



Weekly at St. Brendan's

Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship, via live streaming

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 8:15 a.m. Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>

Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720

11:00 a.m. Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

1:00 p.m. Bible Study

Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. AA meeting, via zoom

Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id: 345 892 252

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

11:00 a.m. Bible Study, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

4:30 p.m. Book Club discussion, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Women's virtual Coffee Hour

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8944116431>

Sunday, April 4, 2021

Celebrant: 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Regis Smolko

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

The Paschal Triduum

Holy Week culminates in the Paschal Triduum. These are the last three days of Lent and the last three days of Holy Week. These three days commemorate the Last Supper, Jesus' crucifixion/death, and Christ's resurrection. Many Christians prepare for this Paschal event with 40 days of fasting, prayer, and alms giving.

The Paschal Triduum is a journey with Jesus from death to new life. Due to the pandemic this year we might have to change how we celebrate these important feasts. This inconvenience need not prevent us from remembering and celebrating what the liturgies of Holy Week commemorate. Creating the three following, changeable tables each of these Triduum days is a way for families to prepare their homes for the celebration of Holy Week:



Table 1—Maundy Thursday

Here are some items you can display on a prayer table:

- Loaf of bread/wine or grape juice
- Towel/basin and pitcher
- A picture that brings Holy Communion to mind
- Images of people and or family fulfilling service
- Religious pictures or icons from the house

Tonight we remember the Eucharist instituted by Jesus during the Last Supper. Also tonight Jesus teaches disciples the value of service and a new commandment of love as exemplified by washing the disciples' feet. As a family, discuss the gift of the Eucharist. The pitcher and basin remind us of the invitation Jesus extends to disciples to serve others after He washes their feet. Reflect together on ways others have served you, or ways in which you have served others.



Table 2—Good Friday

Here are some items to display on this prayer table:

- Cross, perhaps one that is a family heirloom
- Red cloth to drape over the cross or prayer space
- A Bible opened to the Passion account from John
- Candles to burn beside the cross
- A crown of thorns or barbed wire

If you've ever gone to church on Good Friday, you likely experienced the Stations of the Cross or heard the last seven words of Jesus. At another liturgy you might have witnessed the reading of the Passion, adoration of the Cross and/or extremely long petitions. Some liturgies administer Holy Communion, reserved from the liturgy of Maundy Thursday. This day reflects on the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. The day is about emptying, perhaps refraining from television, social media or other unnecessary activities from noon to 3 p.m. Try to go out of your way to add some extra time of prayer on this day.



Table 3—Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday

Some of the Items to display on your prayer table are:

- White cloth to cover prayer table
- Flowers to decorate prayer table
- Bowl of water with a cut, small limb from a pine tree
- Candle and/or a Storybook
- Picture of baptism
- Renewal of baptismal promises
- “Alleluia” signs

The white cloth and flowers remind us of the joy that comes from the news that Jesus has risen from the dead. We resume saying “Alleluia.” Why not create a few “Alleluia” signs to hang around the house? We renew our baptismal promises. At baptism we die to sin and the water demonstrates this cleansing. Renew your belief in Christ together as a family. We commemorate through Scriptural story telling how God was always with God’s people. We bless fire and water during the Easter Vigil liturgy. Light candles, or particularly the candle used at some of your family members’ baptisms. Candles represent Christ, the light of the world who destroys darkness. Share how you bring light to others as a family.

This Easter marks our return to partial in-person worship at St. Brendan’s. We have much to celebrate. Please return to church when we are open as your comfort level permits. You are always with us—whether in person, virtually or simply in spirit. Thank you for all your sacrifices to get us to this point in our pandemic recovery.

**Happy Easter,
Regis+**

Easter Week Services

Maundy Thursday, tonight, 7:00 p.m.



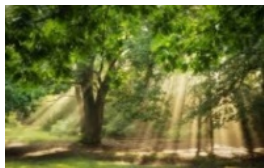
Good Friday, Noon & 7:00 p.m.



Easter Vigil, Saturday 7:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday 10:00 a.m.



The Spirituality Group at St. Brendan's is growing! We are looking forward to meditative walks in the woods, labyrinths, retreats (including silent retreats), practices of other religions and, of course, prayer. We will utilize any activity that reminds us that everyone and everything is connected. This group will be based on our church's beliefs, but will focus more on embracing our connection to each other, to nature and to all of God's creatures.

