



Pentecost

This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(11-17)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Job, Adult Formation
		9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:15 a.m.	CRICES meeting
		11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
Monday	(11-18)	9:00 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, off site
		11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		1:30 p.m.	International Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	Rite 13 meeting
		6:30 p.m.	Worship meeting
Tuesday	(11-19)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Conversations
Wednesday	(11-20)	6:00 p.m.	Job, Adult Formation
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Holiday Arts & Craft decorate
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(11-21)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
Friday	(11-22)	10:00 a.m.	Cookie Walk Set-up
Saturday	(11-23)	9:00 a.m.	Holiday Arts & Craft Show
		9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, November 17, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8 a.m. Joan Beatrous 10 a.m. Annemarie Malbon
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Michael Donadee
Chalice Bearers:	Joyce Donadee Michael Donadee
Altar Guild:	Chris Botti Janice Moore
Sunday School Lambs:	TBD
Fish:	Allison Kline
Door:	Meghan Karn
Nursery:	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci
Ushers:	Larry Toler Bradford Thompson
Vestry:	Dean Peters
Hospitality:	Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche
LEM:	Joyce Donadee Isaac Mondelus

The Priest's Corner

"Children Are a Heritage from the Lord – God's Gift," Psalm 127:4 (BCP)

I believe that everybody at St. Brendan's loves children and are 100% supportive of our children's ministry, programming and presence at our liturgy. To be this way is just part and parcel for membership in a church that espouses so deep an appreciation for diversity as St. Brendan's does. That same love of diversity then allows us to be understanding and accepting of members who from time to time want to participate in liturgy that is less Powerpoint-driven and perhaps more structured and predictable. Ever notice how one day you look at your significant other and can't stop thanking God for this most precious gift that landed in your life, and two hours later you want him or her on the next bus out of town for the rest of your human days on earth? We are delightful contradictions, and love of self demands love of diversity – our own diversity that results in inconsistencies often more than once a day.

A slight diversion: Just as members who don't feel like music on a particular Sunday need to be supported when they choose the 8:00 am service over the 10:00, so too we honor each other's preferences and choices. If you need more predictability on a given fourth Sunday of the month, take care of yourself. If you need to leave church early to get to a meeting or brunch, I promise you, I will not notice. That's what it means to be Episcopalian. You can "opt out" of stuff – that's a part of diversity, which we love at St. Brendan's. We sing each other's hymns and we give you choices; we just don't think you should leave because we don't do everything you think we should do all the time. Keep in the dialogue – that's what it means to be Episcopalian. Another important aspect of being Episcopalian is that we realize in the "messiness" of keeping the discussion going despite differences (diversity), we find the Holy Spirit at work. None of us has a corner on the market of truth, but together we get closer to it. BTW, you're probably noticing more "email blasts" lately. Expect more. Remember you can opt out. So if you don't want to hear that sermon on Monday morning, simply delete it. But don't take away the option for others who want to send it to their son or father (real cases). (Just so

you know, our technological capability and know-how currently does not allow for removal of a specific email blast in isolation. Removal from one type of email blast would remove your email address from all blasts. You would, however, still receive the Little Log.) Feel free to opt out. We're Episcopalian and we expect and honor such moves.

Back to children: My vision for children's involvement at St. Brendan's is based on our traditional, Episcopalian "three-legged stool" approach to figuring out most important issues. We view critical issues and decisions through the lens of Scripture, Tradition and Reason. Today I want to view the vision through the lens of sacred Scripture. In Matthew 18:1-5, the disciples ask Jesus who the greatest in the kingdom are. (For more Scriptural "children references," see: Mark 10:13-16; Matthew 19:13-14; Luke 18:15-17; Psalm 127:3-5; Proverbs 13:22-24; Proverbs 17:6; James 1:27 and John 16:21.) Jesus called over to him (made visible) a child and "placed the child among them." He then said, "Unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me."

