



This Week at St. Brendan's

- Sunday** **10:00 a.m.** Worship, via live streaming
- Monday** **8:30 a.m.** Daily Morning Prayer
Zoom ID # website <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105>
No password required
- Tuesday** **11:00 a.m.** Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
- 7:00 a.m.** AA meeting, via zoom
Dial in 312-626-6799
Meeting Id: 345 892 252
- 8:30 a.m.** Staff meeting, via zoom
- 10:30 a.m.** Bible Study, via zoom
- Thursday** **7:00 p.m.** Interdenominational discussion
- Saturday** **9:00 a.m.** Sacristans

Sunday, March 29, 2020

Celebrant: The Rev. Regis Smolko
Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer, worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends of St. Brendan's
Readers: Cameron Grosh and Ken Parsons

The Priest's Corner

What People Want From Their Pastors During Crisis

"We've never been here before!" This is a new place in our history, and the latest "How to..." pastoral manual has not yet been published. I've been praying and talking to many about what the pastoral priorities are as we move through this crisis. I'm still not certain what the priorities are, but I'm committed to trying whatever it takes to make sure our church is a meaningful support to all during this time of crisis.

The "experts" say nine needs emerge during a crisis. I'm interested in your top three (3). Please look at these concerns. Here they are in no particular order:

1. The church must monitor and follow the health guidelines. Church leadership must do everything to stay healthy themselves and to role-model for others how to present without panic. (Like the flight attendant says: when the oxygen masks drop, put your own mask on first before helping anyone else.)
2. The church needs to be a non-anxious presence because showing up calm, emotionally present, and free from anxiety engenders trust and provides the right kind of care in any crisis. This helps people reduce their own anxieties.
3. The church needs to show up for people, even when it's not in person. Since we must avoid close contact, we must show up for people digitally.
4. The church must listen in love. No matter what turn the crisis takes, compassionate listening is exactly what people need when they face overwhelming, uncontrollable circumstances.
5. The church must find ways to draw people together in creative ways, especially since we must socially distance. Connection is huge.
6. The church must help people take the long view. Remind people that God's loving presence was here before the universe itself, and it will be here long after the universe has passed away. As part of a much larger picture, we can feel hope.
7. Keep values alive. In frightening times, our job is to call on people to be their best selves in the world. The church must be honest with us about the crisis and its threats. Show us how to lean into God's sustaining presence.
8. The church ought not shy away from talking about death: when the conversation turns this way, don't suppress it. Making space to talk about death means expanding our capacities to live each moment as a gift.
9. The church must pray and encourage the community to pray. Have opportunities digitally to pray and worship together.

Please let me know a few that are particularly important to you.

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SOME UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES:

We have many meetings and groups up and running and being well-attended. I've had 14 one-on-one meetings with parishioners. Our parish staff meetings have been regular and fruitful. We are continuing to prepare 9 people for membership and/or reception.

Yesterday Modern Episcopal Group took place with 11 attendees. ESL went virtual today. Next Tuesday our 10:30 a.m. Bible Study will resume. I'll be sending links to participants. Let me know if you want a link.

Morning Pray is held digitally every morning, Monday thru Saturday at 8:30 a.m. Here's the link:
Morning Prayer M-S at 8:30 a.m. <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4796201105>

Another Call-In Ecumenical Dialogue Conference, Being With while Being Apart, will be held TONIGHT at 7:00 p.m. Here's the participation information:

Title: Interdenominational discussion, reflection, and Q&A on Being With while Being Apart call time: Thursday at 7 p.m. EDT
Join Microsoft Teams Meeting or dial-in via: +1 425-616-0754 United States, Seattle (Toll) Conference ID: 519 389 765#

Stay healthy; be safe; God protect and bless every one of you and those you love.

Regis+

Announcements



Do you have a special prayer request? Contact Ruth Horton rvhorton@gmail.com. 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.

Please visit our website:

<http://www.stbrendans.org>

Join us on Facebook:

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

Recommend us on Nextdoor:

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



North Hills Food Pantry. During this time when we are unable to take donations into our church, the North Hills Food Bank is still in need of donations. Please consider making a monetary donation by sending a check payable to the North Hills Food Bank to the following address: North Hills Food Bank, 845 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. Thank you for your support.



