



### This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	(2-2)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
<b>Monday</b>	(2-3)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		1:30 p.m.	International Bible Study
<b>Tuesday</b>	(2-4)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
<b>Wednesday</b>	(2-5)	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	(2-6)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
<b>Friday</b>	(2-7)	5:30 p.m.	Sliding into Sabbath
<b>Saturday</b>	(2-8)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

### Serving Sunday, February 2, 2020

<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Homily:</b>	Richard Gordon
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8 a.m. Joan Beatrous
	10 a.m. Annemarie Malbon
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Acolyte team
<b>Welcome Table:</b>	Mark Shoemaker
	Tom Waseleski
<b>Prayers:</b>	Sheila Bigelow
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>	Tim Austin
	Stacey Coyle
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Sylvia Affleck
	Betsy Smith
<b>Sunday School Lambs:</b>	TBD
	<b>Fish:</b> Allison Kline
	<b>Door:</b> Mary Bertucci
<b>Nursery:</b>	Stephanie Illsley
	Sarika Sethia
<b>Ushers:</b>	Joyce Donadee
	Michael Donadee
<b>Vestry:</b>	Tim Austin & Mary Bertucci
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati
<b>Steward:</b>	Rob Latta
<b>LEM:</b>	Stacey Coyle

## The Priest's Corner

### Welcome Daniel May & Preach Well Richard Gordon

This Sunday we welcome Daniel as our new music director and experience the ministry of lay preaching as Richard, recently licensed as a lay preacher by Bishop McConnell, will preach both liturgies.

Let me start with Richard. The Episcopal Church licenses non-ordained preachers to assist in spreading the good news in a homiletic way. Richard preached in his former Episcopal church in Delaware. He and I spoke early in Richard's arrival at St. Brendan's about his potential preaching ministry and set a pathway that hopefully would actualize this calling and materialize a day that he would preach at St. Brendan's. That day is this Sunday — and it has the blessing of our bishop.

Our second new experience is the official start of Daniel as our music director. You will notice that our gift, the state-of-the-art, grand piano, has found its place within the choir area. The choir will sing from a different area now, and there's a new, open physical feeling after a divider was removed so that Daniel can play this awesome piano, while conducting the singers and instrumentalists. The new choir arrangement makes it possible for Daniel to play and conduct at the same time and within the view of the choir.

As you observe the new look, you will notice a keyboard within reach of Daniel while benched at the piano. This is no normal keyboard. It is "our new-old organ." As some of you know, the electronics in our current organ are unreliable. Fortunately, technology has advanced so that software companies are now able to capture the sound of real, classic pipe organs. Such a company, Hauptwerk, creates exact sonic replicas of iconic pipe organs from around the world. Our "new" Hauptwerk organ is a virtual version of a fantastic pipe organ currently at St. Anne's, an old church in Birmingham, England. The organ was built in 1907 and is famous for its beautiful sound. Daniel will now lead our singing playing this incredible organ, running the software on a Mac laptop connected to a single MIDI keyboard.

A little background of our new music director. He is currently the music director at the Fairmont Pittsburgh Hotel. He recently composed the musical score for *Medieval Times*, a live show featured in venues throughout the USA and Canada. He created the

original music for over 10 IMAX films, *The Magic of Flight* and *Everest* among them. He also wrote original music for over 50 films and television movies and shows, among them: *Cheers*, *The Bob Newhart Show*, *Midnight in Paris*, *Family Man* and *Brothers & Sisters*, to name a few.

I'm sure you will all find Daniel's musical presence among us uplifting, holy and a draw. Please welcome him with your support and expectations. He plans to play prelude music 15 minutes before the liturgy starts. He will take requests and will do his best to bring them into the liturgy. Many of these will be showcased before the service. He welcomes dedications during the preludes. For example, say your mother who's passed has a birthday coming up. You can dedicate a song or hymn to your mom, and Daniel will play it for all to hear before liturgy starts. My sense is that many will feel it worthwhile to come early, just to experience this wonderful music option.

