

# NAVIGATOR'S LOG

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS  
& UPCOMING EVENTS



FRANKLIN PARK, PA  
**ST. BRENDAN'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

January 14, 2024



**St. Brendan's Annual Parish Meeting** will take place on **Sunday, Jan. 28, after a joint 9 a.m. service.** Mother Robin and the vestry will review the past year and preview the 2024 budget. Candidates will also be elected for vestry. So come to worship, stay for a brief meeting, and enjoy hospitality with fellow Brendanites afterward!



**Vestry Nominating Committee Seeks Nominations.** On **January 28**, St. Brendan's will elect three 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: Ruth Horton ([rvhorton@gmail.com](mailto:rvhorton@gmail.com)), Lauren Ramakrishna ([lauren.ramakrishna@gmail.com](mailto:lauren.ramakrishna@gmail.com)), Annemarie Malbon ([amalbon@gmail.com](mailto:amalbon@gmail.com)), and Donna Aiello ([donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com](mailto:donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com)).



**Vestry briefs.** At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry unanimously approved parishioner Ralph Tajak for reception as an Episcopal priest. This critical vote moves Ralph further along in the multi-step process. In December he received the approval of his parish Discernment Committee, another essential endorsement. Please congratulate Ralph and keep him in your prayers as he continues his journey at the diocesan level.

The vestry also passed a 2024 budget for the parish. With anticipated income of \$290,558.00 and expenses of \$286,813.52, St. Brendan's should end the year with a balance of \$3,744.48. Among the major changes in this year's spending plan:

- After three years of no pay raises, the parish administrator, music director and priest-in-charge were given 10 percent increases;
- Under a refinanced loan with the diocese, St. Brendan's mortgage has been reduced to a more manageable level. The parish will pay \$18,000 less per year for the next 15 years, when the debt will be retired.
- Total pledge income rose by 9% to \$232,478. Significant spending increases were budgeted for building maintenance and property insurance.

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



We have extended the deadline. All ministry leaders are asked to provide a brief written summary of their ministry for 2023 for the **Annual Report**. Thank you to those who have submitted their report on time. If you have not submitted your report, you now have until Tuesday, January 16. Reports submitted later than Tuesday will not be included in the Annual Report. Submit your report to Tammy Spoonhoward [tspoonhoward@yahoo.com](mailto:tspoonhoward@yahoo.com) or contact

Katie [Katie@stbrendans.org](mailto:Katie@stbrendans.org).

## Children and Youth



**Friday, January 26: Community Service Get-Together and Parents' Night Out from 5:30 to 8:00 pm.** We'll have pizza, make valentines for some special people and play a few games. We hope to see lots of our children and youth that evening. Teens, we need your help! Parents, please email Saundy at [swaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:swaseleski@comcast.net) to let us know if your child will be attending or for more information.

**Sunday, January 28: Children's Worship Service at 9 am.** There will be no Sunday School classes that day as children will be involved in the service. Annemarie will be in touch with parents regarding the various roles children will have. **Please note the time change.** The 9 am. service will be the only service that day. It will be followed by the annual Parish Meeting, which we encourage all families to attend. We'll have a supply of drawing paper and crayons on hand to keep our little ones busy, but you may want to bring along a quiet activity like a coloring book or something that your child enjoys to keep busy with during the meeting.

**Thank you to Laura and Grant Shoemaker** for providing the kings' cake during our well-attended Epiphany celebration last Sunday. Annemarie brought great star crafts for the kids to make during the party, and everyone had a great time.

**Nursery Volunteers:** Thank you to all who have signed up to volunteer on various Sundays. 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 am. 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).

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A donation was made to the **Brendan's Family and Friends Fund (BFF)** in memory of Nelson Ferguson, Ellen Groves' brother, from Saundy and Tom Waseleski.

A donation to the BFF fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!

