



## The Senior Warden's Corner

A couple of months ago fellow Brendanite Tim Austin and I were standing in the narthex one Sunday morning. Beyond marveling at the new faces and greeting people who came through the door, we were engaged in a mathematical exercise.

Jesus said, "When two or more are gathered in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). But Tim and I were examining Sunday worship from a different perspective: How many people does it take to put on a service at St. Brendan's?

If it's the Sunday 8 o'clock Eucharist, you might answer, "Simple: Two. The priest and the lay reader." Not so. You'd be overlooking the sacristan who prepared the altar, the three people (including the parish administrator) who assembled, edited, printed and folded the bulletins and the security steward who patrols the building and grounds during both Sunday services.

Fast-forward two hours. How many people does it take to produce the 10 o'clock service? This question had Tim and I going for a while. What's your first guess? Five? The priest, an acolyte, the musician and maybe two ushers? Not even close.

There's that sacristan again, the three who generate the bulletins and the security steward. Let's add our deacon, who frequently assists. Three lay readers. Six to eight choir members. The person who purchases, arranges and displays the altar flowers. Two Sunday School teachers and a doorkeeper. Two adults in the nursery. Two greeters in the narthex. One or two parishioners in the kitchen setting up hospitality hour. A vestry member to ensure that all these roles have been filled.

By that time, Tim and I were up to 29 to 33 people needed to put on the 10 o'clock service for St. Brendan's (and maybe more, if I've overlooked someone). Yet only the priest, parish administrator, music director and the new nursery coordinator receive compensation. The rest are volunteers. And what generous, energetic volunteer spirit we have at St. Brendan's — that is, until volunteers begin to feel stretched.

We are not one of those top-down churches, where decisions come down from on high and things are done for us. At St. Brendan's it takes a congregation to run a church, and the more members who participate in ministries, the more reflective our church is of its people. Despite that long Sunday roster, we still need more greeters, readers, Sunday School teachers, choir members, hospitality hosts, security stewards and ushers. On the other days of the week our parish would also benefit from more Meal Makers, more ESL tutors, more Justice Ministry helpers, more Garden of Hope planters and weeders, and so on.

While there's no "u" in St. Brendan's, there is you and you and you. And you can have a role, if you like, and a way to make a real difference. Just contact one of the ministry leaders listed in the weekly Navigator newsletter and say, "I'd like to pitch in." Or, better yet, email me.

Yours in faith, Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden

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**Come Celebrate with Us!** This Sunday marks the official close of our very successful **Raise the Roof Appeal!** After both the 8:00 and the 10:00 services, there will be a chance to share some brunch-style treats. The final total raised will be revealed and a prayer of thanks given for all that this has made possible. **Please join us!**



**Calling all fiber crafters!** Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! Fiber Crafting Club meetings will be held on the first Friday and third Wednesday of each month, 6-8 p.m., in St. Brendan's library.

The first meeting will be **Wednesday, April 19, at 6 p.m.** Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level!

If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Sherri at [sherri.angeletti@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.angeletti@gmail.com), or text 412-689-0737.



**Help the Homeless "Lenten" Project: Turn your mite boxes in no later than April 23!**

Thanks to everyone who participated in this project to help the many homeless people in our city. Please make sure you turn in your mite offering boxes no later than **Sunday, April 23**, when we will ask the Bishop to bless them while she is here on that day. You can leave them in the blue bin which you'll find in the Narthex. We will count the money and get it to Outstretched Arms sometime that following week.

Several parishioners have asked if they could give us a check for this project instead of filling the mite box. If you would like to do that, please make your check payable to "Outreached Arms", place it in an envelope and put it in the blue bin with the boxes.

In addition to helping the homeless, we hope this small project was an awareness project as we meditated on all the blessings we enjoy that homeless people do not have. Thank you from St. Brendan's Justice Ministry!

# Children and Youth



**Sunday, April 16:** Please welcome Liz MacDonald, our new nursery coordinator. We're excited to have her on the job at St. Brendan's and look forward to meeting and getting to know her. Please stop in the nursery to introduce yourself and your children.

