



The Priest Corner

Today is the church calendar date for the start of the season of Epiphany. We at St. Brendan's will celebrate Epiphany this coming Sunday, January 8 at 8 am and 10 am. It's one of my favorite seasons in the church year because it focuses on light and the coming of God's light into the world in the person of Jesus of Nazareth. It reminds us that even in the "bleak midwinter" the light of a star guided Wise Ones to the place where God had come to be with us. The story of Epiphany is only told in Matthew's gospel and it begins the saga of the child Jesus as he begins his struggle against the powers of the world to tell and show God's love in the midst of danger, destruction and oppression. It's the story of how the light of God's love can never be dimmed – and will flourish even in darkness until the world becomes filled with God's light.

During Epiphany, I am always searching the night sky in the hopes of seeing that Star that once led the Magi to the holy family. It fills me with hope and joy to know that winter is part of life, but so is spring. This Epiphany feels especially hopeful at St. Brendan's as we welcome the light of Christ in our gathering together for worship and companionship again, in our welcoming new people and families, and in our being the light of the Good News in our re-awakened ministries.

Let us celebrate the light of God in the person of Jesus this Epiphany.

Mother Robin



The **Parish Annual Meeting** will be held on **Sunday, January 22**. Like last year, we will have one joint worship service at 9 am, followed by the annual meeting at 10. All ministry leaders are asked to provide a brief summary of their ministry for 2022. Please submit your report to Tammy Spoonhoward tspoonhoward@yahoo.com or Katie Katie@stbrendans.org by **Tuesday, January 10th**.



There is a new sign-up sheet for **Altar Flowers in 2023**. If you would like to donate flowers for the altar, sign up in the narthex and let Katie Katie@stbrendans.org know what you would like in the bulletin. The cost is \$40 and your check should be made payable to St. Brendan's. You will be able to take the flowers home after the 10:00 am service.



The **Faith in Action group** is in need of a person with the technical skills to **set up and run a webinar** on **January 19th** for between 25-75 people. It would last 60-90 minutes There would also be a rehearsal prior to the presentation. Please contact Marilyn Mulvihill at 412-427-2715. Thanks!



The Gentlemen of St Brendan's are on the calendar for the second Monday of each month at Eat'n Park, Wexford for 2023.

Please join us on January 9, 2023 at 9:00 am at the Eat'n Park, 2650 Brandt School Rd, Wexford, PA 15090. Please reply to Steve Horton at stephenshorton@gmail.com.

"Pies were invented 12,000 years ago by the Egyptians. It was an easy way to preserve food that would be carried over long distances. They were like ancient Slim Jims." Craig Ferguson



Would you like to be a Greeter? St. Brendan's is looking for a few more parishioners who would like to be greeters for the Sunday service at 10:00. We try to schedule greeters no more than once every month, and it's an easy and fun ministry. You'll plan to arrive at church a little early, welcome all newcomers, and say hello to everyone who come in. You will also collect name tags at the end of the service.

If you would like to be of service to St. Brendan's in this way, please contact Donna Aiello (412-759-1521 donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com) to sign up or for more information. Thank you!

We celebrate the **January birthdays** of:



2 Gail Gagnon	5 Mary Bertucci	5 Meghan Thompson	6 Jacob Konley
6 Matthew Wunsche	8 Linda Konley	9 Kelli Cerra	12 Donna Aiello
13 Shellie Hipsky	15 Eleanora Byrne	16 Sharon Basehore	16 Janice Moore
19 Zoe Boyd	21 Rob Latta	29 Sherri Angeletti	

Contact Katie@stbrendans.org with your birthday and wedding anniversary dates if you would like to be included.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will continue to walk through winter with a trek on **Saturday, Jan. 21**, along the Montour Trail. Participants will meet at the church at 9 am and carpool to the trail in Coraopolis. Lunch will follow at Carmody's on Neville Island. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



Our Next Public Forum: The Surge of Hate Groups in Western PA
 Thursday, January 19 at 7 pm via Zoom

*"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love."* -- Francis of Assisi

