



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
Monday	8:30 a.m.	Daily Morning Prayer Zoom ID # website https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105
	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting, via zoom Dial in 312-626-6799 Meeting Id: 345 892 252
	9:00 a.m.	Staff meeting, via zoom
	11:00 a.m.	Bible Study, via zoom
Friday	4:00 p.m.	Contemplative Prayer, via zoom
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Sunday, June 7, 2020

Celebrant: The Rev. Julie Smith

Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer and worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends of St. Brendan's

The Priest's Corner

Brendan's and Racism

Due to the circumstances surrounding the death of George Floyd and our national sin of racism, Priest's Corner will be different today. Many Brendanites and friends of St. Brendan's have reached out desiring active involvement in helping to fix the racism that is so deeply rooted in our country and us. The time to meaningfully act is now. I'm starting this Column today with a reflection from parishioner, Pete Sweet.

To St. Brendan's Family:

Fr. Regis has shared his Priest Corner this week so that we can start the important conversation of how St. Brendan's will respond to the call to end racism. This is my story but I think it will resonate with a lot of you.

Like many of you, I have been sitting safe at home, quarantined with every comfort, screaming at the TV while I witnessed George Floyd be choked to death by a white police officer. I raged when Ahmaud Arbery was shot by vigilantes for jogging in THEIR neighborhood. Shook my head and prayed when Breonna Taylor was shot to death for defending her own home. The prayer and the disgust would be my contribution to the solution. I/WE CAN'T LET IT END THERE!!!!

"White people can't be silent anymore." "We need you to step up." "Walk with us." "We can't do it alone." "Pray with us." "March with us." "Listen." "Share our Stories." "Stop killing us." "Hold the police accountable." "Stand with us." "Stop posting and start doing." "Speak up for us."

Over the past week, the conversation seems to be taking on a new sense of urgency. Black people are tired and are asking for our help! The quotes above are from conversations I've had or seen over the past week on the news or on-line. These are just some of the responses when black people are asked what everyone, especially white people, needs to do to end racism.

I've heard their cry and know that you have too. When I reached out to Tim Austin on Sunday I expressed that I can't sit at home saying I don't know what to do anymore. I still don't know what to do but I need to do something. Many of you may be saying the same thing. I feel in my heart that the members of St. Brendan's will answer this call.

When we needed to leave our doors to reach out to LGBTQ folks needing comfort, support and a church home, we responded. When young families needed a church to go to that was welcoming, focused on education, loving and open to all souls, we responded. When Covid 19 hit and the choice was either shut down or find other ways to minister we responded. Joining the fight to end racism is critical now and St. Brendan's will respond again!

Fr. Regis, Julie, Tim, myself and the Justice Ministry will be setting up a Zoom meeting next week. It will likely be Wednesday, June 10, time to be determined. **All parishioners who let us know of their interest to attend will receive an Invitation to the Zoom Conference on June 10.** Please contact me at 724-272-9513 or peterdsweet@yahoo.com if you have any questions or want to be sent an invitation to the meeting. This virtual get-together will likely be in the evening. It will be set up as a brainstorming or resource-gathering session. Please bring any idea or thoughts you have. Again, contact me at peterdsweet@yahoo.com or 724-272-9513 if you have any questions or want to be sent an invitation to this meeting.

In the meantime, if you haven't seen it, Bishop Dorsey sent out an amazing YouTube letter. His letter is a call to action and a message of love and healing. The link to the letter is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QzXUVye61Ts&feature=youtu.be>. Thank you Fr. Regis for sharing the Priest Corner this week. Thank you in advance to the Saint Brendan's family for taking action on ending racism.

**God bless,
Pete Sweet**

The Justice Ministry of St. Brendan's is having a meeting after the live-streaming of this Sunday's Worship Service, **Sunday, June 7, around 11:30 a.m.** This meeting will surface some initial ideas at the direction of our anti-racism response given the murder of George Floyd and the "Black Lives Matter" issue at hand. If you have any initial thoughts or action-step ideas you'd like considered at this stage of our response forming, please send them to me via email RegisJS@verizon.net or text to 412-877-7557.

Regis+

Announcements



St. Brendan's Food Bank – We now have tubs to place donations in and a cabinet filled with goods ready for people in need to use. These are placed right outside the front doors. If you or someone you know is struggling, PLEASE come by and take what you need. There is no need to enter the building. If you are able to bring any donations, know that you are bringing more than food that feeds the body, you are bringing hope and caring to those who need.

