



Sunday, March 27, 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 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
11:00 am Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81976791143?pwd=NnN0cW5xSFVFMmk1VlFBcVJia05LQT09>
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
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:** 3:00 pm Deacon hours
7:00 pm Evening Service, in person
- Friday:** 11:00 am Limited office hours, please call ahead.

The Priest's Corner

IT'S NOT A PROBLEM UNTIL IT'S MY PROBLEM

Ever since Adam and Eve got the boot from paradise (heaven-on-earth), it seems that the world has been going to hell in a handcart. The world has certainly not been all that heavenly for as long as anyone can remember: problems, problems and more problems. And for the moment it's not from where or whence the problems have arisen. Suffice it to say that problems are usually the result of one or two reasons: selfishness or dumb luck. Either we deliberately do that which will eventually – or immediately – cause us and others or are the result of being in the wrong place at the wrong time.

What matter are the problems that confront us now and not the reasons for them in the first place. For one of the main problems with problems is that we spent so much time trying to figure out what went wrong or why it went wrong or whom to blame that we never have the time or energy to deal with the problem itself, whatever the problem.

The other problem with problems is that it is not a problem until it is my problem: until it confronts me head on, until I can no longer avoid it, escape it or try to justify it. Until then the problem is someone else's problem. But once it is my problem, then I have no choice but to confront it, deal with it, try to solve or understand it, live with it.

And where do we confront these problems most especially? In our family. When a problem becomes a family problem, my family's problem (however we define *problem*), then it is now my problem. G. K. Chesterton once observed: "The common defense of the family is that, amid the stress and fickleness of life, it is peaceful, pleasant and at one. But there is another defense of the family, and to me evident: its defense is that the family is not peaceful and not pleasant and not one." In other words, it is full of problems. In other words, we have to work at it inside the family.

Philip Yancey: "It is safe to say that I have learned more about grace, forgiveness, diversity – and, yes, original sin – from my family than from all the theology books I have read...so troublesome issues like divorce and homosexuality [problems to some/many] take on a different cast when you confront them not in a state legislature [or a church gathering/convention] but in a family reunion."

It is also safe to say that when problems are confronted on a very personal basis, when they are family problems – and the church is a family, is it not? – then we can begin to see those "problems" from a personal perspective and begin to deal with them with compassion and understanding, something we are unlikely to do when the problems are someone else's.

We will never make earth heavenly, but we can make it a little less hellish. What we need to do is understand that every problem, is really a family problem, and thus, ours, and deal with it as best we can and not find an excuse why we should not.

Bill



A BFF donation was given in thanksgiving for the **Merry Meal Makers** who kept my family fed and happy during my recovery, from Allison Kline.

A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor a special day or loved one while supporting unbudgeted building needs of our church. BFF funds have been used to purchase various items.

Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor. Contact Katie if you are interested in making a donation. stbrendanskatie@gmail.com.

Holy Week Services:



Palm Sunday: Services at 8:00 10:00 a.m. with the Visit of Bishop The Right Rev. Ketlen A. Solak!



Holy Thursday: Service at 7:00 p.m. with Foot Washing and The Stripping of the Altar



Good Friday: 12:00 Noon - Stations of the Cross; 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Service



Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. - The Great Easter Vigil



Easter Morning: Services at 8:00 & 10:00 a.m.-- Festive Celebration of the Resurrection

The Children's Corner



I have a pair of sox that just like this one that reads "You're not the boss of me." A friend gave them to me as a joke when I was having a hard time at work. But if you look closely, the girl on the sox is treading some deep water and maybe in trouble.

And what do my sox have to do with this week's gospel lesson? Well, think for a moment about the prodigal son. Prodigal means – spending money freely or wastefully, I used to think it just meant selfish, but it really means wasteful. But the prodigal son went to his father one day and said, "I don't want to live on a farm, and work hard all of my life, I want to have fun. Give me my inheritance NOW. Let me have fun NOW." And the father did. He divided all that he had and gave the younger son what he wanted.

And the younger son is full of "I wants". He basically wanted 3 things – 1) money; 2) adventure; and 3) to not have a boss. He didn't want his father or his older brother to tell him what to do. He didn't want the animals who needed to be fed and watched to control his hours. He wanted to do just what he wanted to do when he wanted to do it. He wanted to be his own boss. Follow his own rules. Not listen to anyone. He wanted to live a selfish life.

And he did.

He ran to the big city, and spent money freely, and didn't work. And he thought he made friends with all of the people he paid to be with him – to party with him.

Until his money ran out.

Then he found out that all of the people he thought were his friends were not really friends. That without money to buy them things, these so-called friends disappeared. He had to find work and because he wasn't skilled or trained or educated to work, he could only find a job that required no skills. Dirty, hard jobs. The job he found was to feed and clean pigs.

One day, he realized his father's slaves had a better life than he did. So, he decided to go home. And he must have practiced what to say on the long trip home. He was going to apologize. Then from a far way off, his father saw his son approaching. His father must have been waiting, watching, and hoping his son would return. The father flew off the porch, to greet his son. The father was so happy he said, "Let's have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was lost, but now is found."

