



**All Church Hospitality Hour**

Attendees from both the 8 & 10 a.m. services are invited to a joint hospitality hour  
**THIS Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.**  
Please join us.

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## Senior Warden's Corner

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**Dear Brendanites,**

Week after week this space carries messages from Mother Robin, Deacon Darrell, me and others that seek to inform, uplift and encourage. This piece will inform as well, but it should also be encouraging to anyone who cares about the future of St. Brendan's.

Many of you are aware of the sizable mortgage that St. Brendan's has been paying down as a result of the \$1.3 million construction project which produced our beautiful sanctuary, functional classrooms, lower-level meeting rooms, well-appointed nursery, well-equipped kitchen and intimate chapel, all of which opened in 2002. The church's original mortgage for that work was with a bank at the day's prevailing interest rates. Years into the plan, it became apparent that the parish operating budget needed relief from the payments. In 2017 the Pittsburgh diocese took on the debt, refinanced it for St. Brendan's at a better rate and converted it to a seven-year balloon-style loan. The plan offered lower payments in the beginning, which then rose each year at a manageable level for St. Brendan's budget. Since the plan will expire in February, parish leaders have been in discussion for more than the past year with diocesan leaders on what comes next.

The diocese recently submitted to St. Brendan's a plan that will address the remainder of the debt with a 15-year fixed loan at 1.5% interest which will take effect in February 2024. The diocese has offered to pay off 25% of the loan balance (\$109,000) while St. Brendan's handles the remaining 75% (\$329,000). The annual payment in this final year of our current balloon loan is \$42,000. Under the plan that will take effect next year, St. Brendan's will pay only \$24,000 a year — annual savings of \$18,000. While our parish is by no means free of its mortgage debt, these new terms will do much to move us forward and help us pursue our Christian mission and serve God's community.

Mother Robin, the vestry and I are grateful to Bishop Ketlen Solak and the diocesan Board of Trustees for this promising new plan. We are especially thankful to diocesan Treasurer Elaine Zevkovich and our own Anelisa Tarrant, a member of the trustees, for their advocacy on behalf of St. Brendan's. If you have any questions about the plan, please contact me or another vestry member.

Yours in faith,  
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden ([twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net))



**KEELY SINGER CONCERT THIS WEEK!**

Thank you to all who purchased tickets to the Keely Singer concert on September 7. Because of you, this concert is sold out. We are all looking forward to a fun, nostalgic evening. If you don't have a ticket and would like to be on our waiting list, please let Donna Aiello know ([donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com)). If people cancel, folks from our waiting list will be called in the order they registered.

Remember that besides the free refreshments, we will be selling pulled chicken platters, wine and soft drinks, so come prepared to listen, maybe sing along and eat!

Some of the baskets in our basket raffle are in the back of the church. Raffle tickets will be sold on Sunday after both services -- \$2 each of 3 for \$5.

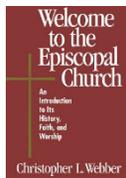


**ATTENTION:** On **September 27, 2023**, your kitchen is closed! But don't worry, the kitchen at Stack'd Wexford (12087 Perry Highway) is up and running. When you dine at the restaurant for lunch or dinner on Wednesday, September 27, 20% of your bill will get donated back to St. Brendan's! All you have to do is present a physical flyer (check the Narthex for copies!), show a picture of the flyer on your phone, or simply tell your server you are supporting the St. Brendan's cause that day. Tell your family and friends, too!



**The first Steelers game** is just around the corner! For a third year, St. Brendan's will be sponsoring a football pool based on the team's 8-game home season. These pools have been great fundraisers as well as the source of some harmless enjoyment on (mostly) Sunday afternoons. We trust that this year's game will be just as successful. The game board and copies of an introduction to the Pool for veteran players and complete rookies alike has been placed in the Narthex.

Please take a look and consider participating – or asking friends, family and co-workers to do so! Contact Tim Austin if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you.



**Modern Episcopalians** group will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 via zoom. The first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21. We will be reading and discussing the book entitled *Welcome to the Episcopal Church: an introduction to its history, faith and worship* by Christopher L. Webber. The zoom link for each session is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81843946044?pwd=UHZkNUhxUEh1RWZyMnliZy91R01nUT09>. To receive a weekly email invitation, contact John Appeldorn at [jj47@aol.com](mailto:jj47@aol.com).

