



## This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Worship, via live streaming <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew</a>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom Zoom website <a href="https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105">https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105</a>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom Zoom website <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4575423762">https://zoom.us/j/4575423762</a> .
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	AA meeting, via zoom Dial in 312-626-6799 Meeting Id: 345 892 252
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Staff meeting, via zoom Zoom website <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4575423762">https://zoom.us/j/4575423762</a>
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Bible Study, via zoom Zoom website <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4575423762">https://zoom.us/j/4575423762</a> .
<b>Friday</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	Contemplative Prayer, via zoom
	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	Game Night, via zoom Zoom website <a href="https://zoom.us/j/4575423762">https://zoom.us/j/4575423762</a>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sacristans

## Sunday, June 21, 2020

**Celebrant: The Rev. Julie Smith**

Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer and worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends of St. Brendan's

## The Priest's Corner

### **Racism or Black Lives Matter**

We are moving at a very fast pace to participate in the global move to end racism and bring about the safety, calm and dignity that our brothers and sisters of color have not been given in our country. We, at St. Brendan's believe that Black Lives Matter. We will soon have a banner on our lawn that says: St. Brendan's Believes Black Lives Matter. Our Justice Ministry chose these words last night.

Nearly 20 Brendanites are engaged in the 9-day challenge of educating themselves about this issue and taking action steps to understand our "white privilege" and work on areas of this that blind us, without our even recognizing the lack of sight, and prevent us from understanding, establishing true empathy and taking appropriate action to help fix our racism problem.

Our Education team is busy vetting the myriad relevant articles, workshops, blog posts, webinars, etc. in order to make the information available in an easier way to improve our knowledge. Our *Action Steps Living Document* is being honed, refined, added to and placed in Google Docs for parishioners to access and start practicing. There are several corporate action steps there that we as a church could be doing. We are looking at the possibility of bringing speakers to St. Brendan's Virtual Conference Center (Karen Dennis is working on this.) and having a speakers' series through this method that can attract a very large audience. Plans are being made for participating in the Juneteenth activities sponsored by the Thomas Merton Society. (Stay tuned!)

We also are engaging with three other churches to move forward in solidarity against Racism and in support of Black Lives Matter. Things are developing quickly. If you have any ideas you wish to share with me, please call or text me. I have three calls to make today or tomorrow to parishioners who have ideas and want to talk. I apologize to you for not returning your calls earlier. I'm trying to find a time when I can listen to your ideas with more space in my brain to listen. Things have been demanding quick attention and my "calm" time availability has been reduced temporarily.

One POC connected to our church wanted us to know that police are pulling over people of color, even in our areas. One way to be allies is to realize that "driving while black" happens in the North Hills' communities. I would never tell you what to do about situations like this you might encounter. Some suggest that if it becomes known that we are watching for this tactic, those who might be inclined to be inappropriate (using aggressive and threatening body language towards the person of color) might be more likely to tone down their aggressive and threatening body language towards the person. If you're safe to do so, videotaping something that does not look right might assist in some situations. I'd imagine we all believe that officers should not be allowed to become aggressive with black drivers instead of treating them like they treat white drivers. If the police make up evidence or lie, they need to have consequences.

Our POC asked that we be aware of our privilege. To give advice to a black person and say that "you have the right to..." might be legally true but is not realistically true for blacks. Many blacks in this country grow up to fear authorities and don't see the good in them.

Another point made was that companies (businesses) should not have access to people's backgrounds unless it relates to the job. Backgrounds should be deleted after four or five years. If a person makes a mistake, they should not have to live with it for the rest of their life. Life imprisonment should not be allowed because people make mistakes.

Further, I was told that people ought not be put in jails in order to fund the system. (Many jails are privatized and are making money for the people who run them. There is at least one jail in Pennsylvania that is housing immigrant families.) Many people in jails have not even been found guilty but are waiting for trial and may need money for bail. There are other ways to keep track of people without putting them into jail before trial.

Please know that these opinions that were offered to me are based upon the twenty-plus years of our friend's living in the United States, most of which were in our area.

Some things to think and pray about.

