



### This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	(2-9)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		8:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		9:00 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		9:00 a.m.	Brother's Brother ministry
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
<b>Monday</b>	(2-10)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		1:30 p.m.	International Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>	(2-11)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		8:30 a.m.	Staff meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		7:00 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Wednesday</b>	(2-12)	7:00 p.m.	Worship Service
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
<b>Thursday</b>	(2-13)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 a.m.	Sticks & Strings
<b>Friday</b>	(2-14)	5:30 p.m.	Sliding into Sabbath
<b>Saturday</b>	(2-15)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

### Serving Sunday, February 9, 2020

<b>Celebrant:</b>		The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8 a.m.	Joe Macklin
	10 a.m.	Debbie Wunsche
<b>Acolyte:</b>		Acolyte team
<b>Welcome table:</b>		Libby Juel
		Phoebe Juel
<b>Prayers:</b>		Darrell Johnson
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>		Janice Moore
		Darrell Johnson
<b>Altar Guild:</b>		Chris Botti & Janet Fesq
<b>Children's Chapel:</b>		Julie Smith
		Mary Bertucci
		Connie Weichel
<b>Nursery:</b>		Stephanie Illsley & Silvia Bertucci
<b>Ushers:</b>		Chris Fleissner & Dan Moore
<b>Vestry:</b>		Dean Peters & Cameron Grosh
<b>Hospitality:</b>		Chris & Roger Botti
<b>Steward:</b>		Eric Helmsen
<b>LEM:</b>		Joyce Donadee

## The Priest's Corner

**Before you know it, Lent will be here!** We have many new people this year who might not know that at St. Brendan's we really make sure Lent is noticeable. The worship committee will be actively considering some special happenings for Lent. We believe in Lent!

Lent starts with Ash Wednesday, which this year is February 26th. This is only 20 days away! It will be here before you know it. We start preparing liturgically for Lent the Sunday before. Our liturgical colors will change from green/white to purple.

So, on February 23rd, the children will kick off our Lenten preparations by "Burying the Alleluia!" During the season of Lent, the declaration of "Alleluia" is omitted from all liturgies, only to re-emerge at Easter, when the resurrection is proclaimed. As a symbolic gesture at the beginning of Lent, St. Brendan's marks the solemnity of Lent by "burying the Alleluia."

A variety of Alleluia-farewell customs prevailed in many countries up to the sixteenth century, inspired by Bishop William Duranti in 1296, who wrote in his commentaries on the Divine Office, "We part from the Alleluia as from a beloved friend, whom we embraced many times and kissed on the head and hand, before we left him."

Various customs occurred. In the 15th Century, choirboys in Germany performed an actual burial of numerous Alleluia symbols in a coffin. They marched in procession, with crosses, tapers, holy water and censers as in a funeral. In Paris, a straw figure bearing the inscription "Alleluia" in golden letters was carried out of the choir at the end of the service and burned in the church yard.

The way St. Brendan's will do it is our children will process into our liturgical service on February 23rd with all kinds of Alleluias and put them all over the sanctuary. After the Children's sermon, they'll all take an Alleluia or two and leave the nave, and they'll hide the Alleluias somewhere outside the nave secretly. In the three years since I've been involved, no-one has ever found these during Lent. The kids remain tight-lipped even when bribed. Then on Easter Sunday, the kids are sent out of church to bring back our Alleluias. And we start singing them loudly again. It's super cool!

Another preparation for Lent at St. Brendan's happens the night before Ash Wednesday, so on Tuesday, February 25th, we'll have an outstanding "Pancake Dinner." The men of the parish will prepare and serve it. It is an awesome celebration each year. We even have some Mardi Gras-themed surprises for the children and young of heart. Bring your children, their friends and all the adults you can find to this incredible night of joy.

Here's the history: pancakes were traditionally eaten on the day before Ash Wednesday because they were a way to use up eggs, milk, and sugar before the fasting season of the 40 days of Lent. Liturgical fasting during Lent emphasizes eating plain food and refraining from "pleasurable" foods such as meat, dairy and eggs. Many of us fast during Lent. American philosopher and spiritual writer Dallas Willard wrote, "Fasting confirms our utter dependence upon God by finding in Him a source of sustenance beyond food."

Before you leave the church that Tuesday night after the pancake dinner, know that you're invited to stay for the burning of last year's palms. (Feel free to bring in all your old, blessed palms from last year's Palm Sunday procession.) We'll have this ceremony just outside the front doors. The burnt palms become the ashes we'll use the next day (Ash Wednesday) to sign our foreheads as we enter the Lenten Season.

