



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(4-7)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Miryam's meal preparation
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		11:15 a.m.	Discipleship Group
		11:30 a.m.	Lenten Series
		2:00 p.m.	Miryam's meal delivery
Monday	(4-8)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		7:00 p.m.	Vestry meeting
Tuesday	(4-9)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		12:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
		7:00 p.m.	Love-Teach-Heal
Wednesday	(4-10)	10:00 a.m.	Tutor Talk
		5:30 p.m.	Meager Meal
		6:00 p.m.	Lenten Series
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(4-11)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Sticks & Strings
Saturday	(4-13)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, April 7, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Dr. Moni McIntyre
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Ruth Horton
	10:00 a.m. Susan Shoemaker
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Dean Peters
Chalice Bearers:	Theresa Bryant
	Stacey Coyle
Altar Guild:	Joan Klinefelter
	Shari Tarrant
	Terry Dezort
FISH:	Mary Bertucci
Godly Play:	TBD
Door:	TBD
Nursery:	Stacy Connifery
	Sarika Sethia
Ushers:	Joyce Donadee
	Michael Donadee
Vestry:	Annemarie Malbon
Hospitality:	Karen Peters
	Dean Peters
LEM:	Joyce Donadee

The Priest's Corner

Dear People of Saint Brendan's,

Fr. Regis and I first met when we were both at Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill. Since his coming to St. Brendan's, he has invited me to consider St. Brendan's as part of my journey. I am grateful to God that answered our calls and I am now here to continue my journey. I believe we can worship, work, pray, and dream together with confidence in God's presence with us. The working of faith in a community is exciting and can be dramatic. I believe the Spirit is alive and well, thriving and working for us and with us here at St. Brendan's. I come to St. Brendan's part way through my journey to ordination to the priesthood.

As a native western Pennsylvanian, I have lived in or around Pittsburgh twice – first for graduate school at Carnegie Mellon (1986-1994) and since 2007 to come home. I am currently a professor of History at Mount Aloysius College as I continue in the process towards ordination to the priesthood. I met my wife, Colette, during graduate school and over the past 32 years we have lived in California, South Dakota, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. When we returned to Pittsburgh, we joined Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill, where I served on the altar and began the discernment process. As a part of my process, I interned at St. Thomas Church, Northern Cambria, and completed the Non-Degree Theological Program at University of the South in Sewanee, Tenn.

Along my journey, I began volunteering at the Federal Corrections Institution at Loretto in 2008, where I teach a variety of courses, mentor inmates, and serve the incarcerated population to the best of my abilities. While volunteering at FCI Loretto, and listening to the men's stories, I realized how the entire family is imprisoned when one family member is in prison. I strongly encourage volunteering at a prison. I have helped raise money to buy recordable books so the men could record bedtime stories for their children and other books for a prison book club to keep the men's minds free. I believe God is always calling me to do more – more for those incarcerated and more for the family members of those incarcerated by forming intentional groups

for family members of incarcerated people to meet, discuss, share and help each other. I would also like to supplement these groups with workshops on what to expect when a loved one is imprisoned, or when visiting or upon release, coping with the range of emotions family members experience while separated by incarceration.

Prayerfully, and together, let's look ever more humbly and joyfully at where God is calling us to be now and into our future.

Thank you for letting me join such a wonderful community.

Julie Smith

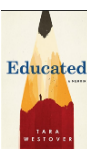
Announcements



Do you have a special prayer request? You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8:00 a.m. worship service. They are collected by the Community of Hope, and added to their daily prayers. Then each month those requests are also included in the Community of Hope's Circle of Prayer meeting. The written requests are then burned, in accordance with the proper disposal of blessed items. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.



A BFF donation was made in memory of Rob's mother, Bette Miller, from George and Rob Latta.



Book Club (TONIGHT, Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.)

Book Club is reading "Educated" this month, Tara Westover's memoir of growing up in a survivalist family in the mountains of Idaho. Living off the grid, Westover's family has a profound distrust of schools, doctors and the federal government. Largely self-taught until the age of 17, Westover manages to get into college and go on to earn a PhD at Cambridge University. We'll gather in the church library for discussion and fun. For more information, contact Pat Carl at pkarrcarl@gmail.com.



