

NAVIGATOR'S LOG

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
& UPCOMING EVENTS



FRANKLIN PARK, PA
**ST. BRENDAN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

July 27, 2025



*A donation was given to the Outdoor Chapel Fund
in celebration of Ellen Groves's special birthday,
from Rob and George Latta.*

From the Senior Warden

Dear Brendanites,

I can remember learning as a child about the fundamental teachings of Jesus. You probably heard the same, whether it came from a priest or parent or Sunday School teacher: Jesus calls us to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, welcome the stranger. Never did we think that, years later, something so fundamentally humane would be contrary to policies imposed by some of our elected leaders. Yet here we are.

While the shocks and outrages in the news come at us almost daily, St. Brendan's remains steadfast in following the ways of Christ and providing anyone with opportunities to live their faith. Collecting clothing for those who are without. Teaching English to immigrants. Providing food for mentally challenged women. Filling backpacks with school supplies for needy kids. Giving 10 percent of parish income to groups that help our most vulnerable sisters and brothers.

It was in this same spirit that St. Brendan's Vestry recently adopted a protocol, developed by diocesan lawyers, for how a parish might respond if immigration agents suddenly appeared at church to seek records or seize people. While such an episode at St. Brendan's is highly unlikely, the vestry is determined to protect the rights of both our church and our visitors. The protocol is not obstructionist, but it seeks to ensure that proper legal procedures are followed. (Send me an email if you'd like to see a copy.) Our first step, should such a visit occur, would be to contact one of the diocesan attorneys, who will then take charge of the scene.

Two weeks ago, St. Brendan's clergy, staff, security stewards and ushers gathered for a Zoom meeting to review and discuss the protocol. The idea, at a minimum, was to make sure we were all on the same page. Those who couldn't attend were urged to examine the same materials. As a followup, I contacted the diocese to ask a few clarifying questions and also to recommend that a diocesan-sponsored training session be provided to relevant ministry leaders of all parishes.

The reason I am sharing this is not to be alarmist, but to assure you that Mother Nancy, the vestry and I take St. Brendan's security seriously and Jesus' call to welcome the stranger to heart. We may not, for now, be able to stop the cruel treatment of immigrants that is taking place around our country, but we can at least demand that they be treated fairly, humanely and within the rule of law.

Yours in faith,

Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden

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Announcements



For many years, St. Brendan's has offered free English conversation practice for visitors and immigrants. A brief overview of the program is on the church's website at <https://www.stbrendans.org/esl-conversation-friends>. Recently, some of our volunteers have moved on in their lives, and we are now short of helpers and at risk of needing to cut back on our programming. Please consider whether you feel called to help your neighbors in this way. No experience is needed (we promise); volunteers assist as and when they can; and as with all volunteering, you will learn as much as you teach. Contact Tim Austin for details (austover@gmail.com).



Backpacks for children in need. Thank you to each and every one of you for helping with the backpacks for kids. They have all been taken. Just a few reminders:

- Backpacks are due back by Thursday, August 10.
- Remove the refresh packet if there is one in the large compartment of the backpack.
- Please leave the ticket on the loop that says if it is for Elementary or Middle/High School.

If you've already taken a backpack from the parish hall before the list was available, please contact Annie with the number of the backpack you're filling.

Next week the backpacks will be delivered to children in need.

If you have any questions, please call Annie 484-941-2458. Thank you as always for your help.

Just a Few Days Left: Deadline is next Monday!

We are delighted to report that Holy Cow! Consulting has received 107 survey responses online. In addition, we have at least 6 paper surveys waiting to be entered in the next few days. That's 113 so far.

We would love to get to 130 if we can, so this is a final appeal to everyone who has not yet completed the survey. You know what to do! Monday at midnight is the absolute deadline, so, as they say, "Snooze, you lose" -- or rather we all lose your ideas and suggestions.

Special Note to those submitting paper surveys: If you were planning to mail your survey back to us, it is already too late for it to make the deadline. Please contact us at discernment@stbrendans.org or 508-688-9554 and we will arrange with you to pick it up from you.