One last Lenten preparation: We have a new Lenten Greeting we'll say often during this season. It takes the place of "The Lord be with you / And also with you." You might as well start memorizing it now.

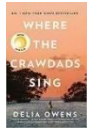
Here goes:

I'll say, "Repent and believe in the Good News of God!"

You'll respond, "May I turn away from sin and be faithful to your Gospel, Oh Lord!"

Next week: Lenten Adult Formation Programs

**Regis+**



**Book Club** has been watching the Northland Public Library reserve list, and you finally can get Delia Owens' "Where the Crawdads Sing" without waiting months for it to come in! Join us to discuss this evocative debut novel about a child growing up practically on her own in the wild marshes outside a small coastal community in North Carolina. We'll be meeting **TONIGHT, Thursday, February 6, at 7 p.m.** in the church library. For more information contact Pat Carl.

**The members of the Vestry for 2020** met for the first time on Saturday, February 1. We got to know one another better during an ice-breaker organized by Julie. Next, we set about refining the twelve "areas of responsibility" for which vestry members provide routine oversight. Each member accepted one or two such assignments for the year; you will find them listed on the bulletin board. We invite any Brendanites to send questions, suggestions or concerns on any topic to the appropriate vestry member at any time. The vestry will meet for its first routine meeting of the year on Monday, February 10.

**Get Ready for Our Book Sale!** The holidays are over and it is time to look ahead to our upcoming book sale fundraiser on **Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22.** Please start saving your books to donate to this sale. We need as many as we can gather, so please ask your family and friends for their book donations, too! Books can be brought to church beginning February 9, so feel free to tell everyone you know to put aside new or gently used books, music CDs, book CDs and DVDs. No need to save magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or music cassette tapes as these items will not be sold at this event. Please see Chris Botti or Saundy Waseleski for more information. Thanks so much for your support of St. Brendan's!



**HELP WANTED:** Please sign up to help prepare for the book sale. Tasks include unpacking donation boxes, sorting and arranging books and more! Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. Thank you!

**Bake sale? What bake sale?** The one that is being held during the book sale and soup sale. Customers can enjoy coffee and treats at the Bake Shop or add them to the soup and books they are taking home. All kinds of baked goods are welcome, from breakfast breads and sweets to bread rolls or homemade pretzels. You decide! The signup sheet is near the entrance to the sanctuary. Thanks, Linda Schneider, lindalans@comcast.net or 724 935-0947.



**Soup at the Book Sale!** We also plan on selling quarts of soup at the Book Sale, as we did at the Holiday Arts and Crafts Show. If you are interested in making some of your delicious soup, please sign up in the narthex. Contact Ken Parsons at CleanKRP1@aol.com with any questions.



Handling the **Announcements at the 10:00 Sunday service** is a challenge. Many Brendanites like to hear in person from the organizer of each event and to "put a face to the name." But announcements that are too numerous or too prolonged can interrupt the flow of the service and extend its overall duration. Beginning on **February 9**, therefore, we will try out a new approach. As the exchange of the Peace nears its end, those with announcements they would like to make are invited to join the Vestry Member of the week at the altar steps.

The Vestry Member will have the hand-held mic and will help to move the announcements along. We hope that this new process will be useful; if not, of course, we can always return to the drawing board.



**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper.** Shrove Tuesday is **February 25** this year, and St. Brendan's will once again be offering a family-friendly Pancake Supper. Additions to this year's menu include French toast and crepes with lemon and castor sugar (the traditional British way to celebrate the last day before Lent). Last year's supper even brought out some carnival-style costumes. Since the ingredients are donated, all proceeds benefit the church.



Lent begins February 26, with an observance of Ash Wednesday. Our services with the imposition of ashes will be at noon and 7:00 pm.



Thanks to Pat Carl, Chris Botti, Ruth Horton, Ruth Getz, Dottie Antonucci, and Angie Schlumpf for preparing a delicious spinach quiche and sides for Miryam's. Ruth and Angie delivered the meal as well.



**Brendan's Boots.** The parish hiking group will take a city walk on Monday, Feb. 24, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. Participants will begin at Washington's Landing, cross the Allegheny River and loop through the Strip District. Lunch will follow at Penn Brewery on the North Side. All are welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski, [twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net)



Our **ESL** classes keep records to track the attendance of our students and volunteers. We share those statistics with Literacy Pittsburgh who tracks our students for us. We now have reached a milestone. We now have provided 1,000 hours of instruction to our students. This was provided by our volunteers who gave almost 350 hours to our students. We are celebrating this milestone with this ministry to our immigrant neighbors.



