



## Sunday, February 6, 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](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** Varying Limited office hours, please call ahead.

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## The Priest's Corner

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### **No Dirt in the Sky, No Bread in the Basket**

When I was growing up in the 1940's outside of Pittsburgh, those who worked downtown had to take two white shirts to work: by noon their collars were black from pollution. As a youngster in the 1950's I watched my Mom sweep the porch and wash the window sills on a daily basis: we lived on a hill above two power plants that spewed pollution from burning coal. As a young priest in the 70's I served two steel mill towns whose coke plant stacks blew out pollution on a daily basis, so much so that I had to turn on windshield wipers to get the soot off the windows.

Few citizens complained: "No dirt in the sky, no bread in the basket" they said. And they were right. They also knew that the air they were breathing was not healthy. They – individuals, government, industry – reluctantly got together and cleaned up the air as best they could. No longer would street lights need to be turned on at 3:00 or two shirts taken to work. But it took time because the environment was not on the front page back then; bread in the basket was.

And it still is. Almost every area of the country, the world, in fact, has a recognized environmental problem, in fact, several problems. But, of course, the solutions tend to take bread out of too many baskets. And so they are fought and delayed and railed against, as, sadly, they always have been.

The solutions today are no less difficult than they were forty, fifty, sixty, seventy years ago. The difference today, I believe, is that we have become more conscious of the fact that we have been called to be stewards of God's creation, responsible for the maintenance of this planet. The Genesis story is a reminder that everything God created is good – and will always be and that as the highest creatures of God's creation we are ultimately responsible for keeping the good good.

As with peace or love or joy, as with all of life, it all begins with each one of us individually. I cannot clean up the world and neither can you. But I can keep my corner of the world clean. I can waste less, want less, even need less. Sacrifice is always involved. But as the word sacrifice reminds us, to sacrifice means to make sacred, make holy: we understand the holiness of creation as we keep it holy. But, as we very well know, sacrifice is never easy. That is why it tends to have an adverse connotation rather than a positive one.

When we use less, demand less, certainly waste less, we leave more for those who already have less than they need and we leave something for our children and their children. What we discover in the process is that we can have both no dirt in the air as well as

bread in the basket – and the air will smell better and the bread will be fresher and will taste better because we can smell it better, and there will be enough for all – more than enough, as a matter of fact!

Bill

**BFF donations were given in celebration of the life of Karen Dennis**, from Rosie and Rodge Wood and Dean Peters

**Donations were also given to the BFF in memory of the life of Karen Peters**, from Dean Peters and Rosie & Rodge Wood.



A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor a special day or loved one while supporting unbudgeted building needs of our church. BFF funds have been used to purchase various items. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor. Contact Katie if you are interested in making a donation. [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).



**Save the date!** The parish hiking group, **Brendan's Boots**, will hold its first outing of 2022 on **Tuesday, March 1**, with a walk from the North Side to the Strip District. Details to come.

## Children's Corner

### Goin' Fishin'.

This week's lesson is about Jesus fishing for disciples, just like you might play the game Go Fish. In Go Fish, you ask for cards you want to make a match. Jesus is also trying to match up people to the work they needed to do. Jesus cast his net, just like a fisherman, and found those who would drop everything and join him.



If you remember a couple of years ago, we "went fishing" in church. Pastor Julie made paper fish with everyone's name on it and we had fishing poles and just like Jesus went fishing for disciples, we went fishing in church to see who would help Jesus do God's work around St. Brendan's. And everyone's name was caught and what we learned was all of us are called to Jesus' disciples. So, who were the original twelve disciples? Kind of easy, there is a song to help remember their names. (this song is to the tune – Yes Jesus Loves Me)

Jesus called them one by one,  
Peter, Andrew, James and John,  
Next, came Philip, Thomas too,  
Matthew and Bartholomew.

Yes, Jesus called them,  
Yes, Jesus called them,  
Yes, Jesus called them,  
He called them one by one.

James the one they called the less,  
Simon, also Thaddeus,  
Twelfth apostle Judas made,  
Jesus was by him betrayed.



Matthias then took Judas' place,  
To preach to men of every race,  
Paul three preaching trips did make,  
And went to Rome for Jesus' sake.

Why do we say Jesus was fishing for disciples? Because one day Jesus was standing by the sea of Galilee. He saw some fishermen nearby who were cleaning and mending their nets, so he climbed into one of their boats. He asked one of the men to row out into the sea a little way. Jesus stood in the boat teaching the people.

When he had finished teaching, Jesus said, "Put the boat further out into the deep water and let down your nets to catch some fish." The fisherman said, "We've been fishing all night long and haven't caught a thing, but if you say so, we will let down the nets one more time."