New Voter Reform Laws: On April 28, Pennsylvanians can exercise their civic duty and vote in the primary. Act 77 provides significant improvements to voter laws in PA. One of those improvements is:

Consider registering for mail-in voting. As long as you are already registered to vote, you can sign up – no reason necessary. Just go to VOTESPA.COM, click on “Other Links”, then “Votes PA” and you can register right there. The county must receive your application by 5 p.m. on April 21.

For more information on other improvements, visit VOTESPA.COM. For more information on the candidates, visit VOTE411.ORG starting about three weeks before each election.



Earth Day, which is **April 22**, will now be virtual because of the health crisis. Stay tuned for more information coming soon. Contact Donna Aiello if you have any questions. 412-759-1521 or donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com. Thank you! More details on this event coming soon!

Kids' Corner

Buoyed by Faith

Hello all,

It seems like it's been such a long time since we've seen each other. And it is going to be longer until we are together again ~ so I'm going to do a little memory check.

Do you remember those Lenten Calendars we gave you to cut out so you could do one different or new thing each day? Now might be the time to be really focused on what that one new thing is for today. This week, while I won't be giving up any video games (I don't play them) I am working in the garden on every nice day, weeding and planting new flowers; I have not been eating many sweets (we didn't buy them before we were homebound); and I've been reading my Bible. How about you?

We also talked about a couple of things during the service and what we do ~ if you watch our Sunday Services, see if you can remember the different parts. There are not as many of us doing the service now, but remember we are celebrating for all of God's people being together and we are celebrating the Eucharist for each of you, too.

I've posted a couple of videos – one about St. Patrick, one about St. Joseph, and last week's readings from the children's lectionary. If you have watched them, you'll know a little more next year about the saints, what they did, and if what we believe is true or not.

I have an idea about making a movie in which each of you play a part – what do you think about making a scene from Holy Week? I will send each of you a part of the week, and you can be as creative as you like – using Legos, or playdoh, or cardboard boxes or a plate of sand and some rocks – to show us the scene I send you. We need your creativity and your ideas now to help show us what Holy Week looks like. Are you willing?

Watch this space for links of things to do and ideas for being together as “church” while we can't be in church.

Stay well, be happy, and we're all in this together,

Julie+



Several weeks ago, we at St. Brendan's, started **exploring email tools to help us keep in touch** with our parish, and friends. We planned to implement those changes slowly.

Now we find ourselves needing to stay in constant touch, so we're using those new email addresses more and more, and we need your help to be sure we're reaching you.

First, please keep an eye on your spam folders! There's a link at the bottom of this announcement with some instructions if you need them. You may see emails from St. Brendan's coming from Gmail addresses, or from admin@stbrendans.org, among others. Please add these emails to your contacts.

Feel free to respond to these emails, but please understand that you are not responding directly to Katie in every instance.

Here's how to check your spam folders:

<https://webscom.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/222205127-How-to-Check-your-Spam-Filter-and-Whitelist-Emails>.

CRIES 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. The next CRIES meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, April 19**. All are welcome.

Senior Warden's Corner

A colleague of mine when I worked at the College of the Holy Cross had a saying that always appeared beneath his signature on his emails: **"Change is inevitable ... except from vending machines."** That saying came back to me this morning as I sat down to prepare these comments. Every day, it seems, we deal with new challenges; indeed, what we once called the news "cycle" has become an endless stream with no discernible pauses for breath along the way.

Under these circumstances, it can be hard to see the bright spots amid the gloom. But one of those spots is surely technology. Imagine addressing all the problems that confront us today if one had only handwritten letters that took days to deliver or expensive phone calls (assuming one was flush enough to afford a telephone). This is the reality that our grandparents and great grandparents faced during the Spanish Flu pandemic a hundred years ago.