**St. Brendan's Justice Ministry** is looking for new members who are interested in making a difference by working for equality, justice and transformation. Our projects include immigration, voter registration, collections for Haiti, gun violence prevention and the climate crisis. Typically, we meet the third Wednesday of every month from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you are interested, please contact Donna Aiello at 412-759-1521 or Claire Grotevant at 412-974-0617.

**CRIES Advocacy.** Christian Response In Emergency Situations meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10 a.m. service to determine distribution of the parish's outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote on where the money goes. This week we are praying for the work of Brother's Brother Foundation, a local organization that responds to need following natural disasters. [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org).

The next CRIES meeting will be **Sunday, February 16**. All are welcome.



**North Hills Food Pantry.** We are asking for soup, crackers and other packaged food donations to help needy families. Please remember, no glass jars or expired items. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, [ldtoler@aol.com](mailto:ldtoler@aol.com). Thank you for your support

**Please visit our website:** <http://www.stbrendans.org>

**Join us on Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

**Recommend us on Nextdoor:** <https://nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>



**Do you have a special prayer request?** You can write one and leave it on the Prayer Plate near Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8 a.m. service. Each week they are collected by the Community of Hope and added to their daily prayers. You can also email prayer requests to [stbrendans.coh@gmail.com](mailto:stbrendans.coh@gmail.com). Community of Hope members will include those persons in daily prayers or send out a prayer via text or email to someone if requested. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.



**Used ink cartridges.** St. Brendan's benefits from donations of used computer ink cartridges. Please bring them to church and place the cartridges in the box near Katie's office. Thank you.



Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like to acknowledge or remember a loved one on a birthday or anniversary? A donation to the **Brendan's Family and Friends (BFF) fund** is the perfect way to honor that special person or event now or anytime throughout the year. BFF funds are earmarked for our unbudgeted building needs. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or from our website and donate today! Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!

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**Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry.** Every five weeks Brendanites help to staff the Walk-In Ministry at Trinity Cathedral downtown, feeding and clothing 70 to 90 desperately needy people. You can help by donating children's diapers; new, white athletic socks and underwear for women and men; toothpaste, razors and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please leave donations in the wicker basket outside Regis' office. If you might be interested in volunteering at the cathedral in person, please see Linda Schneider, Meg Overby or Tim Austin.

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The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh has a fantastic camp which has been popular for generations of Pittsburghers. It's called **Sheldon Calvary Camp** and it's located in Conneaut, Ohio, on the shore of Lake Erie. The camp teaches children to come together with joy and love as they choose the many activities that are provided. Campers are ages 8 to 16. Registrations for campers are open now and spaces fill up quickly. You can google Sheldon Calvary Camp for more information or talk to Joyce Donadee.

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**Our Muslim friends** are inviting the community, including us, to an open house on **February 22** from 4 to 6 p.m. They will host small-group discussions on various topics, which will give us a chance to know our Muslim neighbors. Space is limited so please RSVP by February 18 to Sadaf Manor [sadafm27@gmail.com](mailto:sadafm27@gmail.com). Many Brendanites have participated in various dinners, talks and other events at the mosque at 5725 N. Montour Road in Gibsonia (near the site of the now-closed Pines Tavern). We have enjoyed the gracious hospitality and were able to ask any questions we had about their faith.

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The **North Allegheny Women's Association** is offering a \$500 scholarship for the 2019-2020 academic year in memory of Doris "Meemo" Knowlton. It is specifically offered to community-service minded female residents in the North Allegheny School District. Application Deadline: March 13, 2020 -- [www.nawomen.org](http://www.nawomen.org).

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**Adoption Connection** is having an open house on **Thursday, February 13, 2020**. Join them for a casual meet and greet and have your questions answered about foster care and adoption by their staff and foster families. More information is on our bulletin board.

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**Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule  
and the February ministry calendar.**



# February 2020

## Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Welcome Table	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Steward	Hospitality
February 2 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Annemarie Malbon P Sheila Bigelow C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEM Stacey Coyle	Mark Shoemaker Tom Waseleski	Sylvia Affleck Betsy Smith	Lambs TBD Fish Allison Kline Door Mary Bertucci	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Tim Austin	Rob Latta	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati
February 5 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	~	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 9 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Debbie Wunsche P Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore C Darrell Johnson LEM Joyce Donadee	Libby Juel Phoebe Juel	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Children's Chapel Julie Smith Mary Bertucci Connie Weichel	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci	Chris Fleissner Dan Moore	Dean Peters Cameron Grosh	Eric Helmsen	Chris & Roger Botti
February 12 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	~	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder L Alan Schneider P Tony Turo C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEM Ruth Getz	Megan Overby Karen Peters	Terri Dezort Shari Tarrant	Lambs Meghan Karn Fish Janice Moore Door Connie Weichel	Stephanie Illsley Annemarie Malbon	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Annemarie Malbon Donna Aiello	Wesley Bell	Richard Gordon Janice & Dan Moore
February 19 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~	~
February 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Dean Peters C Debbie Wunsche LEM Ruth Horton	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello	Janice Moore Tammy Spoonhoward	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Larry Toler Mary Bertucci	Mike/Julie Wick	Anne Semmler Cameron Grosh
February 26 Ash Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	~	Anelisa Tarrant Brigid Dezort	~	~	~	~	~	~



# Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2019  September 2020

## October 2019

- 6 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 13 ~~Dottie & Carl Antonucci~~
- 20 ~~Kinley & Aretz families~~
- 27 ~~Lauren Chappo and Becca Sands~~

## November 2019

- 3 ~~Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey~~
- 10 ~~Melinda & Wesley Bell~~
- 17 ~~Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche~~
- 24 ~~Church sign-up (Appetizers)~~

## December 2019

- 1 ~~Choir~~
- 8 ~~Brigid & Jim Christenson~~
- 15 ~~Julie Smith & Colette Satler~~
- 22 ~~Church sign-up (appetizers)~~
- 29 ~~Stacey Coyle and Andrea Dickerson~~

## January 2020

- 5 ~~Karen Dennis and Janet Fesq~~
- 12 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~
- 19 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 26 ~~Annual Meeting church sign-up (soup)~~

## February 2020

- 2 ~~Donna Aiello & Sharon Hlawati~~
- 9 ~~Chris & Roger Botti~~
- 16 ~~Richard Gordon, Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 23 ~~Anne Semmler and Cameron Grosh~~

## March 2020

- 1 ~~Clair & Bob Grotevant~~
- 8 ~~Amy & Kevin Boyd~~
- 15 ~~Pete Sweet & Mike Newton~~
- 22 ~~Kate & Keith Heston~~
- 29 ~~Meghan & Robert Karn  
and Eric Helmsen~~

## April 2020

- 5 ~~Cindy & Pete Larson~~
- 12 ~~Hospitality Committee~~
- 19 ~~Libby and Phoebe Juel~~
- 26 ~~Stephanie Illsley & Justin Ziegler~~

## May 2020

- 3 ~~The Bertucci family~~
- 10 ~~Parish Men~~
- 17 ~~Laureen & Todd Douds~~
- 24 ~~Sharon & Ron Ladick~~
- 31 ~~Linda & Jason Konley~~

## June 2020

- 7 ~~Marian & AJ McKenna  
Trish & Neil Galone~~
- 14 ~~Annemarie Malbon and Joe Macklin~~
- 21 ~~Erica & Mark McClure~~
- 28 ~~Parish Picnic~~

## July 2020

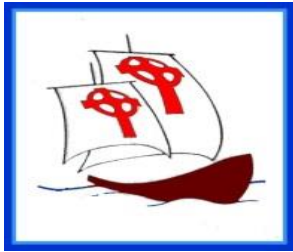
- 5 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 12 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 19 ~~open, volunteer needed~~
- 26 ~~Joni Reis and Thaddeus Popovich~~

## August 2020

- 2 ~~Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna~~
- 9 ~~Arlena & Bill Pugliese~~
- 16 ~~Anne Semmler and Andrew Sprentz~~
- 23 ~~Saundy & Tom Waseleski~~
- 30 ~~AJ Turo, Rob & George Latta~~

## September 2020

- 6 ~~Nancy & George Snyder~~
- 13 ~~Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski~~
- 20 ~~Emily & Brad Zupancic~~
- 27 ~~Janet Fesq and Chris Fleissner~~



### **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.

### **PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS**

Audit: Kevin Boyd  
Book Club: Pat Carl  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Dinner Group: Inactive  
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen  
Green Thumb Gang: Dan Moore  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: 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  
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Linda Schneider  
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Larry Toler  
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant  
Marilyn Mulvihill  
Under One Roof: Inactive

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

Acolytes: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Community of Hope: Ruth Horton  
Flower Ministry: Sylvia Affleck  
Libby Juel  
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra  
Ushers: Eric Helmsen

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr. Warden,: Tim Austin  
Jr. Warden & Secretary/Clerk: Ruth Horton  
Adult Formation: Dean Peters  
Audio-Visual Technology: Cameron Grosh  
Communication: Annemarie Malbon  
Finance: Mary Bertucci  
Fundraising: Larry Toler  
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore  
Newcomers: Dean Peters and Mary Bertucci  
Outreach and Social Justice: Donna Aiello  
Safety & Security: Tim Austin  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves (with Roger Botti)  
Worship: Cameron Grosh

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