**Sunday, April 16:** Please plan for your child to stay for a few minutes after the service to practice a song with Daniel May. This song will be performed during Bishop Ketlen Solak's visit on April 23. Daniel would also like the children to arrive about 15 minutes early on April 23 so that he can practice with them again before the service. We hope to have lots of singers that day.

**Volunteers are still needed** in the Sunday School program and nursery. Please contact Allison Kline, Saundy Waseleski, or Annemarie Malbon for more information. We really need your help! These are important ministries for our families and our church.

**Walk through Holy Week:** Thank you to our children and youth and their families for the very creative dioramas and posters of the events of Christ's final days. Please take some time to view them in the social hall where they will be on display from Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday. Make sure to take a copy of the Holy Week booklet of prayers that has been prepared to accompany the projects.

**Save the Date for VBS:** St. Brendan's Vacation Bible School is scheduled for **July 10 - 14 from 9:00 to noon** each day. More information and registration forms will be coming soon for this fun-filled week with a heroes theme for Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade. Spread the word! Tell your friends and neighbors.

**Sunday, April 23:** Children's worship service and Bishop Ketlen Solak's visit at St. Brendan's. There will be no Sunday School classes that day. Children will be involved in various ways in the service. This will be a great opportunity for the children to witness baptism and confirmation.

**Monday, April 24:** The Youth Group will meet this month on Monday, April 24, from 7 to 8:30 pm. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship. More information will follow.

**Thank you** to each of our children and their families who designed the very creative dioramas and posters depicting Holy Week events. Many of our parishioners commented on the hard work that went into them. These projects helped to make Holy Week a time for reflection and prayer. (Projects have been moved to the Fish classroom and can be picked up after this Sunday's service.)

**VBS update:** Parents, please complete the survey regarding VBS sent to you by Annemarie. We'd appreciate your response as soon as possible. Thank you!

## JOB OPENING AT ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



### CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR:

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Franklin Park is seeking a coordinator of children and youth programs, pre-K through Grade 12.

The applicant for this position should have a strong commitment to the religious education of all children. He or she should be familiar with curriculum used in Sunday School and with teen programs in Episcopal churches. Applicants should be able to demonstrate strong communication skills with children, youth, and parishioners and should be able to work as part of a team to deliver sound instruction and experiences.

This is a paid, part-time position and requires attendance on Sundays for Sunday School, designated evenings for teen programming, and other meetings and events as they may arise.

Please respond no later than April 15, 2023.

Response information, detailed job descriptions and more information can be found on St. Brendan's Episcopal Church website: <https://www.stbrendans.org/employment>.



**Vestry briefs.** At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry:

- Approved an application for a \$20,000 grant from the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh Growth Fund to help with the proposed repaving of St. Brendan's parking lot;
- Learned about the hiring of Liz MacDonald as the church's new nursery coordinator, effective April 16.
- OK'd the parishioners willing to serve on the Audit Committee: Mary Bertucci, Kevin Boyd & Richard Munsch.



## Women's Luncheon

**Saturday, April 22, 2023 12:00 p.m.**

Sign up in the narthex or contact Janice Moore [naperville@yahoo.com](mailto:naperville@yahoo.com)

Please plan to bring a dish to share and join us in the parish hall.



Our next Forum will be held on **Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m.** (this is a time correction from last week's Log) via Zoom. The topic is **Human Trafficking in Western PA.** Many of us don't realize that human trafficking is happening right in our area. This Forum will give us information on why it is here, how to identify it and what we can do about it. Panelists are from Living in Liberty and the Beaver County Anti-Human Trafficking Coalition.

This Forum is sponsored by one of our partners in Faith in Action, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills. If you would like to attend this important Forum, please respond to the link on the attached flyer, or you can email [scregistration@uucnh.org](mailto:scregistration@uucnh.org). Thank you.