Thank you, Lord, for bringing our two friends and brothers into our midst. We are truly thankful for them, and we ask that they bless us for many years with their gifts and ministries.

## Regis+



A BFF donation was given in celebration of the **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Toni and Joe Passarello!**

Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like to acknowledge or remember a loved one on a birthday or anniversary? A donation to the **Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund** is the perfect way to honor that special person or event now or anytime throughout the year. BFF funds are earmarked for our unbudgeted building needs.

Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or from our website and donate today! Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!



**Volunteer Program.** Do you have a skill or talent you'd like to share? Maybe you'd like to make some phone calls now and then. We're looking for volunteers to help with the bulletin, the Little Log, Google calendar, filing and other office tasks. Many of these duties can be from home. All you need is a computer. If you're interested, send an email to Katie Cervone [stbrendans@comcast.net](mailto:stbrendans@comcast.net) or Debra Hvidsak [dkhvis@gmail.com](mailto:dkhvis@gmail.com). Thank you.



Our **ESL** classes keep records to track the attendance of our students and volunteers. We share those statistics with Literacy Pittsburgh who tracks our students for us. We now have reached a milestone. We now have provided 1,000 hours of instruction to our students. This was provided by our volunteers who gave almost 350 hours to our students. We are celebrating this milestone with this ministry to our immigrant neighbors.



**St. Brendan's Justice Ministry** is looking for new members who are interested in making a difference by working for equality, justice and transformation. Our projects include immigration, voter registration, collections for Haiti, gun violence prevention and the climate crisis. Typically, we meet the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Donna Aiello at 412-759-1521 or Claire Grotevant at 412-974-0617.



**Grocery Cards!** Before you head to Giant Eagle or Kuhns, be sure to buy a grocery card at St. Brendan's! Did you know that our church earns 5% for each grocery card that we sell? Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for St. Brendan's! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling grocery cards in the narthex each Sunday, buy a grocery card for Kuhns and/or Giant Eagle, then go shopping. Cards are also available during office hours. Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town! Happy New Year!

**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 on where the money goes. This week we are praying for the work of two organizations. One is Australia Red Cross, disaster relief for victims and for fire. The other is World Wild Life, rescuing animals from Australian bushfires, especially koalas.

The next CRIS meeting will be **Sunday, February 16**. All are welcome.



We celebrate the **February Birthdays** of:

4 Tamara Spoonhoward	6 Phil Burdette	10 Adam Konley	11 Larry Greer
11 Bill O'Toole	12 Larry Toler	13 Debbie Wunsche	15 Saundy Waseleski
17 Eric Helmsen	18 Melissa Aretz	19 Connie Weichel	26 James Roche



We celebrate the **February Wedding Anniversaries** of:

14 Arlena & Bill Pugliese	21 Debbie & Mark Jennings
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We are grateful for our **February Hospitality Hour Hosts:**

2 Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati      9 Chris & Roger Botti  
23 Anne Semmler and Cameron Grosh

16 Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore

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**Get Ready for Our Book Sale!** The holidays are over and it is time to look ahead to our upcoming book sale fundraiser on **Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22.** Please start saving your books to donate to this sale. We need as many as we can gather, so please ask your family and friends for their book donations, too! Books can be brought to church beginning February 9, so feel free to tell everyone you know to put aside new or gently used books, music CDs, book CDs and DVDs. No need to save magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or music cassette tapes as these items will not be sold at this event. Please see Chris Botti or Saundy Waseleski for more information. Thanks so much for your support of St. Brendan's!

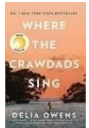


**HELP WANTED:** Please sign up to help prepare for the book sale. Tasks include unpacking donation boxes, sorting and arranging books and more! Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thank you!

