



Sunday, July 25, 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
- 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
- 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>
 6:00 pm Bible Study
- Wednesday** 7:00 pm Evening Service

The Priest's Corner

Recently one of our parishioners suggested that I write a Priest's Corner on the role of deacons in the Episcopal Church for those who were raised in other traditions that don't ordain deacons (or deacons as defined in the Episcopal Church). I felt like saying "Well, I guess I'm still trying to figure that out myself." And there would be some truth in that, for sure. But I can certainly provide some basic definitions and talk about a deacon's function. First of all, the Episcopal Church recognizes three orders of ordained ministers: bishops, priests, and deacons. Our Prayer Book Catechism defines the deacon's role this way: "to represent Christ and his Church, particularly as a servant to those in need; and to assist bishops and priests in the proclamation of the Gospel and the administration of the sacraments." (BCP p. 856) A deacon's duties, as enumerated in the Ordination of a Deacon service, include: studying Scripture and modeling one's life on them; making Christ's redemptive love known by word and example; interpreting to the Church the needs, concerns, and hopes of the world; assisting in the administration of Word and Sacraments; and 'other duties assigned from time to time'. (BCP p. 543) During my ordination, I remember Bishop Dorsey's minor giggle over this last duty as it really is a kind of 'catch all' covering a wide variety of assigned duties based on the diocese's and parish's needs. And that's a good thing because it recognizes that every parish is different. Deacons have to be adaptive! And yes, deacons 'report to' their bishop.

Now for some church history: deacons were the first ordained ministry in the early church (see Acts 6: 1-6). Bishops and priests came later. The apostles 'laid hands on' Stephen and six other deacons and charged them with making sure there was an equitable distribution of food and goods among the early church in Jerusalem. This was the basis for the deacon's role as servant. Over the centuries, deacons evolved differently in the Eastern and Western traditions. At times deacons almost disappeared only to be brought back when the need arose. Today Orthodox, Roman, Anglican, Episcopal, and Lutheran churches ordain deacons and define their role similarly.

But let me clarify one point! Deacons are NOT an inferior or lower ministry than priests. Deacons and priests are co-equal orders with slightly different but overlapping roles and duties. And that's the part that can be confusing. The simplest way I know to describe the differences is to define what a deacon does not do. Deacons do not consecrate the Eucharist or proclaim absolution; those are priestly functions. Apart from these functions, deacons can do pretty much everything that a priest can. Deacons can act as officiants at worship (except Eucharist); they can preach; they can officiate at baptism, marriage, reconciliation of a penitent, unction of the sick or dying (anointing), and funerals. Under certain circumstances and with the approval of a bishop, deacons can even serve as the ecclesiastical leader of a parish. Deacons-in-charge are, however, regarded as temporary positions. Many dioceses with larger parishes (usually 'well-heeled' ones) even pay deacons a salary. That's not the case in our diocese or other dioceses in PA, but it's not unusual in large metropolitan areas across the country.

Deacons have several specific liturgical roles. When I am vested on a Sunday and serving with Regis or Julie, I am functioning as the 'liturgical deacon' for that service. Liturgical deacons proclaim the Gospel, lead the Prayers of the People (though we assign that to lay folks at St. Brendan's), prepare the table at Eucharist (and clean up after), and always say the Dismissal at the end.

Liturgically, the Dismissal says "Okay! you have heard the Word and participated in the Eucharistic celebration today. Now it's time for you to proclaim the Good News to the world through word and deed during the coming week. And remember, that's part of your baptismal vows." What a mouthful! Much easier to say "Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit."

Finally, the Episcopal Church recognizes two types of ordained deacons: transitional and vocational. Transitional deacons are discerning to become priests at some point in the future; vocational deacons (like me) intend to serve out their ministry as deacons. But remember – Regis and Julie are deacons too! Some of the things they are authorized to do are because they were first ordained as deacons.

This is just a brief overview. If you would like to learn more, or you think you might be interested in discerning for the diaconate, just send me an email, call me, or stop by the church to talk any Wednesday between 3:00 and 6:00 pm.