As your shepherd, I feel obliged to help you (not "make you") in any way I can "to enter the kingdom of heaven." So I want to "make visible" your reminders of what you need to become. I know you get this. We need to see how to be innocent, humble, spontaneous, questioning, sweet, open, transformable and so on. Liturgy is a sacred place in which we might take Jesus' words more seriously by seeing His words in action, by our children. So if you think we do the commissioning of kids every Sunday for the kids, that's only a part of it. I do it for you adults, too, because you need to see this and experience it – and these are Jesus' words, not mine. I love you all very much. This is the greatest place of ministry of my life – and you are the best.

Regis+

Announcements

Parish notes. At its meeting Monday night St. Brendan's Vestry:

- Voted to submit an application this month for a diocesan Growth Grant to help purchase technology and equipment to improve safety and security by upgrading cell phone coverage and fire alarm systems;
- Held a detailed discussion on the proposed budget for 2020;
- Selected prospective members for the Nominating Committee, which must be appointed by Dec. 1 under the parish bylaws to seek candidates for the vestry;
- Set the next Annual Parish Meeting for Sunday, Jan. 26, 2020.

–Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden (twaseleski@comcast.net)

Now in the nursery. Please say hello to Stephanie Illsley, St. Brendan's new nursery director. During the week Stephanie works as a child-care professional while pursuing a degree in early childhood education. St. Brendan's nursery is open during the 10 a.m. service on Sundays and is staffed by two adults. It's a safe, fun and friendly place for infants to children up to age 4.



Sticks & Strings will be held **TONIGHT** November 14 at 7 pm in the library of the church. If you are working on a Christmas at Sea project, bring it with you as we will be sending them all together to the Seamens Church organization. Thanks, everybody! –Joni Reis.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will gather at the river – the Ohio River – **THIS Saturday, Nov. 16**, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. Walkers will explore the bicycle-friendly Three Rivers Heritage Trail beginning at historic and vacant Western Penitentiary, then have lunch afterwards at the Rivers Casino. Feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.

There will be a **CRIS Advocacy meeting after the 10 o'clock service this Sunday**. We will meet in the library and all are welcome to attend.

CRIS Advocacy. Christian Response In Emergency Situations meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes. This week we are praying for Heifer International, a program providing gifts of livestock or plants to families to assist them in becoming self-reliant (www.heifer.org).



Beginning on **Sunday, December 1**, we will be adopting **new procedures designed to make our building safer** during services. A "steward" will be on duty each week to watch what is happening and to alert us to any unexpected situations. She or he will wear a distinctive nametag and generally remain in the narthex throughout the service.

Most importantly, the main door into the church from the parking lot will be locked about five minutes after the 10:00 service begins; the steward on duty will be available to let in those who are held up and arrive later.



Plans are being made for a **book sale fundraiser** at St. Brendan's for **Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22, 2020**. Please start saving your books to donate for this sale. Books can be brought to church beginning February 9, 2020, so please begin to put aside new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs and audio tapes. No need to save magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or music cassette tapes as these items will not be sold at this event. Thanks so much for your support of St. Brendan's!

We are ... St. Brendan's. And we are only because of you! The 2020 stewardship campaign is underway. Please take time to consider prayerfully your commitment to the many wonderful things that happen here. They exist only through your contributions of time, energy and financial support. Now is the perfect time to take stock of what you can do in 2020.

Got a pledge card? Please complete it and turn it into the Sunday collection plate, the pledge card box on the narthex table or the church office. For each pledge submitted, a photo will appear on the narthex bulletin board that tells the story of St. Brendan's. Our goal for the campaign is 80 pledges for next year. We can do it because we are ... St. Brendan's!



Several changes have been made to the **Hospitality Hour Schedule**. Please look it over carefully.

We are in need of people to volunteer for hospitality hour on the following dates in 2020.
February 2nd ~ May 3rd ~ June 21st

If you can, please contact Janice Moore at chicago@zoominternet.net or call at 412-203-1252.

