



Pentecost

This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(6-16)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		11:15 p.m.	CRIES Advocacy Meeting
Monday	(6-17)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
Tuesday	(6-18)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		12:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
		7:00 p.m.	Love Teach Heal
Wednesday	(6-19)	9:00 a.m.	Men's breakfast
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
Saturday	(6-22)	8:30 a.m.	Adopt-a-Highway
		9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, June 16, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Joan Beatrous
	10:00 a.m. Susan Shoemaker
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Anne Hunt
Chalice Bearers:	Tim Austin
	Debbie Wunsche
Altar Guild:	Joan Klinefelter
	Janice Moore
Sunday School:	Summer Break
Nursery:	Stacy Connifey
	Pat Carl
Ushers:	Brad Thompson
	Larry Toler
Vestry:	Chris Botti
Hospitality:	Linda & Alan Schneider
LEM:	Darrell Johnson

The Priest's Corner

What Do People Need from Church? Part 1: What Are Current Needs?

You know I hate to admit this, but I don't really know the answer to the question above. What are the current needs people are looking for church today to help facilitate? I can only reflect on my own reasons for going to church. Here are some of them:

- I'm the priest! (LOL)
- I need to hear the Word of God, and it has to make sense to my life right here, right now.
- I need to have the Bible made easy for me to understand and to be shown how portions of it from time to time shed light on my questions and challenges.
- I need to feel supported by others in my faith. I can't do it alone.
- I need to be reminded that it's not useless to reach out to a power greater than myself.
- I need some trusted people to know me beyond the surface and to connect with me enough so that they feel comfortable enough to say things like, "Need a lift today?" "You're looking relaxed!" "I thought of something you said to me last week when" "Can I help with little Joey or Leah?" "Is that (dress, outfit, etc.) new? That's cool!" "Can I say a prayer for you?" and a whole lot more.
- I need to be reminded that there's more to life than what's walling me in.
- I need time away from stress and pressure.
- I need to relax and feel uplifted.
- I need a little affirmation and a little coaching.
- I need to laugh and learn and to think about things in new ways.
- I want to be able to sing with others and feel some emotional connection to the words and melody.
- And so much more....

Perhaps some of you can connect with one or two of these, but would you please give this some thought? What needs do you want to have met when you come to church. Here are three questions to consider. We will have ways and places for you to share your thoughts around these three simple questions. Any way you want to give feedback works.

Question 1: Think of and write down one or two needs a friend of yours has.

Question 2: For three minutes (time yourself) brainstorm one need after another that you or someone in your family has. Write down as many as you can think of.

Question 3: Based on Q1 & Q2 circle all the ones you think church should be able to help with and then somehow get these to St. Brendan's.

Thank you for thinking about this and responding to it.

Regis+

Announcements

Parish Notes. At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry: appointed a committee of vestry members to explore the possibility of hiring a youth minister to direct the Sunday School and teen programs; approved spending up to \$1,400 to upgrade the computer technology of the administrative assistant and give her work-at-home capability; transferred \$1,000 into the Pastoral Emergency Fund, which is used by the priest to help parishioners facing a financial emergency.

–Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden (twaseleski@comcast.net)

St. Brendan's Deputies. Who speaks for St. Brendan's at diocesan conventions? Our two lay deputies and deputy alternate do. Peter Sweet has one year left on his three-year term as a lay deputy, but the other two posts recently required new appointments because of term expirations. After being asked by the vestry, Megan Overby agreed to serve as St. Brendan's other lay deputy. Andrea Dickerson agreed to serve as deputy alternate, voting at convention if one of the other two deputies can't make it. The next diocesan convention is set for Nov. 15-16 at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Please thank Peter, Megan and Andrea for their willingness to represent St. Brendan's.



Please note! All of our exit doors with glass as well as our large windows have had security film installed, so we need to follow specific care instructions. This means that **at no time should any kind of tape be used on them.** The film should be cleaned with gentle, non-abrasive cleaner and soft towels or a squeegee. Following these cautions will help St. Brendan's maintain a safe environment for all of us.



Contributions to the **Brendan's Family and Friends fund** were made by:

Melanie Popovich, for healing for St. Brendan's historic oak tree.

Megan and Tim Austin, in joyful recognition of the many signs of Pentecost growth and renewal at St. Brendan's.
Rosie & Rodge Wood in celebration of Stephanie and Justin's Baptism.



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 continue to 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!

Julie's ordination (Saturday, June 15)

You are invited to Deacon Julie Smith's ordination to the priesthood at 10 a.m. this Saturday at Trinity Cathedral in downtown Pittsburgh. The diocese's Canon for Mission Kim Karashin, who has visited St. Brendan's many times, will also be ordained as a priest. There will be a reception afterwards. Please contact Regis if you're interested in carpooling from the church.

Julie's first liturgy as a priest will be on Sunday, June 30, at St. Brendan's, which will be followed by a reception.

CRIES 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.

This week we are praying for the work of our cooks who prepared a meal for homeless women at Miryam's Shelter and for CRIES in Action, St. Brendan's parish hands-on outreach.

The next meeting will be **THIS Sunday, June 16.** All are welcome.



Adopt-a-Highway (Saturday, June 22)

St. Brendan's is set for its next Adopt-a-Highway trash cleanup. Volunteers will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m. and carpool to the litter site, the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279. Anyone age 14 and up may participate. The roadside cleanup is usually finished by 10:45. If you'd like to take part, please sign the sheet on the narthex table or contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



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.



Hot dogs, hamburgers, corn, potato salad!! Is your mouth watering yet? If so, you better to 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!



