

NAVIGATOR'S LOG

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS



FRANKLIN PARK, PA
**ST. BRENDAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

December 4, 2022

Advent 1, 2022

"The celebration of Advent is possible only to those who are troubled in soul, who know themselves to be poor and imperfect, and who look forward to something greater to come."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Welcome to Advent. The season of watchful reflection and patient waiting for the arrival of the Christ child as well as the eventual second coming of Christ. In this light, the Advent hymn "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" perfectly represents the church's cry during the Advent season:

*O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appears.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.*

While Israel would have sung the song in expectation of Christ's first coming, the church now sings the song in commemoration of that first coming and in expectation of the second coming in the future.

Advent is not a "mini-Lent," or time of repentance, but a time for quiet waiting and inward reflection. An anticipatory mindfulness of what the coming of the Messiah means to us as followers of Emmanuel – God with us.

It's hard not to get caught up in the frenzied preparation for Christmas during Advent (especially when one hears Christmas music starting in October), but the season of Advent can be a time of quiet spiritual growth and development. I find it helpful to focus on Advent as a season – just as Christmas and Epiphany are seasons: all times to experience our faith journeys in different "lights." Hope, Love, Peace and Joy all culminating in the Christ child. Welcome to Advent!

Mother Robin



Stewardship 2023

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and our Stewardship campaign is ending soon. We're short of our goal of 85 pledges. If you haven't already sent in your pledge, please consider what St. Brendan's means to you. Feel free to e-mail Katie and let her know your intentions Katie@stbrendans.org.



Adopt-a-Highway. St. Brendan's will hold its fourth and final litter cleanup, **TOMORROW, Saturday, Dec. 3.** Volunteers will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279. Anyone age 14 and up may participate. The trash pickup will finish by 10:45. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



A BFF donation was given to honor of the birth of **Bailey Lauren Botti** on November 23, 2022.

A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor a special day or loved one while supporting unbudgeted building needs of our church. BFF funds have been used to purchase various items.

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. Katie@stbrendans.org.



Face masks are required the first Sunday of the month, and that's **THIS Sunday December 4!** The rear, choir side quadrant of the nave has been designated as a "mask required" area on all other Sundays. This area is marked by blue sashes on the chairs and relevant signage. Masks **MUST** be worn in this section.



Every year St. Brendan's accepts monetary donations towards the purchase of our **Christmas Flowers, Greens and Poinsettias** in memory of those who have died, those who have made a special impact in our lives, or because we love them. If you would like to contribute to the greening of the church and have your announcement in the bulletin on Christmas Eve, please contact Katie with your information Katie@stbrendans.org and submit your contribution of any amount to the office. On Christmas Eve the names are printed in the bulletin, the tree lights are lit, and our beautiful church glorifies the birth of Christ.



The St. Brendan's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month in the library of the church at 7pm. New members are always welcome whether you come regularly or every once in a while. Our next meeting will be December 5th when we will discuss our impressions of "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict. A work of historical fiction, this novel is about J.P. Morgan's personal librarian, Belle da Costa Green, an African American woman who was forced to hide her true identity and pass as white in order to protect her family and her compelling legacy. Please join us as we discuss this intriguing book! Feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you have any questions. Thank you!

Suppers for Six will be held twice a year. We will assign 6 people to a dinner at one of the participants' homes. The other people will be assigned a dish to bring to make a dinner. The date will be chosen by the host. Contact Janice Moore by signing up in church or email at Naperville@yahoo.com.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our Holiday Happenings was a huge success! Our final total, after expenses, is \$11,622.

The reason for its success is all of you. To everyone who was a part of making this happen -- whether it was planning, baking, making soup, advertising, passing out flyers, buying and selling raffle tickets, decorating, helping the day of the event with parking, traying cookies, and just making sure our cookies stayed refreshed and our vendors were happy. I can't possibly list all the ways everyone helped, but we couldn't have done it without you!

Cookies and soup sold out in record time! You know what that means for the next one -- more baking and more cooking! Until next year... Thanks again, everyone!



