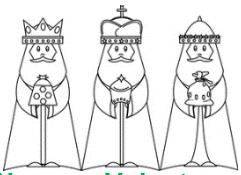




There will be one morning service this Sunday, the fourth Sunday of Advent, on December 24 and it will begin at 9 am.

We will celebrate Christmas Eve the same day at 7:00 pm.

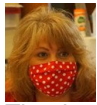
## Children and Youth



There will be **no Sunday School classes on December 24 or December 31**. The Sunday School children, teachers, and doorkeepers wish everyone a holiday filled with joy and God's blessings.

**Sunday, January 7:** The Sunday School students will celebrate Epiphany with treats and a craft in the Handprint Room during hospitality hour. Stay tuned for more information.

**Nursery Volunteers:** Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer on various Sunday's. 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).



**Katie** will be out of the office from December 25 thru January 5, 2024. If you have an issue that can't wait for her return, please contact Mtr. Robin at [Robin@stbrendans.org](mailto:Robin@stbrendans.org) or Tom Waseleski at [twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net).

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make this happen. Wishing everyone a very blessed holiday season and a healthy New Year!



**Vestry Nominating Committee Seeks Nominations.** On January 28, St. Brendan's will elect three new members to join the Vestry for three-year terms. The Vestry plays a vital role in the life our church. Its nine members provide administrative and financial oversight, and ensure we are living our mission. If you are interested in joining the Vestry, would like to nominate someone for Vestry consideration, or simply have questions about this process, please contact a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: Ruth Horton ([rvhorton@gmail.com](mailto:rvhorton@gmail.com)), Lauren Ramakrishna ([lauren.ramakrishna@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.ramakrishna@gmail.com)), Annemarie Malbon ([amalbon@gmail.com](mailto:amalbon@gmail.com)), and Donna Aiello ([donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com)).



**Communication With The Vestry.** The Vestry of St. Brendan's has established an email address so that you can have direct communication with us about any concerns, suggestions, or even compliments you might have. Please email us at [vestry@stbrendans.org](mailto:vestry@stbrendans.org). All communications will be anonymously discussed at our monthly meeting and, while we can't guarantee that we will make the changes you are requesting, we do promise that we will thoughtfully evaluate all ideas as a group and come back to you with a disposition. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dinner  
Club

### DINNER CLUB

we will be starting the 2024 dinner club. Sign up sheets and information will be in the narthex. More information will come when we see how many people sign up. Contact Janice Moore at [Naperville@yahoo.com](mailto:Naperville@yahoo.com) with questions.



Our first **Justice Ministry** meeting of the new year will take place on **Thursday, January 11 at 6:30 pm** in the Parish Hall. If you have an interest in any social justice topics, please plan to attend.

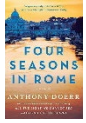


Mark your calendar! **St. Brendan's Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, Jan. 28, after a joint 9 a.m. service**. Mother Robin and the vestry will review the past year and preview the 2024 budget. Candidates will also be elected for vestry. So come to worship, stay for a brief meeting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



All ministry leaders are asked to provide a brief summary of their ministry for 2023 for the **Annual Report**. Please submit your report to Tammy Spoonhoward [tspoonhoward@yahoo.com](mailto:tspoonhoward@yahoo.com) by Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance.

**Advent Initiative Update:** On Sunday, December 3 we announced the short-term “Advent Initiative” in support of recent Haitian immigrants with family connections to one of our parishioners. The purpose of this initiative is to collect furniture, clothing, bedding, children’s toys and books, and kitchen supplies in support of their resettlement needs. Signup sheets are located in the narthex with more specifics. Monetary donations are also being accepted. The Advent Initiative will run through December 31, so there is still time to help with your generous donations. If you have questions, please contact Mother Robin at [robin@stbrendans.org](mailto:robin@stbrendans.org) or Darrell at [darrell@stbrendans.org](mailto:darrell@stbrendans.org).



**St. Brendan's Book Club**, all are welcome! We meet the first Monday of the month at 1 pm in the library (or second Monday, depending on holidays). On **January 8** we will discuss Four Seasons in Rome by Anthony Doerr (Pulitzer Prize winning author of All the Light We Cannot See and Cloud Cuckoo Land).

But wait, there's more! Upcoming titles:

- February 5: The Stationery Shop by Marian Kamali
- March 4: Forty Autumns by Nina Wilner
- April 8: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby van Pelt
- May 6: My Life in France by Julia Child

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



Our next **Tai Chi class** will be held on **Thursday, January 11, at 12 Noon** in St. Brendan's Parish Hall. It will once again be led by Thaddeus Popovich, who is certified to teach a gentle, meditative version of Tai Chi. This modified style is easy to learn, effective, and safe. It can increase flexibility, balance, muscle strength, and mental activity. It can also help increase heart/lung capacity, aligns posture, improves balance, relieves stress and integrates the mind and body. Plus it's fun and relaxing.