Senior Warden's Corner

Our attention is rightly focused right now on the death of George Floyd and on reactions to it both locally and across the country. This week's Priest's Corner addresses the issues that have been surfaced—and the last thing I want to do is to direct attention away from them.

However, I promised last week that I would share with you the names of the Working Group that will be discussing when and how to re-open St. Brendan's to public worship. They are Lauren Ramakrishna, Cameron Grosh, Donna Aiello, Saundy Waseleski, Tony Turo, Ruth Horton, Charlotte Pierce, and Phoebe Juel. (In addition, Fr. Regis, George Snyder and I will make ourselves available to the Working Group as needed, but we are not members.) I am grateful to them all for the time they will be committing to this very important task. The group has already met twice and plans to contact all members of St. Brendan's in the near future to learn about your concerns and your priorities.

One additional comment. At the group's initial meeting, one member asked whether Fr. Regis and I would be willing to share with them and with you a projected "no-earlier-than" date for resuming public worship at 2365 McAleer Road. We reviewed the steps that must be taken if we are to re-open our doors responsibly: the Working Group must develop and present its recommendations to the Vestry; the Vestry must consider them and either amend or adopt them; Fr. Regis' concurrence must also be secured; our proposal as a parish must then be communicated to Bishop McConnell; and we must hear back from him before we implement our plans. Realistically, this process will take until at least mid-July and I believe that July 19 would be absolutely the earliest date that we would be able to begin in-person worship. Other parishes with smaller congregations or larger paid staffs will likely open sooner, but we must do what is best for St. Brendan's, even if that means deferring re-opening rather longer than we might prefer.

Sr. Warden, Tim Austin

Volunteers Wanted! For almost three months now, we have been including in our streamed services scripture readings and the Prayers of the People pre-recorded at home by Brendanites from 7 to 70+ and from Sewickley Heights to farthest Florida! We would love to widen that circle of participation. The process of recording yourself is simple and painless--we promise! To be added to the list of readers, simply send your name and email address to Tim Austin (austover@gmail.com). Thank you!

Dear Brendanites,

We continue with our Lenten series called 'Kneeling with Giants'. If you recall, during Lent we were able to complete the first two sessions in the series (Regis and Julie) before Sunday services at church were suspended. The schedule below reflects survey responses for availability.

Kneeling with Giants learning series on Prayer:

Ignatian Prayer, John Appledorn

June 5, Friday 4:00 p.m.

Book of Common Prayer, Darrell Johnson

June 12, Friday 4:00 p.m.

Healing Prayer, Regis Smolko and Melanie Popovich

June 19, Friday 4:00 p.m.

All sessions will be via Zoom, and the link will be sent prior to each session. All sessions are intended to be interactive.



Do you have a special prayer request? Contact Ruth Horton. Pastoral Care Ministry members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.

Kid's Corner

Buoyed by Faith; What is happening?

Last week in the church we celebrated because God had sent us an Advocate. The Spirit descended on us and for one, brief, moment we understood each other. We listened and we heard each other, no matter what language spoke, and we knew what each other was saying.

But it seems like another spirit descended on us last week too and that is one I want to write to you about. Maybe you have noticed adults talking in whispers this week. And maybe the T.V. was turned off a lot or the channel was changed when you walked into the room. And maybe you noticed, too, adults crying, or angry, or afraid. And that maybe makes you a little scared too. So, what is happening and what can we do?

This time, because this has happened before, it started with an arrest of a black man by three white and one Asian policemen. Identifying the race of those involved matters. During the arrest, the black man died and none of the police tried to help him. Other people were there, and they recorded what happened. This is why some people are in the streets. People who have not been listened to before are telling us Black Lives Matter, and reminding us to say his name, George Floyd, and calling on us to work with them to change the nation to live up to its promise of equality for all people.

And this is why people are sad, and mad, and afraid and confused.

And it is O.K. to feel all of those ways and more. I'm confused too. I'm unsure about what to do too. But I feel like I have to do something.

A start is to remember that being kind to people is doing something. Making a new friend, when we are able to be together again, is doing something. Being a good friend and listening to my friends is doing something. And as we get older, not standing by when bad things happen is doing something. Stopping people who say bad things is doing something. Being positive is doing something.

And praying is doing something. But when I am confused, I don't always have the words to pray. When I can't find my own words to pray, the Book of Common Prayer (not the copy of the prayer book I gave you but the big one in church or the one you can find online at <https://www.bcponline.org/>) has a lot of prayers starting on page 814, and I find these prayers comforting.

