

# NAVIGATOR'S LOG

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& UPCOMING EVENTS



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

January 28, 2024



**St. Brendan's Annual Parish Meeting** will take place **THIS Sunday, Jan. 28, after a joint 9 a.m. service.** Mother Robin and the vestry will review the past year and preview the 2024 budget. Candidates will also be elected for vestry. So come to worship, stay for a brief meeting, and enjoy hospitality with fellow Brendanites afterward!



## The Deacon's Corner

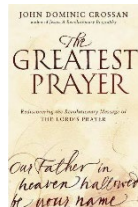
Mtr. Robin and I want to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Advent Haitian Initiative. By any measure, it was a resounding success. Isaac's family was provided with all the things required to satisfy their immediate needs. Isaac plans to distribute what was left to other needy Haitian families in the area. I'm not sure but that may have already been accomplished. Now for a more recent update: at the Justice Ministry's January 11 meeting, the group agreed to keep this initiative active and identified a number of action items for the coming months. These include potentially partnering with Trinity Cathedral where similar efforts may be in place; identifying a strategy to collect donations on an 'as needed' basis and supplying legal and immigration counseling services through resources at St. Brendan's knowledgeable in these areas. It was gratifying to hear that the Justice Ministry feels that this on-going focus fits within their charter. It speaks to the missionary focus of all we do at St. Brendan's. Thank you for being you!

Deacon Darrell



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Dinner.** February 13<sup>th</sup> 5-7 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, crepes, sausage and gravy. 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, \$20.00/family. Contact Dan Moore if you'd like to help in any capacity [danmoore167@gmail.com](mailto:danmoore167@gmail.com).

**Ash Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, there will be 2 services, one at noon and one at 6 pm.**



**Modern Episcopalians** will resume meeting via zoom on Thursday evening on February 8 at 7. We will be studying the Lord's Prayer (Our Father) by reviewing the biblical background and meaning of this most often recited but least understood prayer. We will be using the book *The Greatest Prayer: rediscovering the revolutionary message of the Lord's Prayer* by John Dominic Crossan. Copies are available in the narthex and on Amazon. If you would like an email invitation to the meeting, contact John Appeldorn at [jja47@aol.com](mailto:jja47@aol.com) or 412-480-0052. The zoom link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86472150575?pwd=L0MveU1mdHdpMjJpTzgydVd1NGEydz09>  
Meeting ID 864 7215 0575 Passcode 332681

## Children and Youth



**Sunday, January 28: Children's Worship Service at 9 am.** There will be no Sunday School classes that day as children will be involved in the service. Annemarie will be in touch with parents regarding the various roles children will have. **Please note the time change.** The 9 am. service will be the only service that day. It will be followed by the annual Parish Meeting, which we encourage all families to attend. We'll have a supply of drawing paper and crayons on hand to keep our little ones busy, but you may want to bring along a quiet activity like a coloring book or something that your child enjoys to keep busy with during the meeting.

**Nursery Volunteers:** Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer on various Sundays. Your help is greatly appreciated! Anyone who already has their necessary clearances and is willing and able to help out with our little ones during the 10 am. worship service, please reach out to me, Liz MacDonald, via text/call at 412-865-6486 or email [Liz702988@gmail.com](mailto:Liz702988@gmail.com).

**Taize/Evening Prayer:** The first Taize/Evening Prayer service of new year will be Wednesday, **January 31 at 6 pm** in the chapel. Please note that the service will begin at 6 pm (not 5 pm as with the regular weekly Eucharist service). Please do join us for this quiet, reflective, candlelit service. Treat yourself to a mid-week break from the busy week.



A donation was made to the **Brendan's Family and Friends Fund (BFF)** in memory of Nelson Ferguson from Chris and Roger Botti.



Despite the fact that our Steelers were knocked out of the playoffs last weekend, you can still have a small stake in the remaining weeks of the season. Buy a square or five in our **Super Bowl Football Pool!**

Squares are an amazing bargain at just \$10 each (net proceeds to the church of course). Details are in the Narthex or by email from Tim Austin [austover@gmail.com](mailto:austover@gmail.com).



**We celebrate the February Birthdays:**

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|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 2 Tammy Spoonhoward | 5 George Snyder     | 8 Andrew Costa    | 13 Debbie Gray |
| 13 Robin Jarrell    | 15 Saundy Waseleski | 19 Connie Weichel | 26 James Roche |



**We celebrate the February Wedding Anniversaries.**

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| 21 Debra & Mark Jennings | 27 Nancy and George Snyder |
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**Caring Card Ministry:** The 10:00 Caring Card Ministry currently consists of two people who take turns every two months getting Caring Cards to members. Because the ministry is growing, we are looking for a third person to join us. You do not need to feel you are familiar with members of the congregation as information comes from many sources. If you are at all interested or have questions, please contact Meg Overby [overaust@gmail.com](mailto:overaust@gmail.com).

