



Mother Nancy's Ponderings

Opinions are funny things. Given the topic, we all have them; some are strong, others not so much, some are thoughtful, and of course, most are "right" and never "wrong". Opinions are a wealth of knowledge, but it seems these days, nobody wants to hear them.

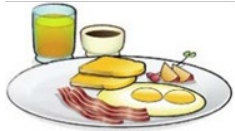
Well, rejoice my friends, the Discernment Committee wants to hear them. In fact, they are giving us the opportunity to do just that by **filling out the Holy Cow Survey starting today**. So, grab your computer or your pencil, and let your opinions regarding St. Brendan's future be known!

Faithfully, Mother Nancy



*A donation was given to the BFF, Brendan's Friends and Family fund,
in celebration of Addaelyn Jade Fortune's Baptism,
from her parents, Keri and Scott.*

Announcements



St. Brendan's men's breakfast will be on **Monday, July 14th at 9 am** at the Eat'n Park, 2650 Brandt School Rd, Wexford. **RSVP** Steve Horton at stephenshorton@gmail.com. I hope to see all of you there to break bread with and to share friendship.



Backpacks for children in need will run this year from July 20th to August 10th. The way it works if you're interested is, you pick up a backpack at church and fill it with items on a list that will be provided. Then return the backpack full of the items by August 10th. You can choose either Elementary or Middle/High School age.

The following week the backpacks will be delivered to Miller African Elementary School across from Neighborhood Resilience Project or to an organization that helps children in McKees Rocks, New Kensington and other school districts. Last year we were able to provide 96 filled backpacks to children in need.

More information to follow. If you have any questions, please call Annie 484-941-2458.



Take Me Out to the Ballgame! Join your St. Brendan's family for an evening at PNC Park to watch our Pirates vs. the Detroit Tigers – **Tuesday, July 22 at 6:40 pm**. We have a block of tickets in section 130 in the shade (same section as last year). Tickets are \$30 each (each ticket comes with \$5 loaded value that can be used at the food vendors or Pirate's Shop). Accessible seating is available by request. Please complete the reservation form found here <https://forms.gle/zRfMr8ZXzpD6CqnXA>. You can pay for your tickets by cash or check (made out to Kate Heston) or Venmo Kate Heston at @Katherine-Heston. Checks or cash will also be collected at church on Sundays between now and July 20 or by mailing your check to Kate Heston at 1210 Country Oak Dr., Wexford, PA 15090 no later than July 20. Contact Kate Heston at kmheston71@gmail.com with questions or for more information.





We are looking for people to help with hospitality hour. This would be for after the 10:00 service. You would be asked to supply the food for roughly one Sunday every two months. You can either do the hospitality by yourself or we would set up and you bring the food, whatever you are comfortable with.

If you are interested please email Janice Moore naperville@yahoo.com or call 412-203-1252.



Food Bank: For the month of July, we are focusing on collecting **CANNED GOODS, SUCH AS VEGETABLES - SPECIFICALLY CORN, CARROTS, AND GREEN BEANS, ALSO SAUERKRAUT, CHILE, BEEF STEW, TOMATO SAUCE AND SPAGHETTI SAUCE.** All other non-perishable donations are gladly accepted. Thank you. Please be sure there is no glass, and that expiration dates are not past. Thank you.



Brendan's Boots. Walk with St. Brendan's as it goes "down by the riverside" on **Thursday, July 17**, leaving from the church at 9 a.m. Participants will follow the Three Rivers Heritage Trail along the Allegheny, from Washington's Landing to PNC Park, then enjoy lunch outdoors at Redfin Blues. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend! For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



Annual Parish Picnic. Come for the fun, the food, the fellowship! Make plans to attend St. Brendan's Annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, Aug. 3**, in the spacious Maple Grove Pavilion in Blueberry Hill Park, off Nicholson Road in Franklin Park. The event will kick off with a Eucharist service at **10 am** led by Mother Nancy, with music furnished by Daniel May and St. Brendan's Choir. (There will be no 8 am or 10 am service at church that day.) Fried chicken and cold drinks will be provided by the

church. Parishioners can pitch in by bringing a side dish, salad or dessert to be shared. Annemarie Malbon will lead children's games and Daniel will test the grownups' musical knowledge. Kids will also have access to an adjacent playground. Maple Grove is ADA-accessible and has clean, modern restrooms. Please use the sign-up sheet on the narthex table to let us know if you're attending and what dish you might bring. Then pray for great weather!