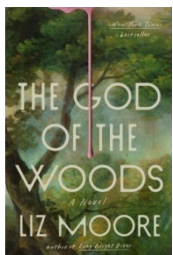
Food Bank: The Food Pantry for the month of August is focusing on collecting **BREAKFAST ITEMS** - **CEREAL (NO PLAIN CHEERIOS); PANCAKE MIX AND SYRUP; PLAIN AND FLAVORED OATMEAL; APPLE, CRANBERRY, GRAPE, ORANGE OR TOMATO JUICE (32oz. to 96oz.); AND GROUND COFFEE - REGULAR AND DECAF - 11oz. SIZE.** All other non-perishable donations are gladly accepted. Thank you.

Please be sure there is no glass and that the expiration dates are not past.



Annual Parish Picnic. Come for the fun, the food, the fellowship! Make plans to attend St. Brendan's Annual Parish Picnic **NEXT Sunday, Aug. 3**, in the spacious Maple Grove Pavilion in Blueberry Hill Park, off Nicholson Road in Franklin Park. The event will kick off with a Eucharist service at **10 am** led by Mother Nancy, with music furnished by Daniel May and St. Brendan's Choir. (There will be no 8 am or 10 am service at church that day.) Fried chicken and cold drinks will be provided by

the church. Parishioners can pitch in by bringing a side dish, salad or dessert to be shared. Annemarie Malbon will lead children's games and Daniel will test the grownups' musical knowledge. Kids will also have access to an adjacent playground. Maple Grove is ADA-accessible and has clean, modern restrooms. Please use the sign-up sheet on the narthex table to let us know if you're attending and what dish you might bring. Then pray for great weather!



St. Brendan's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month (with few exceptions) at 1 pm in the library. Join us even if you haven't read the book! Our next meeting will be **August 4** to discuss The God of the Woods by Liz Moore. Upcoming titles:

- Sept 8: The Maid by Nita Prose
 Oct 6: On Call by Anthony Fauci
 Nov 3: The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams
 Dec 1: Born a Crime by Trevor Noah

Contact Anne Semmler (annegsemmler@gmail.com) with any questions.

We celebrate the **August Birthdays.**



1	Carol Meese	1	Julia Wick	4	Mike Wick	5	Katie Gliptis
5	Toni Passarello	9	Tom Cindric	10	Jennifer Rosmus	11	Margie Davies
12	Nolan Beel	15	Daniel May	17	Brenna Conroy	19	Elizabeth Whiteman
24	Elliot Beel	24	Lisa Tajak	27	Gladys Carlisle	29	Reno Angeletti

We celebrate the **August Wedding Anniversaries.**



5	Claire & Bob Grotevant	21	Joan & Frank Beatrous	26	Marian & Aidan McKenna
30	Darrell Johnson & Tash Zukowski				

If you would like your wedding anniversary or birthday celebrated here, please contact Katie@stbrendans.org.

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **Sunday School classes and the monthly Children's Worship Service are on summer break beginning June 1.** Please check this space throughout the summer for more information and announcements.

Looking ahead to the 2025-26 school year:

- **Sunday, August 24: Blessing of Backpacks.** Mother Nancy will bless backpacks to mark the beginning of the new school year. All children, nursery age and up, are invited to bring their backpacks to church that day for the special blessing.
- **Sunday, September 7: Sunday School Kick-off** from 9:30 until 12 noon. More information about this event will follow.
- **Sunday School teachers needed:** Please contact Saundy Waseleski at swaseleski@comcast.net if you'd like to volunteer as a teacher during the 2025-26 school year. We really need your help! This is an important ministry for our families and our church, and we'll soon begin planning for the next school year. We'll assist you with materials, curriculum and in obtaining clearances.
- **Happy Summer from the Children and Youth Ministry team!**

Prayer Requests

For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially; Heike Hartmann, Frannie, Nate Boyd, Joan Beatrous, Tom Cindric, Gladys & Les Carlisle, Bill Spoonhoward, Charlotte Pierce, Deborah Cale, Matthew, Nancy Snyder, Rosie Wood, Dave Miller, Nancy, Ruth Haider, Rich Nagy, Margie Davies, Libby & Richard Juel.

