



Senior Warden's Corner

Hospitals have dropped their mask mandates. Supermarkets, arenas and theaters are mask-optional. So why does St. Brendan's continue to do Mask-Up Sunday once a month at the 10 o'clock service? It's a fair question.

From its earliest days in 1987, St. Brendan's set out to be an open, welcoming and supportive church — a place where people could come to worship, grow in faith and have opportunities to serve humankind without worrying about their differences, background or religious path. Everyone was welcome and still is!

Then the pandemic hit in 2020, closing the church for in-person worship for a while and triggering the launch of our wonderful livestream of the 10 o'clock service. As Covid ebbed, worshipers were invited back to church but only if masked. Now mask requirements have been lifted across the land, including at St. Brendan's. Today we still designate several rows of seats as a mask-up zone in church, and there are some takers. A handful of members in masks also dot the sanctuary on any given Sunday, just as scattered numbers of patrons at Giant Eagle, Heinz Hall and Cinemark Theater continue to mask up. That's because, while most of us no longer need to live in fear of Covid, others do. The virus still kills hundreds of people a week and last year Covid was the fourth leading cause of death, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

If you have health vulnerabilities, a compromised immune system or live with someone who does, there's still plenty to worry about. Being forced to stay away from church should not add to those worries, which is why Mother Robin and I believe that continuing Mask-Up Sunday for one service a month is a small inconvenience to endure so that others have the benefit of worshipping with fellow parishioners, live and in person. Said one of our parishioners who appreciates Mask-Up Sunday, "The ability to come to church safely means the world to us." At our meeting on Monday, the vestry discussed the monthly masking and agreed to continue the policy.

To me, wearing a mask at one service out of the 12 per month offered at St. Brendan's is like curb cuts or reserved parking spaces. If it helps get someone to church, I'm all for it. It's also like picking up someone who can no longer drive and needs a ride to visit a friend; you go out of your way a little because you know that to her it means a lot.

If Covid has taught us one thing, it's that none of us is equipped the same way to fend off illness and death. That greater sensitivity is why Brendanites who've overcome routine cases of Covid, or even have gotten over a cold, will come to church afterwards wearing a mask, then next week put it away. It's to offer their brothers and sisters an extra margin of protection while we all worship in person together. Continuing Mask-Up Sunday, when all of us offer that protection for one service once a month, is the difference, as one Brendanite put it, between tolerating our vulnerable members and truly welcoming them. It's the St. Brendan's way.

Let's continue the conversation. Please tell me, another vestry member or Mother Robin what you think.

Yours in faith,
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden
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St. Brendan's Scholarships. The parish invites young church members who will be enrolled in college, technical school, or other post-secondary education in fall 2023 to apply for a St. Brendan's Scholarship. Please use the link below to access the guidelines and the application. Due date for both new and renewal applications is May 20, 2023.

Grants are awarded on the basis of a person's years of participation and attendance in St. Brendan's services and activities. Launched in 1996 by a parishioner, the late Dorsey Doddroe, the scholarship fund has awarded 77 grants to 30 students. The program is sustained by the generosity of St. Brendan's members, and donations may be made to the fund at any time.

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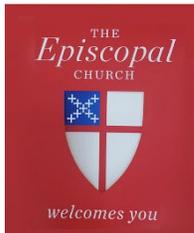
Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will explore the blooms of spring in the Wildflower Reserve at Raccoon Creek State Park on **Saturday, May 13**. Participants will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and carpool to the park. Lunch will follow the walk at Lu-Lou's Roadhouse. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.

Taize/Evening Prayer: Our next Taize/Evening Prayer service is **Wednesday, May 31** at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel. Please note the time change! Please join us for this quiet, peaceful mid-week respite from the busy week.



