



Sunday, November 7, 2021

Celebrant: The Rev. Regis Smolko

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
 - Varying office hours, call ahead.
 - 11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
 - 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
 - 8:00 am Staff meeting, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>
 - 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**
 - Varying office hours, call ahead
 - 3:00 pm Deacon hours
 - 7:00 pm Evening Service
- Friday**
 - Varying office hours, call ahead.



The Priest's Corner

On Sunday November 7 we celebrate **All Saints' Day**, one of the seven 'principal feasts' in the Episcopal Church. Although November 1 is the actual feast day, the Prayer Book says, "**All Saints' Day** may always be observed on the Sunday following November 1, in addition to its observance on the fixed date." (BCP p. 15). **All Saints' Day** has an interesting history. Pope Boniface IV formally introduced what would later be known as **All Saints Day** on May 13 in 609 AD when he dedicated the Pantheon in Rome as a church in honor of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs. Originally the 13th of May was designated as the *Feast of All Holy Martyrs*. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints and changed its name to *Feast of All Saints*. He also changed the date to 1st November. (You may already know the connection between Halloween and All Saints' Day, but if you're not familiar, see the supplement below. As it turns out, there was a reason for the change of date from May 13th to November 1st.)

So **All Saints' Day** is a very ancient feast in the Church. But why is it so important that it gets lumped in with other great feasts like Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost? The answer turns out to be theological in nature. In traditional western theology, a distinction was made between the 'Church Triumphant' and the 'Church Militant'. 'Triumphant' referred to all those who have attained heaven which, of course, includes those we call saints. 'Militant' referred to all those who are still living out their faith with hopes of attaining heaven. The celebration of **All Saints' Day** and All Soul's Day on November 2 is meant to reflect the belief that there is a powerful spiritual bond between those in heaven and those on earth. This bond between the saints here and those in heaven reflects the theological belief that the Church exists throughout all time: past, present, and future. In a sense, the life of the Church transcends time. Remember in the Gloria Patri we say "as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever". Anglican, Roman, Orthodox, and most Protestant theology all maintain this view of the Church's transcendent universality. Those on earth are united to those in heaven as we are all part of the mystical Body of Christ. This theological belief is also reflected in the Apostles' Creed. In the final section that begins "I believe in the Holy Spirit", we say we believe in "...the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints..." These words reflect the belief that the saints who have died and the saints who are still living are all members of one body. Theologically, we are united to the saints who have gone before us and to those yet to be born. And the back-to-back celebration of **All Saints' Day** and **All Souls' Day** is meant to reflect this theology.

All of the above helps to explain why we read the names of those who have passed away during the previous year on **All Saints' Day** – the necrology. A tradition observed widely, the reading of the necrology is meant to honor the saints in our lives who have gone before us. In reading their names out loud, we acknowledge the bond of love that exists between us and the belief that, though they

are gone, we are one with them – saints in heaven and saints on earth. To me, this is a comforting reminder that those who have gone before us are never really gone. They live in our hearts as we remember them in love. So, as we pray their names together this coming Sunday, maybe this sense of unity in Christ will change any sadness into joy. Amen!

Faithfully,
Darrell

For you history buffs:

October 31 was originally the pagan holiday of Samhain in England and elsewhere in the British Isles. Samhain was a time of wild revelry to celebrate the harvest plenty, and of course the church did not look favorably on pagan rituals, especially in areas where the Christian faith was relatively new. The solution! Replace the pagan holiday with a Christian celebration on that date and call it All Hallows' Eve (hallowed meaning holy). In the old Church calendar, the Vigil of All Saints was a liturgical event. It had its own Mass, where the priest would vest in penitential purple, the usual color for vigils. He would don white in the evening for the First Vespers of All Saints, which marked the beginning of the Church's celebration of this great holy day. Together, the Vigil (October 31), the Feast of All Saints (November 1), and the Feast of All Souls (November 2) formed a comprehensive picture of the spiritual unity reflected in the words "the communion of saints" from the Apostles' Creed. In the British Isles, festive All Hallows' Eve traditions arose that will sound familiar to you. Children would go door-to-door begging for a "soul cake" (a type of cookie) and promising in return to pray for the deceased of the giver's family. The Halloween tradition of dressing up is also potentially connected with this custom.