Faithfully,
Darrell+



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will explore the Three Rivers Heritage Trail on Pittsburgh's South Side **THIS Saturday, July 24.** Participants will meet at the church at 9 am and carpool to trailhead parking near Second Avenue in South Oakland. After the walk, hikers will enjoy lunch at the Hofbrauhaus along the Monongahela River. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



With **Vacation Bible School "VBS"** starting on August 1st, we are looking to borrow several canopies and weights. If you have one/two/three, please contact Katie StBrendansKatie@gmail.com or Julie jlsphone1@gmail.com.



St. Brendan's will resume the monthly **Taizé/Evening Prayer service on Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 pm** in the chapel. (Our last Taizé service was early in 2020.) For those who are new to St. Brendan's, this service is a quiet, candle-lit Evening Prayer service that includes various Taizé music selections (with keyboard accompaniment) and silent meditation time. Communion is offered after for those who want to stay. Introduced in 2019, this service quickly became one of our most popular offerings. Please join us for this beautiful service and enjoy some mid-week tranquility! Food for the soul!

Are you struggling with any of these symptoms?



- Feelings of sadness, hopelessness, and helplessness.
- Feeling removed from family or friends.
- A lost interest in what used to be fun.
- Troubling shifts in sleep patterns, appetite, and/or weight.
- Irritability.
- Physically and emotionally drained.
- Any thoughts of hurting yourself or those you are caring for.
- Becoming sick and withdrawn more than usual.

You might have Care-Giver Burnout. The Transitional Care Team at St. Brendan's is here to offer you support and guidance. You can reach Eddie Wise, our Pastoral Counseling intern at 724-825-3594.

Caregiver Burnout. 2021. <https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/diseases/9225-caregiver-burnout>

Hospitality Hour Volunteers Needed! Effective immediately, St. Brendan's is re-instituting Hospitality Hour! Ta-daa!! 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, please contact Katie (stbrendanskatie@gmail.com).



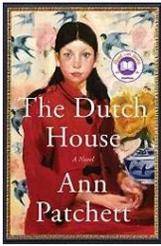
Church Volunteers



We thank you all for taking the time to respond to the Survey Monkey requesting **Ministry Volunteers**. We fell a little short and still need more. As the short list can get quite burnt out if they are called upon every month or in some situations multiple times per month, we ask you to contact Katie StBrendans@gmail.com and re-consider volunteering for the following positions:

- **Lector (Live, Recorded or Both)**
- **Prayers of the People**
- **Ushers**

The Church Ministry Calendar is back! Please scroll towards the end of the Little Log where it will remain weekly.



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 the church on **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 or 412 952-3180. All are welcome! Please join us!

Childrens Corner



It's coming

Vacation Bible School.

Because it is a little bit different this year, because it is on Saturday afternoon, after VBS – with crafts and readings and games, on each Saturday evening, at the end of each day of VBS, we'll have a church service.

Yes, we will have a short church service and celebrate the Eucharist for all who would like to attend.

And if you already have vacation plans, you children can still participate, email Pastor Julie at jlsphone1@gmail.com for more information.

All this starts in, are you ready for August, two weeks. Wow!

Peace & Blessings,
Julie+

CRIES Advocacy (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), donates 10% of our pledged income. This week we are supporting AT Children's Program, which raises money for research and patient needs. Matthew Wunsche suffers from this disease. We are also supporting Stop Asian Hate this week, an organization that was recommended by the Justice Ministry. Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been subject to increased racism during the pandemic. The organization also addresses all forms of structural racism. This is a way to support our Asian students in ESL.

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

Senior Warden's Corner

Some weeks, a Senior Warden has serious business to write about. In others, it's most appropriate to do a little "housekeeping." This week falls into the latter group.

** On several occasions recently, clergy or staff have arrived at church to find the building unlocked. Luckily, no damage has been done and nothing is missing. But we do owe it to ourselves as a community to be more careful about security. Some months ago, a Vestry member donated a *Ring!* doorbell with a camera, so we can now determine who it was that left the building without locking up properly. You have been warned, I guess! (Please note the sign that reminds everyone to push the door closed **firmly**, with special attention to the bottom of the door.)