If you have an interest in this Spirituality Group, please contact Donna Aiello, donna.aiello@forecastdirect 412-759-1521 or Cameron Grosh, grosh.cameron@gmail.com / 717-404-0108. Thank you!



Volunteers Needed! Dan Moore is coordinating our Spring Clean up and has scheduled it for **Saturday April 22, at 9:00 a.m.** The Justice Ministry is already on board to help. Hoping for the Green Thumb Gang as well and anyone who likes to be outdoors. **Let's do this in recognition of Earth Day!** Rakes, shovels, gloves, tarps, wheelbarrows and your time and talent would be greatly appreciated. Contact Dan daniel.moore@zoominternet.net for more information.

WATCH FOR OUR NEXT FORUM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 20.

The topic is Social Justice and Food Security. The Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank will be attending. More information to come soon!

CRIES Advocacy. (Christian Response In Emergency Situations). This week we are supporting the work of Jubilee Ministry, a soup kitchen, clothing distribution center, after school program, etc located in the Pittsburgh Hill District.

Senior Warden's Corner

April is going to be a busy month at St. Brendan's. But I choose not to interrupt this holy season with "administrivia." Instead let me simply offer best wishes from Megan and myself for a peaceful, healthy and blessed Eastertide!

Tim Austin

Confirmation! In hopeful anticipation of the Bishop's visit on May 2, youth seeking to be confirmed need to begin the final preparation for their confirmation.

While the church is still not opened, we will meet via Zoom. Once the weather improves, I will try to have us together as we are able to be together. We will be using *My Faith, My Life: A Teen's Guide to the Episcopal Church* for our preparation.

Deciding upon confirmation is personal and is not age-based but a mark on a young person's faith journey. Do you think you are ready to affirm the promises made on your behalf in your baptism? Our preparation class is to explore what it means to be a child of God, a Christian and an Episcopalian.

Please contact Pastor Julie for more information at 412-995-0915 or email at jsphone1@gmail.com.

The Children's Corner

Hello all,

This Sunday is **EASTER** and it is a busy Holy Week at St. Brendan's. We will restore the Alleluias on Sunday, and we hear a story about Jesus not being where everyone expected him to be.

Have you ever been where you weren't supposed to be? Like playing outside when Mom or Dad thought you were in your room?

This is a different kind of not being where he was expected.

According to the Bible, on Good Friday, Jesus was crucified and put into a tomb. Everyone expected him to stay in that tomb, so on Sunday (3 days later according to the tradition) Mary went to visit the tomb to help prepare his body.

But.....

He.....

Wasn't.....

THERE?!?!@#



What Mary saw . . .

The rock was rolled away from the opening.

The clothes Jesus was put into the tomb wrapped laying on the stones inside.

Angels.

And the Angels asked her why she was weeping? Who are you looking for? Don't you believe what Jesus told you?

Then...she....heard...Jesus' voice. So the first person to know Jesus was alive was Mary. She ran back and told everyone because Jesus told her to go tell his brothers he was alive. So she told them, "I have seen the Lord."

Again, this year, instead of an Easter Egg Hunt, I'm sending you pictures to color to make your own scene of what the resurrection may have looked like, and you can use it for the next few weeks as we journey through the Easter season. So get your folks to read the directions and help with the cutting out so you can "set your scenes" of the Easter and what happens afterward.

If you are watching any of the Holy Week services (from Thursday to Sunday), when I tug my ear, it's to let you know I'm thinking of you. So watch for that ear tug, be with us in the services, and remember, just as we are looking for Jesus, he is also watching over us.

Happy Easter.
Julie+



Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like a way to acknowledge a special family event like a baptism or a birthday? A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. Please contact Katie if you're interested. Your donation will be noted in the Little Log if you wish. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!

VOTING BY MAIL 2021! Last November, 2.6 MILLION Pennsylvanians cast their ballots by mail, safely and securely from home.



