



**Sunday, August 8, 2021**

**Celebrant:** 10:00 am 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, and  
 10:00 am Worship, via live streaming [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKCY2BEJXlqMoVc\\_nXXG7ew](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew)
- Monday** 7:45 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>  
 Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720  
 11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
 1:00 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** 7:00 pm Evening Service

**The Priest's Corner**

**The "little things" that mean so much.**



This Priest's Corner starts with a beautiful picture—and I believe “a little token that means so much” to one of our parishioners. Mark Jennings was live streaming our liturgy this past Sunday and he heard the sermon that talked about Jesus, the Bread of Life and our invitation to allow Jesus into us. That’s how close God wants to be for us. He wants to become a part of us—get into us—beyond “under our skin.” God wants to be one with us and when we move toward allowing this, we will never be hungry again.

As he allowed the message to connect with him, Mark thought of his and his daughter, Alexa’s Baptism and First Communion twenty-two years ago in 1999. They were baptized in our

British Baptismal Font which came to St. Brendan’s through the creative efforts of Sylvia and Bob Affleck. As a token and remembrance of this entry into church and the father/daughter First Communion, the Rev. Cat Munz gave Mark and Alexa one of these beautiful Bread of Life Certificates (picture above). Mark has cherished this simple treasure and kept it in a special place these 20+ years. The sermon connected Mark to that holy day in his life and then Mark blessed me by allowing me to share this testimony of Living Bread with him. I now get to share it with all of you.

Mark and Alexa responded to God’s urgings to “eat of this bread always,” and Cat responded to the divine urging to memorialize this holy experience by giving the beautiful certificate to Mark and Alexa. God spoke words through the sermon that moved Mark to retrieve the “little thing” of special meaning, to surface it for all of us. Who knows what we will do with this experience?

So many little motions and items that move through many hands throughout many years to witness the bread that feeds across the decades. That we have eyes to see and hearts to welcome the presence of God as living bread in time to abate our hunger is a miracle and a feeding.

Perhaps you can allow this story to motivate you to reconnect with a “little thing” you have in a special place that symbolizes for you the bread that satisfies forever or another like moment of a “God touch” or reassurance in your life. I would be so honored to be a part of your rediscovery. Who knows? You may want to share this moment of meaning with others at St. Brendan’s and beyond.

**All good,  
Regis+**

# Childrens Corner

**(VBS) Vacation Bible School begins this Saturday, August 7, from 2-4:30!**



Have you seen this sign around church or in the Little Log? It's a sign that Vacation Bible School is about to begin.

In a year when everything has been kind of hard – getting to school, seeing friends, being together, maybe we need to find ways to be kind to ourselves and others. So the theme for VBS this year is COMPASSION.



IF you would like to attend or have your little one attend but are concerned about being together at this time, please let me know, this program is designed for both face to face and virtual or at home participation. You can be a part of VBS without coming to church. Ask how.

Peace,  
Julie+



**St. Brendan's Parish Survey.** In the first step of St. Brendan's Discernment process, the committee is tasked with examining our past, present, and future in order to issue a valid, effective call for a new priest-in-charge. We need your voice to assist us with the questions of "Who are we?" and "Who is God calling us to be?"

Please help us by completing the Google survey that was sent in an email blast last week. There are four sections to the survey, which should take about 10-15 minutes to complete. All surveys are anonymous and completely confidential. Survey responses are not linked to the email, so each family member, 12 years old and up, can complete a survey. **All surveys are due by Tuesday, August 9, 2021.**

Thank You! Allison, Annemarie, Kevin, Mike, Pat, Tammy, & Tony.



**Hospitality Hour Volunteers Needed!** St. Brendan's has re-instituted Hospitality Hour! We are therefore looking for individuals, couples or families who plan to be at church for the 10:00 Sunday Eucharist in the coming weeks and would be willing to host. This is not a big deal. Numbers are modest at the moment (perhaps 25 people) and we urge you to keep the refreshments simple (coffee or lemonade, doughnuts or cookies). You can set up outdoors if the weather is nice or in the Social Hall if it is not. To volunteer, contact Katie ([stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com)).