**Book Sale Bake Shop!** St. Brendan's often offers a place of rest and recharging during our sales. People can enjoy a treat and coffee in the narthex during the book sale. Could you bring in something for the sale? Sign-up is in the narthex. Your baked goods can be brought in Thursday, February 20 so they can be packaged and put on display for Friday morning. If you can't bring your baked goods until Friday or Saturday, they will still be happily received. Contact Linda Schneider, [lindalans@comcast.net](mailto:lindalans@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

**Soup at the Book Sale!** We also plan on selling quarts of soup at the Book Sale, as we did at the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. If you are interested in making some of your delicious soup, please sign up in the narthex. Contact Ken Parsons at [CleanKRP1@aol.com](mailto:CleanKRP1@aol.com) with any questions.

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**Book Club** has been watching the Northland Public Library reserve list, and you finally can get Delia Owens' "Where the Crawdads Sing" without waiting months for it to come in! Join us to discuss this evocative debut novel about a child growing up practically on her own in the wild marshes outside a small coastal community in North Carolina. We'll be meeting **Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m.** in the church library. For more information contact Pat Carl [pkarrcarl@gmail.com](mailto:pkarrcarl@gmail.com).

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**North Hills Food Pantry.** We are asking for soup, crackers and other packaged food donations to help needy families. Please remember, no glass jars or expired items. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, [ldtoler@aol.com](mailto:ldtoler@aol.com). Thank you for your support

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**Join us on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

**Recommend us on Nextdoor:** <https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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### **Seeking Members of the Nominating Committee for the next Bishop of Pittsburgh**

Our bishop, the Right Reverend Dorsey McConnell, has announced his retirement date in 2021. In discussions with the bishop, the Standing Committee has revised the schedule for the election and consecration of the ninth bishop of Pittsburgh.

January 23, 2021: Special convention to elect the next bishop

February 13, 2021: Snow date for the election, if needed

June 5 or 12, 2021: Consecration of the ninth bishop of Pittsburgh

The Standing Committee of the diocese will appoint a Nominating Committee to search for candidates and present them for final approval by the Standing Committee and ultimately election at the special convention. At this time, we ask that you recommend to us the names of any individuals who could capably serve on the Nominating Committee.

More details about the tasks of the Nominating Committee, together with an application form, are available on the diocesan website at [www.episcopalpgh.org](http://www.episcopalpgh.org).

Applications are **due by February 1, 2020**. In the coming months, please consult the diocesan website and the diocesan newsletter "Grace Happens" for news about the process to call our next bishop.

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**Do you have a special prayer request?** You can write one and leave it on the Prayer Plate near Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to [stbrendans.coh@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendans.coh@gmail.com). Community of Hope members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.

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**Used ink cartridges.** St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridges in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.

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The **North Allegheny Women's Association** is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year in memory of Doris "Meemo" Knowlton. It is specifically offered to community-service minded female residents in the North Allegheny School District. Application Deadline: March 13, 2020 -- [www.nawomen.org](http://www.nawomen.org)

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**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' office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

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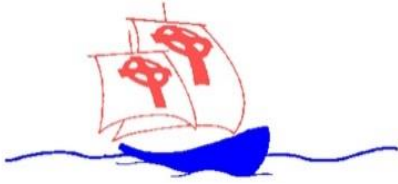
The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has a fantastic camp which has been popular for generations of Pittsburghers. It's called **Sheldon Calvary Camp** and it's located in Conneaut, Ohio, on the shore of Lake Erie. The camp teaches children to come together with joy and love as they choose the many activities that are provided. Campers are ages 8 to 16. Registrations for campers are open now and spaces fill up quickly. You can google Sheldon Calvary Camp for more information or talk to Joyce Donadee.

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**Our Muslim friends** are inviting the community, including us, to an open house on **February 22** from 4 to 6 p.m. They will host small-group discussions on various topics, which will give us a chance to know our Muslim neighbors. Space is limited so please RSVP by February 18 to Sadaf Manor [sadafm27@gmail.com](mailto:sadafm27@gmail.com). Many Brendanites have participated in various dinners, talks and other events at the mosque at 5725 N. Montour Road in Gibsonia (near the site of the now-closed Pines Tavern). We enjoyed the gracious hospitality and were able to ask any questions we had about their faith.