Orange Flags

Please do not remove any of the **orange flags** you see on church property. They are there to mark the location of flower bulbs that have not sprung yet.



The Green Thumb Gang (THIS Saturday, April 6, 9:00 a.m.)

The Green Thumb Gang would love your help. Bring your wheel barrow, garden rake, shovel and gloves. Sign up in the narthex if you have some time to help.



Prayer requests can now be sent to **Community of Hope** through our email; stbrendans.coh@gmail.com. This was created to give parishioners and others in the community an extra opportunity to request prayers for anyone in need. We can include those persons in our daily prayers, or send out a prayer via text or email to someone. Please note, this is in addition to, NOT in place of the St. Brendan's prayer list.



Sticks & Strings (Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.)

Sticks & Strings is meeting next week. We are looking forward to getting together. Bring your project! See you then.



Brendan's Boots (Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.)

Come eagle-spotting with Brendan's Boots, the parish hiking group. Walkers will meet at the church, carpool to the Waterfront shopping complex in Homestead and follow the Three Rivers Heritage Trail to Hays, near the bald eagle habitat. Lunch will follow at Mitchell's Fish Market. Everyone welcome! Bring a friend and your binoculars. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



Quiet Evening Prayer (Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.)

The next candlelight Evening Prayer service is in two weeks, the Wednesday of Holy Week, and we invite you to include this service as part of your Holy Week observance. The service includes Taize music and silent prayer, reflection, or meditation – with Communion afterwards for those who wish to remain. The service is especially appropriate for this penitential season. Bring a friend and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.

We celebrate the April birthdays.

1 Libby Juel	2 Betsy Smith	3 Anthony Bertucci	7 Kevin Boyd	10 Linda Limberis
10 Linda Shadgett	12 Marcy Little	15 Keith Heston	16 Wilder Bancroft	19 Robert Bumbaco
20 Heather Parker	20 Mark Shoemaker	20 Edith Waseleski	21 Morgan Aretz	23 Ted Dannerth
23 Susan Shoemaker	26 Les Carlisle	26 Tice Harkins	27 Linda Schneider	27 Arlena Pugliese

We celebrate the April wedding anniversaries.

7	Susan & Mark Shoemaker	22	Deborah & Michael Franzen	26	Gladys & Les Carlisle
27	Mary & Jim Evanochko	29	Stacy & Tyler Connifey		

We are grateful for our April Hospitality Hosts.

7	Karen & Dean Peters	14	Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aiello	21	Megan Overby & Tim Austin
28	Ellen Groves & Kelli Cerra				



St. Brendan's 32nd Birthday (Sunday, May 19)

Mark your calendar to come and enjoy the parish's birthday celebration!
More info to follow!

Cuddling Ministry It's still a possibility and available to us. Would you like to help newborns who struggle with addiction? West Penn Hospital in Bloomfield has a program to do just that and it's so easy. Volunteers will rock, walk, soothe and cuddle the infants. Times are 24/7. No training needed. The hospital provides clearances. All you need to do is go online at www.ahn.org/volunteer-application and fill out an application. Someone will then contact you. Please let Regis know of your interest, and go to the web site above to get an application.



Speaker Series (Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.)

St. Brendan's Speaker Series is back. The event will begin with wine, appetizers and a silent auction. Rob Rogers is the featured speaker. Rob is the award-winning, nationally syndicated editorial cartoonist formerly with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. He will show a selection of his cartoons, be interviewed by Tom Waseleski and take questions from the audience. Afterwards, stay to enjoy a glass of Prosecco with dessert, which will give you time to meet Rob and discuss his new cartoon collection "Enemy of the People." Copies will be available for sale and for signing by Rob. Space is limited, so reserve your seat early by calling 412-364-5974, signing up in the narthex or sending an e-mail to stbrendans@comcast.net. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.



North Hills Food Pantry Our focus this month is on collecting canned foods; items such as tuna and canned pastas or stews are especially needed. As always, all non-perishable food items or paper products are welcome. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Horton at rvhorton@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.

