



Pentecost

This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(7-7)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		11:15 a.m.	Miryam's preparation
		2:00 p.m.	Miryam's delivery
Monday	(7-8)	10:00 a.m.	Family ESL
		11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
Tuesday	(7-9)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		12:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
Wednesday	(7-10)	7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Thursday	(7-11)	7:00 p.m.	Sticks & Strings
Saturday	(7-13)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, July 7, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Ruth Horton
	10:00 a.m. Richard Gordon
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Tim Austin
Chalice Bearers:	Debbie Wunsche
	Richard Gordon
Altar Guild:	Betsy Smith
	Ellen Groves
Sunday School:	Summer Break
Nursery:	Whitney Brown
	Libby Juel
Ushers:	Joyce & Michael Donadee
Vestry:	Tom Waseleski
Hospitality:	Rob & George Latta
LEM:	Ruth Getz

The Priest's Corner

St. Brendan's Has a Social Justice Ministry...

...and it is off and running! It has an energy, and the latest count is that 14 have become members. I'm not surprised! St. B's has always had an active leaning in the direction of fairness. From its earliest days, our church has been dedicated to giving 10% of its income to many causes that promote social justice. As we formally begin this committee, group, ministry etc., I felt it was fitting to dedicate today's and next week's Priest's Corners to the notion of social justice. This week I want to trace the origins and understandings of social justice. Next week I'll reflect on what to expect now that our social justice group is operating.

The term "social justice" originated in the 1840s with Jesuit priest Luigi Taparelli D'Azeglio coining the term based on the teachings of Thomas Aquinas. The term simply meant justice (treating people fairly) applied to society. At the time, the term social justice was considered a significant contribution to conservative political philosophy.

According to Joseph Carter, "Society ensures social justice when it provides the conditions that allow associations or individuals to obtain what is their due, according to their nature and their vocation." It is linked to the common good and the exercise of authority.

The Oxford English Dictionary defines social justice as "justice in terms of the distribution of wealth, opportunities, and privileges within a society" but vaguely defines justice as the "quality of being fair and reasonable." I really like the way philosopher Gideon Strauss defines it: Justice is "when all God's creatures receive what is due them and contribute out of their uniqueness to our common existence."

Biblical justice is primarily captured in two Hebrew words — mishpat and tzadeqah. Mishpat means treating people equitably. It means acquitting or punishing every person on the merits of the case, regardless of race or social status. Anyone who does the same wrong should be given the same penalty. It also means giving people their rights. (See Dt.18.)

The second Hebrew word for justice tzadeqah can be translated as "being just." It refers to day-to-day living in which a person conducts all relationships in family and society with fairness and generosity.

The New Testament shows Jesus as often reaching out to bring fairness to all people, particularly the marginalized. Whether we use the term or not, Christians are engaged in social justice when we advocate for issues such as abortion, racial reconciliation, immigration fairness, religious liberty, and ending sex trafficking. We engage in social justice whenever we seek moral reform of our society in a way that ensures every person is treated with dignity and given their due.

Our Episcopalian role models emphasize that our churches definitely should advocate for social justice in the sense that every sinful society needs constant moral reform. The church's chief tool in this advocacy is the gospel itself. Redeemed humanity is likelier to care about justice than those who do not feel redeemed. So, Redeemed Ones, forward we march!

Regis+

Announcements

Successful VBS. Thanks to Allison Kline and her team, St. Brendan's was home last week to another fun and exciting Vacation Bible School. Seventeen children attended, played, snacked, made crafts, sang songs and learned valuable Christian lessons. Thanks to all Brendanite volunteers – adults and teens – who made it happen.

CRIS Advocacy. (Christian Response In Emergency Situations) meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes.

This week we are praying for the work of Operation Smile, where teams of medical personnel travel to all parts of the world to evaluate and treat children's facial deformities. <https://www.operationsmile.org/>.

The next meeting will be **Sunday, July 21**. All are welcome.

An electronic version of the **parish directory** will be available soon. Please be sure your e-mail address(es) and phone numbers are current with the office. Thank you.

Also, please update the church office e-mail address and be sure you are using only stbrendans@comcast.net.

SUMMER PLEDGE. Enjoy the summer, but don't forget to stay current with your financial pledge. St. Brendan's bills don't take a vacation!



Did you hear the great news?! Our BFF fund drive for social hall acoustic tiles has reached over \$5,800! It is truly outstanding that in a mere seven weeks, Brendanites have pulled together and donated 73% of the amount needed to fund this worthy cause. Enhanced sound quality in our social hall will greatly improve the effectiveness of our programs related to education, outreach and fellowship – all vital components of our mission.

We still need to raise \$2,196 to cover the estimated costs to make this project a reality. If you are able, please consider making a BFF donation so that "sound" improvements can be made to our social hall. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of St. Brendan's!



Hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, potato salad!! Is your mouth watering yet? If so, you better head to the grocery store to get your favorite summer picnic foods!! Did you know that St. Brendan's earns 5% for each grocery card that we sell? Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling grocery cards in the narthex each Sunday, buy a grocery card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle, then go shopping for those delicious summer picnic foods at your convenience! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!



Used ink cartridges

St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridge in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.



Do you have a special prayer request? You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to stbrendans.coh@gmail.com. Community of Hope 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.