If you applied to vote by mail last year and signed up for the "permanent" vote-by-mail list, and you want to automatically receive ballots for this year's elections, **you must sign up again for 2021, since this list is only on an annual basis.** You can fill out the application that was mailed to you and return it to your county board of elections, [or complete one online here.](#)

It takes just a few minutes to sign up to get both your mail-in ballots for 2021. Your county will keep you updated as your ballots are processed, printed, mailed to you, and returned. If you didn't register for the "permanent" list last year, but are interested in joining, [you can read more here](#) and [sign up using the same online form.](#)

Voters should request their mail-in ballot **before May 11, 2021** to make sure they have time to receive their secure ballot and return it in time. If you're signing up to vote by mail online, just make sure you're registered to vote beforehand and have either your PA driver's license number or social security number handy.

Please make sure your friends and family are aware of this! Thank you for being a voter.



We celebrate the **April Wedding Anniversaries of:**

Susan & Mark Shoemaker, April 7 Jennifer Saitz & Daniel May, April 12 Gladys & Les Carlisle, April 26
Mary & Jim Evanochko, April 27 Annemarie Malbon & Daric Thompson, April 27



We celebrate the **April Birthdays of:**

1 Libby Juel	2 Betsy Smith	3 Anthony Bertucci
7 Kevin Boyd	10 Claire Grotevant	10 Linda Limberis
10 Lin Shadgett	12 Marcy Little	15 Keith Heston
16 Wilder Bancroft	18 Leah Byrne	20 Mark Shoemaker
20 Edith Waseleski	21 Morgan Aretz	22 Rachel May
23 Susan Shoemaker	26 Les Carlisle	27 Linda Schneider
29 Arlena Pugliese	30 Dylan Riley	30 Sean Riley
		30 Amelia Schantz



St. Brendan's Women's Get Together - All St. Brendan's women are welcome to "drop in" to chat on Saturday mornings at 9:30 am. The link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8944116431>.



Do you have a special prayer request? Contact Ruth Horton rvhorton@gmail.com. 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.



The Haitian project. We want to fill two school buses so that they can be transported to Haiti both within the same month. One bus is filled to the brim but we can still use more clothes, shoes and other items to fill the second bus. Children's clothing, women's size 14 and smaller, men's shirts up to size extra large, men's pants up to waist 34 are utilized by Haitian people who tend to be smaller than Americans. They also can use donations of toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, linens, fabrics, belts, hats, etc. are all needed. Thank you for all your donations - keep them coming!



You can help. We 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. We have now discovered a new mission. There are halfway houses in lower income areas who share any donations to them with their neighbors, and we will be supporting them with some of our food donations. This gives those residents a sense of meaningful purpose, being the ones to share rather than the ones in need. We will continue distributing food to the North Hills Food Bank and the Community Outreach.

Need food? We can help. If you or someone you know has a food shortage, contact the church and we will be happy to help.

Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

Our Right to Clean Air

A Virtual Resident-Led Town Hall Meeting **Tuesday, April 6, 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.**

Find out how we, acting together with our elected representatives, can promote the change we need to safeguard our health and the health of our children. The future of our city and our region depends on us! Our own Thaddeus Popovich will be one of the presenters.

To register, go to bit.ly/clean-air-town-hall.



Dear Friends of St. Brendan's,

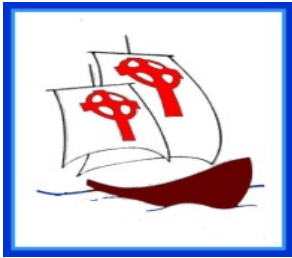
St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for, the following parishioners and friends or family of parishioners. Each is a medical professional or an emergency first responder who is helping people cope with the Coronavirus outbreak. They are using their skills and 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	Chris Fleissner	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 Judson	Luke O'Neill	Kim Pierce
Becca Sands	Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	Justin Zeigler	Cindy
Jennifer	Julie	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.



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: Tim Austin
Jr. Warden: Janice Moore
Adult Formation: Ron Ladick
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Cameron Grosh
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Larry Toler
Inreach & Hospitality: Tim Austin
Newcomers: Tim Austin
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Safety & Security: Ron Ladick
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Stewardship: Larry Toler
Treasurer: Ellen Groves
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti
Worship: Cameron Grosh

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Pat Carl
Book Discussion Club: Julie Smith
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: 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
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Linda Schneider
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael
Justice Ministry: Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

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