

NAVIGATOR'S LOG

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS



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

February 12, 2023

Be careful what you wish for. In the church where I was raised, members would often grumble that they had no say in how parish funds were spent, no role in choosing their priest and no business overseeing operations of the parish. Thank goodness that's not the case in the Episcopal Church. But it comes with a price. The price is that lay people must expend the necessary time and energy to manage many aspects of their church. While the priest in any Episcopal parish is in charge of all matters regarding worship and spirituality, the vestry is elected by the congregation to handle the budget, property and general activities. Other lay members play a big part, too, and that's a good thing.

For now, though, let's focus on the vestry. St. Brendan's has nine vestry members, each of whom serves a three-year term. I don't know how other vestries are organized, but because St. Brendan's has so many ministries, each vestry member here has an area (or two) of oversight. This doesn't mean they personally perform that particular function, but they serve as a liaison to the parishioners who do lead or are involved in those activities. You'll find every vestry member listed next to their area of oversight in the Navigator's Log and Sunday bulletin.

For instance, Ruth Horton, the vestry member who oversees Outreach, doesn't run the outreach activities (Justice Ministry, CRIES Advocacy, English as a Second Language, etc.). Instead, she serves as a link between the vestry and the outreach leaders on projects they've taken on and resources they might need. Similarly, Sandy Nagy, the vestry member who oversees Audio-Visual Technology, doesn't run the equipment, but makes sure it's in working order and that St. Brendan's has the trained personnel to operate it.

If you're new to the Episcopal Church, you may be thinking what's up with those "wardens." The junior warden oversees the building and grounds and makes sure all is in working order. While Dan Moore has a wide range of DIY skills, he, as junior warden, is not the janitor, plumber or electrician — but he will certainly call one when necessary. Finally, there's the senior warden, the person who chairs the vestry and has oversight of all these overseers. As I said at the beginning, be careful what you wish for. 😊

Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden

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Gentlemen of St Brendan's, please join us for breakfast on **Monday, February 13th at 9:00 a.m.** at the Eat'n Park, 2650 Brandt School Rd, Wexford. There is a group at 11:00 a.m. following us, so we need to be prompt. Reply to Steve Horton stephenshorton@gmail.com.

Interested in Confirmation or Reception?



Mother Robin will be holding classes for anyone interested in confirming their faith beginning on Sunday, February 26, and continuing on the following four Sundays, then a break for Holy Week, and the final class will be held on Sunday, April 16. Classes will be in the church conference room from 9:00AM to 9:45AM. Confirmation and Reception will be on Sunday, April 23 when Bishop Solak comes to St. Brendan's.

What does Reception mean? If you are already confirmed in another liturgical tradition (such as Roman Catholic or Lutheran) you can be received into the Episcopal Church. The bishop will also do this on Sunday, April 23. Our confirmation classes are not required. How does that work? The bishop lays hands on each candidate for reception and says, "We recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion".

If you are interested in being either confirmed/received, or have any questions, please contact Mother Robin robin@stbrendans.org.

Vestry News Roundup:



Bylaws Revamp. The vestry wants the examination of parish bylaws to continue, with an eye toward an update that eventually would be put before the congregation for consideration and possible approval. The next step will be the formation of a committee whose members would look carefully at the bylaws and identify provisions that might be changed. If you'd like to serve on this committee, which will have limited duration, please contact Tom at twaseleski@comcast.net.

Next Meeting. The vestry moved its next meeting to Monday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. The date is one week later than usual and it more evenly falls between the January retreat and the March meeting. Under the parish bylaws vestry meetings are open to St. Brendan's members.

A Great Opportunity to Make a Difference for the Homeless

There are so many things we take for granted - not only our homes, but fresh water, lights, clean clothes, the list goes on and on. Some folks are not blessed with these luxuries; they live on the streets or in their cars. The Justice Ministry has a new project taking place during Lent, where we can all help the homeless right from our own homes. You will be given a calendar, with a different entry for each day during Lent, and if you have access to that item or if you do that task, you put a small amount of money in a container we will provide. For instance, donate \$0.50 every time you have a meal today, give \$0.25 if your home has heat today, etc., etc.



At the end of Lent, you will turn the carton of money into us and we will give it to Outreached Arms, which is a non-profit for the homeless. The money will be distributed through First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

All are welcome to participate -- adults as well as children. You can pick up your supplies for this project after service the next two Sundays, February 12 and February 19. Please help us help the homeless in Pittsburgh! Thank you!

Donna Aiello and Annie Koch from the Justice Ministry

Following the final Blessing at the 8:00 and the 10:00 services on Sunday, February 19, we are asking everyone in church that day to remain in their seats for an important presentation. We promise not to keep you for more than ten minutes and we think you will leave better informed and hopefully more engaged in our life as a community of faith. Whether you have worshipped with us for decades, years, months, or just weeks--please give us those ten minutes from your day. Thank you.