The Discernment Committee's Holy Cow! Survey is now open. If you have received this issue of The Navigator by email, you should already have received a separate eblast with the link to the survey. If you requested a paper copy, it should be arriving in your mailbox very soon.

Please read the instructions carefully before you begin to fill out the survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Discernment Committee, discernment@stbrendans.org.

The survey will stay open until midnight on **Monday, July 28**. But please do not delay: find a time SOON to complete the questionnaire, which we estimate will take you between 45 and 60 minutes. Thank you!



Holiday Happenings Raffle. Those of you who have been coming to St. Brendan's for more than a year probably know what Holiday Happenings is. For those of you who have been attending more recently, it is St. Brendan's biggest fundraiser of the year and takes place the Saturday before Thanksgiving.

Part of this fundraiser involves a raffle, where baskets of gift cards are the prizes. Last year, we were able to collect many gift cards and had great baskets loaded with gift cards: 1st basket had \$1200+, 2nd basket had \$800+, 3rd basket had \$600+, 4th basket had \$400+, and we were able to have 5th and 6th prize baskets as well.

Because the two months before Holiday Happenings is very busy -- baking cookies, making soup, finding vendors, and, of course, the raffle -- we are starting to collect gift cards now to alleviate some of the stress during that crunch time.

Where do we get gifts cards worth over \$4,000 to go in the baskets? We ask parishioners, if they are able, to help collect gift cards from businesses they know. Gift cards in any amount are appreciated. Flyers are available in the Narthex for your use to give to businesses as you make your request. There is also a sheet with several hints which you can use as a guideline when making your request to your favorite restaurant, hair salon, grocery store, etc. Also, if you would like to donate a gift card yourself, we would welcome that as well.

Please give gift cards (or questions) to Kathy Miller komiller747781@yahoo.com or Donna Aiello donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com. Thank you for any way you can help!



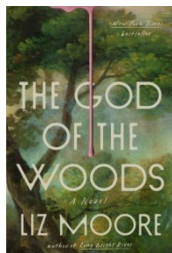
Sticks & Strings meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, and again on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30 in St. Brendan's library. Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! **The next meeting will be this Tuesday 12:30-2-30.**

Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there!

Contact Sherri at sherri.angeletti@gmail.com or text 412-689-0737 if you have questions or if you'd like to be added to the email list.



Adopt-a-Highway. St. Brendan's roadside cleanup ministry needs a few new helpers on **Saturday, July 19, at 8:30 am.** Volunteers will meet at the church and carpool to our designated site, the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279. Anyone age 14 and up is welcome to pitch in. The cleanup will conclude by 10:45 am. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



St. Brendan's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month (with few exceptions) at 1 pm in the library. Join us even if you haven't read the book! Our next meeting will be **August 4** to discuss The God of the Woods by Liz Moore. Upcoming titles:

Sept 8: The Maid by Nita Prose
 Oct 6: On Call by Anthony Fauci
 Nov 3: The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams
 Dec 1: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Contact Anne Semmler (annegsemmler@gmail.com) with any questions.

For the month of **July, CRIES distributions** are as follows:

Episcopal Relief & Development	\$ 400
Miryam's Kitchen	\$ 125
Justice Ministry	\$ 125
Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank	\$ 710
Christian Appalachian Project	\$ 380
Southern Poverty Law Center	\$ 620
Brother Andre's Café	\$ 410
Girl's Hope	\$ 570
Doctors Without Borders	\$ 660
Total distribution	\$ 4,000

**GIRLS
HOPE**



Greater Pittsburgh
**community
food bank**



**SPLC
Southern Poverty
Law Center**

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **Sunday School classes and the monthly Children's Worship Service are on summer break beginning June 1.** Please check this space throughout the summer for more information and announcements.