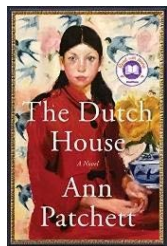
**St. Brendan's Justice Ministry.** Are you interested in finding ways to answer God's call to work for equity and social justice? We all have spiritual gifts to offer, and the committee would welcome you and your gifts. Please consider joining our committee. For more information, please contact Ginny Volponi, [gabby4045@gmail.com](mailto:gabby4045@gmail.com).

On behalf of the Transition Committee, we'd like to ask your help in distributing this Invitation link to all members of your parish to a farewell party on **Saturday, August 28, for Bishop Dorsey & Betsy McConnell.**

At the Bishop's request, we are holding a Pig Roast (with other foods, too) at Christ Church, North Hills, on Saturday the 28th from 4 pm to 7 pm. Friends are invited to drop by for as little or as long as they wish, and there is no charge for this event. We hope you will attend and your parish will be well-represented! And kids, of course, are welcomed!

Here's the link to the invitation: <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/a-pig-roast-and-more/>

We look forward to having a wonderful time, rain or shine (yes, we have tents). If you have any questions at all, feel free to reach out to us.



**Book Club is Back!** In-person Book Club meetings have resumed! Please join us for fun, fellowship and lively book discussions on the first Thursday of each month. Our next meeting will be held at church **TONIGHT, Thursday, August 5th at 7 pm.** We will be discussing, "The Dutch House", a work of contemporary fiction by award-winning author Ann Patchett. Published in 2019, the novel tells the story of what happens to siblings Danny and Maeve Conroy when their stepmother expels them from their sumptuous childhood home after the death of their father. Set in the Dutch House—located in the outskirts of Philadelphia—and New York, the novel is literary fiction with fairy-tale elements. For more info, feel free to contact Chris Botti at [shadypatch@msn.com](mailto:shadypatch@msn.com) or 412 952-3180. All are welcome! Please join us!

**CRIES Advocacy (Christian Response In Emergency Situations),** donates 10% of our pledged income. This week we are supporting the work of Afro-American Music Institute. They are working to alleviate global poverty by providing microloans in communities with a focus on women. They are supported by Whole Foods Markets.

The next CRIES Advocacy meeting will be **Sunday, September 19, 2021** in the Library following the 10:00 service.

# Senior Warden's Corner

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**"Patience," as they say, "is a virtue; possess it if you can."** It seems that the pandemic is providing us with one opportunity after another to learn this lesson. First, we had to endure long months without seeing family, friends and colleagues. Parents reorganized their schedules to accommodate working from home while also supervising their children's schoolwork. Then, we had to watch and wait as the scientists and politicians developed, tested, approved and distributed the vaccine. Through all of this, I for one had this theory that at some point all would return to normal. "When we reach 75% of adults being fully vaccinated," I told myself, "we will be able to flip the switch and find ourselves back in the world (roughly) as it was in December 2019."

Instead, we see all kinds of indicators that the road back to normality is going to be twisting and steep—and without even the assurance that we know exactly where it is headed. Consider the following recent developments.

- An early step in preparing for our Craft Fair and Cookie Walk in November is to recruit vendors to purchase tables. In 2019, we attracted over 40 folks, so recently we invited all of those folks to join us again this year. Many have either indicated that they are no longer involved in this line of work or failed to respond at all. We have only a handful of deposits in hand. (Does anyone know of a vendor we might recruit?)
- We now have some Brendanites worshipping via the live stream while a slowly increasing number attend in person. We have reinstated altar flower donations, grocery gift card sales and our Coffee Hour after the 10:00 service, and we are just about managing to provide greeters and ushers each Sunday. But this has proven challenging as a significant number of those on whom we once relied, have either moved out of the area or are not yet comfortable rejoining us at 2365 McAleer Road.