Help Wanted Looking for a way to pitch in at St. Brendan's, but not sure how? Here's an area where your help is needed.

• **Fundraising Ideas.** Do you have an idea for a fun and effective fundraiser that would support the mission of St. Brendan's? Maybe you have participated in a great fundraiser at a previous church or at your child's school? If so, please see Chris Botti, the vestry's fundraising liaison, or contact her via email at shadypatch@msn.com. Thanks!

CRIS 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. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 19. All are welcome.

This week we are praying for the work of World Vision, a global effort to provide clean, readily accessible water to persons living in semi-arid areas of the world. www.worldvision.org and encouraged to continue their education. www.girlshope.org.



Bishop Dorsey McConnell visits St. Brendan's (Sunday, May 12)

Would anyone like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation when Bishop Dorsey McConnell visits St. Brendan's? The parish is considering a one-day retreat to prepare for the sacrament, which persons age 14 and up may receive. Parents are invited to consider along with their children the young person's readiness for this spiritual step into Christian maturity and leadership. Adults who have not been confirmed are invited to take this important spiritual step as well.

The bishop will also receive into the Episcopal Church any person who wants to take that formal step. Episcopalians who would like to reaffirm a commitment to this church community (for instance, those who were previously members of other Episcopal churches) are also eligible to receive a special blessing from the bishop. If you are interested in participating in any of these special rites, please contact Regis.



Used ink cartridges

St. Brendan's will benefit from donations of used ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridge in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.



We all find ourselves back at the grocery store every week, right? Do you know that you can help raise funds for St. Brendan's when you grocery shop?! Purchase your groceries using Giant Eagle or Kuhn's gift cards bought at church. Because St. Brendan's buys the cards in bulk, the church makes 5 percent on every sale. Cards are sold after both services on Sundays. You can also purchase them during business hours in the church office. **It's the no-sweat fundraiser!**

Easter Week Services



Palm Sunday, April 14, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.



Quiet Evening Prayer, Wednesday April 17, 7:00 p.m.



Maundy Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.



Good Friday, April 19, 12:00 & 7:00 p.m.



Saturday, Easter Vigil, April 20, 8:00 p.m.



Easter Sunday, April 21, 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.

Easter Altar Flowers If you would like to make a contribution for the flowers that will be on the altar for Easter, make your check payable to St. Brendan's and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Fill out the form on the table in the narthex and be sure to include the name/s of those who are being honored, celebrated or thanked through the flower donation. Any amount is welcome. Submitted information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



Be a BFF! 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. Over the past year, BFF funds have been used to refurbish our sound system, purchase kitchen items such as flatware, microwave, shelving, as well as technology items which make it possible to record Fr. Regis' sermons for our website. These are just a few of the items procured via BFF! Vestry is considering earmarking BFF funds for future projects such as improved cell phone reception in our lower level as well as installation of acoustic tiles in the social hall. Won't you please help make such projects a reality? Please consider making a BFF donation today! Thank you!



The **English as a Second Language** team is looking at the possibility of offering a program for toddlers one morning a week this summer. We recently observed an ESL Family Literacy program in the South Hills and learned that there are no such opportunities in the North Hills. The program would serve children ages 2 to 5, each accompanied by one parent or grandparent, meeting for a couple of hours one morning a week in a nursery school/play group format. Before we explore this idea further, we need to see if we have enough people interested in volunteering. We have also had requests to start a summer ESL program for middle school and elementary school children. If you have any interest in learning more and possibly volunteering for any of these new initiatives, please speak with Tim Austin, Linda Schneider, Joyce Donadee, Charlotte Pierce, or Nancy Snyder.

Forum on Immigration (Tonight, April 4, 7:00 p.m.)

There will be a forum on immigration at Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill. It will feature a professor of asylum, refugee and immigration law from the Pitt Law School, project director of All For All, a city of Pittsburgh initiative to improve immigrant integration, and a professor of law and attorney with Jewish Children and Family Services who works with separated children of immigrants. Two representatives from St. Brendan's ESL program will be there after the panel discussion to answer questions about our program.

Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel-size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis's office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

Anti-racism workshop (April 5-6)

Bishop Dorsey McConnell is inviting everyone in the diocese to register for the 2019 anti-racism workshop, "Seeing the Face of God in Each Other," at St. Thomas Memorial Church, Oakmont. The free, two-part event promises be thought-provoking and eye-opening. For more details, go to <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/spring-2019-anti-racism-workshop/>.

Episcopal Workday (Saturday, April 13)

Episcopal Workday at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Again this year the diocese's Social Justice and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a repack session at the food bank during Lent. Come join fellow Episcopalians from across the diocese at our volunteer workday at the food bank. We'll be working in the Repack Center at GPCFB's main Duquesne warehouse facility (1 North Linden St, Duquesne, PA 15110) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To reserve your volunteer slot, contact Jerry Stephenson at JJmestephenon@verizon.net by Wednesday, April 3. We'll need your name, parish affiliation and email address (so Jerry can send you a link for online registration). Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and be able to stand for two or more consecutive hours. We are limited to only 20 volunteers this time. Volunteer spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

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



April 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
April 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
April 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Susan Shoemaker P Dean Peters C Stacey Coyle C Theresa Bryant LEV Joyce Donadee	Joan Klinefelter Shari Tarrant Terry Dezort	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play TBD Door TBD	Stacy Connifey Sarika Sethia	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Annemarie Malbon	Karen & Dean Peters
April 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
April 14 Palm Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Nate Boyd P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Terry Dezort Anelisa Tarrant	Palm Sunday	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Chris Botti	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello
April 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
April 18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	Gladys Carlisle	Janice Moore	~	~	~	~	~
April 19 Good Friday 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm	12 Ellen Groves 7 Alan Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
April 20 Easter Vigil 8:00 pm	TBD	Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	~	~	~
April 21 Easter Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Alan Schneider P Tim Austin C Tim Austin C Dean Peters LEV Darrell Johnson	Tammy Spoonhoward Janet Fesq	Easter Sunday	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Larry Toler	Megan Overby Tim Austin
April 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
April 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Sylvia Affleck L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Stacey Coyle	Sylvia Affleck Brigid Christenson	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Janice Moore	Kelli Cerra Ellen Groves

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018  September 2019

October 2018

- 7 Nancy & George Snyder
- 14 Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous
- 21 Animal Blessing
- 28 Gail Gagnon & Karen Dennis

November 2018

- 4 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 11 Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton
- 18 Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis
- 25 Nancy & Wilder Bancroft

December 2018

- 2 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Anelisa Tarrant & Janet Fesq
- 23 Julia Wick & Ken Parsons
- 30 Rob & George Latta

January 2019

- 6 Kate & Keith Heston
- 13 Anne & Jno Hunt
- 20 Julia & Mike Wick
- 27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

February 2019

- 3 The Fleissner family
- 10 Janice & Dan Moore
- 17 Ken Parsons & Regis Smolke
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

March 2019

- 3 Mary & Dale Bertucci
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Mesko
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Lauren Chappo & Becca Sands

April 2019

- 7 Karen & Dean Peters
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aiello
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Ellen Groves & Kelli Cerra

May 2019

- 5 Ruth & Steve Horton
- 12 Mother's Day
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

June 2019

- 2 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Jillian Mooman & Cameron Grosh

July 2019

- 7 Stacy Connifey & Mary Haider
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

August 2019

- 4 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 11 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Theresa Bryant

September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelus
- 8 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 15 The Aretz & Kinley family
- 22 Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich
- 29 Jean Pett-Ridge & Marge Marine



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: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden & Education: Ruth Horton
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd
Communication: Annemarie Malbon
Inreach/Hospitality/Secretary: Janice Moore
Newcomers: Dean Peters
Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Tammy Spoonhoward
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck
Libby Juel
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Pat Carl
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant
Invite Welcome Connect: Brad Thompson
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Nursery: Stacy Connifey
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Mark Shoemaker
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

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Linda Schneider
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Garden of Hope: **Open**
Miryam's: Julia Wick
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Stacy Connifey
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
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