**Regis+**

## Announcements



Over the course of four or five years, **Brendanites who use Amazon Smile** when they order their groceries from Whole Foods or other items from Amazon.com have earned our parish donations totaling \$492.49. There's no cost to the purchaser or to St. Brendan's, so sign up for Amazon Smile (which is easy to find with a Google search) and then simply use that page each time you do your routine online shopping. Thanks! Click here for detailed instructions [AmazonSmile](#).



**Technology Volunteers Needed!** To assist with the continuity of our online services, St. Brendan's is in need of volunteers who are willing to learn and assist in streaming the services. "How to" instructions will be given on the software and hardware in use, so no prior streaming knowledge is required, but volunteers should have at least a basic comfort level with IT. If you are interested, please contact Cameron Grosh at [grosh.cameron@gmail.com](mailto:grosh.cameron@gmail.com).



**Kale and many greens have already been harvested.** Harvesting is done on Wednesdays, when we clean up the veggies, pack them in zip lock bags, and get them ready for Thursdays deliveries to a Food Bank.

To sign up click here [Garden Link](#) or go to <https://www.stbrpit.com/> and click on Garden Schedule. Please enter your name during the days/weeks you can be responsible by typing directly onto the document.

Ideally, we would like volunteers to take on a task a full week at a time, to be responsible for either watering, weeding or harvesting. Contact Ken at [cleankrp1@aol.com](mailto:cleankrp1@aol.com) if you have any questions.



**Game Night!** Join us every Friday night at 7:30 as a group of Brendanites are playing games. Here's the link to use <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>.

If you prefer to enter thru the Meeting ID: The # is: 457 542 3762. If it requires a passcode, that # is: 316792.



**Join our Hallelujah Choir!** Do you enjoy our "Halle Hallelujah" on Sunday? You are invited (along with your friends and family) to do an individual video and send it to St. Brendan's. Each new video will be added to the main video each week. We have over 100 people singing "Halle Hallelujah" together! It's a fun way to spice up our weekly streaming service. Get more details and download the audio file here. <https://www.stbrendans.org/hallehallelujah>.



**Do you have a special prayer request?** Contact Ruth Horton. Pastoral Care Ministry 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.



**Need food? We can help.** We now have a cabinet filled with non-perishable food items ready for people in need. If you or someone you know has a food shortage, please come by and take what you need. This cabinet is placed outside the front doors to the left. There is no need sign up or even enter the building; this is on the honor system and no one will be there to monitor what you take.

**Want to donate?** We also have tubs outside to the right of the front doors for any food donations. Or, if you wish, checks can be sent to St. Brendan's and we will convert them into grocery gift cards. If you are able to bring any donations, know that you are bringing more than food that feeds the body, you are bringing hope and caring to those who need. Any over-abundance of donations will be distributed to the North Hills Food Bank and the North Hills Community Outreach.

# Senior Warden's Corner

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**The past three months have been tough.** First, the coronavirus changed our lives in so many far-reaching ways. Then the death of George Floyd led our country to begin a long overdue examination of its conscience regarding racism and policing policies. As many have pointed out, the nation is currently reeling from the impact of two pandemics at the same time. All in all, it's sometimes tough to find a proverbial silver lining. This makes it all the more important that we take time to note what is being accomplished and to thank all those responsible.

Our Stream Team is hard at work upgrading our technology so that—when the time is right—we will be able to stream services that Brendanites are also attending in person. This work includes installing new speakers in the church itself, which we believe will help members who have sometimes had a hard time hearing the celebrants or readers.

The Working Group that is imagining what a return to in-person worship will look like is eagerly awaiting everyone's completed online survey. (Did **you** fill out **your** survey yet?) They have moved with amazing speed and efficiency to address the many issues that are raised by reopening a church in the current context and we owe them a major vote of thanks.

The Conversation Friends (ESL) Ministry will shortly wrap up its classes for the year and take a short summer break. Since last September (and despite the disruption caused by the coronavirus), they will have delivered over 2,000 student hours of learning based on almost 700 hours of volunteer time. Literacy Pittsburgh, which routinely tests the students for fluency, reports that all of them have made significant improvement.

The Justice Ministry has responded quickly and assertively in the wake of the death of George Floyd and others. Specific action steps have been decided on and will be announced in the coming days. In addition, I have begun working with the Justice Ministry leadership and with Regis and Julie on a statement to be issued on behalf of the parish as a whole. The Vestry will be next to weigh in on that document before it goes out more broadly.