THE WINNERS FOR THE HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS' GIFT CARD RAFFLE ARE:

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| 1st PRIZE | Thaddeus Popovich | Basket of Gift Cards worth almost \$700 |
| 2nd PRIZE | Susan Shields | Basket of Gift Cards worth almost \$300 |
| 3rd PRIZE | Pauletta Brown (one of our HH crafters) | Basket of Gift Cards worth almost \$200 |

One of our vendor door prizes was won by parishioner Paul Sauers. All other 14 door prizes were won by our Holiday Happenings' customers.

Fresh Fruit Sale Pick-Up: For those of you who ordered fruit to be delivered to St. Brendan's, boxes can be picked up on Dec 15 between 4:00 and 7:00. If you need special arrangements for pick-up, contact Neil Galone by email (neil.galone@gmail.com) or phone (559-341-6598) and he will do his best to accommodate you. Boxes for shipping to other addresses should go to your specified address(es) in mid-December, but specific dates cannot be given. Thank you for your support!

On November 19th our **Memorial to the Lost (T shirt memorial)** traveled to the 157th Annual Convention of the Episcopal; Diocese of Pittsburgh. Two workshops presented by Heeding God's Call to Prevent Gun Violence and CeaseFire PA were well attended. Participants learned some causes of gun violence and of ways they can work to prevent it. Bishop Ketlen attended a session and is interested in further discussion on how the Diocese can be involved.



We celebrate the **December Birthdays** of:

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| 2 Melanie Popovich | 6 Joan Klinefelter | 7 Chris Fleissner | 11 Matrid Harper |
| 14 Joanna Byrne | 14 Jim Evanochko | 14 Richard Munsch | 15 Roger Botti |
| 16 Laureen Douds | 16 Rodge Wood | 20 Cameron Grosh | 20 Julia Waseleski |
| 22 Brian Gliptis | 23 Prudence Thompson | 26 Paige Baierl | 27 Silvia Bertucci |



We celebrate the **December Wedding Anniversaries** of:

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| 15 Janice & Daniel Moore | 23 Anne & Michael Semmler | 29 Melinda & Wesley Bell | 29 Rob & George Latta |
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Email Kaite, if you would like to add your birthday/wedding anniversary to this monthly announcement
Katie@stbrendans.org.



Brendan's Boots. The parish walking group will take its annual trek through downtown Pittsburgh's Christmas displays on Monday, Dec. 5, leaving from the church at 9 a.m. The itinerary will include the life-size Nativity at USX Tower, the gracious lobby of the William Penn Hotel, the Gingerbread House Display in the City-County Building, the Santa's Around the World exhibit and ice-skating rink at PPG Place and, finally, the holiday market in Market Square. Participants will enjoy lunch afterwards. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.

The Justice Ministry would like to thank all those who participated in any form to help out with gathering a total of 104 slightly used winter coats/jackets. We also had many vests, light jackets, some sweatshirts, etc. The Neighborhood Resilience Project was very grateful for the donations especially as winter seems to be upon us. A total of sixty nine (69) coats were taken down to NRP.

The Justice Ministry will have a meeting after the New Year in January. Information to follow. We hope to support the NRP helping with lunches and also new socks, underwear — men's and women's — and women's hygiene products. We will also be doing a calendar and collection box for the Homeless. Kathleen Ganzer is in charge of this. These will all occur in the months after January. We wish everyone a very Blessed Christmas and a very healthy New Year.

Children and Youth



Please encourage your child to participate in our **Angel Project** by creating an angel to hang on our nativity display. Guidelines were sent home. We'd love to have the angels **no later than December 11**. If your child did not receive the directions, please contact Saundy at swaseleski@comcast.net. From the simplest designs to the more elaborate, we look forward to viewing our children's creations! Please drop them off on the marked box on the narthex table.



Friday, December 9: Parents' Night Out. Need a little time without the kids to shop or have dinner with a friend or spouse? Bring your child to church from 6 to 8 pm for a fun Friday evening. Teens from the youth group and adults will join in and supervise a few hours of activities and board games. Pizza will be served. Parents are asked to let us know by Wednesday, December 7, if your child will be coming. Please RSVP to Allison Kline at aaklrm@comcast.net.



