



Sunday, February 27, 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
- 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=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VIFBcVJia05LQT09>
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:** 11:00 am Limited office hours, please call ahead.

The Priest's Corner

TO FAST

Lent is fast approaching, no pun intended. When some of us think of Lent, we think about the Lenten fast, about giving up, about self-denial. Those "some" who do this thinking are usually those who are somewhat advanced in years when spiritual and physical discipline were part and parcel of our Christian life. Today, the idea of fasting has gone the way of the hand lawn mower. When my children hear the word fast, they think in terms of speed and not, if you will, simply slowing down and taking a good look at where you are heading – which is one of the reasons for the Lenten season in the first place. And even for those of us who do fast or do some sort of spiritual discipline during Lent, speed is sometimes also of essence: how fast can we get this over with so that we can go back to an easier lifestyle? Yet we all tend to give at least lip service, if not to the idea of fasting, at least to the belief that during Lent one should be engaged in some sort of spiritual and physical discipline. Sometimes we even make the effort to be so engaged.

The right intention, of course, is what is important. I may indeed fast during Lent; I may give up all desserts and sweets; I may not eat between meals. If I do so because I want to strengthen my spiritual life by weakening my attraction to physical pleasures, then my intention is well and good. But if my intention is primarily to find a religious excuse to go on a diet, then my intention leaves something to be desired. What is important is that we begin to understand what fasting is all about, why the church encourages us to engage in such spiritual and physical disciplines, and how they might apply to our daily lives especially during Lent.

A friend of my once said to me that he understood fasting as letting go of their things that get in the way of God. I don't know about you, but there are lots of those things in my life: food sometimes being there at the top of the list. In fact, there are a lot of life's little and big pleasures that I enjoy that call out to me, want me to make them gods in my life. It is in Lent that the church asks me to try to get a handle on these gods of my life, these pleasures that want me to look out for good old Number One. It is during Lent that I am called to let go of those gods and grab hold of God.

That is not easy. Pleasure has a wonderful way of enticing us to do that which we know we should not do and making it seem all right. Denial, on the other hand, does not come with built-in pleasure. What it does come with is delayed satisfaction, delayed gratification. I used to jog a lot. Most of the time I hated the pain that went with it. But the satisfaction that came with completing a jog made it all worthwhile. Pleasure, instant gratification, comes up front and it is just that: instant. Delayed gratification is also just that: delayed. But it lasts. And it seems that it is only when we delay gratification and pleasure that we get a handle of what we are

really seeking. Our souls are restless until they rest in God. But we never discover that until we take and make the time to realize that truth. That is Lent: letting go of the things that get in the way of God so that we can grab hold of God.

Bill

More BFF (Brendan's Family & Friends) donations were given in celebration of life of Karen Dennis from:



Ida LaQuatra & Ted Dannerth
Julia & Mike Wick
Sylvia Affleck
Chris & Roger Botti
Saundy & Tom Waseleski
Debra Donely
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Karen Shields

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.



On **Ash Wednesday, March 2**, we will have two services, one at noon and one at 7:00 pm. The 7:00 Service will be live streamed.

After the noon Service from 12:45 to 1:00; and before the evening Service: 6:30 to 6:45, you can stop at church and take home Ashes to go! Contact Julie Smith for more information jlsphone1@gmail.com.



The Upcoming Bishop's Visit: As you know our Bishop, **The Right Rev. Ketlen A. Solak**, will be with us on **Palm Sunday, April 10**. On those annual visits those who wish to be confirmed, received into the Episcopal Church or simply want to publicly renew their faith have an opportunity to do so. Regis mentioned to me that there is a number who wish to do this. If you are one of these, please email me soon so that we can get together and talk about what this will entail. I can be reached at wjpuugliese@aol.com. Thank you. Bill



A Lenten devotional this season? Are you looking for a way to make your Lenten devotion something special this year? Are you looking for an alternative to the traditional fasts from chocolate, junk food, alcohol, etc.? Instead of giving up some 'thing', why not commit to give 30 minutes of your time each week to attend the Wednesday Evening Prayer with Communion service at 7 pm in the chapel! In this season of penitence and personal reflection, what better way to get closer to our Lord than to join with your sisters and brothers in prayer! Make a commitment to do something special this season!



For the Month of **February**, **The North Hill Food Bank** is in 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.



Are you a Gardener? Because many of our neighbors struggle with having enough to eat and especially do not have easy access to fresh produce, St. Brendan's began our Garden of Hope seven years ago. Currently, we provide fresh produce to the North Hills Food Bank.

Our Garden of Hope needs help this year! We are looking for a few people who would be willing to take charge of getting it off to a great start. It's approximately 18' x 24' and located in 8 raised plant beds that are already fenced and ready for the project. We need someone to prepare soil, obtain materials (we have a budget), and plant veggies like lettuce, zucchini, tomatoes, onions and kale. Once the planting is completed, we can set up a schedule for watering and harvesting. If you are interested or would like more information, contact Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com or 412-759-1521. Thank you!