An amazing thing happened! When they started pulling the nets up, there were so many fish that the nets began to break. As they pulled the fish into the boat, there were so many fish that the boat was beginning to sink. When the fishermen saw this, they were astonished and even a bit frightened. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people."

On that day, they pulled their nets onto the shore, left everything, and followed Jesus. From that day on, these fishermen started fishing for people and brought many into God's kingdom.

Peace,  
Julie+



For the Month of February, the **North Hill Food Bank** is particularly in need of dry spaghetti, noodles, 14 oz. cans of tomato sauce, and Sloppy Joes or Manwich. As always, they will gladly accept any other non-perishable food items.

Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars. Please do not leave any expired items.



Update on **St. Brendan's Inquirers Group**: The group of Brendanites who joined Fr. Regis and Darrell for six weeks of conversations about Episcopal beliefs and practices in November and December has resumed those conversations in the new year. The Inquirers Group meets every other Tuesday evening from 6:30 – 7:30 via Zoom and uses chapters from Walk in Love – Episcopal Beliefs and Practices to guide discussions. Notes and questions from assigned chapters are published with the Zoom link in advance, so it isn't necessary to read the assigned chapters to participate fully in the conversations. The schedule for upcoming meetings is Feb. 8, Feb. 22, Mar. 8, Mar. 22.

Everyone is welcome to join these conversations as we explore together what it means to live the Christian life in the Episcopal and Anglican traditions. If you would like to join these conversations, call or text Darrell at 412-337-3041 or email [johnsdj31@verizon.net](mailto:johnsdj31@verizon.net).

**A Social Justice volunteer opportunity.** Do you have a few hours on a Saturday morning to join a team of St Brendan volunteers to pack lunches for delivery to Neighborhood Resilience Project? Our Justice Ministry has partnered with St Paul's United Methodist Church to deliver 240 lunches monthly to this worthwhile organization. St Brendan's has agreed to do this in our church on Saturday March 12. Sam's Club has donated a major portion of the items and we supply the rest, *and* our volunteer power.

Please join me and others on **Saturday March 12 at 8:30 am** to do this work.

Contact Ginny Volponi 412-491-8130 or [ginny4045@gmail.com](mailto:ginny4045@gmail.com) to sign up. If this Saturday doesn't fit your schedule and you are interested in future dates, please let Ginny know.

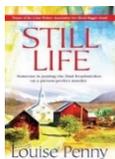
The mission of Neighborhood Resilience Project Creating resilient healing and healthy communities. One block at a time.

Read more on their website. <https://neighborhoodresilience.org>.

**Please Consider volunteering to be our Memorial Garden Coordinator.** Just outside the Chapel doors, you will find our Memorial Garden, in which parishioners are welcome to arrange for their cremains to be interred. Maintaining the Garden (mowing, trimming, etc.), working with potential purchasers, and ultimately managing interments fall to a small committee for which we are seeking a Coordinator to succeed Bill Spoonhoward and Dan Moore. The maintenance work is seasonal, while other functions may occur at any time.

## CRIES Advocacy

**CRIES 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 Bethlehem Haven, an emergency shelter for women in Pittsburgh and The Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, who help create better lives through learning.



**Book Club News:** Join us at our next meeting via Zoom on **Thursday, February 3rd at 7 p.m.** when we discuss "Still Life" by Louise Penny. When a beloved, retired schoolteacher is found dead in the woods, the locals are certain that it was a tragic hunting accident. However, Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his team uncover dark secrets shadowing this usually peaceful village. Come and unravel the truth in this award-winning tale! Please feel free to contact Chris Botti at [shadypatch@msn.com](mailto:shadypatch@msn.com) to obtain the Zoom log in info. Thanks!

**Animal Friends** is always in need of blankets and bath towels for their sheltered animals. If you have some that you would like to donate to, there is a bin outside the front door to the entrance of the church for the collection.



**Next Forum:** Thursday, February 17 at 7:00, via zoom **Topic: Racism in Mass Incarceration**

This Forum addresses how slavery has evolved, how laws like the 13th Amendment have helped this process, and how this applies in Pennsylvania today.

Speakers are from Straight Talk, a non-profit which emerged from the movements to abolish death by incarceration (DBI) as well as solitary confinement in Pennsylvania. Their mission is to restore justice by building a statewide decarceration movement across Pennsylvania -- and dismantle institutions of state violence.

Speakers are:

-- David Garlock, who is currently PA state organizer for Straight Ahead and is a criminal justice reform advocate

-- Jennifer Black, central PA community organizer for Straight Ahead, who comes from a background of both activism and academia.

To register for this important Forum, email: [office@trinitywexford.org](mailto:office@trinitywexford.org).