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



# February 2020

## Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Welcome Table	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Steward	Hospitality
February 2 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Annemarie Malbon P Sheila Bigelow C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEM Stacey Coyle	Mark Shoemaker Tom Waseleski	Sylvia Affleck Betsy Smith	Lambs TBD Fish Allison Kline Door Mary Bertucci	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tim Austin Mary Bertucci	Rob Latta	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati
February 5 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	~	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 9 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Debbie Wunsche P Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore C Darrell Johnson LEM Joyce Donadee	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Lambs TBD Fish Mary Bertucci Door TBD	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci	Chris Fleissner Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters Cameron Grosh	Eric Helmsen	Chris & Roger Botti
February 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	~	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder L Alan Schneider P Tony Turo C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEM Ruth Getz	Megan Overby Karen Peters	Terri Dezort Shari Tarrant	Lambs TBD Fish Sylvia Affleck Door TBD	Stephanie Illsley Annemarie Malbon	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Annemarie Malbon Donna Aiello	Wesley Bell	Richard Gordon Janice & Dan Moore
February 19 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Dean Peters C Debbie Wunsche LEM Ruth Horton	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Janice Moore Tammy Spoonhoward	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Larry Toler	Mike/Julie Wick	Anne Semmler Cameron Grosh
February 26 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Anelisa Tarrant Brigid Dezort	~	~	~	~	~	~

# Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2019  September 2020

## October 2019

- 6 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 13 ~~Dottie & Carl Antonucci~~
- 20 ~~Kinley & Aretz families~~
- 27 ~~Lauren Chappo and Becca Sands~~

## November 2019

- 3 ~~Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey~~
- 10 ~~Melinda & Wesley Bell~~
- 17 ~~Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche~~
- 24 ~~Church sign-up (Appetizers)~~

## December 2019

- 1 ~~Choir~~
- 8 ~~Brigid & Jim Christenson~~
- 15 ~~Julie Smith & Colette Satler~~
- 22 ~~Church sign-up (appetizers)~~
- 29 ~~Stacey Coyle and Andrea Dickerson~~

## January 2020

- 5 ~~Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq~~
- 12 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~
- 19 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 26 ~~Annual Meeting church sign-up (soup)~~

## February 2020

- 2 Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore
- 23 Anne Semmler and Cameron Grosh

## March 2020

- 1 Clair & Bob Grotevant
- 8 Amy & Kevin Boyd
- 15 Pete Sweet & Mike Newton
- 22 Kate & Keith Heston
- 29 Meghan & Robert Karn  
and Eric Helmsen

## April 2020

- 5 Cindy & Pete Larson
- 12 Hospitality Committee
- 19 Libby and Phoebe Juel
- 26 Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler

## May 2020

- 3 The Bertucci family
- 10 Parish Men
- 17 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 24 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 31 Linda & Jason Konley

## June 2020

- 7 Marian & AJ McKenna  
Trish & Neil Galone
- 14 Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin
- 21 Erica & Mark McClure
- 28 Parish Picnic

## July 2020

- 5 open, volunteer needed
- 12 open, volunteer needed
- 19 open, volunteer needed
- 26 Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich

## August 2020

- 2 Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna
- 9 Arlena & Bill Pugliese
- 16 Anne Semmler and Andrew Sprentz
- 23 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 30 AJ Turo, Rob & George Latta

## September 2020

- 6 Nancy & George Snyder
- 13 Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski
- 20 Emily & Brad Zupancic
- 27 Janet Fesq and Chris Fleissner



### **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.

### **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS**

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Pat Carl  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Dinner Group: Inactive  
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: 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  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr. Warden: TBD  
Jr. Warden & Education: Ruth Horton  
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin  
Fundraising & Clerk: TBD  
Finance & Technology: TBD  
Communication: Annemarie Malbon  
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore  
Newcomers: Dean Peters  
Outreach: Larry Toler  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

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

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS**

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Linda Schneider  
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Larry Toler  
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant  
Marilyn Mulvihill  
Under One Roof: Inactive

### **ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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