



Sunday, April 10, 2022

Celebrant: The Rev. Dr. Bill Pugliese

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

Weekly at St. Brendan's

- Sunday:** 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday:** 7:45 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Saturday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>
Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720
11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976791143?pwd=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VlFBcVJia05LQT09>
4:00 pm Bible-Lite Group <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- Tuesday:** 7:00 am AA meeting, via zoom Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252
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:** 3:00 pm Deacon hours
7:00 pm Evening Service, in person
- Friday:** 11:00 am Limited office hours, please call ahead.

The Priest's Corner

THE ENEMIES OF JOY

One of my heroes is the late Henri Nouwen. He had a way of seeing through and into and beyond what most of us only see on the surface. A typical Nouwen observation: "The real enemies of our life are the 'oughts' and the 'ifs.' They pull us backward into the unalterable past and forward into the unpredictable future. But real life takes place in the here and now. God is a God of the present. God is always in the moment, be that moment hard or easy, joyful or painful."

In other words, God is Now. The past is always passed: it is unalterable. We can lament the past but we cannot do anything about it; and while we are lamenting, we are neither moving on into the future nor able to live in the present. And the only way to get to the future is through the present, through the now and the Now that is God. For it is only in and through God that we can overcome a past that wants to drag us back. It is only through God that we can live now so that we will not have to relive the past.

Of course, that is so much easier to say than to do. It is not easy to see the sun on a cloudy day, to see through the clouds to see the sun. Nouwen again: "I have a friend who radiates joy, not because life [the now] is easy, but because he habitually recognizes God's presence in the midst of all human suffering, his own as well as others'....My friend's joy is contagious. The more I am with him, the more I catch glimpses of the sun shining through the clouds. Yes, I know there is a sun, even though the skies are covered with clouds. While my friend always spoke about the sun, I kept thinking about the clouds, until one day I realized that it was the sun that allowed me to see the clouds. Those who keep speaking about the sun while walking under a cloudy sky are messengers of hope, the true saints of our day."

Thank God for those saints who help us to see the sun for the clouds. They are the ones who help us see those enemies of joy for what they are: enemies, that which would have us live under the cloud of the past and not see the sun that lights us and leads us to a brighter and better and God-filled future.

The reason that we can see the sun for the clouds is what we are about to celebrate: the events of Holy Week. It is our past sins that holds us back, that brings a cloud over the present, that makes the future look so bleak. It is also those sins that Jesus took and takes and continues to take away because of his death and resurrection. For if our sins are not or cannot be forgiven, then there is no future to hope in and the present is surely a time for doom and gloom.

Good Friday reminds us that the past is always and will always be past, that it cannot be undone but only forgiven. Easter reminds us that no matter how bad the past, there is always resurrection, there is always new life. The enemies of joy would have us believe that we cannot be or are forgiven, would have us believe that resurrection only takes place in final death. Holy Week reminds us that we can and must always speak of the sun because the Son of God is the One whose life, death and resurrection allows us to be able to see the sun shine even on the cloudiest of days.

Bill

Holy Week Services:



Palm Sunday: Services at both 8:00 10:00 a.m.
The service at 10:00 will include a visit from the Bishop, The Right Rev. Ketlen A. Solak!



Holy Thursday: Service at 7:00 p.m. with Foot Washing and The Stripping of the Altar



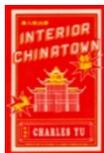
Good Friday: 12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross; 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service



Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. - The Great Easter Vigil



Easter Morning: Services at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.-- Festive Celebration of the Resurrection



April Book Club Selection. "Interior Chinatown" follows the story of an Asian-American actor struggling against clichéd roles and stereotypes, both at work and in his life experiences. It's a deeply personal novel about race, pop culture, immigration, assimilation and escaping the roles we are forced to play. Join us at the church **tonight, Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm** as we discuss this thought-provoking book. Please feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you would like more info.



Public Forum: Gun Violence Prevention 101, TONIGHT, Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom.

You won't want to miss this Forum where you will get the latest information on gun violence prevention and gun safety policies in western PA. Our presenter is Josh Fleitman, Western PA Manager of CeaseFirePA. Josh has significant experience in legislative policymaking and communications at the local, state and federal government levels. CeaseFirePA's mission is to end the epidemic of gun violence through education, coalition building and advocacy. To register, please email stbrendanskatie@gmail.com.