A very particular advantage of technology is the ability it gives us to share valuable current information about resources that we can tap. Several of you have alerted me to Web pages and suggested that I share the URLs. Choosing which ones to mention is no easy task, but I offer these:

The diocesan office, through its publication *Grace Happens*, points to the following directory of resources prepared by Allegheny County. (The URL automatically downloads a .pdf file that you must then open. I have checked all these links and they are safe.)
http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=0016ACgjqteEsL4p_CJou1kMVYZ9dFf4ZsGkKcv3NZyYRKwtqdfAB5PErv8Dhht3EQ5IXI4S9i_QFYyyAxicxHgoo3lvJR4T45U47LpivThYsIFQSjr5M0MvFih-InN499zBNiou5ipt_TlanQzc9OBe0_TGqduqSZa3OXFOnJ9IYap1wfl49hU4vqUETo9qV1iEw_ft-mj2BqbFWzkHWWzu4TOmeWfuQg0ffB2hnRlq8mgrUn4ntlVR0m8JZxgijlp&c=Engim0ZYZPvryuE9Jc0lyW4lpUZnQjD35qJjU82nFmQwKsHU2zgAVQ==&ch=4u1blj4lyoADYV_UAj3fT674aniH-wp1OvKrd19sCxJxECCjW4yniA==

A similarly comprehensive listing prepared by a private citizen reached me from Annemarie Malbon:

https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1oL6ju8kEQd_cWltkufZvVq1tMGetsY92ZVDZlwPa35l/mobilebasic?fbclid=IwAR1PyUQ5n_PdJxfZuHpJJx_5hyGsDjZCC2OqGFVfYntPt6ccYsRU4f6Lhi4&urp=gmail_link5.

And for those seeking information about 12-step programs, there are online resources for Friends of Bill W (AA Members) at:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1a71ccw7ihaWelksKwOp4AzAkYIVqSoKiN6Gsm38bKMU/mobilebasic?usp=gmail>

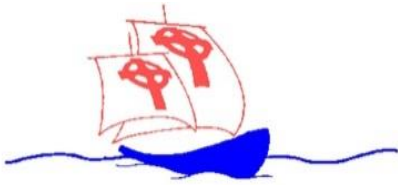
while resources for those in Narcotics Anonymous can be obtained by calling one of the phone numbers listed at <http://www.nabyphone.com/>.

Finally, for those with children at home, check out the virtual tours offered by museums all around the world listed at

https://www.travelandleisure.com/attractions/museums-galleries/museums-with-virtual-tours?utm_source=facebook.com&utm_medium=social&utm_campaign=social-share-article&utm_content=20200313.

Sr. Warden, Tim Austin

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



March 2020

Ministry calendar

	Lectors	Welcome Table	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Steward	Hospitality
March 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Sheila Bigelow P Tim Austin C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Darrell Johnson	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Ellen Groves Janet Fesq	Children's Chapel	Stephanie Illsley	Joyce Donadee Michael Donadee	Ruth Horton	Rob Latta	Janice & Dan Moore
March 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	~	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Susan Shoemaker P Michael Donadee C Darrell Johnson C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Megan Overby Mark Shoemaker	Sylvia Affleck Betsy Smith	Lambs Saundy Waseleski Fish Mary Bertucci Door Emily Zupanic	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Dale Bertucci	Amy & Kevin Boyd
March 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	~	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Dean Peters P Nate Boyd C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Joan Klinefelter Shari Tarrant	Lambs Meghan Karn Fish Janice Moore Door open	Stephanie Illsley Mary Haider	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Cameron Gosh	Tim Austin	Eric Helmsen Ken Parsons
March 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Getz L Tony Turo P Alan Schneider C Dean Peters C Debbie Wunsche LEV Ruth Getz	Karen Peters Marge Marine	Chris Botti Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Mary Bertucci	Eric Helmsen	Volunteer needed
March 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~	~
March 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Terry Dezort Brigid Christenson	Lambs Volunteer needed Fish Allison Kline Door Sylvia Affleck	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Donna Aiello	Wesley Bell	Meghan & Robert Karn

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~~
- 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: Inactive
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
Community of Hope: 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 (with Roger Botti)
Worship: Cameron Grosh

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