**Volunteers needed for an Audio Video Technology crew.** St Brendan's is seeking volunteers who would like to be trained and available to help with AV. We previously had a crew before the pandemic and it's time to revitalize the crew since we have fully opened the church. The crew will be trained to run the AV system in the parish hall that may be needed by a speaker, a renter or any church group that needs to show a video, use a mic or have access to the projector for a presentation. If interested in this important church mission of being on the AV crew, contact Sandra Nagy at [Shelbie1982@icloud.com](mailto:Shelbie1982@icloud.com).



These are high needs for the **North Hills food bank** this month.

- Cereal
- Dry noodles, pasta – ziti, penne, spaghetti
- Boxed potatoes -scalloped, au gratin, mashed

Of course they will always accept non-perishable food items.

Note: The food banks do not accept anything in glass jars.

## Children and Youth



- **Sunday School Kickoff:** Sunday, September 10. Games, crafts, and Bible-based activities will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon. We hope all Sunday School-aged children (kindergarten through Grade 5) will participate in this fun morning to mark the beginning of the new year. Children will stay in the Sunday School area for the morning and will not join parents for the service on this day. Parents should drop off children in the Sunday School area at 9:30. Donuts and coffee will be available for parents in the social hall at 9:30.
  - **Upcoming dates for Sunday School:**
  - **Sunday, September 17:** Sunday School classes for Fish and Lambs at 10 a.m. Children return to their parents and the worship service during announcement time.
  - **Sunday, September 24:** Children's Worship Service. There will be no Sunday School classes that day. Children will be involved in various ways in the service. More details will be announced.
- **1 Nursery Volunteer** is still needed for October 1. Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer on various Sunday's. Your help is greatly appreciated! Anyone who already has their necessary clearances and is willing and able to help out with our little ones during the 10 a.m. worship service, please reach out to me, Liz MacDonald via text/call at 412-865-6486 or email [Liz702988@gmail.com](mailto:Liz702988@gmail.com). If there is anyone interested in becoming a Nursery Volunteer, I would love to hear from you and give you the necessary information in obtaining your clearances! Thank you, Liz.

**Can you help?** Your fellow parishioners need help. Members going through a trying time — like a sudden illness, a difficult recovery, or the arrival of a baby — get a boost when St. Brendan's delivers dinner. You can bring a smile and offer a lift by joining the Merry Meal Makers in occasionally making or purchasing a meal for a Brendanite. Contact Saundy Waseleski at [swaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:swaseleski@comcast.net) for more information.



We celebrate the **September Birthdays** of:

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|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Tony Turo        | 3 Luke Cerra      | 8 Griffin Wick  | 11 Phoebe Juel     |
| 12 Aidan McKenna   | 13 Sylvia Affleck | 15 George Latta | 17 Ida LaQuatra    |
| 18 Anelisa Tarrant | 21 Reid Shoemaker | 22 Melinda Bell | 23 Michael Donadee |



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

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| 8 Tamara & Bill Spoonhoward | 14 Linda & Tom Limberis |
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**Brendan's Boots.** The parish walking group will explore the lakeside trail at North Park on **Tuesday, Sept. 12**, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. Lunch will follow at Over the Bar Bicycle Cafe. Everyone is welcome. Feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski [twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net).



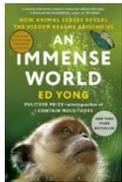
**St. Brendan's Spirituality Ministry** will be attending the annual **Native American Pow Wow** in Dorseyville on **Sunday, September 24**. The cost is \$6. All are invited to join us.

The Grand Entry will be held at approximately 1 p.m. We won't want to miss that so, for anyone who wants to car pool with us, we will leave St. Brendan's at 11:15 p.m. shortly after the 10 service, to assure being there on time. Once there, we will park at the Dorseyville Middle School, and take a school bus for a 5 minute ride to the top of the hill, where the Pow Wow will take place.

We can decide as a group how long we want to stay -- probably until 3 p.m., but if you meet us there, you can leave or stay whenever. For those that are driving themselves, we can meet at the entrance on top of the hill.

If you would like to attend, please contact Donna Aiello [donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com). Please indicate whether you will car pool from St. Brendan's with us or meet us there.

This is an exciting and interesting spiritual as well as cultural event. Come and enjoy a glimpse of Native American heritage, competitive dancing, Native American cuisine and arts and crafts at this family-friendly event. Looking forward to experiencing it with you!