Still Running Behind! Thank you, St. Brendan's, for increasing our grocery card sales over the past two months! Unfortunately, though, our sales continue to lag behind our projected budget target of \$417 a month or \$2500 for the year. In March we made \$94.25 and in April we jumped to \$140.50! Great Job!! Let's keep our momentum going! All you need to do is purchase grocery cards at church on a regular basis to use at your favorite Giant Eagle or Kuhns. A vestry person can be found in the narthex following each service, happily awaiting your sale! Thanks in advance for supporting the easiest fundraiser in town!

Volunteer to help with our church garden! The Garden of Hope is St. Brendan's small vegetable garden located behind the church. Each year, we plant and grow fresh produce which is harvested and donated to the North Hills Food Bank to help our neighbors in need. And we need your help this summer! Please sign up to help water, weed, harvest, and/or deliver the produce to the food bank. Watering will be even easier this year as we are installing a timed sprinkler system--so you just need to stop by briefly and check on things to make sure the plants are getting enough water and hoses aren't leaking, etc. Harvesting is done on Wednesdays and the produce gets delivered to the food bank on Thursday morning. To sign up on the document linked below, just enter your name on the week/job you can help with! Bring your gloves and trowels. If you have questions, please contact Annemarie Malbon, amalbon@gmail.com. Garden of Hope Volunteer Sign Up: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JVYDUTlplNzDsdEVNHBh2c-0qN7d7cT_G5lLkCmF69w/edit?usp=sharing

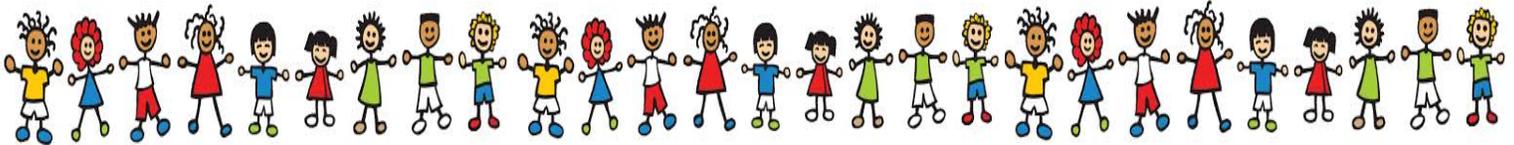


Attention, Newcomers! Mark your calendars for **Everything You Wanted to Know about St. Brendan's (but were afraid to ask)**, a friendly informational session on Sunday, June 11, downstairs in the Youth/Handprint Room after the 10 a.m. service. Bring your own questions and along the way learn about:

- Episcopal Church basics
- St. Brendan's history in a nutshell
- Membership, confirmation and being received
- Ministries, activities and other ways to take part

Mother Robin and others will be on hand to take your questions and receive your feedback. Refreshments and child care will be provided. This informal session is your chance to fill in the gaps on what you'd like to know. Please use the sign-up sheet in the narthex to tell us if you plan to attend. Contact Chris Botti or Saundy Waseleski if you have any questions. Hope to see you there!

Children and Youth



Nursery update and volunteers needed: St. Brendan's welcomes Ms. Liz MacDonald as our new nursery coordinator. Liz has been with us for a few weeks and is getting to know the children and routines. Nursery volunteers are still needed during the 10 am service each Sunday. Full clearances are required. Please contact Liz at liz702988@gmail.com if you are interested in helping with our youngest members of the parish. We can assist you with the clearance process.

Sunday School volunteers needed: Please contact Saundy Waseleski at swaseleski@comcast.net if you would like to volunteer as a teacher or doorkeeper. We really need your help! This is an important ministry for our families and our church, and we'll soon begin planning for the next school year. We can assist you with curriculum and in obtaining clearances.

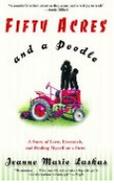
This year's Sunday School program will conclude with our final class on May 21. The upcoming Sunday School year will begin on September 10.

May 28: Children's Worship service. There will be no Sunday School classes that day. Children will be involved in various ways in the service. More details will be announced.