We will be having special Hospitality Hours in some upcoming weeks. With the holidays coming, we all need some new ideas for get-togethers. If you would like to bring something to one of our special Hospitality Hours, please sign up at the narthex table to bring your favorite holiday dish/soup or appetizer. Those dates are :November 24th ~ December 22nd ~ January 26th
This will be fun for all. Janice Moore chicago@zoominternet.net.



Thank you to vestry members: Kevin Boyd, Janice Moore, Annemarie Malbon, and Larry Toler for cooking walking tacos, corn and bean salad, Mexican cornbread, and dessert for Miryam's Homeless Women's Shelter. A special thank you to our new delivery person, Ruth Getz.

Cookie Walk update.

The Cookie Jar poster in the social hall is filling up nicely, but there is still room for some last-minute cookie contributions. It would be WONDERFUL if we could actually fill the jar!

The Craft Show and Cookie Walk is just over one week away and we need all hands on deck to make it the success it's been in previous years. These are the areas where the sign-up sheets are looking a bit empty:

- **Wednesday, November 20** 7 – 9 pm Decorating the church
- **Friday, November 22** 10 am - noon Cookie box assembling
- **Friday, November 22** Noon - 4 pm Cookie room set-up
- **Saturday, November 23** 1:30 – 4 pm Clean-up



Please let us know if you are able to help in any of these areas. Thank you.

Looking for soup makers. Please see Ken Parsons if you'd like to make soup to sell at the Holiday Craft Show.

Calling all handcrafters! If you would like to contribute some of your wares to Brendan's Boutique at the 2019 Holiday Arts & Craft Show, contact Janet Fesq wvgrl2@consolidated.net. All proceeds go to St. Brendan's.

Following the 10:00 service THIS SUNDAY, the first floor of the church has to be rearranged for our Holiday Arts and Craft Show & Cookie Walk. Please stay after you finish your coffee and snack to lend a hand, or you can help first and eat later. Look for George or Rob Latta for instructions.



Did You Know? St. Brendan's Mission Parish was formally launched on June 14, 1987, in a service at Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills, with 23 members – 17 adults and six children. The Reverend Patricia Carnahan was the first woman to start a new parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh and only one of a handful across the country. St. Brendan's mates were trailblazers in faith.

That fall the first stewardship letter stated that the anticipated monthly costs in 1988 would be \$1,750: \$1,000 to the rector, \$50 to her Discretionary Fund, \$50 to her administrative assistant, \$100 as a gift to Heritage Presbyterian Church for hosting us and \$550 for a rented office and its utilities. By 1989, we had an Outreach Committee charged with giving 10% of our income to help those in need around the world.

Thirty years later in 2018, 73 individuals or families pledged almost \$195,000 toward the projected budget of nearly \$222,000. Through our outreach committee called CRIES, we donated close to \$20,000 to help the needy.

Please pledge today to keep St. Brendan's trailblazing in faith.



North Hills Food Pantry. For the month of November we are asking for donations to help families with their Thanksgiving dinners such as stuffing mix, gravy, pumpkin pie, green bean casserole ingredients. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.

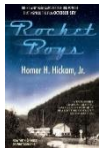


Quilt Raffle. Two beautiful handmade quilts have been donated to St. Brendan's to raise funds for our parish. One is a Pittsburgh Penguins quilt made just in time for hockey season! The other is an animal print quilt made by Nancy Skavish, a beloved founding member who passed away a few years ago. Consequently, the Book Club will be sponsoring a quilt raffle, and tickets will be sold after church and during upcoming fundraising events.

Be sure to check out these beautiful works of art and purchase some tickets. You just might win! Proceeds will benefit children's Christian formation efforts here at St. Brendan's. Feel free to see Chris Botti or Pat Carl if you need more info. Thank you!



Do you want to help the immigrants who are coming to our **English as a Second Language** classes? The students need volunteers who can babysit their very young children in the nursery while their mothers are in class. The need for babysitters is for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We can help you to get your clearances if you don't have them yet! If you are interested, please call Joyce Donadee at 412-635-2312 or e-mail at jdjdonadee@gmail.com.



