



The Deacon's Corner

Now we are in the great season of Eastertide (tide being an old word meaning a festival and its season), which began on Easter Sunday. But what is Eastertide all about? Why is it a 50-day celebration? Well, it's actually rather simple. After the resurrection, Jesus spent forty days on earth before he ascended, and then there were ten more days after that before the Day of Pentecost. Luke writes in the first chapter of Acts that Jesus "presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God." (Acts 1:3) In chapter two, we find the followers of Jesus gathered for the Day of Pentecost, which actually means "fifty." It happened during the Hebrew feast of Shavuot, which is why the followers of Jesus were gathering. So the 'Great Fifty Days' are a celebration of the resurrection of Christ and all that means for us, leading to the launching of the Christian Church and its mission on Pentecost. The gospel readings for the first two Sundays of Eastertide recount some of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances (to Thomas, to the two Emmaus travelers). The gospels for the remaining Sundays of this season are taken from John and reflect Jesus' teaching to his disciples about who he is, his promise of eternal life to those who believe, his promise to send the Holy Spirit after his death (the Advocate), and his final prayer for the safety of his disciples and all future generations of believers. Eastertide is that season in which we celebrate the reality of the resurrection and the promise of eternal life. It is the season in which we celebrate all that sustains our Christian hope!

Deacon, Darrell Johnson



Thank you for participating in the Homeless project! Many thanks to all the children and adults who participated in collecting money for the homeless. The mite boxes were opened and money counted this week. We received a total of 42 boxes and checks through the mail and collected a grand total of \$1,041.20, which Outreached Arms will put to very good use feeding the homeless and helping them in many other ways. You can find information on Outreached Arms at www.outreachedarms.org. Once again, St. Brendan's comes through on a very worthwhile project!

If you haven't turned in your mite box, it's not too late! Bring it to church in the next few weeks. As we continue to pray for the many homeless in our area, let's all remember to be grateful for the many blessings bestowed on each of us.



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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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! We can also use your help planting the garden on Sunday, May 7 after the 10 am service (weather depending). Bring your gloves and trowels. If you have additional questions, please contact Annemarie Malbon, amalbon@gmail.com.

Garden of Hope Volunteer Sign Up:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1JVYDUTIpInzDsdEVNHBh2c-0qN7d7cT_G5lLkCmF69w/edit?usp=sharing



Whenever any **activity is being planned for any of the spaces we rent**, please let the rental manager, Marilyn Mulvihill know asap. Marilyn can be reached mimi15143@yahoo.com or 412-427-2715. We always give preference of activities to parishioners. But we also do not want to disappoint those looking to rent. Thanks!

Update to last week's announcement.

The Wednesday evening service has evolved to a **Midweek Eucharist** at **6:00 p.m.** Refreshments are not necessary.



New Co-Chairs for Justice Ministry. Annie Koch is stepping down as chair of the Justice Ministry, and we would like to thank her for her service, leading us in many successful projects over the past year. Donna Aiello and Marilyn Mulvihill will now be co-chairs. If anyone has any suggestions for events or projects for the Justice Ministry, please direct them to Donna (donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com) or Marilyn (mimi15143@yahoo.com). Also, if you would like to join St. Brendan's Justice Ministry or want more information about it, please let one of us know. We are always looking for new members!

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.



St. Brendan's Drumming Circle is Back!

The Spirituality Ministry will be holding another drum circle on **Friday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m.** at our church. It will be 60 minutes long and cost \$15. Drums are provided by our facilitator.

Our drumming leader is Matt Price who works with children, adults and seniors to empower and inspire them through rhythm, movement and mind/body connection. Anyone 13 years of age or older is welcome. Participants don't need any previous drumming or musical skills to get involved and the benefits can be experienced in as little as one hour.

Matt has been a member of the Drum Circle Facilitators Guild since 2022. Currently residing in Pittsburgh, Matt services Pittsburgh and surrounding areas with high quality drum circle facilitation.

This should be similar to the drum circle we held last year which I believe we all enjoyed. Besides being spiritual, it is relaxing and fun. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to attend. It should be an hour well-spent. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Aiello donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com. Thank you!

Priest-in-Charge office hours. In addition to working from home, Mtr. Robin has office hours Wednesdays from 2-6 and again on Thursdays from 11-3.

Parish Administrator office hours. In addition to working from home, Katie has office hours M-T-TH-F from 11-3 p.m.

Please make an appointment if you want to meet with either of them or call ahead to make certain they are at the church. They are often called out of the office for other duties.

For our family members, especially; Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Nelson Ferguson, Jay & A, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Sue Burchill, Carol Schmitz, Bob, Frank Nagy, Chris Sensenich, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Carman Lorcas & family, Bob Kiehl, Robert Donato, Maggie Cervone, John, Marie Hazelton, John Sanborn, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick.

And for our friends, especially; The Collins family, Kevin Mahoney, Julia Sloganaugh, Barbara & Max Hagen, Roseann Lederer and family, Vivian, Steve Parsons, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst, Nancy Baker.

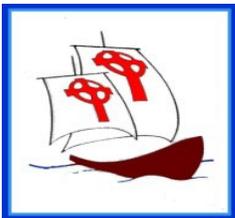
We pray for those who have died, especially Bob Aiello.

April Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
April 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Bishop's Visit Children & Youth Worship	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children	Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Ellen Groves Kathy Miller	Toni Passarello John Appeldorn	Children Tim Austin	Chris Botti	Dave Miller	Sandy Nagy Janice Moore
April 30 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Michael Donadee P Linda Limberis	Lambs Kayla Tweedle FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Katie Costa	Liz MacDonald Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Donna Aiello Mike Wick	Kate Heston	John Appeldorn	Volunteer needed

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 Door keeper	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Dottie Antonucci Phoebe Juel	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Allyson Baiert Kate Heston	Sandy Nagy	Tim Austin	Volunteer needed
May 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd John Appeldorn P Kate Heston	Lambs FISH Door keeper Ruth Horton	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	Allyson Baiert Wesley Bell	Michael Donadee John Appledorn	Neil Galone	Mike Wick	Volunteer needed
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 Anelisa Tarrant	Annemarie Malbon John Appledorn	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	John Appledorn	Dave Miller	Volunteer needed
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 Kathy Miller	Kate Heston Dean Peters	Allyson Baiert Kate Heston	Ruth Horton	Linda Limberis	Volunteer needed



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: 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
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: 2:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 6:00 pm
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 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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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/>

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

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com