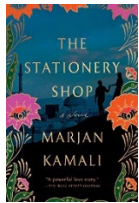
**The Justice Ministry** is looking for quilters-folks who quilt. We hope to take the tee shirts from the Memorial to the Lost and make them into a quilt that can be displayed to once again raise awareness of the toll of gun violence.

If you have a little or a lot of quilt making experience, please contact Marilyn Mulvihill at [mimi15143@yahoo.com](mailto:mimi15143@yahoo.com) or 412-427-2715. Thanks in advance!



**Used Ipad or computer needed.** Isaac and his family are very appreciative of everything that St. Brendan's has done for them. They do have one more request. They are all working very hard on their English skills. Some are attending our ESL groups and others different ESL classes. The issue is they only have one Ipad to use for these classes. A second has already been donated by a parishioner. Two additional ones would be so helpful. If you have a used Ipad or computer that still works and you are no longer using, please consider donating to help them learn language skills. It would be greatly appreciated!

Please contact Donna Aiello at [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com) for more information or if you have an Ipad or computer to donate. Thank you!



**St. Brendan's Book Club**, all are welcome! On Monday, **February 5** at 1 pm we will discuss *The Stationery Shop* by Marjan Kamali, a 2019 novel set in 1953 Teheran. This one (like many of our upcoming titles!) has super reviews. Please join us!

Upcoming titles:

- March 4: *Forty Autumns: A Family's Story of Courage and Survival on Both Sides of the Berlin Wall* by Nina Willner
- April 8: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby van Pelt
- May 6: *My Life in France* by Julia Child

Any questions? Contact Anne Semmler, [annegsemmler@gmail.com](mailto:annegsemmler@gmail.com).

**Diocesan Strategic Focus for 2024:** At the annual Clergy Conference in September 2023 and at the 2023 diocesan convention in November, Bishop Ketlen announced three strategic focus areas for 2024: 1. Fellowship, 2. Communication, and 3. Growth. In her Zoom meeting with clergy on Wednesday, January 24, Bishop Ketlen discussed some specific initiatives that support each of these strategies. Among the initiatives under Growth, is our partnership with Stevenson School for Ministry (SSFM) in the diocese of Central PA. Two certification programs have been developed by SSFM for laity (and authorized by Bishop Ketlen): Lay Worship Leader Training and Lay Preacher Training. Bishop Ketlen encourages all lay persons in our diocese to consider either of these training programs as a way of encouraging growth in the Pittsburgh diocese. Have you ever considered a call to either of these two vocations? St. Brendan's has always encouraged lay leadership in support of our worship. Either of these programs might be just the right fit for you! Financial support is available through the Pittsburgh diocese. If you are interested in learning more about these programs, visit <https://diocesecpa.org/stevensonschoolforministry/lay-ministry/> or contact Mtr. Robin at [Robin@stbrendans.org](mailto:Robin@stbrendans.org) or Deacon Darrel at [darrell@stbrendans.org](mailto:darrell@stbrendans.org).

# Justice Ministry Events



## A Great Opportunity to Make a Difference for the Homeless.

We take so many things for granted – our homes, fresh water, lights, clean clothes, the list goes on and on. Some folks do not have these luxuries; they live on the street or in their cars.

The Justice Ministry is once again offering a Lenten project to help the homeless right from our own homes. You will receive a calendar, with a different entry for each day during Lent. If you have access to that item or if you do the daily task, put a small amount of money in the provided container. For instance, donate \$0.50 every time you have a meal today, give \$0.25 if your home has heat, etc.

At the end of Lent, bring the carton of money to church, and the funds will be given to Outreached Arms, a non-profit for the homeless. The money will be distributed through First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh.

All are welcome to participate -- adults and children. You can pick up supplies after services on the next two Sundays, **February 12 and 19**. Please help us help the homeless in Pittsburgh! Thank you.



## T-Shirt Memorial – quilters needed

The Justice Ministry is looking for people who love to quilt. Our plan is to make a quilt from the t-shirts from the Memorial to the Lost. We will display it to once again raise awareness of the toll of gun violence.

If you have any quilting experience and would like to help, please contact Marilyn Mulvihill at [mimi15143@yahoo.com](mailto:mimi15143@yahoo.com) or 412-427-2715. Thanks in advance.



## Breathe Project talk on March 3

Matt Mehalik, Executive Director of Breathe Project, will present a talk on Southwestern PA's Future: A Story of Air Quality and Sustainability, on **Sunday, March 3** at 11:30, shortly after our 10am service.