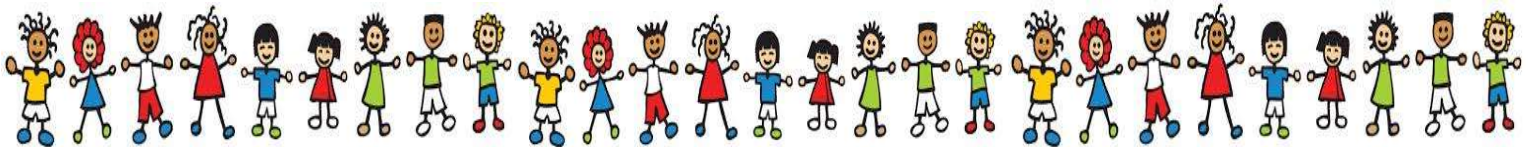
Our Public Forums are back with a topic that needs to be addressed. Hate is on the rise in western PA! In fact, PA is one of the top ten states with the most hate groups. Join us on January 19 as we explore how we can learn to sow love to come against hate. Our Panelists:

- FBI Supervisory Special Agent Timothy Swanson, who leads the Public Corruption/Civil Rights Squad
- Wayne and Leann Younger, the founding pastors of Cityview Church in Pittsburgh's Northside

To register, email Katie@stbrendans.org

This free event is sponsored by Faith in Action, consisting of St. Brendan's, the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills and Trinity Lutheran Church.

Children and Youth



Parents, please note the following:

Sunday, January 22: Sunday School classes will be held at 9 am. This is the date of the annual parish meeting. The service will be at 9 am that day and will be followed by the meeting.

Sunday, January 29: Children's worship service. There will be no Sunday School classes on this date. Children will remain in church with their families and participate in various ways during the service. More information will follow.

Nursery Volunteers Needed! Do you enjoy being around little ones? Are you looking to get involved in a ministry at St. Brendan's? We have new families attending our Sunday services and many of our smallest members need nursery care during the 10 a.m. service. We need more help from our parishioners to be able to offer this service every Sunday.

Two volunteers (age 16 or older) with clearances are needed each week in order to provide nursery care. Please email Allison Kline aaklrm@comcast.net, for more information about volunteering and obtaining clearances.

You can also click here https://www.stbrendans.org/files/ugd/bfe0fe_b0d78789c733459b8b042360b7e2e472.pdf for information regarding clearances.

Members who are 13 to 15 years old who wish to help must volunteer with a parent who has clearances.

Please consider this opportunity so that all of our families are able to worship while knowing that their children are being cared for.

Sunday School needs your help! We're very happy to see so many of our children participating in Sunday School at St. Brendan's, but we're short on teachers. No teaching experience or specialized training is required to become a teacher. All we ask is that you have an interest in our children and their religious education, and we will help with the rest.

We use a curriculum that lays out each lesson in a user-friendly way, and we have most of the supplies on hand that you would need. Lessons run 20-30 minutes and are taught at the beginning of the Sunday 10 am service. Children return to the service after announcements. We have two classes: Grades K-2 (the "Lambs") and Grades 3-5 (the "Fish").

Our goal is to have enough volunteers so that you would need to teach only once every month or two. Clearances are required, and we will help you with that if you don't already have them. Please click

here https://www.stbrendans.org/files/ugd/bfe0fe_b0d78789c733459b8b042360b7e2e472.pdf for information about obtaining clearances

Come on, St. Brendan's! Please help us to provide Christian education for our kids. At this holiday time of giving, please find it in your heart to say "yes" to supporting our Sunday Schoolers. Contact Saundy at swaseleski@comcast.net if you are interested in this ministry.

Vestry Candidate Bio's



We, my wife Janice and I, have been members of St. Brendan's for 14 years. During this time I have been honored to be a Junior Warden and Senior Warden. I also served on the Board of Trustees at the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

What drew us to St. Brendan's was the annual Yard Sale. For those who are unfamiliar with our Yard Sale, it was our primary fund raiser which took many, many hours of many, many parishioners time to make it a success. It's amazing how quickly relationships are established when separating trash from treasures.

I am enthused by the energy that is radiating from the parish since the pandemic worries has subsided and am anxious to assist in growing this energy.

Dan Moore



I moved to Beaver falls from North-Eastern Pennsylvania in 2020 to marry my husband, Richard Nagy. Together we have 3 adult sons and 4 grandchildren.