** There are two sign-up sheets on the table in the Narthex (Episcopal-speak for *lobby*): one is for people willing to give money for flowers and the other is for volunteers to set up coffee and cookies following the 10:00 service. We ask for a \$40 donation to purchase our altar flowers and invite the donor to dedicate their gift in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving for a happy event. Hosting the coffee hour is a simple matter of making some coffee and putting out a few cookies or doughnuts—nothing fancy. Please do sign up if you can. If you are not going to be at church but would like to add your name to the list, Katie will be happy to make the arrangements.

** We want to remind everyone who has pledged to make regular payments to the church to check their quarterly statements. You should have received your 2nd Quarter statement earlier this month, including all payments made through the end of June. Thank you.

Tim Austin



We celebrate the **August wedding anniversaries:**

5 Claire & Bob Grotevant	14 Melissa & Ian Aretz	21 Joan & Frank Beatrous
26 AJ & Marian McKenna	29 Linda & David Schantz	30 Darrell Johnson & Tash Zukowski



We celebrate the **August Birthdays:**

1	Julia Wick	3	Ruth Horton	4	Michael Wick	5	Jim Gray	7	Paul Klinefelter
11	Margie Davies	13	Reid Karn	15	Stacey Coyle	15	Daniel May	23	Sean Dickerson
24	Sarah May	27	Gladys Carlysle	27	Wyatt Karn	31	Andrea Dickerson		



Easy Funds for St. Brendan's! You may not know it, but St. Brendan's earns 5% for each gift card that we sell! Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling gift cards in the narthex each Sunday after the 10 am service, buy a gift card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle for face value, do your usual grocery shopping or gasoline pumping, then pay for it with the card purchased at St. Brendan's! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!

Please keep our church **neat and orderly** as we begin renting again. We are proud of St. Brendan's Episcopal Church and want to show that.



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.

This Public Forum is sponsored by St. Brendan's and the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills.

Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

July 26-29: Diversity Forum 2021 -- Dismantling Oppressive Systems; Building Just Communities, sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh's Office for Equity Diversity and Inclusion. To register, go to https://pitt.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6Exvz11cevgmNIY. Free to participants.

Our Right to Clean Air ~ A Resident Led Town Hall

Hear from medical experts and residents.

A Tale of Two Pittsburghs ~ **Wednesday, July 28, 2021** – NOON to 1:00 pm, via Zoom

Eventbrite SIGN UP! <https://bit.ly/3hP29xz>

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 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.

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.



July 2021 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
July 4 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Sean Sweeney 2 nd Karen Dennis P Cameron Grosh	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	~	~	Cameron Grosh Sean Sweeney	~	Ken Parsons Katie Cervone
July 7 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
July 11 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Kate Heston P Linda Limberis	Sylvia Affleck Phoebe Juel	~	~	Allyson Baierl	Tim Austin	Megan Overby Tim Austin
July 14 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
July 18 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Linda Limberis 2 nd Annemarie Malbon P Tony Turo	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	Ginny Volponi Michael Donadee	Janice Moore	Need volunteer
July 21 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	~	~	~	~	~	~
July 25 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4 th	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st 2 nd P	Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller	~	~	Kate Heston Eric Helmsen	Mary Bertucci Donna Aiello	Kline/Mesko family
July 28 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	~	~	~	~	~	~



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 st Ginny Volponi 2 nd AJ McKenna (virtual) P Mary Bertucci	Dottie Antonucci Shari Tarrant	~	~	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Donna Aiello	Linda Limberis
August 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce 1 st Alan Schneider 2 nd Donna Aiello (virtual) P Kate Heston	Sylvia Affleck Libby Juel	~	~	Michael Donadee Kate Heston	Cameron Grosh	Need volunteer
August 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st Tim Austin 2 nd Tony Turo (virtual) P Tony Turo	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	~	~	John Appledorn Eric Helmsen	Tim Austin	Need volunteer
August 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	~	Darrell Johnson	~	~	~	~	~
August 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Nate Boyd 2 nd 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 st 2 nd 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

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

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

Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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