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Well, somehow or other, Tomlinson pulled off yet another late-season surprise and our Steelers have scrambled into the playoffs! While you get ready to watch their next game in Buffalo, take the opportunity to look ahead to the Super Bowl and buy some squares in our **Super Bowl Pool!** Squares are an amazing bargain at just \$10 each (net proceeds to the church of course). Details are in the Narthex or by email from Tim Austin [austover@gmail.com](mailto:austover@gmail.com).

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## Vestry Candidates for 2024

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### Melanie Popovich

Melanie Popovich has been a member of St. Brendan's since 2005. After moving to Franklin Park and visiting various churches in the North Hills, she finally ended her search and found a parish to call home. What attracted her to St. Brendan's was the sense of inclusion, community and the genuine feeling of welcome to all those who walked through the doors.

Melanie served as Sr. Warden from 2007-2009, served on the Diocesan Board of Trustees, and currently coordinates the annual Blessing of Animals event held each October. As part of her personal ministry, she offers Reiki, upon request, to parishioners, both in the hospital or at home rehabbing from surgery.

Melanie spent most of her career at Columbia Gas in Pittsburgh as Vice President of Customer Service and Marketing. In 2002, she launched her own consulting business providing Project Management services to gas utilities across the state, and more recently joined IDI Consultants as a Sr. Consultant.

In her spare time, Melanie serves on the Bylaws committee of her HOA, enjoys volunteer work working with animal rescue groups, and traveling. She looks forward to her retirement in April to pursue her long held interest in developing other service ministries.

Melanie lives in Franklin Park with her animal family, dog Lexi and cat Teddi.

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### Frances Harpst

Frances and her family joined St. Brendan's in the late 1990's and has been a Rite13 Youth Group Leader, member of the Audit Committee, volunteer for the Classiest Yard Sale, Holiday Happening, and ESL Conversation Friends. Frances participated in Diocesan meetings to address the implications of the split with conservative churches. Both of her children were members of Rite 13 and Journey to Adulthood; Lauren was chief acolyte and Sean volunteered for fundraising activities.

Frances spent most of her career in consulting with technology companies helping customers manage change in their organizations, retiring in 2023. Frances lives in Aleppo, enjoys being active, especially with Brendan's Boots, baking for Lasagna Love, and spending time with friends and family, especially her 2 year old granddaughter Riley.

As a vestry member, Frances looks forward to being on a team to support St. Brendan's to remain lively, welcoming, and relevant for our members and community.

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### Richard J. Munsch

I am a lifelong resident of the Pittsburgh area, born and raised in Shaler Township. I graduated from North Catholic High School in 1964 and from the University of Notre Dame (BA History) in 1968. I was drafted in 1968 and served two years in the U.S. Army, including service in Vietnam. Following my military service, I attended the University of Michigan Law School, graduating (JD) in 1973. From 1974 to 1976, I was employed by the Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania as a law clerk for the Honorable Harry A. Kramer. From 1976 to 2009, I was employed in the U. S. Steel Law Department, retiring from the position of Associate General Counsel.

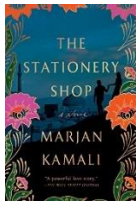
My wife Martha and I were married in 1974 in her hometown of Meyersdale, PA. We have two children and five grandchildren, all residing in the Pittsburgh area. We have been members of St. Brendan's Parish for approximately one year. I believe that my education and skills will enable me to serve the Parish as a member of its Vestry.

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**The Justice Ministry** is looking for quilters-folks who quilt. We hope to take the tee shirts from the Memorial to the Lost and make them into a quilt that can be displayed to once again raise awareness of the toll of gun violence.

If you have a little or a lot of quilt making experience, please contact Marilyn Mulvihill at [mimi15143@yahoo.com](mailto:mimi15143@yahoo.com) or 412-427-2715  
Thanks in advance!

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**St. Brendan's Book Club**, all are welcome! On Monday, February 5 at 1 PM we will discuss *The Stationery Shop* by Marjan Kamali, a 2019 novel set in 1953 Teheran. This one (like many of our upcoming titles!) has super reviews. Please join us!