If you ever need or want to talk to someone, my phone number is 412-995-0915 and my email address is jlsphone1@gmail.com. My phone is always on, I answer my emails and I may not have THE answer for you, but I will listen to you. And we can laugh and if needed cry together. And you will be heard.

This is Trinity Sunday – and I think our creation is an overflowing of love from the Trinity, and our readings this week remind us of 3 things: The first reading is the creation story – that God created us for love. The second reading is Paul's appeal that we agree with one another, that we love one another and that God's love and peace will be with us. And the third reading, the Gospel, is Jesus reminding us that he is "with you always, to the end of the age."

Julie+

Dear Friends of St. Brendan's,

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for, the following parishioners and friends or family of parishioners. 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.

We are grateful for their selfless dedication and ask that God watch over them, keep them safe and give them both strength and rest. We hope that you will join the church in thanking and praying for:

Kimberly Becker	Maddie Bell	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	Amanda Gagnon	Jeff Gagnon	Shelley Gagnon	Betsy Gentile
Lynne Gloor	Ann Hockenberry	Beth Lutz Hoffman	Eric Hood	John Jacobs and staff
Kerri Jensen	Dr. Ken	Luke O'Neill	Kim Pierce	Becca Sands
Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	Justin Zeigler	Cindy	Jennifer
Julie	Lane	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.

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2019  September 2020

October 2019

- 6 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 13 ~~Dottie & Carl Antonucci~~
- 20 ~~Kinley & Aretz families~~
- 27 ~~Lauren Chappo and Becca Sands~~

November 2019

- 3 ~~Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey~~
- 10 ~~Melinda & Wesley Bell~~
- 17 ~~Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche~~
- 24 ~~Church sign-up (Appetizers)~~

December 2019

- 1 ~~Choir~~
- 8 ~~Brigid & Jim Christenson~~
- 15 ~~Julie Smith & Colette Satler~~
- 22 ~~Church sign-up (appetizers)~~
- 29 ~~Stacey Coyle and Andrea Dickerson~~

January 2020

- 5 ~~Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq~~
- 12 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~
- 19 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 26 ~~Annual Meeting church sign-up (soup)~~

February 2020

- 2 ~~Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati~~
- 9 ~~Chris & Roger Botti~~
- 16 ~~Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 23 ~~Anne Semmler and Cameron Gresh~~

March 2020

- 1 ~~Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 8 ~~Amy & Kevin Boyd~~
- 15 ~~Eric Helmsen and Ken Parsons~~
- 22 ~~open~~
- 29 ~~Meghan & Robert Karn~~

April 2020

- 5 ~~Cindy & Pete Larson~~
- 12 ~~Hospitality Committee~~
- 19 ~~Libby and Phoebe Juel~~
- 26 ~~Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler~~

May 2020

- 3 ~~The Bertucci family~~
- 10 ~~Parish Men, Mother's Day~~
- 17 ~~Laureen & Todd Douds~~
- 24 ~~Sharon & Ron Ladick~~
- 31 ~~Linda & Jason Konley~~

June 2020

- 7 ~~Marian & AJ McKenna~~
~~Trish & Neil Galone~~
- 14 ~~Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin~~
- 21 ~~Erica & Mark McClure~~
- 28 ~~Parish Picnic-cancelled~~

July 2020

- 5 ~~open~~
- 12 ~~Kate & Keith Heston~~
- 19 ~~open~~
- 26 ~~Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich~~

August 2020

- 2 ~~Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna~~
- 9 ~~Arlena & Bill Pugliese~~
- 16 ~~Anne Semmler and Andrew Sprentz~~
- 23 ~~Saundy & Tom Waseleski~~
- 30 ~~AJ Turo, Rob & George Latta~~

September 2020

- 6 ~~Nancy & George Snyder~~
- 13 ~~Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski~~
- 20 ~~Emily & Brad Zupancic~~
- 27 ~~Janet Fesq and Chris Fleissner~~



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.

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Pat Carl
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Karen Dennis
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Parish Profile: Inactive
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Linda Schneider
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Larry Toler
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant
Marilyn Mulvihill
Under One Roof: Inactive

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Pastoral Care Ministry: Ruth Horton
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck
Libby Juel
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Tim Austin
Jr. Warden & Secretary/Clerk: Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: Dean Peters
Audio-Visual Technology: Cameron Grosh
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Larry Toler
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Dean Peters and Mary Bertucci
Outreach and Social Justice: Donna Aiello
Safety & Security: Tim Austin
Treasurer: Ellen Groves
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