



## Epiphany

### Sunday, January 16, 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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### Practicing Christian

No one of us gets it right all the time. We make mistakes even when we think we have covered all the angles and have what we are about to do down pat. It's human nature. And no one of us is as pure as the driven snow, as they say. We are all sinners to one degree or another. Perhaps we can, and probably should, take a bit of satisfaction in knowing that our sins are not all that bad; but they are sins nevertheless.

What all this means is that we are still in the learning process not only about what it means to be a Christian but also what it means to be a human being. Every day scientists are learning more and more about how our physical body works. They are learning how to repair joints that used to take weeks now take place as same-day surgery. My cataract surgeries were same-day. When I was ordained 50+ years ago, it was a two-week procedure demanding the patient stay rigid in bed with sandbags to hold the head in place. The list is endless.

In the same way we are constantly learning how our spiritual body works, that is, if we make the effort to pause and think how far we have come in that area as we have grown up physically. What we once thought was no big deal, we now know that it is. For instance: bullying, teasing, name-calling. As kids we did it to others and they did it to us. We hurt them and they hurt us and we sort of thought it was okay. But it wasn't and isn't and never will be.

Physical pain hurts but not as much as spiritual pain. Stones may break my bones but the bones will heal. Spoken words last a lifetime and the pain never really goes away. Fortunately, or unfortunately, that is how we learn. It is not that we have to practice hurting someone or being hurt in order to learn. It is that so often that is the only way we learn, namely, the hard way.

The grace in all this is that we do learn and that we continually do so. We grow in an understanding of what it means to be human and what it means to be a Christian. We will never get it right all the time. We will continue to make mistakes and we will continue to hurt ourselves and others in word and in deed, but less so. That doesn't make our failures okay. They are still failures but at least we have learned from them.

But then, that's how we learn, isn't it? Practice is supposed to make perfect, and it does, but not all of the time. We can and should rejoice when we get it right and be thankful. Then, too, we should pause and reflect what went wrong when we did not, when we said

or did something we knew we should not but did it anyway. We and the world we live in would be a wonderful place if we got it right the second time and from then on.

But in the meantime, we have to keep practicing, keep living and learning what it means to be fully alive physically and spiritually.

Bill



### A BFF donation was given in honor of Ellen Groves, from Tom and Jennifer Groves.

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).



**Vestry Meeting.** On Monday, January 10, the Vestry held its regular monthly meeting. We devoted most of our time to discussing the proposed budget for 2022 in preparation for the upcoming Annual Parish Meeting. In addition, however, we also received an interim report from the Discernment Committee, which indicated that they continue to make progress and are conducting interviews with candidates for the position of priest-in-charge. We also approved a new committee to administer the parish's scholarship fund and finalized plans for a "hybrid" Annual Parish Meeting that will allow Brendanites to participate on site or remotely. As always, the full Vestry Minutes are available for those who would like a more detailed account.



### PUBLIC FORUMS ARE BACK! Native Americans: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow – TONIGHT, Thursday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Our speaker, Michael Simms, will address the culture, traditions and challenges of Native Americans in a Q&A Format. Mr. Simms is part of the Upper Cumberland Cherokee and Seminole tribes. He has lived in Pittsburgh his entire life as an active member of the American Indian Center and has been Pow Wow coordinator for the past 11 years. His commitment is to keep Native American traditions alive by sharing them through speaking, dancing and educating the next generation. Come prepared with your questions!

Send an email to Katie at [StBrendansKatie@gmail.com](mailto:StBrendansKatie@gmail.com) and tell her of your interest. You'll find more information at [stbrendans.org](http://stbrendans.org). You won't want to miss this one!

*This Forum is sponsored by St. Brendan's, in conjunction with the other members of Faith in Action (Universal Unitarians of the North Hills and Trinity Lutheran Church).*

## Children's Corner

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Just out of curiosity, if you see a sign that said "FREE" do you go look at what is being offered? I have a very friendly puppy who greets me every night at the top of the steps, wagging her tail and waiting for me to pet her. So, on the days when the ASPCA is showing off animals for adoption, I stop for a free pat on their heads and pet the animals. Don't you?