Sunday, December 18: Children's Christmas Pageant at the 10 am service. Practice for the pageant will be at 9 am on Saturday, December 17. There will also be a final practice on Sunday, December 18, before the service, and a time will be announced for this run-through. Please put these important dates on your calendar. More information will follow. Parent help may be needed for the practices. Please note: the pageant will serve as the children's worship service in December (there will not be a children's service on the fourth Sunday of December).

There will be no Sunday School classes on December 25 and January 1. Classes will resume on January 8.

We are **seeking a coordinator of children and youth programs**, pre-K through Grade 12.

The applicant for this position should have a strong commitment to the religious education of all children. He or she should be familiar with curriculum used in Sunday School and with teen programs in Episcopal churches. Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong communication skills with children, youth, and parishioners and should be able to work as part of a team to deliver sound instruction and experiences.

This is a paid, part-time position and requires attendance on Sundays for Sunday School, designated evenings for teen programming, and other meetings and events as they may arise.

We are also seeking a paid part-time **Nursery Director** who is present in the nursery during the 10 a.m. Sunday service to supervise and safeguard the children of adult worshipers and who recruits volunteers to ensure two-person coverage during formal nursery hours. The director must display enthusiasm for the ministry, cheerfulness in dealing with children, and skill in working with other adults in the nursery.

Detailed job descriptions and more information can be found on St. Brendan's Episcopal Church website:

<https://www.stbrendans.org/employment>.

Prayer Requests

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's; Margie Davies, Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Ruth, Mark Kinley, Matthew, Jim Gray, Mark Shoemaker, Sandy Nagy and Alice Butterworth.

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

For our family members, especially; Bob Kiehl, Chris Sensenich, Tom Groves, Sue Burchill, Ann and Ben Kirkpatrick, Jay & A, Carol Schmitz, Robert Donato, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Marie Hazelton and John Sanborn.

And for our friends, especially; Julia Sloganaugh, Nancy Baker, Steve Parsons, Josie Kovacic and Dennis Ranalli.

We pray for all who have died, especially John Barie, Ginger Warrick and Fred Davis.

December Ministry Calendar 2022

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Nursery	Hospitality
December 4 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday of Advent	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Alan Schneider P Tony Turo	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Mary Bertucci Door keeper Susan Shields	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant Susan Shields	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Allyson Baieri Mike Wick	Donna Aiello	Dave Miller	Janice Moore Prudence Thompson	Volunteer needed
December 11 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 3 rd Sunday of Advent	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Dean Peters	Lambs Joyce Donadee FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Toni Passarello	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Toni Passarello Susan Shields	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Linda Limberis	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Volunteer needed
December 18 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 4 th Sunday of Advent Children's Pageant	8 Joan Beatrous	Children's Pageant	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Kathy Miller David Miller	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	Cameron Grosh	Mike Wick	Christmas Pageant	Volunteer needed
December 24 Christmas Eve 5:00 pm	1 st Aidan McKenna 2 nd Ann Vinski P Kate Heston	n/a	Anelisa Tarrant Joan Klinefelter	Kate Heston John Appeldorn	Allison Baieri Michael Donadee	John Appledorn	Tim Austin	n/a	n/a
December 24 Christmas Eve 10:00 pm	1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Alan Schneider P Dean Peters	n/a	Kathy Miller	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Kate Heston John Appledorn	Kate Heston	Dave Miller	n/a	n/a
December 25 10:00 only	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	John Appeldorn	n/a	n/a



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: Cameron Grosh
Co-Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Sean Sweeney
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Kate Heston & Lauren Ramakrishna
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Newcomers: Kate Heston
Outreach: Donna Aiello
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
Kathy Miller
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
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 & Donna Aiello
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/UckCY2BEJXlqMoVc_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
Tuesday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
1:00 pm Staff meeting
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: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 pm
Thursday: 6:00 pm Bible Study, via zoom
Friday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://www.stbrpit.com/> (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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Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ Katie@sbrendans.org

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

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net