Everyone is welcome; no experience necessary. A donation of \$5 per class is voluntary. Thaddeus will give all donations to St. Brendan's as he is offering this class as a special gift to the St. Brendan's community.

We would love to have you join us! Please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the Lobby if interested. Questions? Contact Donna Aiello at 412-759-1521 or [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com).

We celebrate the **January birthdays.**

2 Gail Gagnon	5 Mary Bertucci	6 Matthew Wunsche	9 Kelli Cerra
12 Donna Aiello	13 Shellie Hipsky	16 Sharon Basehore	16 Janice Moore
19 Zoe Boyd	21 Rob Latta	22 Marilyn Mulvihill	29 Sherri Angeletti



We have no January Wedding Anniversaries to celebrate but if you would like your birthday or wedding anniversary announced here in the Navigator, email the dates to Katie at [Katie@stbrendans.org](mailto:Katie@stbrendans.org).

**Wednesday Evening Services:** Due to the Christmas and Epiphany seasons, we will not hold services on the next 2 Wednesdays. We will resume Wednesday evening services on January 10.



**Giant Eagle Gift Cards.** St. Brendan's will no longer be selling Giant Eagle gift cards. Years ago the program generated several thousand dollars annually for St. Brendan's, but since then people's buying habits have changed. Some prefer to use credit cards for their grocery and fuel purchases and shoppers have many choices for their grocery spending than one supermarket chain. As a result, despite weekly pitches at Sunday services to buy Giant Eagle gift cards and considerable time spent in the church office to process the related checks and cash, the program made only \$950 for the parish in the first 11 months of 2023. In the meantime, other church fundraisers have surpassed expectations and St. Brendan's surplus funds are being invested in interest-earning CDs. As a result, in preparation of the 2024 parish budget, the Finance Committee recommended discontinuing gift card sales and St. Brendan's Vestry voted to do just that at its Dec. 11 meeting. Thanks to everyone who supported the gift-card fundraiser over the years. Your dedication then, and in the future, is the key to a St. Brendan's we all can believe in.

## Prayer Requests

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

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

**For our family members**, especially; Conor Taylor, Carol and Guy Estes, Nelson Ferguson, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Christian, Jay & A, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Sue Burchill, Will Cummings, Rich, Bob Kiehl, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Carol Schmitz, Kirk Latta, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, AC, Joann, Frank Nagy, Nathan Schlumpf, John, Robert Donato.

**And for our friends**, especially; Pat Reiner, Nancy Baker, Mike Colavita, The Silveira family, Rena Feingold, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Terri Hockenberry, Connie Geiger, Ellen Kuntz, Josh, Cindy & Bob Getty, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst & family, Maggie Cervone, Grayson Dundon, Patty Herrington, Juliana Moses, Vivian, Johan Smith, Jordon Medlin, Ron Neurohr.

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# December Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Steward	Vestry	Hospitality
December 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Christmas Pageant 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P John Appeldorn	Children's Pageant No Sunday School	Susan Shields Molly Kirk	Janice Moore Ellen Groves	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Allyson Baierl Donna Aiello	Dave Miller	Neil Galone	Kathy & Dave Miller
December 24 Sunday 9:00 am 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent	1 <sup>st</sup> Joan Beatrous 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Bertucci P Marilyn Mulvihill	No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Annemarie Malbon	Tammy Spoonhoward	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Julia & Mike Wick	Dave Miller	John Appeldorn	No Hospitality
December 24 Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Kate Heston 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Vinski P Paul Quinn	Christmas No Sunday School	No Nursery	Kathy Miller	Kathy & Dave Miller	John Appeldorn	Tim Austin	Dan Moore	No Hospitality
December 31 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Donna Aiello 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tim Austin P Tony Turo	New Year's Eve No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	Allyson Baierl Dean Peters	Ruth Horton John Appeldorn	Linda Limberis	Sandy Nagy	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello



# January Ministry Calendar 2023

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 TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald	Ellen Groves Barb Fure	Saundy & Tom Waseleski	Kate Heston Linda Limberis	John Appeldorn	Lauren Ramakrishna	Janice Moore
January 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> John Appeldorn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Derrek Wimmer P Kate Heston	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald	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> Steve Minegar P Donna Aiello	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald	Dottie Antonucci Anelisa Tarrant	Barb Fure John Appeldorn	Allyson Baierl Donna Aiello	Julia/Mike Wick	Kate Heston	Mary & Dale Bertucci
January 28 Sunday 9:00 am Children's Service	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Linda Limberis	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Liz MacDonald	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Mary & Dale Bertucci	Linda Limberis	Tom Waseleski	Sandy Nagy



## 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

## 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

## 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

## WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person  
11:00 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=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>  
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 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: 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm  
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist  
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm

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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

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Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ [darrell@stbrendans.org](mailto:darrell@stbrendans.org)

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

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