**The Justice Ministry** will be making backpack lunches for NRP on **Saturday, April 22** in the downstairs kitchen. We will start at 8:30 a.m.

The last time we did this, it only took 90 minutes. So we should be done around 10 a.m. This involves making 240 sandwiches (2 per bag) and placing fruit, snack bar, drink and condiments in each bag.

If you are able to help, please sign up in the narthex?



### St. Brendan's Drumming Circle is Back!

The Spirituality Ministry will be holding another drum circle on Friday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at our church. It will be 60 minutes long and cost \$15. Drums are provided by our facilitator.

Our drumming leader is Matt Price who works with children, adults and seniors to empower and inspire them through rhythm, movement and mind/body connection. Anyone 13 years of age or older is welcome. Participants don't need any previous drumming or musical skills to get involved and the benefits can be experienced in as little as one hour.

Matt has been a member of the Drum Circle Facilitators Guild since 2022. Currently residing in Pittsburgh, Matt services Pittsburgh and surrounding areas with high quality drum circle facilitation.

This should be similar to the drum circle we held last year which I believe we all enjoyed. Besides being spiritual, it is relaxing and fun. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are able to attend. It should be an hour well-spent. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Aiello [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Thank you!



### TAI CHI for fall prevention – Monday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.

The Spirituality Ministry is planning a one-hour tai chi event led by our very own Thaddeus Popovich, who is certified to teach a gentle, meditative version of Tai Chi. Please join us on Monday, April 24 at 10:00 am. at the Latodami Nature Center in North Park. We can meet at St. Brendan's at 9:30am and carpool together if desired.

Tai Chi for Arthritis for Fall Prevention, designed by Australian family physician Paul Lam and a team of Tai Chi and medical experts, is based on the Sun style of Tai Chi. This modified style is easy to learn, effective, and safe. It increases flexibility, muscle strength, and mental activity, heart/lung capacity, aligns posture, improves balance, and integrates the mind and body. Studies show this program to be safe and effective for people with arthritis. as well as an excellent fall prevention program.

Tai chi has so many benefits; it's a good way to improve your balance, decrease stress and anxiety and help you meditate, just to name a few. It promotes serenity through gentle, flowing movements. Plus it's fun and relaxing.

Everyone is welcome; no experience necessary. Just wear loose clothing and sturdy shoes (i.e. walking shoes). 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.

Please contact Donna Aiello [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com) with questions or if you would like to attend. Please join us.

**Join us Wednesday evenings.** Beginning this Wednesday, **April 19**, we'll gather at 6:00 and celebrate Compline at 6:30 p.m.



**Need a gift for someone who has everything?** Would you like a way to acknowledge a special day like a baptism or a birthday or to remember a departed loved one? A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friend's (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. HVAC replacements, live-streaming technology, elevator repairs, playground equipment and much more have been funded through BFF. You can make your BFF donation through [Tithe.ly](https://www.tithe.ly), a donation card found in the narthex, on the website, or by contacting Katie. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!



**Parish Administrator office hours.** Beginning **Monday April 17**, Katie will have office hours M-T-TH-F from 11-3 p.m. Wednesdays will be a day off for Katie.



**Hospitality Hour needs some new hosts!** We all enjoy fellowship and socialization during Hospitality time after the 10:00 Sunday service but we need some more help. We are looking for some new Hospitality Hosts. It is a pretty simple job - make coffee, lay out some snacks, and then clean-up after. All hosts will be provided with a complete set of easy to follow instructions and we will be happy to team new hosts together if you would prefer to share the duties.

But what if I'm not a baker? Don't worry! we don't expect an elaborate gourmet meal. Store bought items are great or homemade are great. Whatever you would like to share is appreciated.

If you are interested, please contact Kate Heston [kmheston71@gmail.com](mailto:kmheston71@gmail.com) with any questions and ask for a link to the Hospitality Host survey.

