



Sunday, March 13, 2022

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Bill Pugliese

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976791143?pwd=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VlFBcVJia05LQT09>
4:00 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
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:** 3:00 pm Deacon hours
7:00 pm Evening Service, in person
- Friday:** 11:00 am Limited office hours, please call ahead.

The Priest's Corner

WHERE HAS ALL THE SILENCE GONE?

Many, many years ago when I was in seminary, the time between when the lights went out until after breakfast was called The Grand Silence. We were not permitted to talk save only to God during that time. That does not mean that we always obeyed that rule, but it was enforced in the breach. There were other periods of silence throughout the day back then. Two or three days a week all meals were eaten in silence, the only sound being the clinking of the silverware on the plates and the voice of the one reading from a book.

The Grand Silence was a rule, but it was more than that. It was meant to be a spiritual discipline because the authorities knew that it was truly only in silence that we could orient ourselves to grow in our spiritual life. I suspect we all realized that truth even as we often rebelled against it simply because we wanted to perceive it more as a rule that had to be kept than a discipline that needed to be cultivated.

Perhaps it was because of those enforced periods of silence that, paradoxically I suppose, I came not to resent them but to appreciate them especially now as I wonder where has all the silence gone. Now it seems that there is more noise than silence, where silence is avoided, actively avoided. We seem to be quite uncomfortable with it. And so we have to have some noise in the background just to keep going.

Granted, some of what we play in the background to drown out the silence would never be considered noise but are in fact musical masterpieces. Nevertheless, Mozart and Beethoven notwithstanding, silence is still silence. And in order to both appreciate the joy and the necessity of silence we not only have to be silent, we also have to be still.

What is so ironic about all this is that the place where silence is the most helpful to our spiritual lives is the one where it seems to be the most uncomfortable for us: worship. There are various places in our worship where we are encouraged to remain silent in order to reflect upon what we have just heard – after each of the readings, after the sermon, between prayers.

The difficulty in making periods of silence available is that we do not know how to take advantage of them. Thirty seconds of silence seems like an hour; a minute seems like an eternity. The truth is that it takes much longer than that to even get into the mode and the mood. It takes discipline, which is what my seminary was trying to get through our thick and reluctant skulls.

Lent is a special time in our spiritual lives, a time to become more disciplined in our spiritual lives. Perhaps the greatest gift we can give to ourselves this Lent is to make some time each day just to be still and be silent in order to be alone with ourselves and our God. We need both quality time and quantity time – fifteen minutes minimum.

It will take time to get into taking time, to enjoy and then relish the silence, to discover how important it is. Just making the time may be the most difficult part of it all. But if we do, in the end we will be most thankful and better for it.

Bill



Daylight Savings Time begins this week-end. Please set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday evening. There will be no excuse for tardiness at the 10:00 am service on Sunday!



We are collecting much **needed medical supplies for Ukraine**. We are asking for items such as band aids, gauze, medical tape, antiseptic wipes, and other items used in first aid kits.

We are also looking for donations of small non-perishable food items such as protein bars, packs of crackers, nut packets, and fruit pouches, as well as plastic forks and spoons.

Donations will be taken to St's. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which is making arrangements for shipping. There will be a donation bin outside the front doors of St. Brendan's now through March 27.

The Children's Corner

Peter Rabbit & Jesus' chicks



I love the story of Peter Rabbit. If you don't know the story, find the story with the Beatrix Potter illustrations. I love Peter because Peter is so much like us.

Peter's mother gives him a new coat and new shoes, and he gets all puffed up and shows off. His mother leaves the four little rabbits – Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail, and Peter – alone while she goes out to do business and gives them some rules. Three of the bunnies follow their mother's rules – they stay away from trouble.

But Peter, bad little Peter, runs to trouble and gets chased by Mr. McGregor. To escape, Peter loses his new coat, his new shoes, and he gets drenched. At the end of the story, the good bunnies get jam and bread while Peter is in bed with a cold, and gets tea.

Soon after reading this story, I got a new skating skirt as a present (I used to do a lot of skating and I had wanted one of those silky skirts that fan out AND no there are no pictures of me in a skirt). When I opened my present, my mother told me not to wear the skirt outside and not to get my skirt dirty.

But, I wanted to show it off – just like Peter. So, I wore my skirt outside on a beautiful, sunny day. It was hot and we played all day on the telephone poles stacked in an empty lot. Now just like Peter Rabbit, we went to where we were told not to play, and I had been told not to wear my new skirt outside. But we didn't listen.

So, when our mother called us, to gather us together for dinner, I realized not only was my skirt dirty, but I and my skirt were covered with the tar from the telephone poles! Sticky, stinky tar was all over my new skirt. I could not hide it or me – we were both covered and the sight and the smell of us was pretty overwhelming.