I have a degree in Human Services from Mt. Ida College in Newton Massachusetts. I had a long career working with adults with intellectual disabilities in Eastern PA and later as a Personal Care Home Administrator.

I was raised Episcopalian, as my father was an Episcopal Priest. I was very active at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Montrose, PA. I sang in the choir, served 2 terms on vestry as the clerk and on the communications committee. I also was active in the Diocese of Bethlehem, serving 2 terms on Diocesan council, Peace and Social Justice Committee and on a Discernment Committee. I am a member of the Order of Daughters of the King, maintaining my membership at St Paul's St Brigid chapter.

Before I moved to Western PA, I started to look for an Episcopal church for my husband and I to attend. This was during the height of the COVID pandemic, and I just had websites to go on. St. Brendan's website just drew us in. Rich and I started to attend St. Brendan's when the church became open to visitors in the summer of 2021. We decided immediately that it was the church for us.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to be on the ballot for Vestry and if elected, I look forward to serving on Vestry.

Sandy Nagy



Tom Waseleski has been active in parish life since 1990, when he, his wife and son joined St. Brendan's. He has served on the vestry, chaired a rector search committee and managed the scholarship program. Today he leads Brendan's Boots, the parish walking group, and St. Brendan's Adopt-a-Highway chapter; he also helps as a greeter, Sunday School doorkeeper and nursery volunteer.

In 2023, he'd like to work with the vestry to complete a roof replacement, fill the vacancies of children and youth minister and nursery director, and revive the newcomers' committee.

Tom spent most of his career as a journalist with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, retiring in 2016 as editorial page editor. In his spare time, he enjoys researching family history, hiking with friends and spending time with his granddaughters. Tom and Saundy live in Sewickley Hills.

Tom Waseleski



St. Brendan's new and gently-used book, CD, DVD and audiobook sale will return on **Friday, February 17 and Saturday, February 18, 2023!** Please help us by putting aside items to donate. Our previous sale in 2020 was very successful because of the excellent donations that we received from parishioners, family and friends. Books, CDs, DVDs and audiobooks will be accepted for donation beginning Sunday, February 5. (Please do not bring them before February 5th because we don't have storage space for items.)

We will be happy to accept new and gently-used items for children and adults that:

- are clean and in good condition: no evidence of mold, stains, soil, spills, pet hair, odors like smoke or mildew, etc.
- have bindings and pages that are intact; no missing or browning of pages, no writing or coloring on pages, no rips or tears
- are not older than five years in genres of business, health/medicine, technology, science.

Unfortunately, we cannot accept and will not be selling encyclopedia, textbooks, magazines or journals, newspapers, catalogs, VHS tapes, or cassette tapes.

We are also hoping to use fewer plastic bags for customer purchases. We would gladly accept any clean, reusable tote bags that you may want to donate.

Mark your calendars and spread the word. Start clearing those shelves now! Look here for more information to follow, and thank you for supporting our sale. Feel free to contact Chris Botti or Saundy Waseleski with questions.



Book Club News: Next Meeting **Monday, February 6th**—The St. Brendan's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the church to discuss an array of books, topics and genres. Please join us for our next meeting on Monday, February 6th as we discuss, "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr.

"Cloud Cuckoo Land" follows five characters whose stories, despite spanning nearly six centuries, are bound together by their mutual love for a single book. Dedicated to "the librarians then, now, and in the years to come," Cloud Cuckoo Land is a paean to the extraordinary human capacity to transmit stories from generation to generation and a novel about stewardship—of books, of our shared planet, and of the human heart (anthonydoerr.com). Sounds too good to miss! Feel free to join us whether it's on occasion or for regular meetings. All are welcome. Contact Chris Botti if you have questions at shadypatch@msn.com.



Applications are now open for children and teens ages 8 to 16 to sign up for **Sheldon Calvary Camp**, which is the Episcopal diocese's camp located in Conneaut, OH on the shores of Lake Erie. Most of the campers sign up for this overnight camp for one week at a time and some of the weeks fill up quickly. The camp is very popular among Pittsburgh residents of all denominations and faiths. A parent of a recent camper has said, "Every summer, my children return from Calvary Camp renewed in spirit, confident in themselves, proud of having tried new things, and excited about the new friends they've made." www.calvarycamp.org.