The St. Brendan's Book Club will meet **TONIGHT, November 4th at 7pm** to discuss "**Hamnet**" by Maggie O'Farrell. The book tells a fictionalized story of William Shakespeare and his wife Agnes and the death of their son Hamnet. Please join us as we discuss this extraordinary novel! Feel free to contact Chris at shadypatch@msn.com if you have any questions.

Date correction!



St. Brendan's Men's breakfast for November will be at Bob Evans in Cranberry, **Monday, November 8th at 9:00 am**. I hope you will join us then. Please e-mail Steve Horton stephenshorton@gmail.com by Sunday dinner time so that he can make the RSVP.

Bob Evans address is 932 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046, 724-776-4190.

Menu: <https://www.bobevans.com/menu>

Children's Corner

What is a saint and why do we celebrate **All Saints Day and why Halloween?**



I told you I always have a lot of questions. So, Halloween was last Sunday and this Sunday we are celebrating All Saints Day – what's the connection?

In old calendars, the first day of November was called *Hallowmas*, and the church named this day the Feast of All Saints or All Hallows' Day, so the night before was *Hollow's Eve* or Halloween. Kind of like Christmas Day and Christmas Eve being Christ's Day and the evening before Christ Day.

So this Sunday we are celebrating the Saints in our lives. We read the name of those who have been special to us – those who belonged to our church and died and those who may never have lived here but are special to us – maybe they were a special teacher, or doctor, or family member. We read their names (this is called the *necrology* – a list of people who) and we remember them on this special day.

Who can become a saint? In a hymn we have called, *I sing a song of the Saints of God* anyone can become a saint, if they are "patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew." So all of us can become saints – if we live our lives for the Lord. Each verse of the hymn has different jobs types people may have to become a saint – doctors, queen, shepherdess, soldier, or priest. So, anyone can become a saint. Even you!!!

And we still have saints in the world today – think of those people who run to help us when others run away. Firefighters, police officers, EMTs. You can find saints everywhere as the hymns ends with "the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too." Yes, it is an English hymn – so we might see saints on the street, on the Parkway, or in Starbucks.

Can you name any recent saints – other than Mother Teresa and Martin Luther King, Jr.? Here are a few you may not have heard of before but are recent (20th century) saints Maximilian Kolbe, Oscar Romero, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Pandita Mary Ramabai, William Temple and Evelyn Underhill. Look them up, see what they did. And remember, they did all their works with God's help. And you can too.



Peace,
Julie+

Cookie Walk Update ~ Save the Date: Saturday, November 20, 2021 ~ Walk-In: 9 am - 12 pm ~ Drive-Through: 1 pm - 5 pm

Thanks to everybody who has contributed to cookies, raffle tickets and soup. Were in the home stretch! We could use more cookies. Please consider baking cookies over the next few weeks.

Please scroll towards the end of this and every Little Log for the updated version of the **Ministry Calendar**.

Please use this link for the **Parish Directory** and book mark it as the directory is updated often!

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1_NkE3ZP4ngPHe5j0TL1eeJzITMGA9G1Y/view



Help for Inner City Children. Once again, St. Brendan's, through the Justice Ministry, is partnering with Blessed Be Educators, to provide gifts to needy children in the Pittsburgh area. Hats and gloves are needed for children 1 year old to 14 years old, sizes XS to XL. The older children are in often forgotten, so let's make an effort to include them. The bin is at the entrance of the church. Please be generous, as you have in the past. Call Marilyn at 412-427-2715 with questions. Thanks in advance!

Senior Warden's Corner

In the fourth chapter of the Book of Acts, John writes of the very earliest Christians:

There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

While St. Brendan's does not function in precisely this way, we do maintain "inreach" ministries that provide care and support for members of the parish (and their families and friends) who we know to be in need.

You might be surprised how often the names of those who are ill, or are facing surgery, or have experienced a bereavement are mentioned by Brendanites in prayer. It's not just on Sundays. Intercessions are made before Bible Study sessions, at Modern Episcopalian meetings, at Morning and Evening Prayer ... basically whenever and wherever "two or three are gathered in Christ's name."

In more concrete ways, the Merry Meal Makers ministry (about which we will hear more during Sunday's services) exists to bring hot meals to those for whom preparing food is simply more than they can manage at the moment. For the sick and shut-in who appreciate a touch of nature and a splash of color, the altar flowers are delivered to their homes on Sunday afternoons.