Think about what things are offered free to us every day – sun, stars, our health (if we are healthy), our friends, the love of our pets (if we have them), our families, and the list can go on and on. We can't buy these things, but we can nurture them and nourish them and look for them. We can treasure the sun or a beautiful starlit night, but the sun and stars and love don't belong to us alone and we can't buy them.

In our epistle reading this week, we hear about the gifts of the Spirit – these are gifts we are given by God to help build God's kingdom here on earth. Some people are given the gift of knowledge – think of your teachers at school and your Sunday School teachers. Others are given the gift of healing – our doctors and nurses, Imagining Techs, first responders, EMTs & Paramedics, and all the others who respond to our medical emergencies and try to keep us healthy. Some people who have the gift of tongues help us by translating foreign languages, interpret for those who don't hear using American Sign Language, or help us by understanding difficult readings or ideas.

But where do you see the working of miracles, prophecy, and the discernment of spirits today? Those don't seem like job titles that people have, but I think if we look closely at our neighbors we see miracles every day. The everyday acts of kindness, helping to feed each other, praying for a friend who is sick, praying for the families of those who have lost loved ones are "little miracles." They are our miracles that you cannot buy, you may not always see, but they are being done by the people of St. Brendan's every day for others in our church and our world.

For example, St. Brendan's has a group of people who make meals for others, the Merry Meal Makers, that help those who may be too weak to cook for themselves. There are several prayer groups that pray for people on our prayer list. So we don't pray for people only on Sunday, but we pray everyday for our loved ones.

When we think about miracles like the one in the Gospel this week – where Jesus turns water into wine, we think of "big miracles." But keep in mind those little miracles in our lives that make the world a better place for all of us.

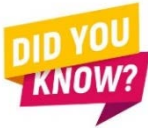
Peace,  
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For the month of January, the **North Hills Food Bank** is in particular need of personal toiletries like toothpaste, shampoo, or bath soap. Laundry and dish detergent (not for dishwashers) is also needed. Of course they will always accept non-perishable food items.

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

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



**Did you know?** We have a library of past Public Forums presented by St. Brendan's Justice Ministry right on our Website for anyone that would like to view them. If you haven't had a chance to attend a Forum, or if you would like to view one that you've already seen, just go to [stbrendans.org](http://stbrendans.org), click on "Events" and then on "Justice Forums", and you'll have all the recordings right there.

## Senior Warden's Corner

These days, we sometimes seem to do **nothing but attend meetings**: work meetings, parent-teacher conferences, meetings of boards or committees we volunteer on, meetings with contractors working on projects for us .... Eventually, one's eyes begin to glaze over—especially now that so many of these meetings occur on Zoom or Teams, where we can often fake paying attention unless and until we are called on to contribute to whatever is happening.

And yet, here I am as Senior Warden, writing to ask all of you to set aside time on Sunday, January 30, to attend our Annual Parish Meeting (whether in person or online). Please make a note in your calendar that there will be only one service that day—at 9:00 a.m.!

If you attend that service in person, simply stay in your seat after the service ends; the meeting will begin as soon as Sean has worked his magic to transition us to the IT setup we need for the Meeting.

If you are worshiping remotely, you will need to close your YouTube window and log in instead on Zoom, where the Meeting will be hosted.

We'll repeat all of this information (ad infinitum) nearer the time so that you have all of the instructions you need.

Between now and January 30, we will be sending each of you two items that will help you as you follow the Meeting's progress:

1. An electronic copy of the Annual Parish Report. This contains everything from the Minutes of our 2021 Meeting a year ago to the 2022 Budget that the Vestry adopted when it met last Monday evening. It fills you in on all that our parish has done in the past year and hints at a couple of plans for the future. It even includes the official Agenda for this year's Meeting.
2. Some biographical information about the individuals proposed by the Nominating Committee for election to our nine-person Vestry. Vestry members at St. Brendan's serve three-year terms, so three seats fall vacant each January.

I hope that you will read the Annual Report carefully and (whatever your feelings about meetings in general) attend on January 30 right after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist.