In short, COVID-19 restrictions or not, St. Brendan's is what used once to be called "a happening place." The Holy Spirit is surely at work here and we continue to trust in Her guidance as we move forward.

**Sr. Warden, Tim Austin**

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**Dear Brendanites,**

We continue with our Lenten series called 'Kneeling with Giants'. If you recall, during Lent we were able to complete the first two sessions in the series (Regis and Julie) before Sunday services at church were suspended. The schedule below reflects survey responses for availability.

**Kneeling with Giants learning series on Prayer:**

**Healing Prayer**, Regis Smolko and Melanie Popovich **June 19**, Friday 4:00 p.m.

All sessions will be via Zoom, and the link will be sent prior to each session. All sessions are intended to be interactive.

## Kid's Corner

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**Buoyed by Faith**

**Welcome to Ordinary Time**

You may have noticed that Fr. Regis' stole looked a little different last week. And so did the covering on the stack (the chalice & paten on the altar). His stole was green, and the veil was green. So, what's up?

It seems like we have a lot of different colors recently – Lent, Easter, then Pentecost, then Trinity Sunday last week. And we have, because each of these colors represents a different church season.

But now we are in the long period of the church calendar called "Ordinary Time." Some people jokingly refer to this as the Church's vacation.

So what does it mean to be ordinary? How do we know it's a new time? Is the date fixed, like Christmas, or does it wander around the calendar like Easter?

Going in reverse order – we figure out when Easter is by math. Yes, math! Typically, Easter's date is soon after April's full moon, which is the first full moon to occur after the spring equinox, and is therefore known in the Christian calendar as the "Paschal Full Moon." But that's not really all there is to it – you also need to know a couple other dates and things.

A long time ago, church leaders decided Easter would be celebrated on the first Sunday following the full moon that occurs on or just after the spring equinox. Yes, it's a bit confusing at first read! Think about last Easter. Easter 2020 was dated from the spring equinox on Thursday, March 19. The first full moon to happen after that date was on Tuesday, April 7. But Easter can't be on a Tuesday, so we observed Easter on the following Sunday or on April 12.

What happens when the full moon and spring equinox occur on the same day? Easy - if the full moon occurs on the same day as the spring equinox, Easter is observed on the subsequent Sunday.

But some dates are "fixed" which is kind of a monkey wrench. A long time ago, the church leaders decided to simplify the process of calculating Easter's date by always observing the spring equinox on March 21, regardless of when the equinox really happens.

So from calculating Easter, the rest of the church year is figured out. Except for Christmas. It's always December 25. And yes, we remember, that probably is not when Jesus was born, it's just when we needed him to be celebrated.

But before we had the internet or real calendars, people in church needed to know "what time of year we were celebrating." So the church changes colors for different times of year and for important occasion. You may remember seeing red for the really important days like during Holy Week & Pentecost, purple just before Christmas during Advent (some churches use royal blue except for one Sunday which is rose or pink), white is for Christmas, Epiphany, Baptisms, and Easter; purple is for Lent, and the rest of the year is green – ordinary. Well, as Kermit the Frog says, "it's not easy being green."

Green is renewal, new growth, spring and rebirth. Green helps us to remember Jesus' resurrection. Green is summer and being outside (at least in Pennsylvania). So this year, remember – it's pretty easy being green. At least in church.

**Peace,  
Julie+**

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**Dear Friends of St. Brendan's,**

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for, the following parishioners and friends or family of parishioners. Each is a medical professional or an emergency first responder who is helping people cope with the Coronavirus outbreak. They are using their skills and risking their own well-being by tending to those whose health has been threatened.

We are grateful for their selfless dedication and ask that God watch over them, keep them safe and give them both strength and rest. We hope that you will join the church in thanking and praying for:

Kimberly Becker	Maddie Bell	Kate Burnett	Frank Casey	Bob Cerra
Brenna Conroy	Adele Cotter	James Cotter	Laura Dugan Demers	Nicholas Demers
Andrea Dickerson	Franklin Park Police Department		Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department	
Rebecca Donadee	Amanda Gagnon	Jeff Gagnon	Shelley Gagnon	Betsy Gentile
Lynne Gloor	Ann Hockenberry	Beth Lutz Hoffman	Eric Hood	John Jacobs and staff
Kerri Jensen	Dr. Ken	Luke O'Neill	Kim Pierce	Becca Sands
Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	Justin Zeigler	Cindy	Jennifer
Julie	Lane	Mike	Patrick	

**Prayer for our medical personnel and first responders.**

Lord, please bless and care for all healthcare workers and first responders. Grant them wisdom, knowledge, skill and compassion so that they may be instruments of Your healing power for those they serve and care for. Give them strength and support. May they be able to do their work in a spirit of love and kindness and mercy. Keep them safe and well as they make personal sacrifices on behalf of Your community. Amen.