Upcoming titles:

March 4: *Forty Autumns: A Family's Story of Courage and Survival on Both Sides of the Berlin Wall* by Nina Willner

April 8: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby van Pelt

May 6: *My Life in France* by Julia Child

Any questions? Contact Anne Semmler, [annegsemmler@gmail.com](mailto:annegsemmler@gmail.com).

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**2023 year end Contribution Statements** are located in the narthex.

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## Prayer Requests

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**We pray for our beloved members of St. Brendan's**, especially: Nancy Bancroft, Dave Miller, Matthew, Jim Gray, Kelli Cerra, Charlotte Pierce, Rosie Wood, Bill Spoonhoward, Sherri Angeletti, Ruth Haider, Judy McKarnin, Margie Davies, Mark Shoemaker, Alice Butterworth, Ruth Haider, Larry Tarrant, Nancy Snyder, Joyce Donadee, Mark Kinley.

**For our parents**, especially: Ken McCormack, Ray Miltzer, Lenora, Diane Davis.

**For our family members**, especially: Conor Taylor, Carol and Guy Estes, Pat Schulze, Joann, Frank Nagy, Paula Watson, John, Pat Shields, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Christian, Sue Burchill, Jay & A, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Rich, Carol Schmitz, Tom Groves, Robert Donato, Marie Hazelton, David Pingree, A-C, Nathan Schlumpf, Laurie Brooks, Bob Kiehl.

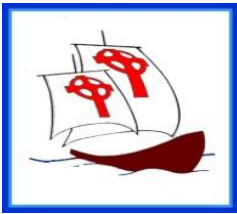
**And for our friends**, especially: Mike Colavita, Terri Hockenberry, The Silveira family, Rena Feingold, Ellen Kuntz, Jordon Medlin, Connie Geiger, Vivian, Cindy & Bob Getty, Ron Neurohr, Barb & Wayne Seelhorst & family, Maggie Cervone, Grayson Dundun, Patty Herrington, Juliana Moses, Josh, Pat Reiner, Johan Smith, Nancy Baker, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

**And for all who have died**, especially Nelson Ferguson, Dr. Frank Troncale, and Scott Boyd.

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# January Ministry Calendar 2024

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Steward	Vestry	Hospitality
January 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Paul Quinn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cindy Koszarek P Tim Austin	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH Allison Kline Door keeper Katie Costa	Liz MacDonald	Ellen Groves Barb Fure	Saundy Waseleski Tom Waseleski	Kate Heston Linda Limberis	John Appeldorn	Lauren Ramakrishna	Janice Moore
January 14 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 <sup>st</sup> John Appeldorn 2 <sup>nd</sup> Derrek Wimmer P Kate Heston	Lambs Dawn Quinn FISH Katie Costa Door keeper Saundy Waseleski	Liz MacDonald Molly Kirk	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	Susan Shields Kate Heston	Julia & Mike Wick	Tim Austin	Ruth Horton	Megan Overby Tim Austin
January 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 <sup>st</sup> Linda Limberis 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann Vinski P Donna Aiello	Lambs Saundy Waseleski FISH TBD Door keeper Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Dawn Quinn	Dottie Antonucci Anelisa Tarrant	Barb Fure John Appeldorn	Allyson Baierl Donna Aiello	Julia/Mike Wick	Kate Heston	Mary & Dale Bertucci
January 28 Sunday 9:00 am Children's Service	1 <sup>st</sup> Children 2 <sup>nd</sup> Children P Linda Limberis	Children's Service	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Mary Bertucci Dale Bertucci	Linda Limberis	Tom Waseleski	Sandy Nagy



## 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  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm  
Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm  
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: 1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 5:00 pm  
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist  
Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm  
Friday: 9:00 am Katie office hours till 12:00 pm

### ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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

Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlqicQ4WFAynP16D/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)

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

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

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

Vestry ~ [Vestry@stbrendans.org](mailto:Vestry@stbrendans.org)