



## Announcements



**New life, new birth!** This community has done so much to help our friends from Haiti. This year we assisted Orilia, Camile, and Anita get an apartment in Brighton Heights on multiple bus lines; provided them with clothes and household goods to get started; connected them with our friends at Destiny Of Faith Church to establish a community close to home; and helped Camile and Orilia get better jobs in town. They are launched!

December 1st Camile and Anita welcomed their beautiful daughter Calista. As our final community gift to this family we would like to provide Clothes to Grow for this little girl. We will collect lightly used clothes size 6 months to five years until the final Sunday, December 28th. Our assistance helps them conserve funds for their legal challenges. Paul and Dawn Quinn will continue to work with them in the future and can be contacted for any additional assistance. Thank you St. Brendans!



You're invited to  
**St. Brendan's Christmas Pageant**

***Blessed Are You Who Trust in the Lord***

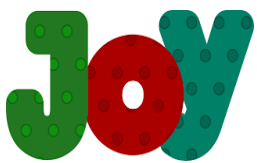
**Sunday, December 22, 2024**  
during the 10 am service

Please join the children and youth of the parish  
for their presentation.



**Vestry briefs.** At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry:

- Discussed next steps to be taken after Mother Robin's retirement announcement. Among them are selecting a parishioner to chair the committee that will seek our next priest, requesting an interim priest from the diocese who will serve St. Brendan's after Mother Robin departs and budgeting sufficient funds for these and other transition-related costs.
- Adopted language, to comply with diocesan policy, that will alert Sunday worshipers that they may appear on video via our livestream of the 10 a.m. service.
- Talked about the need for more lay volunteers to deliver pastoral care to parishioners.



**Share your joy with others!** The church season of Advent has begun and is a time for reflection. Think about what brings you joy and consider sharing your thoughts with others by signing the bulletin board in the narthex. Everyone in the parish is invited to write a phrase or sentence or make a small sketch to describe your joy. Signing your name or initials is optional. Please help us fill the board with lots of joyful thoughts!



There is a **2025 Altar Flower sign-up sheet** in the narthex. Flowers ordered is a way to honor a special day or a memory of someone special, etc. The cost is \$40. In the bulletin your name will appear as what you are donating the flowers for. Check with Katie [Katie@stbrendans.org](mailto:Katie@stbrendans.org) for an open Sunday.



A BFF, Brendan's Friends & Family donation was given in loving memory of Larry Tarrant, from Katie & Howard Cervone.



**Vestry Nominating Committee Seeks Nominations.** On **January 26**, St. Brendan's will elect four new members to join the Vestry for three-year terms. The Vestry plays a vital role in the life of our church. Its nine members provide administrative and financial oversight, and ensure we are living our mission. If you are interested in joining the Vestry, would like to nominate someone for Vestry consideration, or simply have questions about this process, please contact a member of the Vestry Nominating Committee: Kate Heston [kmheston71@gmail.com](mailto:kmheston71@gmail.com), Mary Bertucci [mary.bertucci@hotmail.com](mailto:mary.bertucci@hotmail.com), Neil Galone [neil.galone@gmail.com](mailto:neil.galone@gmail.com), Annemarie Malbon [amalbon@gmail.com](mailto:amalbon@gmail.com), John Appledorn [JJA47@aol.com](mailto:JJA47@aol.com) or George Snyder [GDS42@comcast.net](mailto:GDS42@comcast.net).



Every year St. Brendan's accepts monetary donations towards the purchase of our **Christmas Flowers, Greens & Poinsettias**. They can be in memory of those who have died, those who have made a special impact on our lives, or because we love them. If you would like to contribute to the greening of the church and have your announcement in the bulletin on Christmas Eve, please contact Katie with your information [Katie@stbrendans.org](mailto:Katie@stbrendans.org) and submit your contribution of any amount to the office. On Christmas Eve the names are printed in the bulletin, the tree lights are lit, and our beautiful church glorifies the birth of Christ.

## Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



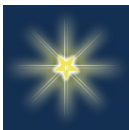
### Pageant news:

- **Saturday, December 21: 10 am to 12 pm**, rehearsal for Christmas pageant
- **Sunday, December 22:** Annual Children's Christmas Pageant at 10 am.
  - **Children should arrive no later than 9:30 am on Sunday for a quick rehearsal.**
  - Please check your email and texts for any changes or updates regarding the pageant and your child's role.

**Joy:** Parents, please share a little of your "joy" and help your child do the same by writing a sentence or phrase on the narthex bulletin board about what brings you joy. (See announcement elsewhere in this edition of the Navigator.)

### Looking ahead:

- There will be **no Sunday School classes on December 29**. The children and teens, teachers, leaders, and doorkeepers wish everyone a holiday filled with joy and God's blessings.
- **Sunday, January 5:** Stay tuned for information about an Epiphany party for children and youth following the 10 am service (during hospitality hour) in the handprint room.



**St. Brendan's Youth Group.** Whether you have attended all the Youth Group sessions or one, everyone is invited to the bowling outing **This Sunday, December 15** after the 10 am service. Your only cost – a donation to the North Hills Food Bank. Please RSVP via email to Allison Kline, [aaklrm@comcast.net](mailto:aaklrm@comcast.net).

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**Wednesday, December 24 Christmas Eve**, we have 2 services, one at 5 pm and one at 10 pm.

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Save the date for our **annual parish picnic** which will be on August 3, 2025.

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**Calling all fiber crafters for Sticks and Strings!** Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! Sticks and Strings meetings are on the **first Friday and third Wednesday of each month, 6-8 pm**, in St. Brendan's library.



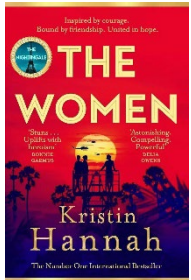
The next meeting is **THIS Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**. Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there!

Contact Sherri at [sherri.angeletti@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.angeletti@gmail.com), or text 412-689-0737 to be added to the email list for the most up-to-date information, or if you have questions.

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**Taize/Evening Prayer:** Because the last Wednesday of December is also Christmas Day, the December Taize/Evening Prayer service will be **Wednesday, December 18 at 5:00 pm** in the chapel. Come join us for this quiet, candlelit Advent service.

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**St. Brendan's Book Club** meets the **first Monday of every month at 1pm** in the library. On **Monday, Jan. 6** we will discuss The Women by Kristen Hannah, an epic best-selling novel of nurses during and after the Vietnam War. All are welcome (even if you haven't read the book)! Upcoming titles:

**Feb. 3** James by Percival Everett

**March 3** The Great Stewardess Rebellion by Nell McShane Wulfhart

**April 7** The Ride of Her Life by Elizabeth Letts

**May 5** The Beauty of Dusk by Frank Bruni

Contact Anne Semmler [annegsemmler@gmail.com](mailto:annegsemmler@gmail.com) with any questions.

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## Prayer Requests

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**For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially;** Ruth Horton, Regis Smolko, Libby Juel, Joan Beatrous, Matthew, Jim Gray, Dave Miller, Margie Davies, Joan Beatrous, Rosie Wood, Nancy Snyder, Ruth Haider, Charlotte Pierce, Bill Spoonhoward.

**For our parents, especially;** Debbie Adrian, Ken McCormack, Lenora, Margaret Nagel.

**For our family members, especially;** Robert Donato, Rich, Tom Payne, Neil Amor, Carol Schmitz, Paula Watson, Kayleigh Waters, Parker Shebs, Frannie, Pat and Chuck Schulze, Janet, Frank Nagy, John, Nathan Schlumpf, Christian, Margaret and Lawrence Czerpak, Steve Getty, Jay & A., Joann, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Daniela, Sue Burchill, Cindy, Carol and Guy Estes, Bee Ward, Marie Hazelton, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick.

**For our friends, especially;** Mark Hubert, Terri Hockenberry, Heidi Sherwin, Susan N., Laurie, Patty Walker, Josh, Will Guilfoile, Cindy & Bob Getty, Debbie and Dale Kline, Nancy Baker, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Diane Brackus, Frank Monakowski, Tom Sklarsky, Kathleen Suskauer, Jordon Medlin, Bill Pugliese, Mike Colavita, Connie Geiger, Patty Herrington.