## Prayer Requests

**We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's**, especially; Susan Shields, Libby, Richard and Phoebe Juel, Jim Gray, Matthew, Ruth, Bill Spoonhoward, Karl Haider, Joyce Donadee, Margie Davies, Rosie Wood, Elizabeth Murphy, Mark Kinley, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Mark Shoemaker, Alice Butterworth.

**For our parents**, especially; Adele and Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian, Diane Davis, Ray Miltzer and Lenora.

**For our family members**, especially; Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Nelson Ferguson, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Bob, Frank Nagy, Chris Sensenich, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Carman Lorcias & family, Bob Kiehl, Robert Donato, Marie Hazelton, John Sanborn, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick.

**And for our friends**, especially; The Collins family, Kevin Mahoney, Julia Sloganaugh, Barbara & Max Hagen, Vivian, Steve Parsons, Nancy Baker.

**We pray for those who have died**, especially James Kline.

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## CAUSES AND LIFE-SAVING SOLUTIONS



**Sunday, April 30**  
at 7 pm via Zoom

### LAVONNIE BICKERSTAFF

Pittsburgh's Assistant Chief of Police

Lavonnie Bickerstaff has served the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police since 1990. She now leads the Investigations branch and has also supervised, among others, Patrol, Community Policing, Crime Analysis, Robbery, Homicide, and the Zone 1 Police Station.



### JOSH FLEITMAN

CeasefirePA's Western Pennsylvania Manager

Josh Fleitman's background is in politics, policy, and communication. He has worked as Deputy Chief of Staff to PA State Senator Pam Iovino, and has served in government offices at the state and federal levels.

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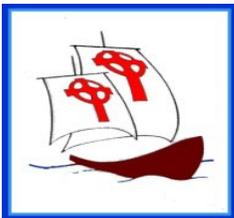


# April Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
April 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Marilyn Mulvihill 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dean Peters P Michael Donadee	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH TBD Door keeper Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Dawn Quinn Mi Jang	Dottie Antonucci Phoebe Juel	Dean Peters	Allyson Baiert Michael Donadee	Tom Waseleski	Mike Wick	Megan Overby Tim Austin
April 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Bishop's Visit Children & Youth Worship	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Children	Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald Mi Jang	Ellen Groves Kathy Miller	Toni Passarello John Appeldorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Chris Botti	Dave Miller	Sandy Nagy Janice Moore
April 30 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Bertucci 2 <sup>nd</sup> Michael Donadee P Linda Limberis	Lambs Kayla Tweedle FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Katie Costa	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Donna Aiello Mike Wick	Kate Heston	John Appeldorn	Volunteer needed

# May Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Hospitality
May 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Quinn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Schneider P Sandy Nagy	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Door keeper	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Dottie Antonucci Phoebe Juel	TBD	Allyson Baiert Kate Heston	Sandy Nagy	Tim Austin	Volunteer needed
May 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Cindy Koszarek 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tim Austin P Kate Heston	Lambs FISH Door keeper Ruth Horton	Liz MacDonald Katie Costa	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	TBD	Michael Donadee John Appledorn	Ruth Horton	Mike Wick	Volunteer needed
May 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Bertucci 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Appledorn P Marilyn Mulvihill	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald	Ellen Groves Anelisa Tarrant	TBD	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	John Appledorn	Dave Miller	Volunteer needed
May 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Children	Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Sylvia Affleck Kathy Miller	TBD	Allyson Baiert Kate Heston	Neil Galone	Linda Limberis	Volunteer needed



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

### WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Usher: Tim Austin

### PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Chris Botti  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl  
Carol Meese  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts & 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  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
Debbie Jennings  
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: Annie Koch  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton  
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

### WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person  
10:00 am Worship, in person and via 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  
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm  
Tuesday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm  
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm  
4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>  
Wednesday: 11:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 pm  
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 pm  
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm  
Friday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

### ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ [Katie@sbrendans.org](mailto:Katie@sbrendans.org)

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Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ [johnsdj31@verizon.net](mailto:johnsdj31@verizon.net)

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