St. Brendan's Picnic (Sunday, June 23)

The annual parish picnic will be held once again at Latham Shelter in North Park. The day's regular 10 a.m. church service will be replaced by an outdoor 11 a.m. service at the picnic site, where food and fun will follow. If you'd like to participate, please sign up in the narthex.

The 8 a.m. Eucharist service will be held at church as usual.

Blast Off on an Epic Adventure with Us! (June 24-28)

At this summer's Vacation Bible School, To Mars and Beyond, children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

VBS includes high-energy opening assemblies, Bible stories, interactive Bible lessons, art projects, music, snacks, and recreational time. All children ages 4 to 11 are welcome to join the adventure.



- Where: St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
- When: June 24-28, Monday through Friday
- Time: 9 a.m. to noon
- Cost: \$20 for first child; \$5 for each sibling.

Registration forms are available on-line at www.stbrendans.org or in the narthex.

VOYAGER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Vacation Bible School is not just for children! There are a number of ways adults and youth can help with To Mars and Beyond.

- Lead music and worship
- Coordinate crafts
- Facilitate games
- Lead Bible stories
- Prepare and serve snacks
- Serve as prayer partners

See Allison Kline if you are able to volunteer or sign up in the narthex.



Brendan's Boots (Saturday, June 29) The parish hiking group's next outing will take place on the Three Rivers Heritage Trail along the Allegheny River and Pittsburgh's North Shore. Walkers will meet at the church at 10 a.m. and carpool to Washington's Landing. Everyone will enjoy lunch afterwards on the riverfront deck at Redfin Blues. All are welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.

Help wanted. Looking for a way to pitch in at St. Brendan's, but not sure how? Here's a place where your help is needed.

Merry Meal Makers. Our parish is expanding, and so is the need to help members during a trying time with a delivered meal. The MMMs are volunteers who prepare (or purchase) a meal and take them to a parishioner who has been ill, lost a loved one, delivered a baby, etc. Volunteers are notified when a parishioner's need arises and are given a list of dates from which they can choose to bring a meal to that member. This is a simple but important ministry, and most of the work is done at home. For more information please contact Saundy Waseleski at 412-741-8727 or swaseleski@comcast.net.



Quiet Evening Prayer. (Wednesday, June 26) The next candlelight Evening Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. on June 26. Please add this date/time to your calendar. The service includes Taize music and silent prayer, reflection, or meditation – with Communion afterwards for those who wish to remain. This is a perfect way to recover from a busy and, perhaps, stressful day. Bring a friend and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.



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. worship 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. In celebration of St. Brendan's upcoming parish picnic, our focus this month is on donating picnic items such as ketchup, mustard, mayonnaise, paper products, etc. As always, all non-perishable food items or paper products are welcome. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.

St. Brendan's will host a table at Franklin Park's **Festival in the Park** again this year. This free community event, held just down the road in Blueberry Hill Park, is on Saturday, June 29, from 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. St. Brendan's members will have information about the church and our various programs, as well as a small activity for kids. We will need a few friendly faces to attend and chat with people at the table. If you'd like to volunteer for part of the afternoon/evening, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or email Annemarie Malbon, amalbon@gmail.com, for more info.

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.



Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church is having a neighborhood block party on June 23 from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., rain or shine. The church is located at 2500 Brandt School Road in Franklin Park.

Healing Communities

There will be a Healing Communities training Saturday, June 22, at 1-6 p.m., at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 600 Pitt Street in Wilkinsburg.

Healing Communities training, a proven national model, equips congregations to become stations of hope by building relationships of healing, redemption, and reconciliation. Here is a link that describes the results of this training elsewhere in powerful detail. <http://www.aecf.org/resources/balancing-justice-with-mercy/>.

Congregations are encouraged to send a group of at least three leaders/active members in order to effectively implement the model in their setting. The training is open to all and free to Episcopalians, and no one will be excluded for inability to pay.

The training, arranged through the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, will be given by Rev. Sandra Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach for the Pennsylvania Council of Churches. She is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). She can be reached at s.strauss@pachurches.org or 717-545-4761. Feel free to contact Regis if you're interested.

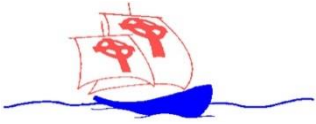


Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's public address. (Saturday, October 5)

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 June ministry calendar.



June 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
June 2 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Alan Schneider P Theresa Bryant C Stacey Coyle C Alan Schneider LEV Joyce Donadee	Tammy Spoonhoward Brigid Christenson	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play TBD Door TBD	Stacy Connifey Silvia Bertucci	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tom Waseleski	Annemarie Malbon Janet Fesq
June 5 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
June 9 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Nate Boyd P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Sylvia Affleck Janet Fesq	End of year celebration	Stacy Connifey Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Vestry member needed	Susan Shoemaker Margie Davies
June 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
June 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Susan Shoemaker P Anne Hunt C Darrell Johnson C Debbie Wunsche LEV Darrell Johnson	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Chris Botti	Linda & Alan Schneider
June 19 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
June 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Debbie Wunsche P Susan Shoemaker C Tim Austin C Janice Moore LEV Stacey Coyle	Terry Dezort Anelisa Tarrant	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Annemarie Malbon	Parish Picnic
June 26 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
June 30 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Children P Children C Theresa Bryant C Debbie Wunsche LEV Joyce Donadee	Chris Botti Shari Tarrant	Summer Break	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Larry Toler	Celebration

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 Jillian Mooman & Cameron Grosh

July 2019

- 7 Stacy Connifey & Mary Haider
- 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 Theresa Bryant

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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