Prayer Requests

We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Margie Davies, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Elizabeth Murphy, Ruth, Mark Kinley, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Matthew, Jim Gray, Mark Shoemaker and Alice Butterworth.

We pray for our parents, especially; Adele and Ken McCormack, Debbie Adrian, Diane Davis, Ray Militzer and Lenora.

We pray for our family members, especially; Pat Schulze, Jim and Dan Wetmore, Tom Groves, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Frank Nagy, Chris Sensenich, Nathan Schlumpf, David Pingree, Marie Hazelton, Ann and Ben Kirkpatrick, Bob Kiehl, Jim Shrigley and his family, Robert Donato and John Sanborn.

And for our friends, especially; The Collins family, Dennis Rennalli, Julia Sloganaugh, Nancy Baker and Steve Parsons.

We pray for all who have died, especially James Murphy, Jim Murphy and Dave Wetmore.

January Ministry Calendar 2023

If you are unable to serve, please find a replacement, then notify Katie Katie@stbrendans.org.

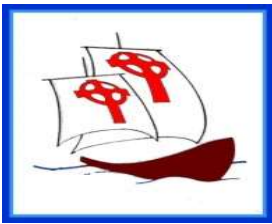
Please note there are changes to the readers in this January Ministry Calendar.

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Nursery	Hospitality
January 1, 2023 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Alan Schneider P Tony Turo	Lambs n/a FISH n/a Door keeper n/a	Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller	Annemarie Malbon Allyson Baierl	Donna Aiello	Donna Aiello	Linda Limberis	Allison Kline Avery Kline	Volunteer needed
January 8, 2023 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Dean Peters	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH TBD Door keeper Tom Waseleski	Dottie Antonucci Phoebe Juel	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Tim Austin	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
January 15, 2023 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Aidan McKenna P John Appledorn	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH TBD Door keeper Ellen Groves	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Kate Heston Wesley Bell	Michael Donadee John Appledorn	Cameron Grosh	Mike Wick	Tom Waseleski Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
January 22, 2023 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Ann Vinski P Donna Aiello	Lambs Joyce Donadee FISH Allison Kline Door keeper TBD	Ellen Groves Susan Shields	Susan Shields Dean Peters	Allyson Baierl Tim Austin	John Appledorn	Linda Limberis	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Volunteer needed
January 29, 2023 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Alan Schneider P Dean Peters	Lambs n/a FISH n/a Door keeper n/a	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Annemarie Malbon Wesley Bell	Donna Aiello Mike Wick	Kate Heston	John Appledorn	Volunteer needed Zoe Boyd	Volunteer needed

February Ministry Calendar 2023

Date	Lectors	Sunday School Leaders	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Stewards	Nursery	Hospitality
February 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 2 nd Sunday of Advent	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Kate Heston P John Appledorn	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Anelisa Tarrant Dottie Antonucci	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Ruth Horton	Tim Austin	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
February 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 3 rd Sunday of Advent	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Dean Peters P Linda Limberis	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Toni Passarello John Appledorn	Allyson Baierl Michael Donadee	TBD	Mike Wick	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed

		TBD							
February 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 4 th Sunday of Advent	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Ann Vinski P John Appledorn	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Allyson Baieri Dean Peters	Donna Aiello Tim Austin	TBD	John Appledorn	Volunteer needed	Volunteer needed
February 26	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Aidan McKenna 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Mary Bertucci	Lambs TBD FISH TBD Door keeper TBD	Tammy Spoonhoward Susan Shields	Kate Heston Toni Passarello	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	TBD	Tim Austin	Linda Mesko Avery Kline	Volunteer needed



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
Co-Jr. Wardens: Donna Aiello & Ruth Horton
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
Communication: TBD
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

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Usher: Tim Austin

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd
Book Club: Chris Botti
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl
Carol Meese
Kathy Miller
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Ann Vinski
Mike Wick
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis
Debbie Jennings
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin
Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon
Justice Ministry: Annie Koch
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and via live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew
Monday: 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
Tuesday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm
1:00 pm Staff meeting
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: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 3:00 pm
Thursday: 6:00 pm Bible Study, via zoom
Friday: 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Directory ~ <https://www.stbrpit.com/> (authorization required for access--apply online)

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

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

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Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ Katie@sbrendans.org

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ johnsdj31@verizon.net

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net