**For all who have died especially;** Larry Tarrant, Derek Wimmer and Gerry Fisher.

**If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin,** please email her at [robin@stbrendans.org](mailto:robin@stbrendans.org).

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# December Ministry Calendar 2024

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
December 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 <sup>st</sup> Linda Limberis 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Appledorn P Aiden McKenna LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs Saundy Waseleski Fish Allison Kline Doorkeeper TBD	Liz MacDonald Dawn Day-Quinn	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Richard Munsch John Appeldorn	Dan Moore Tim Austin	Dan Moore	Kate Heston
December 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Marilyn Mulvihill 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mary Bartucci P Paul Quinn LEV Sylvia Affleck Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs Saundy Waseleski Fish TBD Doorkeeper Susan Shields	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Toni Turo Annie Koch	Allyson Baierl Julia/Mike Wick	Donna Aiello Julia/Mike Wick	Tom Waseleski	Megan & Tim
December 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dean Peters P Donna Aiello LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs Saundy Waseleski Fish Janice Moore Doorkeeper Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Barb Fure Tammy Spoonhoward	Tom & Saundy Waseleski	Donna Aiello Linda Limberis	Deb/Norm Erb-White	Kate Heston	Sharon & Donna
December 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday School P Sunday School LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Children's Pageant No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Tammy Spoonhoward Barb Fure	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	John Appledorn Dan Moore	Tim Austin Dan Moore	Richard Munsch	Kate Heston
December 24 Tuesday 5:00	1 <sup>st</sup> Norman Erb-White 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cherish Erb-White P John Appeldorn	Holiday Break No Sunday School	N/A	Janice Moore	Annie Koch Toni Passarello	Julia Wick John Appeldorn	Mike Wick Tim Austin	Melanie Popovich	n/a
December 24 Tuesday 10:00 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Quinn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Kate Heston P Alan Schneider	Holiday Break No Sunday School	N/A	Kathy Miller	Kathy & Dave Miller	Kate Heston Dan Moore	Deb/Norm Erb-White	Frances Harpst	n/a
December 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Tony Turo 2 <sup>nd</sup> Alan Schneider P Kate Heston LEV N/A Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Holiday Break No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Kate Heston	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Wesley Bell Annemarie Malbone	Allyson Baierl Kate Heston	Paul Quinn Tim Austin	John Appeldorn	Janice & Dan



## **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: Tom Waseleski  
Jr. Warden: Dan Moore  
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn  
Communication/Technology: TBD  
Children & Youth: John Appeldorn  
Finance: Frances Harpst  
Fundraising: Frances Harpst  
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston  
Membership: Melanie Popovich  
Pastoral Care: Melanie Popovich  
Outreach: Richard Munsch  
Secretary/Clerk: Kate Heston  
Worship: Neil Galone  
Treasurer: Kevin Boyd

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck  
Greeter: Donna Aiello  
Lector: Ann Vinski  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS**

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
ESL: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon  
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton

### **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS**

Audit: Mary Bertucci  
Book Club: Anne Semmler  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl~Carol Meese~Barb Fure  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Facebook: Jen and Bob Mankowski  
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti  
Finance Chair: Frances Harpst  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Happenings/Cookie Walk: Donna Aiello  
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill  
Scholarship: Allison Kline~Ann Vinski~Mike Wick  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### **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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew)

**Monday:** 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm  
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

**Tuesday:** 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm  
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

**Wednesday:** 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:30 pm  
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

**Thursday:** 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
Katie's office hours from home

**Friday:** 9:00 am Katie office hours from home till noon then in office at 1:00

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

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Phone ~ 412-364-5974

Web Site ~ <http://www.stbrendans.org>

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

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlqjcQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing>  
(authorization required for access--apply online)

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](mailto:Katie@stbrendans.org)

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ [darrell@stbrendans.org](mailto:darrell@stbrendans.org)

Music Director, Daniel May ~ [bluesub@verizon.net](mailto:bluesub@verizon.net)

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ [Liz702988@gmail.com](mailto:Liz702988@gmail.com)

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