



Weekly at St. Brendan's

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. Open for Worship
10:00 a.m. Worship in person is limited
10:00 a.m. via live streaming

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UckCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 8:15 a.m. Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4796201105?pwd=bXM5OHJ2UEh4TXhQT1RkZnVrQWNVdz09>

Meeting ID: 479 620 1105 Passcode: 092720

11:00 a.m. Be a Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

1:00 p.m. Bible-Lite Group

Tuesday: 7:00 a.m. AA meeting, via zoom

Dial in: 312-626-6799 Meeting Id:345 892 252

8:00 a.m. Staff meeting, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

11:00 a.m. Bible Study, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

4:30 p.m. Book Club discussion, via zoom

Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

Saturday: 9:30 a.m. Women's virtual Coffee Hour

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8944116431>

Sunday, May 30, 2021

Celebrant: 10:00 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Julie Smith

Participating and representing St. Brendan's in prayer and worship and receiving Holy Eucharist for all members and friends of St. Brendan's.

The Priest's Corner

An Awesome Church Picnic—Letting a Pandemic Know It Didn't Win! THINK 68!

WE'RE BACK!

I'm told that the most people we've ever had at a church picnic at St. Brendan's was 67. So I'm introducing a rallying cry to show this God-awful pandemic that it can't keep us down—we made it through! So, THINK 68! I'm going out on a limb and prophesying there will be at least 68 people at this year's St. Brendan's Father's Day Picnic (or as my saintly, Bingo-playing grandma called it "pic-in-ick!")

So if you want to show this pandemic who's boss, join the THINK 68 movement. Here's how it works: once you enter the "count-up," you become eligible to win outstanding prizes (like a photo-op with Mother Julie wearing colorful socks, a polka dance with Father Regis, a front-row seat at the Tim Austin solo/sing-along of "God Save the Queen," making mayonnaise with Ellen Groves, the opportunity to fashion a "man bun" on top of Kevin Boyd's head, a free seat at the "Gobsmacking" inservice by Sylvia Affleck and many, many more outstanding, unforgettable prizes—I'm told "three notes of Tim's God Save the Queen is alone worth the price of admission").

So here's what you do to enter the pure joy of this "pic-in-ick" and become eligible to win one or more of these incredible prizes. Text or call Katie to let her know you're coming and how many are coming with you to the "pic-in-ick." You will get a number and as many numbers as people who are "pic-in-ick-ing" with you. These numbers will correspond to the order in which your attendance notification came into Katie. So if you and your two kids are the 7th, 8th and 9th texters to Katie, you will get #s 7, 8 and 9. At the "pic-in-ick" you will win a prize if and when your number is drawn. What could be better than this! They say, "One chance to win in a drawing like this is worth a month of week-ends!"

Actually, you're invited to create prizes and send them to Regis, Julie or Katie. Think of it like a basket you put together as a prize for a raffle. We'll have a blast as we thumb our nose at that pandemic that planned to take us down—but didn't. Not only will the food be fantastic at THINK 68, but the company's the best this side of the Potomac River. So before she's inundated with calls and your wait-time is over double-digit hours, call or text Katie and get your number(s). You can't miss this adventure of a lifetime!

Join your St. B's friends and family and others (remember we are inclusive—bring a friend—get them a number too) to make THINK 68 the fantasticest, most talked-about event of the year. Don't miss your chance to tell that pandemic to go fly a kite!



Brendan's Boots, the parish walking group, will return to the trail Tuesday, June 8, after a long Covid layoff. Participants will gather at the church by 9 a.m., then carpool to the boathouse parking lot in North Park for a trek around the lake. Lunch will follow at the lakeside Over the Bar Bicycle Cafe. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.

CRIES Advocacy (Christian Response In Emergency Situations), donates 10% of our pledged income. This week we are supporting the work of Brother's Brother Foundation. This foundation helps bridge the gap between aid and sustainability by supporting localized programs and providing essential resources in the areas of Healthcare, Infrastructure, Disaster Response, and Education (H.I.D.E).



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

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| 3 Regis Smolko & Ken Parsons | 11 Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski | 17 Sheila Bigelow & James Roche |
| 18 Julia & Michael Wick | 19 Joyce & Michael Donadee | 25 Connie & Richard Weichel |
| 27 Chris & Roger Botti | 30 Kate & Keith Heston | |



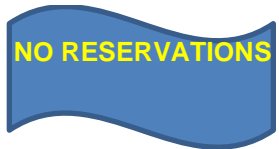
We celebrate the **June Birthdays** of:

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| 2 Thaddeus Popovich | 5 Wesley Bell | 7 Rob Chappo | 12 Terry Dezort | 14 Sheila Bigelow |
| 15 James Christenson | 15 Regis Smolko | 20 Karl Haider | 21 Gary Basehore | 21 Emma Harvey |
| 22 Nikki Konley | 25 Joan Beatrous | 26 Reese Long | 27 Duke Aretz | 27 Sharon Hlawati |
| 28 Derek Basehore | 30 Amy Boyd | 30 Dean Peters | 30 Charlotte Pierce | |