**St. Brendan's Football Pool is now full.** It will be posted early next week. Thank you and **good luck!**

## Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

**The Beloved Community Initiative (BCI)** has scheduled two monthly events for 2022 for anyone in the diocese to attend. The first Wednesday of each month will be a bible reading and the third Wednesday of each month will be a prayer and share. You can attend as you are able.

The following link will give you access to the Grace Happens Edition with the link:

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/Grace-Happens--News-and-Notes-from-the-Episcopal-Diocese-of-Pittsburgh.html?soid=1102573040587&aid=wiXJtiarMHw>

# ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

## Absalom Jones Day Celebration

**02.12.22**

**SATURDAY**

START TIME 10:00AM

TRINITY CATHEDRAL,  
328 SIXTH AVENUE,  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15222

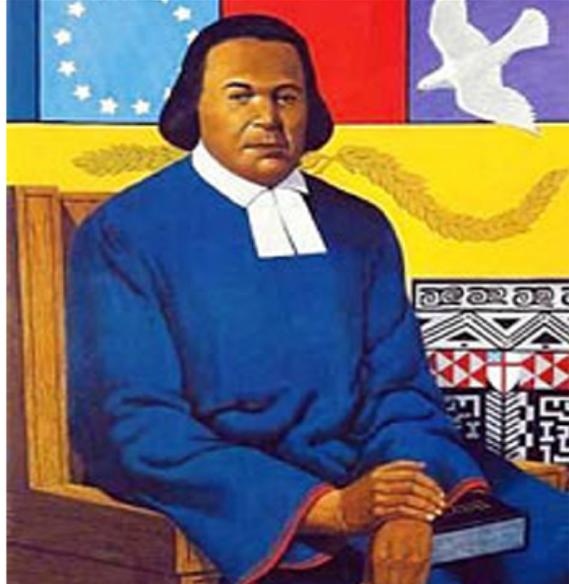
Welcome all and join us for an ecumenical celebration of the life and work of The Rev. Absalom Jones.

The celebration will feature guest preacher United Methodist Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi and will be hosted online only by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation and the Beloved Community Initiative.

Dedication of Plaque commemorating The Rev. William Henry Wilson, the first Black deacon and priest, ordained to the priesthood at Trinity Cathedral on December 30, 1877.

Due to the current surge of the Covid virus, the service will be streamed online. Links to participate in the celebration will be available soon.

Learn more about The Rev. Absalom Jones at [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absalom\\_Jones](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absalom_Jones).



Absalom Jones, was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church.



Bishop Kation Solak  
Episcopal Diocese  
of Pittsburgh



Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi  
Western PA Conference  
United Methodist Church

## Requested Prayers

**We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially;** Alice Butterworth, Jim Gray, Matthew, Sandy Nagy, Jim Harpst, Larry Tarrant, Mark Kinley, Mark Shoemaker and Larry Toler.

**We pray for our parents, especially;** Fred & Diane Davis, Kenneth & Adele McCormack, Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

**We pray for our family members, especially;** Steve Parsons, Sue Burchill, Mike Dixon, John Barie, Tom Groves, Raphael Walton, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Marie Hazelton, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Bob Keihl and Robert Donato.

**And for our friends, especially;** Bill Phelps, Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Tom & Betty Norris, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

**St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for, the following.** 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.

Kimberly Becker  
Bob Cerra  
Nicholas Demers  
Rebecca Donadee  
Lynne Gloor  
Kerri Jensen

Maddie Bell  
Brenna Conroy  
Andrea Dickerson  
Chris Fleissner  
Ann Hockenberry  
Dr. Ken Judson

Sheila Bigelow  
Adele Cotter  
Franklin Park Police Department  
Amanda Gagnon  
Beth Lutz Hoffman  
Abby Montgomery

Kate Burnett  
James Cotter  
Jeff Gagnon  
Eric Hood  
Luke O'Neill

Frank Casey  
Laura Dugan Demers  
Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department  
Betsy Gentile  
John Jacobs and staff  
Kim Pierce

Becca Sands  
Mike

Warren Sands  
Patrick

Andrew Smith

Cindy Jennifer

Julie

**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.

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# February 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeters	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
February 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Schneider 2 <sup>nd</sup> Donna Aiello P Mary Bertucci  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Libby Juel	n/a	Joyce Donadee Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Cameron Grosh	Postponed
February 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Tony Turo 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Appledorn P Tony Turo  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	n/a	Toni Passarello Kate Heston John Appledorn	Tim Austin Allyson Baierl	Donna Aiello	Postponed
February 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Nancy Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Linda Limberis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Mulvihill P John Appledorn  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Shari Tarrant Ellen Groves	n/a	Megan Overby Tim Austin Dean Peters	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Ron Ladick	Postponed
February 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
February 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> (Children) 2 <sup>nd</sup> (Children) P (Children)	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	n/a	Allyson Baierl Kate Heston Annemarie Malbon	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Postponed

