



This Week at St. Brendan's

- Sunday** **10:00 a.m.** Worship, via live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday** **8:30 a.m.** Daily Morning Prayer
Zoom ID # website <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105>
- 11:00 a.m.** Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
- Tuesday** **7:00 a.m.** AA meeting, via zoom
Dial in 312-626-6799
Meeting Id: 345 892 252
- 9:00 a.m.** Staff meeting, via zoom
- 11:00 a.m.** Bible Study, via zoom
- Friday** **4:00 p.m.** Contemplative Prayer, via zoom
- Saturday** **9:00 a.m.** Sacristans

Sunday, May 31, 2020

Celebrant: 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

Our Superb Reopening Committee—And What's Expected of You

"Will We Be Wearing Masks When We Return To Church?" "How Many At A Time Will Be In Church?" "Does A Family Of Three Count As Three People Or One Unit?" "Do We Have to Sign Up Ahead Of Time For Church?" "Will We Be Having Several Liturgies On A Sunday, Maybe One Or Two On Saturday Evening Too?" These are just some of the creative and safety questions our newly composed Reopening Working Group will assess and run past Brendanites so that St. Brendan's can reopen in the safest possible way while moving forward to making our "new normal" come into being.

A number of well vetted members, new and seasoned, employed and retired, with children (or grandchildren) and without, over-60 and under-60 and many other diversity representations have answered the call to serve on this most important, targeted committee. After working through seven "Major Questions" developed by the diocesan Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee, they will listen to you, the people of our church; study best practices; consult experts in and out of the diocese, Episcopal Church and State; and make recommendations to the Vestry and the priest-in-charge. Your voice, concerns, ideas and expectations need to get to these people so we can reopen in the smartest, safest and collaboratively correct way possible.

Soon you will learn the names of those on this important committee. I ask that everyone cooperate with these ministers. They have an awesome task ahead of them, and we all need to be open and honest with ideas and suggestions as they build our measures and practices for reopening. Canon Law gives the final say regarding all things worship to the rector or priest in charge. But I will be deciding our reopening precautions and risks as collaboratively as possible. As you know, I have deep respect for the wisdom of groups when they act with clear vision of the goals for the greater good. Collaborative practices will discover and safeguard the best ways to proceed toward reopening.

Thank you to all who agreed to work on our reopening committee, and thanks in advance to all who will be sharing their ideas and thoughts as to how we reopen for public worship again. May God be present and felt during this important process.

Respectfully yours,
Regis+

Announcements

A BFF donation was given in celebration of Owen Hartnett's 3rd birthday, from his grandparents, Chris and Roger Botti.



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 and have been utilized for items such as audio-visual equipment, air conditioning replacements, safety film on some glass doors and windows, our acoustic tile work in the social hall. Contact Katie stbrendansKatie@gmail.com if you would like to make a donation! Your donation will be noted in the Little Log if you wish. Thank you for becoming a BFF donor!

Electric Wheelchair. An electric wheelchair, needing only a new battery, is available if you or someone you know needs one. Please contact Katie stbrendansKatie@gmail.com for more information.



St. Brendan's Food Bank – We now have racks and bins outside the front doors of the church for people to leave donations of non-perishable goods and for anyone in need to take donated items. The bins will be out by 9:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday and brought in at 6:00 p.m. 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.



Have some sewing skills and extra fabric? The pastoral care team is sponsoring a project to deliver face masks to essential personnel. If you're interested, this is a link to a video and instructions on how to make them. Once you have made a few, let us know and we'll arrange to pick them up from your home and make sure they go where needed. Contact Ruth Horton at rvhorton@gmail.com with any questions or when you have completed a few.

Senior Warden's Corner

"Thank God we've got Zoom!" (Or Skype. Or Facetime. Or Teams. Or YouTube.) I hear someone say this almost every day. And it is indeed a blessing that, just when we found ourselves suddenly in need of ways to work and play and worship together, technology presented us with platforms that make this possible—reliably (for the most part, anyway), flexibly and straightforwardly. At St. Brendan's, our Stream Team has become wonderfully proficient in bringing us live-streamed Sunday liturgies that have included music of many kinds; lessons pre-recorded by first-timers and Sunday Schoolers as well as by more experienced readers; and sermons enriched by the addition of illustrations.