OUR NEXT FORUM: Tuesday, June 15 at 7:00 pm via a Zoom webinar -- Equality, Identity and Hope: The Asian American Experience. Our speaker is Cynthia Choi, Co-Founder of Stop Asian Hate. She is also Co-Executive Director of Chinese for Affirmative Action (CAA), a civil rights organization committed to protecting immigrant livelihoods, and fulfilling the promise of a multi-racial democracy. Ms. Choi has 20+ years of nonprofit leadership experience, leading campaigns on immigrant rights, violence prevention, and more. She will not only provide us with historical information about the embedded bias, but also the latest information on what is happening to Asian Americans in our country and what we can do. To attend, just email Katie at StBrendansKatie@gmail.com. For more information, go to www.stbrendans.org. Timely and worthwhile!



**Liturgy by the Lake
and
Picnic in the Park**



Please mark your calendars for Sunday, June 20.

On that morning, Eucharist will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. in the Latham Shelter in North Park.

The 8:00 a.m. service will be held at church as usual but there will be no live-streamed service on June 20.

Thankfully, COVID infections have dropped steadily in recent weeks; however, some people understandably continue to act with caution. Of course, we fully respect everyone's personal judgment. Because this service will be held outdoors though, we hope that many will feel comfortable in joining their fellow parishioners and friends for this act of *corporate* worship. We will make every effort to provide an environment in which all can feel safe. Following the service, we will enjoy a picnic meal together. St. Brendan's has earned its reputation for lively hospitality, but this year we will be simplifying the arrangements somewhat so as to limit the risk of cross-contamination. Those who prefer to bring and consume their own meals will be very welcome to do so.

We are looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the Picnic:

- organizing food and drinks
- providing (non-plastic) plates, dinnerware and other consumables
- bringing and/or organizing COVID-appropriate games and activities for various age-groups
- assisting with set-up and tear-down

If you can help in any of these ways (or in some way that we *haven't* listed—yet!), please contact Tim Austin at austover@gmail.com.

**NOTE THAT THERE IS NO RAIN DATE FOR THIS EVENT.
IF WE MUST CANCEL, AN EBLAST WILL BE SENT OUT NO LATER THAN 8:00 A.M.**



A **Brendan's Family & Friends (BFF)** donation was given in memory of Linda Parsons, from Ken Parsons and Regis Smolko.

Children's Corner

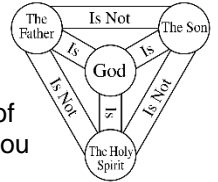


Happy Trinity Sunday

Do you know what the Trinity is? Can you explain the trinity to someone? These are the really big questions that we wrestle with in church.

We know God – the Creator, also referred to as Father. And we know Jesus, he is our Redeemer and the Son. Last week, we heard about the Spirit. And of the three, the Holy Spirit is the least mentioned, the least understood but I think is the most present with us. I like to think of the Spirit as that cool breeze that strokes our cheeks on a hot day, or that breath of fresh air in the spring with the scent of flowers, or blast of comforting warm air when you enter the house when it is cold outside. See, even my examples come in threes.

So what is the Trinity? Tri means three so we know there are three parts, and when we sing our hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" it tells us – "God in three persons, blessed Trinity." So obviously Pastor Julie, the Trinity is the three parts of the Trinity. And the answer is yes, but then what is God? Part of the Trinity or all of the Trinity together? And you see how quickly this becomes complicated.



Look around and see how often you see three interlocking circles or images. We use these in church to try to show what the trinity is, to try to make something really hard to understand, easier for all of us to get.

I think this is why St. Patrick used a shamrock – each part is part of the shamrock and together it is the shamrock, so the shamrock is a great example of THE trinity.



But I think an even easier way for us to understand the trinity is to think of love. Think of all the love in your life. We love our parents, we love our siblings, our pets and our friends. As we get older, we fall in love with other people and make new families. And as we get older, we realize we love some people one way, and other people other ways. For example, we love our mothers in a special way and that love is a bit different than how we might love our brothers and sisters. And that is a bit different than how we love our friends or our spouse. And why I think this is like the trinity is because it is all love. Different kinds of love but each one is love and together it is all love.

And – it is all

... just

..... love.



Peace, Julie+

Senior Warden's Corner

For St. Brendan's, as for the nation as a whole, the process of emerging from fifteen months of COVID restrictions has been—what shall we say—hesitant? cautious? uneven? Sudden shifts in CDC policy have led to clergy discussions and prompted statements by Bishop McConnell, all at a pace that made it hard to know how often to send out announcements about changes at the parish level. If at certain points that left some of you with questions unanswered, I apologize.