For those who are hale and hearty and are simply looking for rewarding ways to pass time with other Brendanites, the church sponsors Brendan's Boots (for hikers), Sticks and Strings (for knitters and crocheters—if that is even a word!) and a Book Club (that focuses on works of general interest, not exclusively those with religious themes).

We are strengthened as a community of faith as we come to know one another in a wide range of settings. Inreach ministry is all about establishing this common ground, this sense of shared interests and values, on which we can then set about building our programs to, for and with others as the Body of Christ in Franklin Park.

Senior Warden, Tim Austin



Public Forum Scheduling.

Because of the holidays in November and December, there will be no Forums for those two months. We will resume again in January with forums on many aspects of social justice and racial inequity.

Reminder: **Another alternative Bible Study** option is available to all Brendanites on **Tuesdays from 11:00 to 12:15 pm**. This is a small group that has had experience with Bible Study, but no one in the group is a "Bible scholar". Discussion is informal and no experience is required. Typically, the meetings begin with intentional, intercessory prayer. Often discussion will include reference to contemporary events that are in the news. If you would like to consider this option, just click on the Zoom link below at the appointed date/time. All are welcome!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83037652502?pwd=RFBmRXFPTmtLS3RaWHlrWHcxNFE0QT09>

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 supporting the work of two organizations. One is Doctors Without Borders, a local organization that works to improve health care, infrastructure, education and also responds to natural disasters, www.brothersbrother.org. The other is Operation Smile, where teams of medical personnel travel to all parts of the world to evaluate and treat children's facial deformities. www.operationsmile.org.

Next meeting, November 21, in the library after the 10:00 service.

Haitian Project: We can celebrate that the two school buses that will be shipped to Haiti filled with needed items are now filled to the maximum weight! A huge thank you to everyone for collecting and donating items for Haiti. God bless your participation. Isaac has saved enough money and has purchased a truck and is now working to save enough money for the trailer. The trailer will hold a bus to transport it to the dock in Miami. We pray for him and for the people of Haiti who are going through so much. Thanks again.



We celebrate the **birthdays in the month of November.**

2 James Aldridge	3 Theo Sands	5 Debbie Jennings	6 Avery Kline
13 Kathleen Ganster	15 Lizz Helmsen	15 Steve Horton	17 Janet Fesq
17 Bradford Thompson	18 Kristen Bailey	19 Hadley Zupancic	23 Jonathan Bigelow Roche
24 Bob Grotevant	24 Nathan May	24 Dan Moore	29 Bill Spoonhoward



We celebrate the **Wedding Anniversaries in the month of November.**

7 Mary & Dale Bertucci	14 Meghan & Robert Karn	15 Sharon & Gary Basehore	29 Linda & Alan Schneider
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Requested Prayers

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Benjamin Bigelow Roche, Alice Butterworth, Larry Toler, Sandy Nagy, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Mary, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker and Larry Tarrant.

For our parents, especially; Sandy Martin, Ray Miltzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

For our family members, especially; Kirk Latta, Mike Dixon, Raphael Walton, John Barie, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Marie Hazelton, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Heidi Sherwin, Bill Phelps and Cat Munz, Dennis Ranalli, Becky Horton, Sherri Hilbert, the family of Kelly Chiccitt, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

We pray for all who have died, especially Kelly Chiccitt.



November 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeters	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
November 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st Michael Donadee 2 nd AJ McKenna P Dean Peters <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Sylvia Affleck 10 Janice Moore	~	Allyson Baierl Annemarie Malbon Wesley Bell	Kate Heston Allyson Baierl	Tim Austin	Angela Schlumpf
November 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Alan Schneider P Linda Limberis <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Joan Klinefelter 10 Shari Tarrant	n/a	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati John Appledorn	Eric Helmsen Michael Donadee	Larry Toler	Tim & Megan
November 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Donna Aiello 2 nd Mary Bertucci P Kate Heston <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 10 Phoebe Juel	n/a	Kate Heston Megan Overby Tim Austin	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Need Volunteer
November 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
November 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 George Snyder 1 st Children 2 nd Children P Children	8 Ellen Groves 10 Libby Juel	~	Joyce Donadee Kathy Miller Dave Miller	John Appledorn Mike Wick	Janice Moore	Need Volunteer