I cried and cried. I apologized. I felt ashamed of myself. I wanted to run away and hide, just like Peter Rabbit and just like our Gospel story this week.

This week in the Gospel we hear that one day Jesus looked over the city of Jerusalem and cried. He said, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing." Just like a mother calls her children – like my mother called us and Peter's mother called him, or a mother hen gathers her chicks, Jesus calls us, his children, to come to him so that he can shelter and protect them.

And like our mothers, Jesus does not stop calling us if we ignore the call and continue to play. The Bible teaches us that Jesus loves us so much that he won't stop calling until he reaches ALL of us. What wonderful love is this. Wow.

Peace,
Pastor Julie



Hospitality Hour has resumed after the 10:00 service on Sundays. Sign-ups are available for those interested in providing the treats. Donations are also accepted toward the costs.



Do you like to sing? **Would you like to join the choir?** We are excited to announce that the Choir will be bringing back live music at the 10:00 service. If you would like to join this fulfilling ministry, send your interest to Katie stbrendansKatie@gmail.com. All voices and experience levels are welcome.



St Brendan's Men's Breakfast, Monday, March 14th. Gentlemen, please join us at Bob Evans in Cranberry at 9:00 am for breakfast and coffee. Please let me know in advance so that I can provide the restaurant an approximate number to expect. Contact Steve Horton at stephenshorton@gmail.com for additional information.



Adopt-a-Highway. Want to do some real Spring cleaning? Want to give two hours to beautifying a piece of America seen by thousands of travelers each day? Become part of St. Brendan's Adopt-a-Highway crew on **Saturday, March 26.** Volunteers, age 14 and up, will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m., carpool to Camp Horne Road in Ohio Twp., and pick up litter along the interchange at I-279. The group will finish by 10:45. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



The Upcoming Bishop's Visit: As you know our Bishop, **The Right Rev. Ketlen A. Solak**, will be with us on **Palm Sunday, April 10.** On those annual visits those who wish to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church or simply want to publicly renew their faith have an opportunity to do so. Regis mentioned to me that there is a number who wish to do this. If you are one of these, please email me soon so that we can get together and talk about what this will entail. I can be reached at wjpuugliese@aol.com. Thank you. Bill



Next Forum: Racial Inequities in Maternal Health in Western PA, **Thursday, March 24 @ 7:00pm via Zoom.**

The U.S. has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high income nation; AND this rate is 3-4 times higher for black women compared to white women. What factors are contributing to this alarming rise in death? What are the solutions? You'll find answers to these questions and much more at this enlightening Forum.

-- Speakers are Ann McCarthy, staff Certified Nurse-Midwife, University of Pittsburgh Physicians and former Clinical Director of The Midwife Center for Birth and Women's Health

-- Winter Clay, RN, Doula, Marriage Mentor and Cofounder of Masters of Maternity

To register, please email scregistration@uucnh.org

This forum has been planned by the Unitarian Universalists of the North Hills, in conjunction with St. Brendan's and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Racial Inequities in Maternal Health – “First Do No Harm”: Combatting Black Maternal Health Disparities

Please Consider volunteering to be our Memorial Garden Coordinator. Just outside the Chapel doors, you will find our Memorial Garden, in which parishioners are welcome to arrange for their cremains to be interred. Maintaining the Garden (mowing, trimming, etc.), working with potential purchasers, and ultimately managing interments falls to a small committee for which we are seeking a Coordinator to succeed Bill Spoonhoward and Dan Moore. The maintenance work is seasonal, while other functions may occur at any time of year.



A Lenten devotional this season? Are you looking for a way to make your Lenten devotion something special this year? Are you looking for an alternative to the traditional fasts from chocolate, junk food, alcohol, etc.? Instead of giving up some ‘thing’, why not commit to give 30 minutes of your time each week to attend the Wednesday Evening Prayer with Communion service at 7:00 pm in the chapel! In this season of penitence and personal reflection, what better way to get closer to our Lord than to join with your sisters and brothers in prayer! Make a commitment to do something special this season!



For the Month of **March**, the **North Hills Food Bank** is particularly in need of either plain or flavored bottled water. They are also asking for ground regular and decaf coffee (11 oz size), as well as powdered creamer in small containers. Of course they will always accept non-perishable food items.

Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars. Please do not leave any expired items.

