out about these two initiatives in the coming days, please take a moment to think of ways in which you can cast the fundraising net a little wider than usual and help us to generate added revenues for our budget. If it is true that "We are ... St. Brendan's," it is also surely true that we appreciate a helping hand from those who are not (yet) St. Brendan's.

Senior Warden, Tim Austin



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will take on a series of trails at Knob Hill Community Park in Marshall Twp. on **Saturday, Oct. 2**, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. An outdoor lunch will follow at Andora in Ohio Twp. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski (twaseleski@comcast.net).



Hospitality Hour Volunteers are still needed! We are looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks who would be willing to host. Numbers are modest at the moment. We urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). To volunteer, contact Katie. stbrendanskatie@gmail.com.



Book Club Meeting: The next meeting of the Book Club will be held at the church on **Thursday, October 7, 2021**, at 7 pm to discuss "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson. A New York Times #1 bestseller, it delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz—an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis.

Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this one!



Haitian Project: At St. Brendan's we have been supporting one of our members, Isaac, who is committed to helping people in his homeland of Haiti. We have been collecting clothes and other used items for him to send to Haiti. Last year, Isaac completely filled a used truck which he had purchased with many donated items. It was driven to Miami and then sent on a boat to Haiti. A few of the items were damaged by a leak in one corner of the truck, and Isaac has taken precautions to prevent leaks from happening again. Most of the items survived the trip and are now being used and appreciated by the Haitians. You can see pictures of children using items that were shipped on top of the donation box in front of the church.

Now Isaac has bought two used school buses. One is completely full for shipment to Haiti. We need donations of summer clothes and shoes for adults and children. The adult sizes are medium to small but all sizes of men's shirts can be used. Also needed are bikes, cookware, tools, gardening tools, sewing machines, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, cribs, towels, bedding, sleeping bags and comforters.

If you would like to purchase something, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bars of soap are appreciated. We will be collecting for 6 weeks or so. If you cannot drop off items at the church to put into the donation box, call Joyce Donadee 412 849 9816 to make other arrangements.

Beloved Community Initiative (BCI): All members of St. Brendan's are invited to meet with Canon Eric McIntosh and Shanaz Alam-Denlinger to have a dialogue regarding BCI.

Time: Sep 20, 2021 07:10 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada).

Join Zoom Meeting <https://wts.zoom.us/j/85242611760> Meeting ID: 852 4261 1760.

Members of the congregation are asked to complete a short survey regarding BCI.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLF7aa3pscgcCY7fZid_F3bcg8FpWODmhUbvMf88J2bR863g/viewform.

Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

How Your Church Can Fight Climate Change and Save Money – THIS Sunday September 19, 3pm

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill will present a panel discussion. And here is the link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81306520902?pwd=dWFXRk5LVTJ5eUZic1JocjVGOTdXUT09>

If required: Meeting ID: 813 0652 0902 Passcode: 839245

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Volponi at ginny4045@gmail.com or 412 491 8130.



Requested Prayers:

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Sharon Hlawati, The Peters family, Darrell Johnson, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker, Larry Toler and Mark Kinley.

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

For our family members, especially; Lizzie, Greg Walton, Mike Dixon, Jennifer Archer, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Marie Hazelton, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

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

We pray for all who have died, especially Karen Peters.



September 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
September 1 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Alan Schneider P Linda Limberis <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Shari Tarrant	~	~	Tim Austin Eric Helmsen	Larry Toler	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati
September 8 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Nancy Snyder 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Annemarie Malbon P Kate Heston <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Libby Juel	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Cameron Grosh	Kate & Keith Heston
September 15 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Kate Heston P Tony Turo <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Ellen Groves 10 Kathy Miller	~	~	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Janice Moore	Megan Overby Tim Austin
September 22 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children) <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Allyson Baierl Michael Donadee	Donna Aiello	Need Volunteer
September 29 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~



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

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