**Tim Austin**

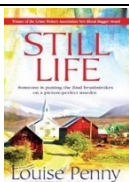
**WANTED: Rentals Supervisor.** This individual fields inquiries from folks who are looking to rent our facilities and answers their questions concerning availability, capacity, cost etc. Then, following St. Brendan's well documented policies and working with the Parish Administrator, she or he sees that the renter receives the appropriate forms and works with the renter to complete the process. George Snyder estimates that these tasks may require four hours per week, though this does fluctuate from one season to another. George has said that he will be available to train his successor.

**WANTED: 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 RIP Medical Debt. This is a charity that purchases medical debt from collection agencies. Over the years they have eliminated \$4.5 billion in medical debt.

**The next meeting is this Sunday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022.**



**Book Club News:** Join us at our next meeting on Thursday, February 3rd at 7 pm 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! More info to come on whether we will meet in person or via Zoom. Stay tuned!

# Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

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You're invited to join **CeaseFirePA** and a panel of experts for a Pittsburgh-focused conversation about how investing in these evidence-based strategies can make communities safer. Join us virtually on **Thursday, January 20 from 7:30 - 8:30 PM**.

Click here to register to attend <https://secure.everyaction.com/l-QeqTJOY0KL0t2DEMrv9w2>.

Questions?

Contact Josh Fleitman, CeaseFirePA's Western Pennsylvania Manager, at [josh.fleitman@ceasefirepa.org](mailto:josh.fleitman@ceasefirepa.org).

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**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>

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## Requested Prayers

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**For our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially;** Karen Dennis, Jean Skwarecki, Alice Butterworth, Mark Shoemaker, Charlotte Pierce, Sophia and Brad Thompson, Larry Toler, Matthew, Sandy Nagy, Rosie and Rodge Wood and Larry Tarrant.

**For our parents, especially;** Kenneth and Adele McCormack, Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

**For our family members, especially;** Tyler, Charlotte and Stacy Latta Connify, Lizzie and Aunt Lisa, John, Bob Berkebile, Sue Burchill, Mike Dixon, John Barie, Raphael Walton, Chris Sensenich, Linda and Callie Ahlbrand, Marie Hazelton, Bob Keihl, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

**And for our friends, especially;** Jim Blackburn, Bill Phelps, The White family, Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

**We pray for all who have died, especially** Lisa Berkebile, Ryan Berkebile and Matthew Berkebile.

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**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	Maddie Bell	Sheila Bigelow	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	Abby Montgomery	Luke O'Neill
Kim Pierce	Becca Sands	Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	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.

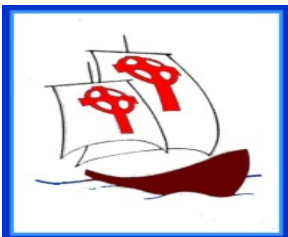
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# January 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeters	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
January 2 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Schneider 2 <sup>nd</sup> Donna Aiello P Linda Limberis  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Libby Juel	n/a	Kathy Miller Dave Miller Wesley Bell	Tim Austin Donna Aiello	Ron Ladick	Postponed
January 5 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
January 9 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Nancy Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marilyn Mulvihill P Dean Peters  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Joan Klinefelter Shari Tarrant	n/a	Toni Passarello Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	John Appledorn Allyson Baierl	Janice Moore	Postponed
January 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
January 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Dean Peters 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annemarie Malbon P Tony Turo  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	n/a	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati Dean Peters	Michael Donadee Kate Heston	Larry Toler	Postponed
January 19 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
January 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> John Appledorn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kate Heston P Marilyn Mulvihill  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	n/a	Joyce Donadee Megan Overby Tim Austin	Eric Helmsen Mike Wick	Ron Ladick	Postponed
January 26 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
January 30 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 5th	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Children  <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Libby Juel	n/a	Toni Passarello Annemarie Malbon Wesley Bell	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Postponed





### 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: Lauren Ramakrishna  
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  
Worship: Cameron Grosh  
  
Treasurer: Roger Botti  
Assistant Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### 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  
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  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: George Snyder  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
  Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra  
  Annemarie Malbon

### OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

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

### ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

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