



Sunday, April 24, 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 a.m. Worship, in person
10:00 a.m. Worship, in person
10:00 a.m. Worship, via live streaming https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXqMoVc_nXXG7ew
- Monday:** 7:45 a.m. 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 a.m. Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976791143?pwd=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VIFBcVJia05LQT09>
4:00 p.m. Bible-Lite Group <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
- Tuesday:** 7:00 a.m. AA meeting, via zoom Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252
11:00 a.m. Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
4:30 p.m. Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>
- Wednesday:** 3:00 p.m. Deacon hours
7:00 p.m. Evening Service, in person
- Friday:** 11:00 a.m. Limited office hours, please call ahead.



The Priest's Corner

MAKE YOUR OWN ### SANDWICHES

A while back I heard a story about a priest who worked in the inner city on the east coast. He spent a great deal of his time trying to feed the homeless and transients who found their way to his city because it was located on a major highway and had more services to offer for those in need. He would go to the local grocery store and purchase fixings for sandwiches for those in need. He made the sandwiches and fed the hungry.

A colleague heard of his ministry and promptly sent him a check for \$250 to help pay for the sandwiches. The priest-recipient promptly put the check into an envelope and sent it back to the donor with the message: "Make you own ### sandwiches!"

The priest who sent the money thought he was doing something good. And the truth is, he was. The priest who received it wanted him to do something better. It is good to help someone who is helping others. It is better to find those in need and to help them ourselves. It is easy to write a check for someone else to do ministry. It is more difficult to do the ministry ourselves.

We can't always do that, most certainly. Sometimes all we can do is send a check. Years ago a parish family went to South Africa to do missionary work at a school. It might have been good if we could have gone with them and together do even greater work. But we could not. What we could do and what we did was support them with our prayers and provide funds to ease their burdens.

But then, back then and even now, what we are asked to do is what we can do. The Gospel, our faith, commands us to feed the hungry and clothe the naked and visit those in prison. Sometimes we can do this ourselves and sometimes others have to do it for us because, for whatever reasons, we are not able to do so. But when we can, we must, which was the point of the priest's returned check and note.

When I heard the story, I laughed to myself. But I also felt guilty. I had to ask myself if I am like the priest who made the sandwiches or the priest who sent the check. It is still a nagging question: what is the best thing I can do, should do? I can always do what is good but what is easier. But to do what is better and more difficult, there's the rub. To rub elbows with the poor, the needy, whatever the need, with those less blessed, is what we are called to do. Our faith tells us we don't really have a choice.

Yes, we do have a choice on how we are to help, not whether or not we will. The struggle will be within, as it always is: first, and most importantly, to avoid judging those who are called to serve; then to decide how to serve based on the gifts God has given us; and finally, to discern what is best to do. Do we buy the groceries and make the sandwiches and serve them to those in need or do we financially support those who are doing this ministry or both?

Bill



The St. Brendan's Book Club will hold its next meeting at the church on **Thursday, May 5th at 7 p.m.** to discuss "The Vanishing Half" by Brit Bennett. It is the story of the divergent fates of African American twin sisters, born in the Jim Crow South, after one decides to pass for white. This book is an exploration of race, identity, family, history, love and belonging. We hope that you can join us as we delve into this most compelling read! Feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you need any further information. Thanks!



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will explore Spring blooms along the Wildflower Trail at Raccoon State Park on **Saturday, April 23.** (This is a change from the trail that had been previously scheduled.) Walkers will meet at the church at 9 a.m. and carpool to the park. After the walk, the group will enjoy lunch at nearby Lu-Lou's Restaurant. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski twaseleski@comcast.net.

The Children's Corner

I don't believe my eyes!?!?

Have you ever seen something then had to look again because you couldn't believe what you saw? Sometimes it is at a magic show and sometimes it is when you play "Made you look" with a sibling. Like how did they get that ship into that bottle? The end of the bottle doesn't come off and the ship is pretty full sized. So how did they do it? We may take a second look, turn the bottle around, and spend time trying to figure out how all of that happened.



Or look at these images, what do you see? Two faces or a chalice?

So when someone says seeing is believing, do you believe your eyes or is it a trick your eyes play on you?



In this week's Gospel, we hear about the apostles who are locked in a room together and terrified. The Romans want to arrest them, they are hearing stories that Jesus' body is missing. Even as they are together, some are missing – Judas has already run away, and Thomas is out somewhere. It is a few days after the crucifixion, and they still don't quite know what is going on and who to believe.

Then, one evening as they were talking, Jesus just suddenly appeared in the locked room with the disciples. It was hard for the disciples to believe, but they saw Him with their eyes. Jesus showed them the wounds in His hands and His side, so they knew it was Him. They were there, they saw Jesus and they knew this was not a trick someone was playing on them, it was Jesus.

But Thomas missed it. He was not with the others when Jesus appeared to them. When they told Thomas they had seen Jesus, he did not believe them. He had seen Jesus crucified and buried; how could He be alive? Thomas said, "Unless I see the wound in His side and put my finger in the holes where the nails were in His hands, I will not believe it!" So let's pause for a minute – who doesn't Thomas believe – the apostles or Jesus?

A week later, the disciples were in the locked room again and this time Thomas was with them. Again, Jesus came and stood among the disciples. Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see My hands. Reach out your hand and put it into My side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas fell on his knees and answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen Me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Do you think Jesus is referring to the times Thomas had spent with Jesus before the crucifixion or after? We call Thomas, Doubting Thomas, but I wonder, who did he doubt? Himself? The Apostles? Or Jesus?