Now, do you think the younger son is ready to follow some rules and accept that the rules apply to him too? And what about the older brother, the one who stayed and worked. He got jealous the father was throwing a party for his younger brother.

But what both brothers need to realize is they already live in the Kingdom of God. That God's rules are the rules we follow, that God is the boss of us. And if we follow God's rules – especially the number 1 rule to love each other – with JOY, then it is not like work at all.

**Peace,
Julie+**



Evening Prayer/Taize service reminder: Our regular monthly Evening Prayer/Taize service will be held on Wed. March 30 at 7:00 PM in the chapel. Please plan to attend this lovely, quiet, reflective service as part of your Lenten devotions. Communion will be distributed at the end of the service. All are welcome!



Adopt-a-Highway. Want to do some real Spring cleaning? Want to give two hours to beautifying a piece of America seen by thousands of travelers each day? Become part of St. Brendan's Adopt-a-Highway crew on **Saturday, March 26.** Volunteers, age 14 and up, will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m., carpool to Camp Horne Road in Ohio Twp., and pick up litter along the interchange at I-279. The group will finish by 10:45. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



Do you like to sing? **Would you like to join the choir?** We are excited to announce that the Choir will be bringing back live music at the 10:00 service. If you would like to join this fulfilling ministry, send your interest to Katie stbrendansKatie@gmail.com. All voices and experience levels are welcome.



Easter Altar Flowers If you would like to make a contribution for the flowers that will be on the altar on Easter Sunday, make your check payable to St. Brendan's and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Send an email to Katie StBrendansKatie@gmail.com, and be sure to include the name/s of those who are being honored, celebrated, remembered or thanked through the flower donation. Any amount is welcome. Submitted information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



April Book Club Selection. "Interior Chinatown" follows the story of an Asian-American actor struggling against clichéd roles and stereotypes, both at work and in his life experiences. It's a deeply personal novel about race, pop culture, immigration, assimilation and escaping the roles we are forced to play. Join us at the church on Thursday, April 7th at 7:00 pm as we discuss this thought-provoking book. Please feel free to contact Chris Botti at shadypatch@msn.com if you would like more info.



Join us for a chance to experience the transformational power of group drumming!

The Spirituality Ministry is holding a Drumming Circle on Tuesday, **April 5, at 7:00 p.m.** in the Hospitality Room at St. Brendan's. The cost is \$10 per person, and will last approximately 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

This drum circle program will make hand drumming and rhythm accessible to anyone willing to try. This hands-on program focuses on empowering and inspiring individuals to be creative and build community. If you are looking to improve mental clarity, reduce stress and anxiety or simply relax, this program is for you! No prior experience necessary and beginners are warmly welcome. Drums provided, but feel free to bring your own if you desire.

Our Presenter: Benjamin Dorscha, a Certified Drum Circle Facilitator, has been participating in Drum Circles for ten years and has the desire to share the positive power of these circles with others, all in a fun supportive environment. Ben has witnessed first-hand the transformation that group drumming can have on individuals and hopes to share this opportunity with the intention of building a stronger community.

Please let Donna Aiello (donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com) know if you would like to attend.



Next Forum: Racial Inequities in Maternal Health in Western PA, **Thursday, March 24 @ 7:00pm via Zoom.**

The U.S. has the highest maternal mortality rate of any high-income nation; AND this rate is 3-4 times higher for black women compared to white women. What factors are contributing to this alarming rise in death? What are the solutions? You'll find answers to these questions and much more at this enlightening Forum.

Speakers are

- Ann McCarthy, staff Certified Nurse-Midwife, University of Pittsburgh Physicians and former Clinical Director of The Midwife Center for Birth and Women's Health, and
- Winter Clay, RN, Doula, Marriage Mentor and Cofounder of Masters of Maternity

To register, please email sregistration@uucnh.org

This forum has been planned by the Unitarian Universalists of the North Hills, in conjunction with St. Brendan's and Trinity Lutheran Church. Racial Inequities in Maternal Health – "First Do No Harm": Combatting Black Maternal Health Disparities



Save the date for our annual prayer and pot-luck Sunday by the lake, July 24th!

We celebrate the **April Wedding Anniversaries** of:

7 Susan & Mark Shoemaker
27 Annemarie Malbon & Daric Thompson



26 Gladys & Les Carlisle
27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

We celebrate the **April Birthdays** of:

1 Libby Juel
10 Claire Grotevant
12 Marcy Little
20 Edith Waseleski
26 Les Carlisle

3 Anthony Bertucci
10 Linda Limberis
15 Keith Heston
21 Morgan Aretz
27 Linda Schneider



7 Kevin Boyd
10 Lin Shadgett
18 Leah Byrne
23 Ted Dannerth
29 Arlena Pugliese

10 John Appledorn
10 Ann Vinski
20 Mark Shoemaker
23 Susan Shoemaker



For the Month of **March**, the **North Hills Food Bank** is particularly in need of either plain or flavored bottled water. They are also asking for ground regular and decaf coffee (11 oz size), as well as powdered creamer in small containers. Of course they will always accept non-perishable food items.

Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars. Please do not leave any expired items.



We are collecting much **needed medical supplies for Ukraine**. We are asking for items such as band aids, gauze, medical tape, antiseptic wipes, and other items used in first aid kits.

We are also looking for donations of small non-perishable food items such as protein bars, packs of crackers, nut packets, and fruit pouches, as well as plastic forks and spoons.

Donations will be taken to St's. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church, which is making arrangements for shipping. There will be a donation bin outside the front doors of St. Brendan's now through March 27.

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 Brother's Brother Foundation, a local organization that works to improve health care, infrastructure, education and responds to natural disasters.

Other Upcoming Events



54th Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale. Sunday, April 10, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Over 1,200 Ukrainian Pysanky (Easter Eggs) Over 300 Specialty Eggs (Goose, Ostrich, wooden and more)
Folk Arts & Crafts from Ukraine Basket Raffles, Door Prizes ~ Ukrainian Food from their kitchen:

Sts Peter & Paul Ukaraianian Orthodox Church See the bulletin board for more information or www.orthodoxcarnegie.org.



Southern Pennsylvania Water Authority 6th Virtual Resident-Led Town Hall
Steelworker Voices: Facing the Threat from Close Range
Tuesday, April 5, 2022, 6 p.m. via Zoom
Click here to [REGISTER!](#)



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 **Monday April 4, then May 2, June 6, and July 11**. You can register for this Zoom event [HERE](#).

A Forum on Policing and Social Justice Sunday April 10, 1:00-3:30 p.m.

First United Methodist Church 5401 Centre Ave Pittsburgh Pa

If you would like more information, contact Ginny Volponi at gabby4045@gmail.com



Requested Prayers

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for the following. Each is a medical professional or an emergency first responder who is helping people cope with the Coronavirus outbreak. They are using their skills and risking their own well-being by tending to those whose health has been threatened.

Kimberly Becker
Bob Cerra
Nicholas Demers
Rebecca Donadee
Lynne Gloor
Kerri Jensen
Becca Sands
Julie

Maddie Bell
Brenna Conroy
Andrea Dickerson
Chris Fleissner
Ann Hockenberry
Dr. Ken Judson
Warren Sands
Mike

Sheila Bigelow
Adele Cotter
Franklin Park Police Department
Amanda Gagnon
Beth Lutz Hoffman
Abby Montgomery
Andrew Smith
Patrick

Kate Burnett
James Cotter
Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department
Jeff Gagnon
Eric Hood
Luke O'Neill
Cindy Jennifer

Frank Casey
Laura Dugan Demers
Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department
Betsy Gentile
John Jacobs and staff
Kim Pierce
Lane

Prayer for our medical personnel and first responders.

Lord, please bless and care for all healthcare workers and first responders. Grant them wisdom, knowledge, skill and compassion so that they may be instruments of Your healing power for those they serve and care for. Give them strength and support. May they be able to do their work in a spirit of love and kindness and mercy. Keep them safe and well as they make personal sacrifices on behalf of Your community. Amen.



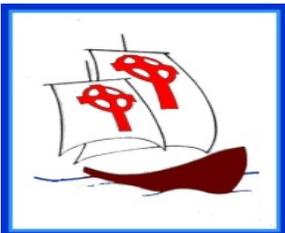
March 2022 Ministry Calander

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Greeters	Ushers	Vestry	Hospitality
March 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Ann Vinski P Alan Schneider <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	n/a	Dean Peters John Appledorn	Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
March 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Mary Bertucci 2 nd Tim Austin P Donna Aiello <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	n/a	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Donna Aiello	Volunteer needed
March 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd Kate Heston P Donna Aiello <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Dottie Antonucci Shari Tarrant	n/a	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci Kate Heston	Volunteer needed
March 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
March 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday, 4th	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st (Children) 2 nd (Children) P (Children)	Joan Klinefelter Libby Juel	n/a	Kate Heston Wesley Bell	Allyson Baiert TBD	Cameron Grosh John Appledorn	Volunteer needed
March 30 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a



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	n/a	Toni Passarello Annemarie Malbon	Eric Helmsen Kate Heston	Donna Aiello	Volunteer needed
April 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
April 10 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Tony Turo 2 nd Marilyn Mulvihill P Kate Heston <i>*Readers have the option to pre-record or read live in person.</i>	Janice Moore Sylvia Affleck	n/a	Allyson Baierl Sharon Hlawati	Donna Aiello Mike Wick	Cameron Grosh	Volunteer needed
April 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
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	n/a	Kate Heston John Appledorn	John Appledorn Allyson Baierl	Kate Heston	Volunteer needed
April 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a
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	n/a	Joyce Donadee Wesley Bell	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Mary Bertucci	Volunteer needed
April 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	TBD	Darrell Johnson	~	~	n/a	n/a	n/a



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
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Audio-Visual Technology: Sean Sweeney
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CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
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Joyce Donadee
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North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

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Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Arts & Crafts & Cookie Walk: TBD
Memorial Garden: John Appledorn
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Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
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Ann Vinski
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