Gentlemen ~ please join us for breakfast at Bob Evans in Cranberry. **St. Brendan's Men's breakfast** for April will be on **Monday, April 11th at 9:00 a.m.** I hope you will join us. Email me stephenshorton@gmail.com by Sunday (10th) dinner time, so that I can give them an estimate to expect. The address is 932 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046, (724) 776-4190 Menu: <https://www.bobevans.com/menu>. See y'all there!



St. Brendan's Scholarships. A parishioner, the late Dorsey Doddroe, started the St. Brendan's Scholarship fund in 1996, which has awarded 76 grants to young parishioners for their post-secondary education plans. St. Brendan's invites our young members who will be enrolled in college, technical school or other post-secondary education programs in the fall of 2022 to apply for Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded on the basis of the applicant's participation and attendance in St. Brendan's services and activities. Scholarship applications are available in paper and electronic forms and are available by contacting the church office. StBrendansKatie@gmail.com All applications are due by Saturday, April 30. The program is sustained by the generosity of St. Brendan's members, and donations can be made to the scholarship fund at any time. We have been blessed with the joy of watching St. Brendan's children grow into young adults. Please consider donating to the fund as they begin a new adventure in their lives.



Easter Altar Flowers If you would like to make a contribution for the flowers that will be on the altar on Easter Sunday, make your check payable to St. Brendan's and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Send an email to [Katie StBrendansKatie@gmail.com](mailto:StBrendansKatie@gmail.com), and be sure to include the name/s of those who are being honored, celebrated, remembered or thanked through the flower donation. Any amount is welcome. Submitted information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



Looking for Stewards to help keep St. Brendan's safe. With more and more parishioners coming back to church, we are re-instituting having a steward present every Sunday. Besides assisting in keeping our church safe, a steward provides a welcoming environment for our members, guests and anyone visiting us for the first time. We have had (and would welcome) women stewards as well as men. Our goal is to have 8 stewards, so that each one is assigned only once every two months. All stewards will be trained in their responsibilities. If you are interested in becoming a steward or would simply like more information, please contact Tim Austin at austover@gmail.com.

The Children's Corner

WHAT ARE THESE PEOPLE DOING????

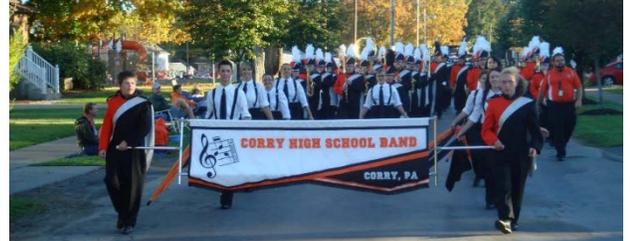


Having fun. Marching in a parade. Drawing attention to themselves.

Aren't parades a lot of fun? And being in a parade is even more fun. In high school, I played in our marching band, and we loved going to parades. Dressing up, marching in step, playing loud music. Everyone knew when we marched by because the band I played in was very good and we took our music very seriously.

This Sunday in church, we are going to have a parade – we call it a procession. To remind us about something that took place about 2,000 years ago in Jerusalem.

This week over 2,000 years ago, the Jewish people were going to have a big celebration called Passover – just so you know, Jewish people still have Passover today. In Jesus' day, Jews from all over would go to Jerusalem to celebrate in the Temple, make sacrifices, and worship. As Jesus and his disciples were traveling, last week we heard about them stopping at Lazarus, Mary, and Martha's house in Bethany, just a few miles from Jerusalem. This week, our story starts with Jesus saying, "Go into that village over there, as you enter it, you will see a young donkey tied there that no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks, 'Why are you untying that donkey?' just say, 'The Lord needs it.' "



So the disciples went and found the young donkey, just as Jesus had told them they would. And sure enough, as they were untying it, the owner asked them, "Why are you untying that donkey?" They simply answered, "The Lord needs it." They were not stealing the donkey but doing what Jesus told them, they were borrowing the donkey probably from Mary, Martha, and Lazarus.

Then the disciples took the young donkey to Jesus. They put coats on its back so that Jesus would have a nice, soft seat as He rode into town. Word spread quickly through the town that Jesus was coming. As Jesus entered the town, a large crowd had gathered. People began to throw their coats on the road in front of Jesus. They cut branches from the palm trees and waved them and they began to shout, "Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

It must have been quite the parade as Jesus went through the streets of Jerusalem with everyone waving and cheering. They were having a great time, marching in a parade and calling attention to themselves. We call this celebration Palm Sunday. But as exciting as all this was, the people really did not know who Jesus was. Most of the people thought Jesus was going to overthrow the Romans and set up an earthly kingdom. They did not understand who He was or where His kingdom was.

