



Sunday, March 6, 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=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:** 11:00 am Limited office hours, please call ahead.

The Priest's Corner

PRAYER, FASTING AND ALMSGIVING

One of the old Lenten disciplines admonishes us that if we are to keep a holy Lent, what we need to do is engage in prayer, fasting and almsgiving – all three. One is not enough; neither is two. For each of these three disciplines requires something different from us. Each requires the other if we are to emerge whole after Lent.

We begin with prayer. When we pray, what we are in essence doing is bringing God closer into our lives. Prayer is a deliberate intention on our part to recognize the God who created and sustains us, that without this God we are unable to be and become the person God created us to be/come. And when we ask God to come closer into our lives, we recognize that we cannot and will not be the same afterwards. So, it is a mighty dangerous thing to bring the Almighty closer to us – frightening, too!

Then there is the admonition to fast: to let go of those wants that get in the way of God and concentrate on our needs, which are always much less than our wants which never end. They disguise and sell themselves as needs. That is why fasting is so important. It allows us to recognize and distinguish wants from needs.

Then when we fast not only from food but from some of those unneeded material comforts we desire, what we are doing is allowing ourselves to understand just how easy it is to succumb to wanting and going after more and more. And, of course, when we do that, we are separating ourselves further and further from God. That is why we need to bring God closer to us through prayer so that God will give us the ability to discern wants from needs and the strength to overcome the call to selfishness.

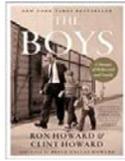
All of which brings us to the almsgiving. Not only must we want to draw closer to God in and through prayer, not only must we recognize the innate desire to seek after that which can make our life easier, so also must we recognize that we already have more than we ever need or can use. The need to give of ourselves, of our abundance, and blessings, if it is not innate, it is at least demanded once we bring God closer into our lives.

We have been abundantly blessed, you and I. Our God-given talents and abilities that have allowed us to obtain material possessions such as most of the world cannot imagine let alone dream of possessing, they have been given to us to share with those who have been less blessed. Why God has so blessed us is only for God to know. What God lets us know through prayer and fasting is that we must use some of those gifts for others. If we do not, the reason is that we either have not called God closer

into our lives through prayer, have not examined our wants and needs through some form of fastening/abstinence/letting go, or both.

Lent is a time, but not the only time, to pray, fast and give of ourselves. Life is that time. But Lent is surely a good time to start what should be a lifetime of living.

Bill



The Book Club will meet at church **TONIGHT, 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!



Hospitality Hour will be resuming next Sunday after the 10:00 service. Sign-ups will be available for those interested in providing the treats or making a donation toward the costs.



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 **March**, the **North Hills Food Bank** is particularly in need of either plain or flavored bottled water. They are also asking for ground regular and decaf coffee (11 oz size), as well as powdered creamer in small containers. 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.



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 will provide 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!

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 falls 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 of year.

CRIS
Advocacy

CRIS 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 Crisis Center North.
Join us in the Library after the 10:00 am Service, Sunday, March 20, 22.



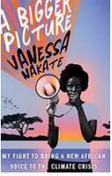
Animal Friends is always in need of blankets and bath towels for their sheltered animals. If you have some that you would like to donate, there is a bin outside the front door to the entrance of the church for the collection.

Other Upcoming Events



Crafters for good wanted! Please join us Saturday, March 12, from 1 pm to 4 pm at Gallery Forget-Me-Not (31 E. Main St. Carnegie, PA) as we gather to sew, knit, and crochet hats and scarves for those in need. We need folks to cut out patterns, assemble, sew, knit, and crochet. Aren't a crafter? Join us for fellowship. Can't join us that night? You can create on your own and donate finished items. We also need donations to purchase fabric, yarn and pay for mailing.

Finished items will be sent to a Native American reservation where warm items are desperately needed. For more information contact Kathleen at kgaanster@verizon.net 412-377-8364 or Laura at Istuart@nfhcs.org or 724-674-8856.



Climate Crisis Book Clubs. Two Episcopal book clubs are coming up on the world climate crisis. **The first one, on March 22, at 7:30 pm,** will use the book "A Bigger Picture". This book is a manifesto and a memoir about how we can - and must -- build a better future, inclusive to all. Leading justice activist Vanessa Nakate is a rising star in the global climate movement and brings her fierce, fearless spirit and new perspective to the biggest issue of our time. She shares her story as a young Uganda woman who sees that her community bears disproportionate consequences to the climate crisis. To register: go to <https://tinyurl.com/biggerpicture>.



The second book club was started by Episcopal delegates to the world climate negotiations in Glasgow last November. The book being read is Saving Us: A Climate Scientist's Case for Hope and Healing in a Divided World, by Texas Tech professor Katharine Hayhoe. The New York Times called her "one of the nation's most effective communicators on climate change". The first session, meeting on **Monday, March 7, at 8 pm,** focuses on the Preface and Section 1. Sessions will continue on these **Mondays: April 4, May 2, June 6, and July 11.** You can register for this Zoom event at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUpcuyhqlpGtxpKe7Cx8TOYL2Toz9sNJZR>

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, Bob Keihl, Marie Hazelton, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Dima Boroday and family, Bill Phelps, Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Tom & Betty Norris, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle Family and Friends of Iza Kubanowska,

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		

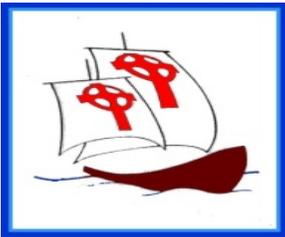
Prayer for our medical personnel and first responders.

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.



March 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
March 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Ann Vinski P Alan Schneider <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	n/a	n/a	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Cameron Grosh	Postponed
March 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Tim Austin P Donna Aiello <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	n/a	n/a	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Postponed
March 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd Kate Heston P Tim Austin <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Dottie Antonucci Shari Tarrant	n/a	n/a	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Donna Aiello	Postponed
March 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 George Snyder 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Joan Klinefelter Libby Juel	n/a	n/a	Allyson Baierl Tim Austin	Ron Ladick	Postponed
March 30 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a



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
Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ron Ladick
Adult Formation: John Appledorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: Sean Sweeney
Finance: Mary Bertucci
Fundraising: Kate Heston & Lauren Ramakrishna
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Newcomers: Kate Heston
Outreach: Donna Aiello
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna
Worship: Neil Galone
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: TBD
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: George Snyder
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Anne Voight
Mike Wick
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: Annemarie Malbon
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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Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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