**CRIS
Advocacy**

CRIS Advocacy, (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10:00 a.m. service where they determine the distribution of St. Brendan's 10% tithe of our pledged income. This week we are praying for the work of Three Rivers Indian Council, who promote the socio-economic development of Native Americans in the area through head start and pre-K programs, employment and job counseling and teaching about their culture and heritage. **Join us in the library after the 10:00 am service, Sunday, March 20, 22.**

Other Upcoming Events

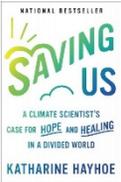


Crafters for good wanted! Please join us **Saturday, March 12, from 1 pm to 4 pm** at Gallery Forget-Me-Not (31 E. Main St. Carnegie, PA) as we gather to sew, knit, and crochet hats and scarves for those in need. We need folks to cut out patterns, assemble, sew, knit, and crochet. Aren't a crafter? Join us for fellowship. Can't join us that night? You can create on your own and donate finished items. We also need donations to purchase fabric, yarn and pay for mailing.

Finished items will be sent to a Native American reservation where warm items are desperately needed. For more information contact Kathleen at kgaanster@verizon.net 412-377-8364 or Laura at Istuart@nfhcs.org or 724-674-8856.



Climate Crisis Book Clubs. Two Episcopal book clubs are coming up on the world climate crisis. **The first one, on March 22, at 7:30 pm,** will use the book "A Bigger Picture". This book is a manifesto and a memoir about how we can – and must – build a better future, inclusive to all. Leading justice activist Vanessa Nakate is a rising star in the global climate movement and brings her fierce, fearless spirit and new perspective to the biggest issue of our time. She shares her story as a young Uganda woman who sees that her community bears disproportionate consequences to the climate crisis. To register: go to <https://tinyurl.com/biggerpicture>.



The second book club was started by Episcopal delegates to the world climate negotiations in Glasgow last November. The book being read is *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Texas Tech professor Katharine Hayhoe. The New York Times called her "one of the nation's most effective communicators on climate change". The first session, meeting on **Monday, March 7, at 8 pm,** focuses on the Preface and Section 1. Sessions will continue on these **Mondays: April 4, May 2, June 6, and July 11.** You can register for this Zoom event at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUcuyhqjlpGtxpKe7Cx8TOYL2Toz9sNJZR>

Requested Prayers

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Nancy Snyder, Rodge Wood, Sandy Nagy, Jim Harpst, Mary, Matthew, Jim Gray, Mary, Mark Shoemaker, Alice Butterworth, Larry Tarrant and Mark Kinley.

We pray for our parents, especially; Fred and Diane Davis, Kenneth and Adele McCormack, Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

We pray for our family members, especially; Bill Donadee, Steve Parsons, Sue Burchill, Mike Dixon, John Barie, Tom Groves, Raphael Walton, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Bob Keihl, Marie Hazelton, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Josie Kovacic, Dima Boroday and family, Bill Phelps, Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Tom & Betty Norris, Heather and Dan Houle Family and Friends of Iza Kubanowska,

We pray for who have died, especially Simon Pease.

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for the following. Each is a medical professional or an emergency first responder who is helping people cope with the Coronavirus outbreak. They are using their skills and risking their own well-being by tending to those whose health has been threatened.

Kimberly Becker	Maddie Bell	Sheila Bigelow	Kate Burnett	Frank Casey
Bob Cerra	Brenna Conroy	Adele Cotter	James Cotter	Laura Dugan Demers
Nicholas Demers	Andrea Dickerson	Franklin Park Police Department	Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department	
Rebecca Donadee	Chris Fleissner	Amanda Gagnon	Jeff Gagnon	Betsy Gentile
Lynne Gloor	Ann Hockenberry	Beth Lutz Hoffman	Eric Hood	John Jacobs and staff
Kerri Jensen	Dr. Ken Judson	Abby Montgomery	Luke O'Neill	Kim Pierce
Becca Sands	Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	Cindy Jennifer	Lane
Julie	Mike	Patrick		

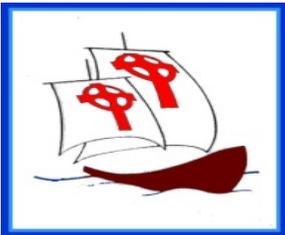
Prayer for our medical personnel and first responders.

Lord, please bless and care for all healthcare workers and first responders. Grant them wisdom, knowledge, skill and compassion so that they may be instruments of Your healing power for those they serve and care for. Give them strength and support. May they be able to do their work in a spirit of love and kindness and mercy. Keep them safe and well as they make personal sacrifices on behalf of Your community. Amen.



March 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Hospitality
March 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Ann Vinski P Alan Schneider <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	n/a	Dean Peters John Appledorn	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Cameron Grosh	Postponed
March 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Tim Austin P Donna Aiello <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	n/a	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Donna Aiello	open
March 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd Kate Heston P TBD <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Dottie Antonucci Shari Tarrant	n/a	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	open
March 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Joan Klinefelter Libby Juel	n/a	Kate Heston Wesley Bell	Allyson Baierl TBD	Ron Ladick	open
March 30 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	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
Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ron Ladick
Adult Formation: John Appledorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Sean Sweeney
Finance: Mary Bertucci
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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: TBD
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
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OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
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North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

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