For our parents, especially; Tony Carta, Rose Mankowski, Margaret Nagel, Ken McCormack, Ken W., Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Karl Haider, Nathan Schlumpf, Sue Burchill, Cindy, Robert Donato, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Joe Smolko, Neil Armor, Christian, Pat Schulze, Tom Payne, John Murphy, Bee Ward, John, Gary Gladowski, Tom Groves, Diane Brackus, John Peters, Jennifer Cale, Denise Nagel, Steve Getty, Margaret & Lawrence Czerpak, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Parker Shebs, Marie Hazelton, Carol Schmitz, John Pease.

For our friends, especially; Patty Herrington, Jordon Medlin, Josh, Susan N., Charlotte S., Connie Geiger, Cindy Clifton, Hannah & Horst Hartmann, Nancy Baker, Cindy & Bob Getty, Laurie, Frank Monakowski, Terri Hockenberry, Zack Cervone, Patty Walker, Mike Colavita, Andy, Kathleen Suskauer, Bill Pugliese, Heidi Sherwin, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

We pray for all who have died especially; Ronald John Burling, Frank Nagy and Tanya.



July Ministry Calendar

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
July 27 Sunday 8 & 10	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Kate Heston P Dean Peters LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Dawn Day-Quinn	Dottie Antonucci Janice Moore	Annie Koch Annmarie Malbon	Allyson Baierl Linda Limberis	Tim Austin	Tom Waseleski	Melanie Popovich

August Ministry Calendar

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
August 3 Sunday 10:00 am Parish Picnic	Combined Service: 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd John Appledorn P Donna Aiello LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	N/A - Parish Picnic	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	John Appledorn Dean Peters	N/A - Parish Picnic	N/A - Parish Picnic	Richard Munsch	N/A - Parish Picnic
August 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Marilyn Mulvihill 2 nd Tim Austin P Paul Quinn LEV Marilyn Mulvihill Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Joan Kleinfelter Jan Dorman	Wesley Bell Toni Passarello	Tim Austin LuAnn Aldridge	Donna Aiello Richard Munsch	Mike Wick	Lauren Burlinger
August 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Mary Bartucci 2 nd Tony Turo P Alan Schneider LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald Pat Carl	Dottie Antonucci Kathy Miller	Kate Heston Susan Shields	Julia or Mike Wick Dan Moore	Mike or Julia Wick	Frances Harpst	Kate Heston
August 24 Sunday 8 & 10	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Kate Heston P Aidan McKenna LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Tom and Saundy Waseleski	Allyson Baierl Donna Aiello	John Appledorn	Donna Aiello	TBD
August 31 Sunday 8 & 10	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd John Appledorn P Marilyn Mulvihill LEV No visit this week Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Summer Break	Elizabeth MacDonald	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Kate Heston Sangyeop Lee	Paul Quinn	Melanie Popovich	Megan & Tim



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

Donna Aiello: Worship
Frances Harpst: Finance
Jen & Bob Mankowski: Adult Formation/Technology
Dan Moore: Junior Warden
Richard Munsch: Outreach
Ken Parsons: Hospitality
Melanie Popovich: Pastoral Care/Clerk/
New Members
Tom Waseleski: Senior Warden
Mike Wick: Inreach/Children & Youth
Kevin Boyd: Treasurer
Ellen Groves: Assistant Treasurer

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin & Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Ken Parsons
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Bank: Richard Munsch

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinator: Kate Heston
Bulletin Committee: Pat Carl, Carol Meese, Barb Fure
Caring Cards: Megan Overby
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline, Ann Vinski, Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra, Jen & Bob Mankowski

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Marilyn Mulvihill
Greeter: Toni Passarello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Debra Erb-White
Spirituality: Donna Aiello
Usher: Tim Austin

WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

Sunday: 8:00 am Worship, in person
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Wednesday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer, via zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGm1UT09>
10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2, then from home till 4 pm
2:00 pm Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 5 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 10:00 am Katie in church office hours till 2, then from home till 4 pm
10:00 am Mtr. Nancy Suellau office hours till 2 pm
7:00 pm Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Friday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Calendar ~ <https://www.stbrendans.org/calendar>

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlqicQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing>
(authorization required for access--apply now)

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@stbrendans.org

Deacon, Darrell Johnson ~ darrell@stbrendans.org

Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

Vestry ~ Vestry@stbrendans.org