**Book Club News** The next meeting of the St. Brendan's Book Club will be held on **Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** in the church library. We will be discussing "An Immense World" by Pulitzer Prize winning science journalist, Ed Yong. It is described as an ingenious account of the radically different ways that living organisms perceive the world that will fill you with wonder and forever alter your perspective (The New York Times). Please put this most astounding book on your summer reading list and join us in September! For more information, please contact Anne Semmler at [annegsemmler@gmail.com](mailto:annegsemmler@gmail.com). See you then!



**The Commission on Ministry for the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh** is hosting an information luncheon/discussion for anyone who may be interested in ordained ministry or licensed lay ministry. The session is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Church of the Redeemer located at 5700 Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill. The link to register is [Please register here](#).

## Prayer Requests

**We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's**, especially; Margie Davies, Joyce Donadee, Geoff Wood, Bill Spoonhoward, Ruth Haider, Judy McKarnin, Matthew, Jim Gray, Nancy Snyder, Larry Tarrant, Rosie Wood, Kate Heston, Linda & Alan Schneider, Mark Shoemaker, Mark Kinley, LuAnn Aldridge, Alice Butterworth.

**For our parents**, especially; Diane Davis, Ken McCormack, Ray Militzer, Lenora.

**For our family members**, especially; Kirk Latta, Pat Schulze, Tom Groves, Joann, Chris Sensenich, Jay & A, Sue Burchill, John, Carol Schmitz, Frank Nagy, Nathan Schlumpf, Chelsea, Ben and Bailey Botti, David Pingree, Bob Kiehl, Marie Hazelton, Eric Darde, Robert Donato, Rebecca Peters, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick.

**And for our friends**, especially; Jeanne Johnson, The Silveira family, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Cindy & Bob Getty, Josh, Evelyn Butera, Ron Neurohr, Rena Feingold, Vivian, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst and family, Maggie Cervone, Pat Reiner, Nancy Baker.

**We pray for all who have died**, especially Kate Fame, Janice Eichorn, Walter Smith and Adele McCormack.

# September Ministry Calendar 2023

<b>Date</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Sunday School Leaders</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Altar Guild</b>	<b>Greeters</b>	<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Vestry</b>	<b>Stewards</b>	<b>Hospitality</b>
September 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Donna Aiello 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Vinski P Linda Limberis	Summer Break	Liz MacDonald Annemarie Malbon	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	Toni Passarello Dean Peters	Michael Donadee Mike Wick	Ruth Horton	Dave Miller	The 8 O'clockers
September 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Sunday School kick off	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Mary Bertucci 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cindy Koszarek P Kate Heston	Sunday School Kick off Led by: Saundy Waseleski Allison Kline	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	Kate Heston John Appledorn	Dale Bertucci Anthony Bertucci	Neil Galone	Tim Austin	The Bertucci's
September 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves 1 <sup>st</sup> AJ McKenna 2 <sup>nd</sup> Paul Quinn P John Appledorn	Lambs Kayla Tweedle FISH TBD Door keeper Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Ellen Groves Susan Shields	Kathy & Dave Miller	Donna Aiello Allyson Baierl	Lauren Ramakrishna	Linda Limberis	The Nagy's
September 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children & Youth Sunday	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Children	Children's Worship	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Tammy Spoonhoward Kathy Miller	Allyson Baierl Annie Koch	Tim Austin Kate Heston	Sandy Nagy	John Appledorn	Megan & Tim



### 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  
Audio-Visual Technology: Sandy Nagy  
Communication: Sandy Nagy  
Children & Youth: Ruth Horton  
Finance: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Fundraising: TBD  
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston  
Membership: TBD  
Outreach: Ruth Horton  
Secretary/Clerk: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Worship: Neil Galone  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### 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

### PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Anne Semmler  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Bulletin Coordinators: Pat Carl & Carol Meese  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti  
Finance Chair: Lauren Ramakrishna  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
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

### 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

### 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>  
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom  
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

**Tuesday:** 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm  
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>  
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm  
4:30 pm Book Club discussion, via zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81484853481>

**Wednesday:** 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm  
6:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

**Thursday:** 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

**Friday:** 11:00 am Katie office hours till 3:00 pm

### ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Phone ~ 412-364-5974

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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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Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ [johnsdj31@verizon.net](mailto:johnsdj31@verizon.net)

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