North Hills Food Pantry. During the summer when schools are closed, many families who depend on the free or reduced meals provided to students turn to food banks for assistance. Unfortunately, donations tend to decline at the same time the need is greater. This week, please add an extra box of cereal, jar of peanut butter, tube of toothpaste or can of fruit/vegetables to your grocery list and bring it in to church. The North Hills Food Bank needs any kind of non-perishable food. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.



Book Club is on summer hiatus until September 5, but if you want to plan your beach reading, we'll be comparing two books, Jane Austen's classic "Pride and Prejudice" and "Eligible," a modern take on the story by Curtis Sittenfeld. Both are easy to borrow from the library in print or audio formats. (Feel free to cheat with the PBS series starring Colin Firth.) For more information, email Pat Carl at pkarrcarl@gmail.com. Happy reading!

Letter Writing on Immigration. Below is a letter to the congregation from the Justice Committee, a new ministry at St. Brendan's: Hello, Brendanites.

There is a new group formed at St. Brendan's that will address issues specifically related to social justice. We have initiated our efforts by starting a campaign to express our concern and disagreement related to immigration issues and child separation at the border. It's critical for all of us to express our Episcopal beliefs in action. One of the easiest things to do is to let our elected legislators know how we feel. To that end there will be a letter writing campaign on Sunday, July 7, after each of the services. We will provide the paper, envelopes and stamps and will have a sample letter available. Calling our representatives is also a very effective way to express your opinion.

If you'd like to write a letter but won't be at church on Sunday, the website www.contactingcongress.org will give you the address of your House representative by entering your ZIP code. The addresses of Pennsylvania's senators – Republican Patrick Toomey and Democrat Robert Casey – will be found there, too.

Other contacts where letters can be sent include:

Committee on Foreign Affairs
2229 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-5301

Committee on Homeland Security, Oversight and Government Reform
317 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515
202-225-4511

President Donald Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Washington DC 20500

It is recommended by the committee that we urge Congress to keep families together. We can do that by telling our representatives to pass the Keep Families Together Act. Now is the time for all of us to do what we can to make sure children can stay with their parents and stop the cruel treatment of people at the border. Thank you.

For more information, please contact Joyce Donadee, jdjdonadee@gmail.com, or Joe Macklin, joemacklin92@gmail.com, of St. Brendan's Justice Committee.

Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry. Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis's office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's public address. (Saturday, October 5)

Would you be interested in going to Wheeling, W.Va., to hear and see Presiding Bishop Michael Curry? In celebration of the 200th Anniversary of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Wheeling, the church will feature a special presentation by the presiding bishop at Wesbanco Arena at 3 p.m. Wheeling is about one hour and 30 minutes from St Brendan's. Tickets are \$5. Click on the link to purchase yours:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5841774/bishop-michael-curry-wheeling-wesbanco-arena>. Contact Regis or Frances Kinley if you're interested or sign up in the narthex.

Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule and the July ministry calendar.



July 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
July 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
July 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Richard Gordon P Tim Austin C Debbie Wunsche C Richard Gordon LEV Ruth Getz	Ellen Groves Betsy Smith	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Libby Juel	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tom Waseleski	Rob & George Latta
July 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
July 14 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Sheila Bigelow P Dean Peters C Tim Austin C Sheila Bigelow LEV Richard Gordon	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Sarika Sethia	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Janice Moore	Judy Flick Marcy Little
July 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
July 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Susan Shoemaker P Deb Wunsche C Stacy Coyle C Darrell Johnson LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Summer Break	Julia Wick Annemarie Malbon	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Tim Austin	Debbie Wunsche Jim Gray
July 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
July 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Tim Austin C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Darrell Johnson	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	Summer Break	Whitney Brown Silvia Bertucci	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Ruth Horton	Betsy & Bob Smith
July 31 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018  September 2019

October 2018

- 7 Nancy & George Snyder
- 14 Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous
- 21 Animal Blessing
- 28 Gail Gagnon & Karen Dennis

November 2018

- 4 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 11 Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton
- 18 Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis
- 25 Nancy & Wilder Bancroft

December 2018

- 2 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Anelisa Tarrant & Janet Fesq
- 23 Julia Wick & Ken Parsons
- 30 Rob & George Latta

January 2019

- 6 Kate & Keith Heston
- 13 Anne & Jno Hunt
- 20 Julia & Mike Wick
- 27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

February 2019

- 3 The Fleissner family
- 10 Janice & Dan Moore
- 17 Ken Parsons & Regis Smolke
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

March 2019

- 3 Mary & Dale Bertucci
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Meske
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Lauren Chappo & Becca Sands

April 2019

- 7 Karen & Dean Peters
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aielle
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Pot Luck

May 2019

- 5 Kelli Cerra & Ellen Groves
- 12 Mother's Day/Bishop's visit
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

June 2019

- 2 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Celebration

July 2019

- 7 Rob & George Latta
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

August 2019

- 4 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 11 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Volunteer needed

September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelus
- 8 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 15 The Aretz & Kinley family
- 22 Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich
- 29 Jean Pett-Ridge & Marge Marine



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: Roger Botti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant
Invite Welcome Connect: Brad Thompson
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Nursery: Stacy Connifey
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Mark Shoemaker
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

VESTRY MEMBERS

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden & Education: Ruth Horton
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Inreach/Hospitality/Secretary: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Dean Peters
Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Tammy Spoonhoward
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck
Libby Juel
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
English as a Second Language: Joyce Donadee
Elizabeth Murphy
Linda Schneider
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
Janice & Dan Moore
Stacy Connifey
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko

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