



Sunday, September 12, 2021

Celebrant: 10:00 am The Rev. Regis Smolko

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/UChCY2BEJXlqMoVc_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://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
 - 1:00 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
 - 8:00 am Staff meeting, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
 - 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**
 - 7:00 pm Evening Service

The Priest/Children's Corner

This week is a heavy topic – death and remembering those we love who have died.

This weekend two things are happening – one in the nation and one at St. Brendan's.

In the nation, we are remembering that 20 years ago, a lot of people died because planes were flown into large buildings and the buildings collapsed. But before the buildings collapsed, there were fires, and a lot of people were afraid, some even jumped out of very high places to try and save themselves.

The planes were flown into the buildings by people who wanted to hurt other people – on purpose. They did – many people were hurt and for those of us who were alive then, our world has never been the same.

Since that time, we have been at war. We have lived in fear of this happening again. And every year at this time, we remember those who died on that day.

This week at St. Brendan's we are going to remember one of our members who died. Not on 9/11, not because planes flew into a building, but because of an accident. And with all of the great doctors and hospitals we have in Pittsburgh, Karen Peters, died.

Because of both of these events, 9/11 and the funeral to remember Karen's life, people at church may be sad. And this is the confusing part of sadness when people die. We still laugh. And we cry. And sometimes we laugh and cry at the same time.

On Saturday, when we remember Karen's life at church, the colors for the day are white. Just like when we have a baptism. And you may wonder, why white? Shouldn't we be in black or purple like during Lent?



And the answer is no – we use white because at our funeral, we remember our baptism. We say these words, at a funeral or memorial service, "In the assurance of eternal life given at Baptism, our sister Karen was washed in Baptism and anointed with the Holy Spirit; give her fellowship with all your saints."

So we are sad and we will cry, but we will also laugh while we are crying and we will remember the funny things Karen did. We will remember the hard work she did for us to make church services happen by making our bulletins. We will remember her work at the welcome table, and how she was always with us for a good time and yet also participated in our sad events – like when we discussed racism and had a class on Black Lives Matter and the history of race in America.

So, as the nation mourns for 9/11 and the 20 years since then, we look back with pride as we have recovered as a nation and with sadness for the lives of people who have been lost. As we mourn as a congregation for the loss of one of our members, we remember in sadness our loss of her presence, but remember the love we will always share and that "We are St. Brendan's."

Peace,
Julie+



(BFF) Building Family & Friends donations

were given this week in celebration of the life of Karen Peters from Ellen Groves and Saundy & Tom Waseleski.

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.

Greeters Needed: We are in need of a few more greeters for the 10:00 Sunday service. A greeter is an easy and fun job. You get to say hello to the parishioners coming in for the service, make sure they get their name tags, welcome any newcomers and chat with them a bit. We also usually have one or two greeters open the door for folks coming in and greeting them as they enter.

We ask greeters to try to be at church by 9:30am to set up (we will show you how), and then after the service one of the greeters will stay for hospitality, collect all name tags while people are enjoying their coffee and snack, and put them back in the name tag box. If we have enough greeters (we would need 3 or 4 more than we already have), each person will be assigned to one service each month. If you are interested, please contact Katie at stbrendanskatie@gmail.com. Thank You!



English As a Second Language

Our English as a Second Language conversation classes at St. Brendan's have started. If you think that you might be interested in volunteering, we would be happy to have you join us. You do not need to know a foreign language as the classes are in English and you do not need to be a teacher. We will help you to learn how to do it. We meet Tuesday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30, Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 and Thursday mornings from 10:00 to 11:30. Our volunteers schedule themselves every month and so they can be flexible as to when they want to volunteer. If you should have any questions, you can contact Ginny Volponi at gabby4045@gmail.com, or 412 491 8130. Or Joyce Donadee jdidonadee@gmail.com, 412 849 9816.



Public Forum Via Zoom – Thursday, September 23, 7:00 pm.

The topic for the next Forum is Refugees Knocking at our Door: How Faith Communities Can Respond. The speaker is Kristin Witte, Director of Outreach at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service in Baltimore MD.

To register, email Trinity Lutheran Church at office@trinitywexford.org. The zoom link will be sent in advance on event day.

Last month's Watch Party was a great success, so we will again be holding a Watch Party in St. Brendan's Social Hall starting at 6:30pm. Come if you'd like with a treat and/or wine, and we can watch the Forum together and have fun socializing. This free Zoom event is sponsored by Faith in Action, a partnership of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills, and the Trinity Lutheran Church of Franklin Park, educating for justice in the Pittsburgh area.

Senior Warden's Corner



Nobody likes to be "nagged," so when I am writing up my Senior Warden's Corner each week, I try hard not to revisit messages that I already delivered, either in a previous edition of The Little Log or in some other format. But today I want briefly to remind everyone that we have set aside two periods in the coming weeks for a concerted effort to tidy and clean the church.