Pay attention this week, called Holy Week, because in just a few days, the same people who were shouting, "Hosanna!" would be shouting, "Crucify Him!" because He wasn't the kind of king they wanted.

**Listen for what happens next,
Pastor Julie+**

Social Justice Ministry. Calling all those interested in social justice. Whether you are interested in all of the areas or just one please consider joining the Social Justice Ministry. Those areas are Domestic Poverty Issues, Racial Reconciliation, Climate Crisis, Gun Violence Prevention, Immigration and LGBTQ issues. All these issues impact people of color and those with disabilities disproportionately, so addressing them addresses racial and disability issues. Voting rights/issues are also fundamental cornerstones to social justice so we continue our efforts in those areas. Whether you are interested in being part of one project or many, please consider adding your name to ours. For more information, please contact Ginny Volponi ginny4045@gmail.com.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will explore Spring blooms along the Wildflower Trail at Raccoon State Park on **Saturday, April 23**. (This is a change from the trail that had been previously scheduled.) Walkers will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and carpool to the park. After the walk, the group will enjoy lunch at nearby Lu-Lou's Restaurant. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski twaseleski@comcast.net.



Do you like to sing? Would you like to join the choir? We are excited to announce that we are bringing back live music at the 10:00 service. If you would like to join this fulfilling ministry, send your interest to Katie StBrendansKatie@gmail.com. All voices and experience levels are welcome.

Weekly rehearsals Sunday mornings 9:15 and again Monday evenings from 5:30 – 6:15.

CRIS Advocacy, (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10:00 a.m. service where they determine the distribution of St. Brendan's 10% tithe of our pledged income. This week we are praying for the work of Brother's Brother Foundation. Our monthly donation has been given for aid of the Ukrainian situation through Brother's Brother Foundation.

Other Upcoming Events



54th Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale. Sunday, April 10, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Over 1,200 Ukrainian Pysanky (Easter Eggs) Over 300 Specialty Eggs (Goose, Ostrich, wooden and more). Folk Arts & Crafts from Ukraine Basket Raffles, Door Prizes ~ Ukrainian Food from their kitchen.

Sts Peter & Paul Ukaraianian Orthodox Church See the bulletin board for more information or email

www.orthodoxcarnegie.org.



This Book Club was started by Episcopal delegates to the world climate negotiations in Glasgow last November. The book being read is *Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World*, by Texas Tech professor Katharine Hayhoe. The New York Times called her "one of the nation's most effective communicators on climate change". The next meeting is **May 2, then June 6, and July 11**. You can register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).

A Forum on Policing and Social Justice Sunday April 10, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church 5401 Centre Ave Pittsburgh PA.

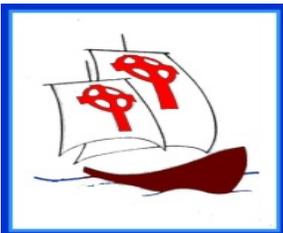
If you would like more information, contact Ginny Volponi at gabby4045@gmail.com





April 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lector	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeter	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
April 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Ann Vinski P John Appledorn <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	n/a	Toni Passarello Annemarie Malbon	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
April 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 10 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd Donna Aiello P Kate Heston <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Janice Moore Sylvia Affleck	n/a	Allyson Baiert Sharon Hlawati	Donna Aiello Mike Wick	Donna Aiello	Volunteer needed
April 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 17 Easter Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Alan Schneider P Dean Peters <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Anelisa Tarrant Ellen Groves	n/a	Kate Heston John Appledorn	John Appledorn Allyson Baiert	Kate Heston	Volunteer needed
April 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	n/a	Joyce Donadee Wesley Bell	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Volunteer needed
April 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a



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: Cameron Grosh
Co-Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: John Appledorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Sean Sweeney
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Kate Heston & Lauren Ramakrishna
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Newcomers: Kate Heston
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Roger Botti
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Ginny Volponi
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl
Carol Meese
Kathy Miller
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: TBD
Memorial Garden: John Appledorn
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
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Web Site: Kelli Cerra
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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

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