VBS update: After some discussion and due to various circumstances, St. Brendan's will not offer a week of Vacation Bible School this summer. Looking ahead, the children and youth leaders are planning a special event in September to kickoff the new program year for Sunday School and Youth Group. Please stay tuned for more information.



BFF Donation: A BFF fund donation was given to honor the 36th birthday of St Brendan's, by the Vestry with gratitude and hope for our past, present, and future blessings as a church founded on principles of faith in action.



Mark those calendars! The St. Brendan's Book Club will meet on Monday, **June 5th at 7 pm** in the church library. We will discuss, "Fifty Acres and a Poodle" described as a "tender, touching and hilarious tale about life, love and the unexpected complications of having your dream come true". How can you resist that one?! Our discussion is sure to be a lively one, so please feel free to join us for an enjoyable evening of good conversation among friends. Contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you have any questions. Thank you!



Looking for Justice Ministry Members. St. Brendan's Justice Ministry is looking for new members. If you have a social justice cause you would like to bring to the table or if you would like to jump in with what we are already working on, we're looking for you. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 24 at 6:30pm in the Social Hall; please feel free to attend to see what we are all about. If you cannot attend and want to join or have any questions, please contact Marilyn Mulvihill at mimi15143@yahoo.com or Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.



Vestry briefs. At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry:

- Approved recommendations by Treasurer Roger Botti to 1) move some parish funds to a second bank in order to diversify holdings and 2) to shift funds from a low-performing passbook account into a higher-rate CD;
- Discussed the need to replace a failing mechanical timer to ensure sufficient lighting in the parking lot at night (Junior Warden Dan Moore will pursue);
- OK'd a request, relayed by Mother Robin, for a visitor to begin training a service dog during Sunday services at St. Brendan's.



Participate in the Pride Parade on June 4! St. Brendan's will once again participate in the Gay Pride Parade on **Saturday, June 4th**. It begins at 12:00 noon at the Boulevard of the Allies and Grant Street in downtown Pittsburgh. If you can attend, please put your name on the sign-up sheet that is in the Narthex. We will meet in our church parking lot at 11:15am and carpool there.

This a great way to show that we are an inclusive faith community and support our LGBTQIA brothers and sisters. If you have questions or want to attend but can't sign up in church, please contact Marilyn Mulvihill at mimi15143@yahoo.com or Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.



Come Celebrate! Age 36! "What a marvelous time! We're in the prime of our life, full of energy and strength! At the top of our game with knowledge and purpose! We know where we're going and how to get there! But wait! Who's turning 36? Why, it's us — St. Brendan's! Our beloved church will be 36 years old on May 16, and we're asking you to celebrate with some cake and treats at Hospitality Hour after the 10 a.m. service this Sunday, May 14. Our birthday is also a time to reflect and maybe even honor the blessings of St. Brendan's by making a BFF donation (Brendan's Family and Friends) for this special occasion. As you know, BFF funds are designated for unbudgeted expenses that can arise in a church that's 36 years old. So, give it some thought. You could give 36 dimes, 36 quarters or even \$36! Or consider saying 36 prayers for our journey into the next 36 years. Either or both would be great! BFF donations can be made through Tithe.ly online or by using a donation card available in the narthex. Thanks for supporting St. Brendan's, and happy birthday to us.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Dean Peters, Libby, Richard and Phoebe Juel, Elizabeth Murphy, Jim Gray, Matthew, Susan Shields, Bill Spoonhoward, Karl Haider, Joyce Donadee, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Mark Shoemaker, Mark Kinley, Larry Tarrant, Ruth, Nancy Snyder, Alice Butterworth.

For our parents, especially; Robert Jarrell, Adele and Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian, Diane Davis, Ray Miltzer, Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Sandy Donaldson, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Nelson Ferguson, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Bob, Frank Nagy, Chris Sensenich, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Bob Kiehl, Marie Hazelton, Mike Tourangeau, Robert Donato, Carman Lorcias & family, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Ray Maas, Maggie Cervone.