Our region continues to rank poorly on national lists of air quality assessments, a key lagging factor in our region's pursuit of a sustainable future. Matt will give us valuable information about key facts, trends, and challenges facing our air quality, and what we can do. Stay tuned for more information.



## Neighborhood Resilience Project (NPR)

We will once again packing lunches for NPR four times over this year. Dates for packing are: **April 13, July 13, September 21 and November 9** – all Saturday mornings. If you would like to help, please mark those dates on your calendar.



## Recycling Initiative

St. Brendan's does not have any recycling pick-up. So, in an effort to help our environment and set a good example for our children, we are starting a recycling initiative. Recycling containers will be in the Parish Hall after Hospitality each Sunday. There are colored containers labeled for glass, metal, plastic, and paper. Please take a moment and make sure your items are placed in the correct bin. Some members have volunteered to take the contents and place them in their recycling at home. We hope to be expanding this program in the future.

\* **Did you know?** Glass can be recycled behind the Franklin Police Station, right around the corner from St. Brendan's.



**Pride Parade** – Save the Date – **Saturday, June 1**. Stay tuned for more information.

If you would like to participate in any of these projects or have ideas for other social justice projects, contact Donna Aiello or Marilyn Mulvihill. Thank you!

# Prayer Requests

**We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's**, especially: Joan Beatrous, Nancy Bancroft, Dave Miller, Matthew, Jim Gray, Linda Schneider, Kelli Cerra, Charlotte Pierce, Rosie Wood, Bill Spoonhoward, Sherri Angeletti, Mark Shoemaker, Alice Butterworth, Ruth Haider, Judy McKarnin, Margie Davies, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Joyce Donadee.

**For our parents**, especially: Ken McCormack, Ray Militzer, Lenora, Diane Davis.

**For our family members**, especially: Conor Taylor, Carol and Guy Estes, Pat Schulze, Rich Mankowski, Joann, Frank Nagy, John, Sierra Reckley, Paula Watson, Pat Shields, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Christian, Sue Burchill, Jay & A, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Rich, Carol Schmitz, Tom Groves, Robert Donato, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, A-C, Nathan Schlumpf, Laurie Brooks, Bob Kiehl.

**And for our friends**, especially: Mike Colavita, Terri Hockenberry, The Silveira family, Ellen Kuntz, Jordon Medlin, Fran Gargotta, Connie Geiger, Vivian, Cindy & Bob Getty, Ron Neurohr, Maggie Cervone, Grayson Dundun, Patty Herrington, Jim Noel, Josh, Juliana Moses, Pat Reiner, Johan Smith, Nancy Baker, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

**And for all who have died**, especially Dr. Frank Troncale and Scott Boyd.

If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin, please email her at [Robin@stbrendans.org](mailto:Robin@stbrendans.org).

# January Ministry Calendar 2024

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Steward	Vestry	Hospitality
January 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Quinn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cindy Koszarek P Tim Austin	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Katie Costa	Liz MacDonald	Ellen Groves Barb Fure	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Kate Heston Linda Limberis	John Appeldorn	Lauren Ramakrishna	Janice Moore
January 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 <sup>st</sup> John Appeldorn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Derrek Wimmer P Kate Heston	Lambs Dawn Day-Quinn FISH Katie Costa Door keeper Saundy Waseleski	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	Susan Shields Kate Heston	Julia & Mike Wick	Tim Austin	Ruth Horton	Megan Overby Tim Austin
January 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Linda Limberis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Vinski P Marilyn Mulvihill	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Kayla Tweedle Door keeper Katie Costa	Liz MacDonald Dawn Day-Quinn	Dottie Antonucci Anelisa Tarrant	Barb Fure John Appeldorn	Allyson Baierl Linda Limberis	Julia/Mike Wick	Kate Heston	Mary & Dale Bertucci
January 28 Sunday 9:00 am Children's Service	1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Tim Austin	Children's Service	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Mary Bertucci Dale Bertucci	Linda Limberis	Tom Waseleski	Janice Moore and hospitality crew



### 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: TBD  
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston  
Membership: TBD  
Outreach: Ruth Horton  
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Worship: Neil Galone  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck  
Greeter: Donna Aiello  
Lector: Ann Vinski  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

### OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
ESL: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon  
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton

### PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Anne Semmler  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl & Carol Meese  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti  
Finance Chair: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Happenings/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  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person  
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc\\_nXXG7ew](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=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBBYRGM1UT09>  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm  
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom  
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 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: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm  
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm  
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist  
Thursday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 1:00 pm  
11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 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/>

Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ [Liz702988@gmail.com](mailto:Liz702988@gmail.com)

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