We will begin on Saturday, September 18 at 10:00 am with the goal of working our way through the building and throwing out items for which we cannot foresee a future use. (If anything merits a trip to Goodwill, I guess that that will be an alternative.) Two parishioners have written to me so far to describe specific materials that they believe should be kept. I am open to receiving additional emails up until the 18th; thereafter, Vestry members will make the best decisions they can about what to retain.

Then, after the 10:00 am. Eucharist on Sunday, September 26, we will focus on thoroughly cleaning all of our spaces and organizing the items that remain so that we can easily find whatever we need when the time arises.

I do hope that many of you will find an hour or two to commit to what should surely be a shared responsibility for the church property and its contents. As at other times, masks will be a requirement for all workers; we will try to work in small groups with as many doors and windows open as the weather permits. Thank you for whatever time you can spare us.

Senior Warden, Tim Austin



Hospitality Hour Volunteers Needed! St. Brendan's has re-instituted Hospitality Hour! We are therefore looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks and would be willing to host. This is not a big deal. Numbers are modest at the moment (perhaps 25 people) and we urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). You can set up outdoors if the weather is nice or in the Social Hall if it is not. To volunteer, contact Katie. stbrendanskatie@gmail.com.



Book Club Meeting: The next meeting of the Book Club will be held at the church on **Thursday, October 7, 2021**, at 7 pm to discuss "The Splendid and the Vile" by Erik Larson. A New York Times #1 bestseller, it delivers an intimate chronicle of Winston Churchill and London during the Blitz—an inspiring portrait of courage and leadership in a time of unprecedented crisis. Mark your calendars! You won't want to miss this one!



Haitian Project: At St. Brendan's we have been supporting one of our members, Isaac, who is committed to helping people in his homeland of Haiti. We have been collecting clothes and other used items for him to send to Haiti. Last year, Isaac completely filled a used truck which he had purchased with many donated items. It was driven to Miami and then sent on a boat to Haiti. A few of the items were damaged by a leak in one corner of the truck, and Isaac has taken precautions to prevent leaks from happening again. Most of the items survived the trip and are now being used and appreciated by the Haitians. You can see pictures of children using items that were shipped on top of the donation box in front of the church.

Now Isaac has bought two used school buses. One is completely full for shipment to Haiti. We need donations of summer clothes and shoes for adults and children. The adult sizes are medium to small but all sizes of men's shirts can be used. Also needed are bikes, cookware, tools, gardening tools, sewing machines, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, cribs, towels, bedding, sleeping bags and comforters.

If you would like to purchase something, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bars of soap are appreciated. We will be collecting for 6 weeks or so. If you cannot drop off items at the church to put into the donation box, call Joyce Donadee 412 849 9816 to make other arrangements.

Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) All members of St. Brendan's are invited to meet with Canon Eric McIntosh and Shanaz Alam-Denlinger to have a dialogue regarding BCI.

Time: Sep 20, 2021 07:10 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada).

Join Zoom Meeting <https://wts.zoom.us/j/85242611760> Meeting ID: 852 4261 1760.

Members of the congregation are asked to complete a short survey regarding BCI.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeLF7aa3psccqCY7fZjd_F3bcg8FpWODmhUbvMf88J2bR863g/viewform.

Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

How Your Church Can Fight Climate Change and Save Money – Sunday September 19, 3pm

The Social Justice and Outreach Committee and the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill will present a panel discussion. And here is the link. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81306520902?pwd=dWFkRk5LVUJ5eUZic1JocjVGOTdXUT09>
If required: Meeting ID: 813 0652 0902 Passcode: 839245

If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Volponi at gabby4045@gmail.com or 412 491 8130.

Requested Prayers:

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Sharon Hlawati, The Peters family, Darrell Johnson, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker, Larry Toler and Mark Kinley.

For our parents, especially; Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Greg Walton, Mike Dixon, Jennifer Archer, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Patrick Schantz, Steve Parsons, Marie Hazelton, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

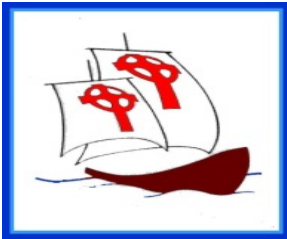
And for our friends, especially; Tony Mascaro, Shari Mancini, Becky Horton, Dave Frazier, Jane Young, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

We pray for all who have died, especially Karen Peters.



September 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
September 1 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Alan Schneider P Linda Limberis <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Shari Tarrant	~	~	Tim Austin Eric Helmsen	Larry Toler	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati
September 8 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Nancy Snyder 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Annemarie Malbon P Kate Heston <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Libby Juel	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Cameron Grosh	Kate & Keith Heston
September 15 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Kate Heston P Tony Turo <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Ellen Groves 10 Kathy Miller	~	~	Donna Aiello John Appledorn	Janice Moore	Need volunteer
September 22 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
September 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children) <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Allyson Baierl Michael Donadee	Donna Aiello	Need Volunteer
September 29 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~



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: Ellen Groves
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti

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
Parish Profile: Inactive
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
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 Debbie Jennings
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OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
 Joyce Donadee
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Garden of Hope: Open
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