And for our friends, especially; Chris Ivanisin, The Collins family, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst and family, Kevin Mahoney, Julia Sloganaugh, Ron Neurohr, Barbara & Max Hagen, Roseann Lederer and family, Pat Reiner, Vivian, Steve Parsons, Nancy Baker.

We pray for all who have died, especially John Sanborn, Linda Ferguson, Bob Aiello, Jean Whitehouse.

Join Us for Vesak 2023! The Public is Very Welcome. Since 2009, the Buddhist community in Pittsburgh has come together to share VESAK, the annual celebration of the birth, enlightenment and parinirvana of the Buddha Shakyamuni. It is an occasion where each Buddhist center shares their practice and we have an opportunity to experience the richness and variety of all the Buddhist traditions.

15th Annual VESAK Celebration

AWAKENING THE COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY

The Buddhist Society of Pittsburgh invites **EVERYONE** to our annual celebration of Buddha's birth, enlightenment & parinirvana.

Free! Bring the Family!



Sunday, May 21, 2023
3:00 - 5:00 PM
**Allegheny Unitarian
Universalist Church**
416 W North Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

A procession to the Allegheny River will follow, where there will be a world peace ceremony, with refreshments.

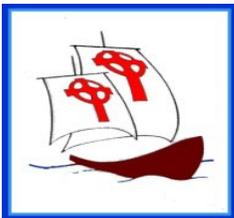
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May Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
May 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Alan Schneider P Sandy Nagy	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Mary Bertucci Door keeper Volunteer needed	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Dottie Antonucci Phoebe Juel	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	John Appeldorn Kate Heston	Sandy Nagy	Tim Austin	Bertucci family
May 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd John Appeldorn P Kate Heston	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Kayla Tweedle Door keeper Ruth Horton	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	Allyson Baierl Wesley Bell	Michael Donadee Allyson Baierl	Neil Galone	Linda Limberis	Kathy & Dave Miller
May 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Tim Austin P Marilyn Mulvihill	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Ellen Groves Kathy Miller	Annemarie Malbon John Appledorn	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	John Appledorn	Dave Miller	Chris & Roger Botti
May 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children	Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	Kate Heston Dean Peters	Allyson Baierl Kate Heston	Ruth Horton	Mike Wick	Allison Kline Linda Mesko

June Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
June 4 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Michael Donadee 2 nd Tony Turo P Tim Austin	Lambs FISH Door keeper	Liz MacDonald Volunteer needed	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	The Bertucci's	Chris Botti	John Appledorn	Megan & Tim
June 11 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Kate Heston 2 nd Cindy Koszarek P Donna Aiello	Lambs FISH Door keeper	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	Toni Passarello Dean Peters	Michael Donadee Mike Wick	Kate Heston	Tim Austin	Janice Moore
June 18 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd AJ McKenna P Dean Peters	Lambs FISH Door keeper	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Dan Moore	Dave Miller	Kate Heston
June 25 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children	Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Joan Klinefelter Susan Shields	Barb Fure John Appledorn	Kate Heston Tim Austin	Tom Waseleski	Linda Limberis	Donna & Sharon



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: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden: Dan Moore
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sandy Nagy
Communication: Sandy Nagy
Children & Youth: Ruth Horton
Finance: Lauren Ramakrishna
Fundraising: Chris Botti
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: Chris Botti
Outreach: Ruth Horton
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Roger Botti
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Usher: Tim Austin

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl
Carol Meese
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Lauren Ramakrishna
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Ann Vinski
Mike Wick
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Annie Koch
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and via live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
Monday: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
Tuesday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>
Wednesday: 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
Friday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Web Site ~ <http://www.stbrendans.org>

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 online)

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

Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ johnsdj31@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com