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# Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2019  September 2020

## October 2019

- 6 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 13 ~~Dottie & Carl Antonucci~~
- 20 ~~Kinley & Aretz families~~
- 27 ~~Lauren Chappo and Becca Sands~~

## November 2019

- 3 ~~Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey~~
- 10 ~~Melinda & Wesley Bell~~
- 17 ~~Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche~~
- 24 ~~Church sign-up (Appetizers)~~

## December 2019

- 1 ~~Choir~~
- 8 ~~Brigid & Jim Christenson~~
- 15 ~~Julie Smith & Colette Satler~~
- 22 ~~Church sign-up (appetizers)~~
- 29 ~~Stacey Coyle and Andrea Dickerson~~

## January 2020

- 5 ~~Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq~~
- 12 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~
- 19 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 26 ~~Annual Meeting church sign-up (soup)~~

## February 2020

- 2 ~~Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati~~
- 9 ~~Chris & Roger Botti~~
- 16 ~~Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 23 ~~Anne Semmler and Cameron Gresh~~

## March 2020

- 1 ~~Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 8 ~~Amy & Kevin Boyd~~
- 15 ~~Eric Helmsen and Ken Parsons~~
- 22 ~~open~~
- 29 ~~Meghan & Robert Karn~~

## April 2020

- 5 ~~Cindy & Pete Larson~~
- 12 ~~Hospitality Committee~~
- 19 ~~Libby and Phoebe Juel~~
- 26 ~~Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler~~

## May 2020

- 3 ~~The Bertucci family~~
- 10 ~~Parish Men, Mother's Day~~
- 17 ~~Laureen & Todd Douds~~
- 24 ~~Sharon & Ron Ladick~~
- 31 ~~Linda & Jason Konley~~

## June 2020

- 7 ~~Marian & AJ McKenna~~  
~~Trish & Neil Galone~~
- 14 ~~Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin~~
- 21 ~~Erica & Mark McClure~~
- 28 ~~Parish Picnic-cancelled~~

## July 2020

- 5 ~~open~~
- 12 ~~Kate & Keith Heston~~
- 19 ~~open~~
- 26 ~~Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich~~

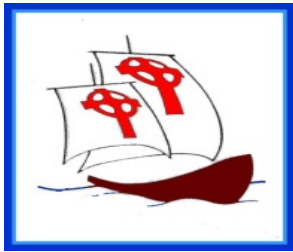
## August 2020

- 2 ~~Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna~~
- 9 ~~Arlena & Bill Pugliese~~
- 16 ~~Anne Semmler and Andrew Sprentz~~
- 23 ~~Saundy & Tom Waseleski~~
- 30 ~~AJ Turo, Rob & George Latta~~

## September 2020

- 6 ~~Nancy & George Snyder~~
- 13 ~~Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski~~
- 20 ~~Emily & Brad Zupancic~~
- 27 ~~Janet Fesq and Chris Fleissner~~





### **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: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Karen Dennis  
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Parish Profile: Inactive  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: George Snyder  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS**

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Linda Schneider  
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Larry Toler  
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant  
Marilyn Mulvihill  
Under One Roof: Inactive

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Pastoral Care Ministry: Ruth Horton  
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck  
Libby Juel  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr. Warden: Tim Austin  
Jr. Warden & Secretary/Clerk: Ruth Horton  
Adult Formation: Dean Peters  
Audio-Visual Technology: Cameron Grosh  
Communication: Annemarie Malbon  
Finance: Mary Bertucci  
Fundraising: Larry Toler  
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore  
Newcomers: Dean Peters and Mary Bertucci  
Outreach and Social Justice: Donna Aiello  
Safety & Security: Tim Austin  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves  
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti  
Worship: Cameron Grosh

### **ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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