Book Club is reading "Rocket Boys" by Homer H. Hickam this month, a coming-of-age memoir about the author's youth in a hardscrabble West Virginia coal town as Sputnik caught the nation's imagination. Join us for some talk and some fun on Thursday, December 5, at 7:00 pm in the church library. Copies are available at Northland Library in all formats. For more information, please email Pat Carl at pkarrcarl@gmail.com.



Used ink cartridges. St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridge in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.



Do you have a special prayer request? You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8:00 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to stbrendans.coh@gmail.com. Community of Hope 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.

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Recommend us on Nextdoor:

<https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry.

This year Trinity Cathedral will **sponsor the food bank** the week before Thanksgiving, **November 18-22**. Can you spare a few hours to help pass out food the turkey vouchers to the needy?

The hours are Monday through Friday, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. To sign up, please contact Andy Muhl at 412-848-8999. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Schneider or Megan Overby. Thank you.

Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis's office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule and the November ministry calendar.



November 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
November 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder L Tim Austin P Tony Turo C Stacy Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Ruth Getz	Terry Dezort Anelisa Tarrant	Lambs Saundra Waseleski Fish Janice Moore Door Lauren Ramakrishna	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Joyce Donadee Michael Donadee	Tim Austin	Brenna Conroy Kristen Bailey
November 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
November 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Getz L Nate Boyd P Sheila Bigelow C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Ruth Horton	Sylvia Affleck Shari Tarrant	Lambs TBD Fish Sylvia Affleck Door TBD	Volunteer needed Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Kevin Boyd	Melinda & Wesley Bell
November 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
November 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Annemarie Malbon P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Chris Botti Janice Moore	Lambs TBD Fish Allison Kline Door Meghan Karn	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Dean Peters	Sheila Bigelow Jim Roche
November 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
November 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Joe Macklin L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Ellen Groves Brigid Christenson	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Ruth Horton	Hospitality Committee
November 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~

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

January 2020

- 5 Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq
- 12 Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler
- 19 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 26 Annual Meeting church sign up (soup)

February 2020

- 2 Open, volunteer needed
- 9 Chris & Rodger Botti
- 16 Gail Gil & Richard Gordon
- 23 Anne Semmler and Cameron Grosh

March 2020

- 1 Clair & Bob Grotevant
- 8 Kevin & Amy Boyd
- 15 Pete Sweet & Mike Newton
- 22 Kate & Keith Heston
- 29 Meghan & Robert Karn

April 2020

- 5 Cindy & Pete Larson
- 12 Hospitality Committee
- 19 Libby and Phoebe Juel
- 26 Anelisa Tarrant and Eric Helmsen

May 2020

- 3 Open, volunteer needed
- 10 Parish Men
- 17 Lauren & Todd Douds
- 24 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 31 Linda & Jason Konley

June 2020

- 7 Marian & AJ McKenna
- 14 Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin
- 21 Open, volunteer needed
- 28 Parish Picnic

July 2020

- 5 Marilyn Mulvihill and Tim Michael
- 12 Jean Pett-Ridge and Isaac Mondelus
- 19 Trish & Neil Galone
- 26 Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich

August 2020

- 2 Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna
- 9 Arlena & Bill Pugliese
- 16 AJ Turo & Bill Graham
- 23 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 30 Rob & George Latta

September 2020

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

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS



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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 & Education: Ruth Horton
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Dean Peters
Outreach: Larry Toler
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Tammy Spoonhoward
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck
Libby Juel
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

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
Invite Welcome Connect: TBD
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant
Marilyn Mulvihill
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko

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Priest, Regis Smolko
Youth Education Coordinator, Ju
Administrative Assistant, Katie Ce
Music Director, Debbie Wuns
Musician, Erica Lin ~
Nursery Director, Stephanie Ills

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Book Club: Pat Carl
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant
Memorial Garden: **Open**
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
New Member Ministry: Saundy Waseleski
Nursery: Stacy Connifey
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Mark Shoemaker
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra
Yard Sale: **Open**