**There is nobody at fault in any of these situations.** People are making prudent decisions about their own health and the health of those they love. We will keep pressing ahead in the trust that circumstances will ultimately improve and that, in God's good time, we will be able to resume the many ministries that have made St. Brendan's our spiritual home. All that it takes is that cardinal virtue: patience!



## Our Next Free Zoom Public Forum.

How can we lead our next generation into a greater and more equitable future? What do students need in order to access accurate historical information?

Join us in our next free Zoom webinar:

### **Systemic Racism & Teaching the Next Generation Thursday, August 19 at 7:00pm**

A local activist, Tanisha Long will help us understand how we become a more socially aware society, beginning with teaching young students, as the way children approach the world is often shaped by early learnings in the classroom. Ms. Long will discuss education access, critical race theory and the long-term effects of systemic racism on students of color.

*Ms. Long is the founder of Black Lives Matter-Pittsburgh as well as Re Visions, a non-profit focused on creating a fair learning environment and broadening our understanding about the long-lasting effects of inadequate education.*

To register, email [stbrendanskatie@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendanskatie@gmail.com). This Public Forum is sponsored by St. Brendan's and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills.

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## Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

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### **We Are All Neighbors: Celebrating all God's Children as Neighbors**

**Wednesday, August 11th 6:00–8:00 pm**, at Trinity Lutheran Church (Parish Hall)

Trinity Council has agreed to partner with local congregations in affirming all people as children of God who are deserving of dignity and respect. This collaboration will include educational events and other gatherings. To celebrate this partnership, we invite you to our corner of the neighborhood for music, food, and fellowship.

For more information, email Trinity church at [office@trinitywexford.org](mailto:office@trinitywexford.org) or call (724) 935-2746.



### **Requested Prayers:**

We ask your prayers for our beloved members of St. Brendan's, especially; Jack Jacobs, Joyce Donadee, Matthew, Rosie and Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, John Jacobs, Larry Toler, Mark Shoemaker, Dr. Ken Judson and Mark Kinley.

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

For our family members, especially; Jennifer Archer, John Barie, Karen, Chris Sensenich, Linda Ahlbrand, Steve Parsons, Marie Hazelton, Patrick Schantz, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree and Robert Donato.

And for our friends, especially; Shari Mancini, Becky Horton, Dave Frazier, Jane Young, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

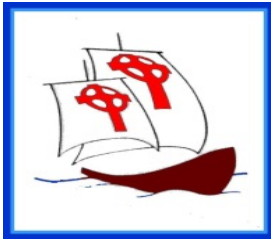
We pray for all who have died, especially Gladys Arduini.

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# August 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
August 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Dean Peters 2 <sup>nd</sup> AJ McKenna P Kate Heston	Dottie Antonucci Shari Tarrant	~	~	Eric Helmsen Michael Donadee	Donna Aiello	Linda Limberis
August 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Schneider 2 <sup>nd</sup> Donna Aiello (virtual) P Mary Bertucci	Sylvia Affleck Libby Juel	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Tim Austin	LuAnn Aldridge
August 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Turo (virtual) P Tony Turo	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	~	~	John Appledorn Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Need volunteer
August 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Nate Boyd 2 <sup>nd</sup> Linda Limberis (virtual) P John Appledorn	Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Tim Austin Donna Aiello	Janice Moore	Need volunteer
August 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 5th	8 George Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> 2 <sup>nd</sup> P	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	~	~	~	Larry Toler	Need volunteer



### 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: Tim Austin  
Jr. Warden: Janice Moore  
Adult Formation: Ron Ladick  
Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney  
Communication: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Finance: Mary Bertucci  
Fundraising: Larry Toler  
Inreach & Hospitality: Tim Austin  
Newcomers: Tim Austin  
Outreach: Donna Aiello  
Safety & Security: Ron Ladick  
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Stewardship: Larry Toler  
Worship: Cameron Grosh  
  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves  
Assistant Treasurer: Roger Botti

### 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  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Finance Chair: Mary Bertucci  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: 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  
Annemarie Malbon

### OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
ESL: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Linda Schneider  
Garden of Hope: Open  
Justice Ministry: Ginny Volponi  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

### ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

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