Children's Corner

Mountain Top Experiences



February is African American History Month-you may have seen this on TV or talked about it in school, and this Sunday is the Transfiguration – what do these two events have in common?

Martin Luther King, Jr., a Civil Rights leader and minister, in one of his most famous speeches said, "I have been to the Mountaintop." And while it sounds really great – I've been to some mountain tops, they are amazing places with views and sites you don't see anywhere else – what does he mean by this?

Well, in this week's Gospel, Jesus takes Peter, James, and John with Him up to a mountain to pray. This by itself was not unusual, Jesus often went away to pray, but on this day, he took only a few of the disciples with him, and they saw what happened.

As Jesus was praying, His face changed and that His clothing became as bright as a flash of lightning.

The disciples did not know what to think. Then Moses and Elijah, two men who had gone to heaven a long, long time ago, appeared with Jesus. They were talking to Jesus. So the disciples saw all of this and ... well, what would you do? How would you feel?



Well, at first, the disciples were afraid – after all they just saw two men who were supposed to be long gone talking to Jesus as alive as the disciples. So, gathering up their courage, the disciples bravely realized how great they felt and what a “mountain top” experience this was for them. They realized that this was something that may only happen once in a life time.

It felt GREAT. And they wanted to keep this feeling and this experience forever!

So, Peter said that he thought that they should stay up there on the mountain forever. And to do that the disciples would build three tents -- one for Jesus, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.

What Peter didn't understand that this experience on the mountain was not meant to last. It was not a place to stay but a starting place for God's greatest gift. But what did Jesus, Abraham, and Moses talk about? We don't know, but we know Jesus said no to the house on the mountaintop. If they all stayed there, they would miss what was to come.

Just like Jesus, Martin Luther King, Jr. had a mountain top experience. He said he knew this was not where he would stay, but that he would have to go back into the valley and the life that was to come.

Those mountain top experiences are thrilling and exciting and scary. But they are places where we are transformed. When this happens, we are different than we were before that experience because something wonderful happened to us – we got a glimpse of heaven. But we know we have work to do that we must finish before we can stay in heaven forever with God.

Peace,
Julie+

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, (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 Jubilee Ministries.
Join us in the Library after the 10:00 am Service, Sunday, March 20, 22.

CRIES Advocacy distribution for March as follows:

Brother's Brother Foundation	\$ 240
Miryam's Kitchen	\$ 100
Three Rivers Indian Council	\$ 475
Save Butterflies	\$ 475
Jubilee Ministries	\$ 584
Crisis Center North	\$ 553



We celebrate the **March Birthdays** of:

2 Alivia Byrne	3 Allyson Baierl	6 Ian Aretz	6 Pat Carl
6 Julie Smith	9 Michele Long	9 Tom Waseleski	10 Larry Tarrant
13 Robert Helmsen	14 Abigail Boyd	15 Linda Mesko	18 Maddie Angeletti
22 Tyler Cerra	30 Dale Bertucci	30 Megan Overby	



We celebrate the **March Wedding anniversaries** of:

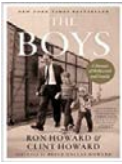
15 Anne & Jno Hunt	24 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
27 Ida LaQuatra & Ted Dannerth	30 Lauren & Todd Douds



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.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will hold its first outing of 2022 on **Tuesday, March 1**, with a trek from Pittsburgh's North Side to the Strip District. The group will carpool from the church parking lot at 9 a.m., begin on the riverfront trail near Heinz Lofts on the North Side, cross the David McCullough Bridge and explore the Strip District. Once there, walkers will either get lunch or graze for coffee, biscotti and chowder. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



The Book Club will meet at the church on **Thursday, March 3rd at 7 pm** to discuss, "The Boys: A Memoir of Hollywood and Family" by Ron and Clint Howard. In this dual autobiography, the famous brothers open up about their unusual childhood growing up in Hollywood with their Midwestern parents. It's been described as "A delightful, warm and fascinating story of a good life in show business". Please join us as we delve into this most interesting, nostalgic read! Contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you have any questions. Thank you!



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 **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, text or email Darrell at 412-337-3041 or johnsdj31@verizon.net.



Our Diocese is seeking its next **Treasurer & Director of Administration**. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree in accounting or finance and advanced knowledge of accounting principles and reporting practices. This is a full-time position with excellent benefits and the opportunity to help the people and parishes of our diocese make a positive impact in their communities. More information is available at www.episcopalpgh.org/treasurer-search. Resumes and questions may be sent to TreasurerSearch@episcopalpgh.org.

Requested Prayers

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

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

We pray for our family members, especially; Mare Magnotti, 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.

We pray for who have died, especially Liz Audsley.

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	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	Lane
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.



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 st Alan Schneider 2 nd 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 st Tony Turo 2 nd 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 st Linda Limberis 2 nd 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 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	n/a	Allyson Baierl Kate Heston Annemarie Malbon	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: Cameron Grosh
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Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
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Sylvia Affleck
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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
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Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: TBD
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Joyce Donadee
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