At this point, however, it is appropriate to clarify where matters stand.

- No reservations are now required to attend our Sunday services at either 8:00 or 10:00.
- We continue to ask that children under 12 not attend services just yet. At this month's Vestry Meeting, Pr. Julie presented a detailed plan for re-introducing children to church over the course of the summer; she will share more information about that program soon. (NOTE: The Parish Picnic is an exception to this policy; the kids are welcome to join us there.)
- Masks are still required in church and we will continue to seat people with an eye to distancing, though the minimum distance will be reduced. We hope soon to have ushers back in the building to assist with this task.
- Congregational singing is now permitted but you must not remove your mask in order to sing.
- If COVID numbers continue to improve (vaccinations ↑ new cases ↓), we plan to introduce a simple Coffee Hour (hopefully outdoors) in July.

If you have any other questions or concerns, ... you know where to reach me!

Tim Austin



St. Brendan's Women's Coffee Hour will meet again, this Saturday, May 29.



The Vegetable Garden, located around the back of the building, has been planted for 2021. Harvesting is done on Wednesdays, when we clean up the veggies, pack them in zip lock bags, and get them ready for Thursdays deliveries to a local Food Bank.

We need help with watering and harvesting this wonderful ministry.

To sign up click [Garden Schedule Signup](#) or go to <https://www.stbrpit.com/> and click on Garden Schedule. Enter your name during the days/weeks you can be responsible by typing directly onto the document. Ideally, we would like volunteers to take on a task a full week at a time, to be responsible for either watering, weeding or harvesting.

Text or call Ken Parsons at 412-418-5223 if you have any questions.



Now that we are beginning to reopen, we will no longer have a donation bin outside. Please bring non-perishable food items/donations when you come on Sunday, and you can leave them in the shopping cart in the narthex as before. We will continue distributing food to the North Hills Food Bank and the Community Outreach. Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars or any expired items.

Need food? If you or someone you know has a food shortage, contact the church and we will be happy to help.



St. Brendan's Men's Breakfast is back. The group meets at 9am on the 2nd Monday of the month for food and fellowship at the Eat'n Park, 2650 Brandt School Rd in Wexford. If you would like to join us and are not currently on the e-mail list contact either Steve Horton stephenshorton@aim.com or Bill Spoonhoward, tspoonhoward@yahoo.com. Upcoming dates: June 14th, July 12th, and August 9th.

Upcoming Events from our Neighbors

OUR RIGHT TO CLEAN AIR: A Resident-Led Town Hall Meeting. **Wednesday, June 9** at 12:00pm noon and repeated at 7:00pm -- a grass-roots rally to discuss the future of the Mon Valley. This affects all of us. To register: <https://bit.ly/3hB6OLK>

Requested Prayers:

For the members of St. Brendan's: Rosie and Rodge Wood, Larry Tarrant, Wesley Bell, John Jacobs, Larry Toler, Matthew, Mark Shoemaker, Dr. Ken Judson and Mark Kinley.

For our parents: Sandy Martin, Ray Militzer, Naomi Getty and Lenora.

For our family members: Eric Carlson and his family, Geoff Wood, Lane, Jim Parsons, Karen Dansak, Marie Hazelton, Adara Rose, Roman, Patrick Schantz, Tom Groves, Nathan Schlumpf, Bob Keihl, David Pingree, Dakota and Morgan, Sabrina Office and Robert Donato.

For our friends: Larry Tourangeau, Dave Frazier, Jane Young, Sherri Hilbert, Joan Gonzales, Heather and Dan Houle.

For those who have died: Trish Galone, Norma Cervantes (Darrel Johnson's sister) and Linda Parsons.

Dear Friends of St. Brendan's,

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church would like to thank, and request your prayers for, the following parishioners and friends or family of parishioners. 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.

We are grateful for their selfless dedication and ask that God watch over them, keep them safe and give them both strength and rest. We hope that you will join the church in thanking and praying for:

Kimberly Becker	Maddie Bell	Kate Burnett	Frank Casey	Bob Cerra
Brenna Conroy	Adele Cotter	James Cotter	Laura Dugan Demers	Nicholas Demers
Andrea Dickerson	Franklin Park Police Department		Franklin Park Volunteer Fire Department	
Rebecca Donadee	Chris Fleissner	Amanda Gagnon	Jeff Gagnon	Shelley Gagnon
Betsy Gentile	Lynne Gloor	Ann Hockenberry	Beth Lutz Hoffman	Eric Hood
John Jacobs and staff	Kerri Jensen	Dr. Ken Judson	Luke O'Neill	Kim Pierce
Becca Sands	Warren Sands	Andrew Smith	Justin Zeigler	Cindy
Jennifer	Julie	Mike	Patrick	



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.



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: Pat Carl
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: Tim Michael
Justice Ministry: Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Banks: Ruth Horton & Donna Aiello

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