Come to church to find out what Fr. Bill says about this.

**Peace,
Pastor Julie+**



We celebrate May Birthdays.

1 Joyce Donadee	6 Allison Burdette	7 Nate Boyd	8 Marjorie Marine	9 Sara Byrne
9 Susan O'Toole	9 Rosie Wood	10 Bill Pugliese	10 Bev Sanker	11 Reece Basehore
17 Jno Hunt	18 Mary Evanochko	18 Emily Zupancic	19 Michele Greer	21 Joni Reis
22 Tim Austin	23 Brigid Christenson	24 Jennifer Saitz	24 Becca Sands	25 Nancy Bancroft
25 Anne Hunt	30 Mark Jennings	31 Maryn Zupancic		

Happy
Anniversary

We celebrate May Wedding Anniversaries.

17th Amy & Kevin Boyd

17th Kathleen Ganster & Paul Sauers

23rd LuAnn & James Aldridge



Volunteer to help with our church garden. The Vegetable Garden, located around the back of the building, will be planted sometime in mid-May. We need help with this wonderful ministry that supports our neighbors in need of fresh vegetables! **You can sign up for watering, weeding, and/or harvesting.** Harvesting is usually done on Wednesdays, when we clean up the veggies, pack them in zip lock bags, and get them ready for Thursday's delivery to a local Food Bank.

To sign up to help, click Garden Schedule Sign-up on St. Brendan's website, or go to <https://www.stbrpit.com/> and click on Garden Schedule. Enter your name and the days/weeks you will be responsible for by typing directly onto the document. Ideally, we would like volunteers to take on a task a full week, or a specific day each week. But we will be happy for whatever you can give us. Thank you. Any questions, contact Donna Aiello, 412-759-1521 or donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com.



Reminder: Our regular monthly Evening Prayer/Taize service will be held on **Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m.** in the chapel. Please plan to attend this lovely, quiet, reflective service as part of your Easter devotions. Communion will be distributed at the end of the service. All are welcome!

**CRIES
Advocacy**

CRIES 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 The North Hills Community Food Bank, a local organization ministering to the hungry and homeless.

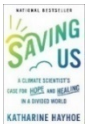
Social Justice Ministry. Calling all those interested in social justice. Whether you are interested in all of the areas or just one, please consider joining the Social Justice Ministry. Those areas are Domestic Poverty Issues, Racial Reconciliation, Climate Crisis, Gun Violence Prevention, Immigration and LGBTQ issues. All these issues impact people of color and those with disabilities disproportionately, so addressing them addresses racial and disability issues. Voting rights/issues are also fundamental cornerstones to social justice so we continue our efforts in those areas. Whether you are interested in being part of one project or many, please consider adding your name to ours. For more information, please contact Ginny Volponi ginny4045@gmail.com.

**SAFETY
MATTERS**

Looking for Stewards to help keep St. Brendan's safe. With more and more parishioners coming back to church, we are re-instituting having a steward present every Sunday. A steward will be at the church for both services and assist in keeping the church safe. The steward will lock the front door and stay in the back of the church during the service. They will be able to let anyone in that arrives once the door is locked. They will also make a round or two around the building just to make sure all is well. The steward on duty will be given a walkie talkie with numbers to call if there are any concerns.

If you are interested in becoming a steward or would simply like more information, please contact Tim Austin at austover@gmail.com.

Neighborhood Events



This 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 next meeting is **May 2, then June 6, and July 11**. You can register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).





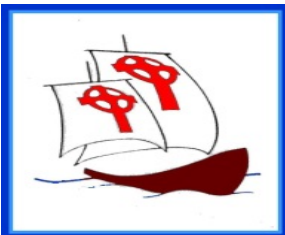
April 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lector	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeter	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
April 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Ann Vinski P John Appledorn <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	~	Toni Passarello Annemarie Malbon	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
April 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
April 10 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd Donna Aiello P Kate Heston <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Janice Moore Sylvia Affleck	~	Allyson Baierl Sharon Hlawati	Donna Aiello Mike Wick	Donna Aiello	Volunteer needed
April 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
April 17 Easter Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Alan Schneider P Dean Peters <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Anelisa Tarrant Ellen Groves	~	Kate Heston John Appledorn	John Appledorn Allyson Baierl	Kate Heston	Volunteer needed
April 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
April 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	~	Joyce Donadee Wesley Bell	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Kate Heston
April 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~



May 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeter	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
May 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Tim Austin P Tony Turo <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Joan Klinefelter Libby Juel	~	Sharon Hlawati Dean Peters	Eric Helmsen Mick Wick	Donna Aiello	Kate Heston
May 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Mary Bertucci P Donna Aiello <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	~	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	John Appledorn Allyson Baierl	John Appledorn	Volunteer needed
May 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Kate Heston P AJ McKenna <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Libby Juel	~	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
May 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Kathy Miller Anelisa Tarrant	~	Annemarie Malbon John Appledorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Volunteer needed
May 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
May 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Ann Vinski 2 nd Annemarie Malbon P Marilyn Mulvihill <i>Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Tammy Spoonhoward Dotti Antonucci	~	Allison Baierl Joyce Donadee	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Kate Heston	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 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

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

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
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: TBD
Memorial Garden: John Appledorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline
Ann Vinski
Mike Wick
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