In a rich hour-long conversation at this week's Worship Committee, we explored how our needs at St. Brendan's may shift in the coming weeks and months. Many will be in a position to benefit from a gradual return to in-person worship in our beautiful building. But those in higher-risk groups may continue to rely on the streamed services until either a vaccine or a therapy has been developed and distributed. How will St. Brendan's meet the needs—the parallel and equally important needs—of these two groups? What equipment will we need? What staff expertise will we need? How will our clergy respond to celebrating for two different congregations at one time—the "real" and the "virtual"?

In a way that (I am told) has marked our community since its founding, the answers to such questions will be answers that we arrive at communally and only after much careful thought and prayer. In next week's Senior Warden's Corner, I will announce the membership of the Working Group that is going to lead us through that process. For now, please feel free to continue to send me your thoughts, concerns and questions.

Sr. Warden, Tim Austin



IMPORTANT: Send in your mail-in ballot so it is received by June 2 at 8:00 pm, or go to your polling location to vote on June 2. This year polling locations have been consolidated, and there is only one polling place for each municipality, so you may not be going to the same place as you have in the past. To find out where you will vote, go to www.alleghenycounty.us/elections, and scroll down to "June 2 Primary Election Information" and click on it. You will also get an official postcard from the Allegheny County Elections Division via U.S. mail, letting you know where your voting location will be.

VOTING IS A PRIVILEGE AND OUR CIVIC DUTY. PLEASE VOTE!

Join our Hallelujah Choir! In our Sunday, April 19, service we featured a video of many folks singing a joyful song called "Halle Hallelujah." We are inviting as many members of St. Brendan's (along with their 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. Eventually we hope to have over 100 people singing "Halle Hallelujah" together, and we are almost there! 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>.

Kid's Corner

Buoyed by Faith, Tongues on Fire

This Sunday is a very special day we call Pentecost. It was the day that God sent His Holy Spirit to breathe life into His church so the church would be all that God intended for it to be. Remember a couple of weeks ago, Jesus promised to send us an Advocate. So this week we celebrate again, the week after we celebrated Jesus' Ascension to Heaven, that God sent us the Holy Spirit.

When I was in high school, we were required to take foreign languages – so I took German and French (please don't ask me to speak either). And we learned to sing songs (mostly Christmas songs) in foreign languages. In graduate school, I had to qualify in reading a foreign language – so I choose German. Then we visited Germany and France and immediately I realized no one could understand anything I was saying in German, but when I spoke English, we could finally understand one another. So, what the heck?!? And what does this have to do with Pentecost?



Well, before God sent us His Holy Spirit, “the Church” didn’t really exist as we kind of know it – no one was telling people about Jesus. They were afraid and praying together with people who already knew about Jesus. But then the Holy Spirit breathed life into the church, and people began telling everyone they saw about Jesus. It was as though their tongues were on fire – with the need to tell other people about Jesus. This helped us create a church – the body of Christ in the world (not the building).

And here’s the part about my studying foreign languages and Pentecost . . . it didn't even matter if they spoke the same language. Everyone they told about Jesus understood EXACTLY what they were saying – it was as if each person speaking spoke the language of the person listening – even if they didn’t know how to speak another language. Thousands of people were added to the church. The church became alive and was doing the things God had commanded.

So this Sunday, when you watch our church service, at one point you will hear a lot of different languages spoken during the service. So while “tongues on fire” are what we think about when the Holy Spirit visited us, the Bible also tells us

To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

One Spirit, many gifts. Our job, is to figure out which gift God and the Spirit gives us. What a great and glorious God!

Julie+

Dear Brendanites,

Based on the responses to Julie’s recent survey, we will complete the 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:

Contemplative Prayer , Ruth Getz	May 29 , Friday 4:00 p.m.
Ignatian Prayer , John Appledorn	June 5 , Friday 4:00 p.m.
Book of Common Prayer , Darrell Johnson	June 12 , Friday 4:00 p.m.
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.



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.

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.

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~~

July 2020

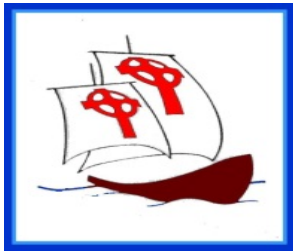
- 5 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 12 ~~Kate & Keith Heston~~
- 19 ~~Volunteer needed~~
- 26 ~~Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich~~

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

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