Finally, it's Super Bowl Sunday! The Philadelphia Eagles vs. the Kansas City Chiefs! If you've been waiting to see who would be playing before buying your squares in our Super Bowl Pool, you still have time to do so. Here are the details: (1) We have just 15 squares left. (2) Our deadline is noon on Sunday. (3) The price is still \$10 per square. Please see Tim Austin on Sunday after the 8:00 or 10:00 service. The clock is ticking!



St. Brendan's Book, CD, DVD Sale including a Soup and Bake Sale
Friday, Feb. 17: 9 am to 6 pm Saturday, Feb. 18: 9 am to 12 noon

****Donation drop off:** Feb. 5 thru Feb. 14.

****Types of donations needed:**

• Books, CDs, DVDs, books on CD:

New and gently-used items for children and adults that:

- are clean and in good condition: no evidence of mold, stains, soil, spills, pet hair, odors like smoke or mildew, etc.
- have bindings and pages that are intact; no missing or browning pages, no writing or coloring on pages, no rips or tears
- are not older than five years in genres of business, health/medicine, technology, science.

*** Unfortunately, we cannot accept and will not be selling encyclopedia, textbooks, magazines or journals, newspapers, catalogs, VHS tapes, or cassette tapes.

- **Clean, reusable tote bags**
- **Produce boxes from Costco, Aldi, or Sam's Club**
- **Paper ream boxes with lids**

****Volunteer:** Sign up in the narthex to help before and during the sale.

****Volunteers:** Needed for book sale cleanup crew from 12 - 2 pm on Feb 18th.

****Soup Sale help:** Please consider making a monetary donation to cover the cost of ingredients for soup that will be sold during the sale.

****Bring a baked good:** The Book Sale will also feature a Bake Sale. Please bring a baked good between now and Feb 16th. Items should be marked and placed in kitchen freezer. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

****Spread the word: Flyers will be available in the narthex.**

****Questions:** Contact Chris Botti (shadypatch@msn.com) or Saundy Waseleski (swaseleski@comcast.net).



Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner. February 21st 5-7 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, crepes, sausage and gravy, and applesauce. The entire meal will be prepared by our male Brendanites. Invite your extended family and friends to this Fat Tuesday celebration. Cost is \$10.00/person, \$18.00/family. Contact Dan Moore if you'd like to help in any capacity.

Annual Reports. If you did not receive a St. Brendan's Annual Report for 2022 in your email in January, you can still obtain one. The report is a comprehensive account of parish ministries, activities and finances. All members should have a copy and read it for a thorough understanding of the parish. If you would like to receive one in your email, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



The **Parish Picnic** will be **July 9th** this year. **Please save the date.** Details will come at a later time.

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Hats, Scarves and Gloves needed!

In my hall closet, along with my winter coats, I have what I suspect all of us have: a catch-all basket. In it is a collection of unused gloves, mittens, hats and scarves.

NRP (Neighborhood Resilience Project) has put out a request for these items, gently used or new, as their collection has been depleted because of need. The Justice Ministry would like you to help us collect these to give a hand to our neighbors to keep them warm.

Please place any items you're able to donate in the bin in the lobby. We will be gathering these items until the end of the month (Feb26). If you have any questions please email Annie at reshiesmom@gmail.com.



CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Church Directory: Our digital directory has moved and can now be found on our main website: <https://www.stbrendans.org/members> (Click on the blue button that says "Directory"). Maintaining the privacy of your personal information is important to us, so the directory is secured and may only be accessed by St. Brendan's members. Unfortunately, due to moving the document, you may need to re-request access even if you previously had requested access. We apologize for the inconvenience. On our website, click on the blue button that says "Directory." Then, on the page that pops up saying, "You need access," click on the blue button that says "Request access." You will receive an email notifying you once you are approved for access. Once you have access, you should be able to access the directory from our website at any time. Katie updates the directory monthly so the online directory is the best way to ensure you have the correct contact information for our members.



Save the date! We will once again be participating in the **Pittsburgh Pride Parade**. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 3, 2023 and will begin at noon. This is always a meaningful event. Signups and more details will be shared closer to the date.

Children and Youth



February Food Drive: Jesus told us to "love our neighbors as we love ourselves." As Christians, it is our job to put that love into action. In that spirit, the children and youth of St. Brendan's are holding a food drive during the month of February to help neighbors in our own community. The children will be handing out flyers and making announcements about the food drive during February services. Please bring in your donations of non-perishable food items on February 19th and 26th for a special blessing at the February 26th children's service. All the food collected will be given to the North Hills Food Pantry. Thanks for your support!