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 school year:

- **Sunday, August 24: Blessing of Backpacks.** Mother Nancy will bless backpacks to mark the beginning of the new school year. All children, nursery age and up, are invited to bring their backpacks to church that day for the special blessing.
- **Sunday, September 7: Sunday School Kick-off** from 9:30 until 12 noon. More information about this event will follow.
- **Sunday School teachers needed:** Please contact Saundy Waseleski at swaseleski@comcast.net if you'd like to volunteer as a teacher during the 2025-26 school year. We really need your help! This is an important ministry for our families and our church, and we'll soon begin planning for the next school year. We'll assist you with materials, curriculum and in obtaining clearances.
- **Happy Summer from the Children and Youth Ministry team!**

Prayer Requests

[For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially;](#) Heike Hartmann, Frannie, Nate Boyd, Joan Beatrous, Tom Cindric, Gladys & Les Carlisle, Bill Spoonhoward, Charlotte Pierce, Deborah Cale, Matthew, Nancy Snyder, Rosie Wood, Dave Miller, Ruth Haider, Rich Nagy, Margie Davies, Libby & Richard Juel.

[For our parents, especially;](#) Tony Carta, Rose Mankowski, Margaret Nagel, Ken McCormack, Ken W., Lenora.

[For our family members, especially;](#) Karl Haider, Nancy Fay, Nathan Schlumpf, Sue Burchill, Cindy, Robert Donato, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Neil Armor, Christian, Pat Schulze, Tom Payne, John Murphy, Bee Ward, John, Gary Gladowski, Tom Groves, Diane Brackus, John Peters, Rich, Jennifer Cale, Denise Nagel, Steve Getty, Margaret & Lawrence Czerpak, Parker Shebs, Marie Hazelton, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Carol Schmitz, John Pease.

[For our friends, especially;](#) Patty Herrington, Jordon Medlin, Josh, Susan N., Charlotte S., Connie Geiger, Cindy Clifton, Hannah & Horst Hartmann, Nancy Baker, Cindy & Bob Getty, Laurie, Frank Monakowski, Terri Hockenberry, Zack Cervone, Patty Walker, Mike Colavita, Andy, Kathleen Suskauer, Bill Pugliese, Heidi Sherwin, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

[We pray for all who have died especially;](#) Nancy Fay, Frank Nagy and Tanya.



July Ministry Calendar

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
July 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Marilyn Mulvihill 2 nd Donna Aiello P Linda Limberis LEV Marilyn Mulvihill Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald	Joan Klinefelter Jan Dorman	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Julia/Mike Wick LuAnn Aldridge	Julia/Mike Wick	Melanie Popovich	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello
July 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Aidan McKenna 2 nd Mary Bartucci P Paul Quinn LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Susan Shields	Anelisa Tarrant Ellen Groves	Wesley Bell Dean Peters	Kate Heston Donna Aiello	John Appeldorn	Ken Parsons	Lauren Burling
July 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Tony Turo P John Appeldorn LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Pat Carl	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Richard Munsch Dan Moore	Paul Quinn	Dan Moore	Kathy & Dave Miller
July 27 Sunday 8 & 10	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Kate Heston P Dean Peters LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Dawn Day-Quinn	Dottie Antonucci Janice Moore	Annie Koch Annmarie Malbon	Allyson Baierl Linda Limberis	Tim Austin	Tom Waseleski	Melanie Popovich



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

Donna Aiello: Worship
Frances Harpst: Finance
Jen & Bob Mankowski: Adult Formation/Technology
Dan Moore: Junior Warden
Richard Munsch: Outreach
Ken Parsons: Hospitality
Melanie Popovich: Pastoral Care/Clerk/
New Members
Tom Waseleski: Senior Warden
Mike Wick: Inreach/Children & Youth
Kevin Boyd: Treasurer
Ellen Groves: Assistant Treasurer

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin & Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Ken Parsons
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Bank: Richard Munsch

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinator: Kate Heston
Bulletin Committee: Pat Carl, Carol Meese, Barb Fure
Caring Cards: Megan Overby
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline, Ann Vinski, Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra, Jen & Bob Mankowski

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Marilyn Mulvihill
Greeter: Toni Passarello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Debra Erb-White
Spirituality: Donna Aiello
Usher: Tim Austin

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

Monday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2:00 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Wednesday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer, via zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGm1UT09>
9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm
2:00 pm Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2:00 pm
7:00 pm Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Friday: 8:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Web Site ~ <http://www.stbrendans.org>

Online Parish Calendar ~ <https://www.stbrendans.org/calendar>

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlqicQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing>
(authorization required for access--apply now)

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

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

Interim Priest-in-Charge, Mother Nancy Suellau ~ mtrnancy@gmail.com

Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ Katie@stbrendans.org

Deacon, Darrell Johnson ~ darrell@stbrendans.org

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

Vestry ~ Vestry@stbrendans.org