Volunteers are still needed in the Sunday School program and nursery. Please contact Allison Kline, Saundy Waseleski, or Annemarie Malbon for more information. We really need your help! These are important ministries for our families and our church.

TWO JOB OPENINGS AT ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR:

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Franklin Park is 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.

Please respond no later than April 15, 2023.

Response information, detailed job descriptions and more information can be found on St. Brendan's Episcopal Church website: <https://www.stbrendans.org/employment>.

NURSERY COORDINATOR:

St. Brendan's is seeking a paid part-time nursery coordinator 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 displays enthusiasm for the ministry, cheerfulness in dealing with children and skill in working with other adults in the nursery.

Please respond no later than March 1, 2023.

Response information, detailed job descriptions and more information can be found on St. Brendan's Episcopal Church website: <https://www.stbrendans.org/employment>.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Karl Haider, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Elizabeth Murphy, Mark Kinley, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Matthew, Jim Gray, Ruth, Mark Shoemaker, Alice Butterworth, Bill and Tammy Spoonhoward.

We pray for our parents, especially; Carol Crawford, Diane Davis, Ray Miltzer, Lenora, Adele & Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian.

We pray for our family members, especially; Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Cliff Mauriello, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Frank Nagy, Chris Sensenich, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Marie Hazelton, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Bob Kiehl, Robert Donato, John Sanborn.

And for our friends, especially; Julia Sloganaugh, Nancy Baker, Steve Parsons.

We pray for all who have died, especially Bill Lindner, William Pierce.

How Can Pittsburgh Move from Environmental Racism to Environmental Justice?

A Zoom Panel with

Alyssa Lyon, Director of Black Environmental Collective, UrbanKind Pittsburgh

Patrick Campbell, Executive Director, Group Against Smog and Pollution

Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, Executive Director, Women for a Healthy Environment, Allegheny County Councilperson, District 8



Alyssa Lyon



Patrick Campbell



Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis

Sunday, February 19, 7 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82415414027?pwd=cnVQSE9aa3FUd3lrTGv1ODZveIlrQT09>

Meeting ID: 824 1541 4027

Passcode: 390840

Environmental Racism is a condition in which places where people of color live are disproportionately affected by air pollution, toxic waste, extreme weather, and other hazards. **Environmental Justice** is a condition in which fairer participation in decision-making removes these dangers. Learn how you can work to make a better future for all.

This panel is sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, with co-sponsors Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light (PA IPL) and Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN).

Don't miss it!

THRIVE's

Afghan Supper Club



Sunday, Feb. 19, 2023 5-7 pm

St. Paul's United Methodist Church

1965 Ferguson Road, Allison Park

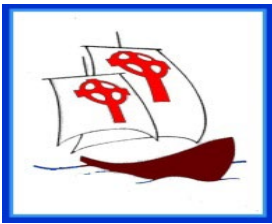
Enjoy a full course dinner featuring delicious authentic Afghan cuisine and an after-dinner cultural program. Each ticket purchased helps raise funds to supplement the income of two deserving Afghan families. These two couples one day hope to begin a catering business or restaurant. Come, enjoy wonderful food and fellowship while supporting our newly-arrived Afghan neighbors!

Tickets are on sale through February 13th on our website:

thrivepittsburgh.org

February Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Nursery	Hospitality
February 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 5 th Sunday of Epiphany	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Kate Heston P John Appeldorn	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Mary Bertucci Door keeper Katie Costa	Anelisa Tarrant Dottie Antonucci	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Ruth Horton	Tim Austin	Pat Carl Mi Jang	Ruth Horton
February 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 6 th Sunday of Epiphany	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st John Appeldorn 2 nd Dean Peters P Michael Donadee	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Kayla Tweedle Door keeper Katie Costa	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Toni Passarello John Appeldorn	Allyson Baiert Michael Donadee	John Appeldorn	Mike Wick	Annemarie Malbon Mi Jang	Chris Botti
February 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Last Sunday of Epiphany	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Ann Vinski P John Appeldorn	Lambs Joyce Donadee FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Allyson Baiert Dean Peters	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	TBD	John Appeldorn	Mi Jang Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
February 22 Wednesday 12:00 & 7:00 pm	12 Ellen Groves 7 TBD	n/a	TBD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 1 st Sunday in Lent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Michael Donadee 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Mary Bertucci	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Tammy Spoonhoward Susan Shields	Kate Heston Toni Passarello	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	TBD	Tim Austin	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Rosie Wood



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/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: 10:00 am Katie office hours till 2:00 pm
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: 10:00 am Katie office hours till 2:00 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://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