



Senior Warden's Corner

As Palm Sunday approaches and we prepare to recall both the triumphant and tragic events of Holy Week, it's worth pausing to recount the joy that many of us felt last Sunday at St. Brendan's. Before a packed crowd of parishioners and guests, Bishop Ketlen Solak baptized, confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church nine of our members. Not to knock our older Brendanites (I happen to be one myself), but these were nine young people, most of them relative newcomers to the parish.

What a thrill to have them become part of us officially and spiritually! What a statement they made by saying they want to belong! It reminds us of whom we're building the church for — and it's proof, in case there was any doubt, that they need it now and not in the future. Watching the bishop bless these nine reminded me of the day many years ago when my wife Saundy and I, two thirty-somethings, knelt before Bishop Alden Hathaway to be received. I was so eager and certain in my choice that the moment felt sort of like a wedding day — when all that had gone before would be over and all that would come after would be different.

Thirty-four years later I am just as certain. I guess that's why during transitions here, when one priest leaves and another arrives, I'm reassured that St. Brendan's will maintain the same progressive vision, same compassionate mission and same desire to welcome and support each other. As Mother Robin looks begins her retirement, the rest of us, under Mother Nancy's leadership, must propel St. Brendan's forward to do the work that God has given us to do.

Lauren Burling, Erik Burling, Stephen Burling, Luke Cerra, Finn Hebert, Zachary Hebert, Prudence Thompson, Beth Whiteman and Sarah Whiteman are counting on us. So are the many others who will follow.

Yours in faith,
Tom Waseleski

Priest's Corner

This Sunday in our Christian calendar is Palm Sunday. We will celebrate the triumphant entry of Jesus as we process into the church waving Palm leaves. Jesus comes to Jerusalem, not as a King, but as the Son of God who has come to die.

And so we will read the passion according to Luke and share the Eucharist. At the end of the service on Sunday, we will begin our Holy Week by sharing a pot luck together.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday (April 17, 18, and 19) we celebrate the Triduum (Three days) of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. Theologically, we might think of these separate services as one continuous liturgy in keeping with the Orthodox view that it is through our celebration of these liturgies that we keep the world turning. We keep the bond between heaven and earth strong as we travel through Holy Week — walking through the passion and death of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

It is true that we are an Easter people, but it very important to acknowledge that the first followers of Jesus did not have that same assurance. So, for a time it is only right to recall our ancestors of the faith and remember that the only way we come to the light of the resurrection is by traveling together through the darkness.

We hope you will join us as we walk the Triduum together.

Faithfully,
Mother Robin+

Announcements



KEEP WATCH IN THE GARDEN WITH JESUS. On Maundy Thursday, after the conclusion of the 7 pm service and the Stripping of the Altar, it has been a tradition of St. Brendan's to invite parishioners "to keep watch" in the chapel with Jesus through silent prayer, meditation or reflection before the arrival of Good Friday.

A sign-up sheet with half-hour slots from 8 pm to 12 midnight is in the narthex. We still have many slots available, so please consider signing up for one of them. Also, if you would like to go when someone else is there, you can do that as well – just remember it is silent prayer.



What's True? What's Real? What's Life-Giving? Besides a wonderful potluck meal during Hospitality on **Palm Sunday April 13, Ralph Tajak** of our Parish, who is studying to be received into the Episcopal Church as a priest, will be inspiring us with spiritual food for Holy Week and the Easter season His presentation "What's True? What's Real? What's Life-Giving?" will be brief but thought-provoking. You won't want to miss this!

If you cannot be at Hospitality that day, Ralph's presentation will be available on live-stream. Please let Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com know if you would like the link for livestream.



St. Brendan's Men's Breakfast will be on **Monday, April 14th** at 9 am, at Eat'n Park, 2650 Brandt School Rd, Wexford. **RSVP** Steve Horton at stephenshorton@gmail.com. I hope to see all of you there to break bread with and to share friendship. Think Pie !!



Easter Altar Flowers. Every year St. Brendan's accepts monetary donations towards the purchase of our Easter Altar Flowers. If you would like to contribute to the lilies and have the name/s of those you are honoring, celebrating, remembering or thanking, send in your donation of any amount. Contact Katie with your information Katie@stbrendans.org. Submitted information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



Brendan's Boots. The parish walking group will explore the Wildflower Reserve at Raccoon Creek State Park on **Tuesday, April 29**. Participants will carpool from the church at 9 a.m. Lunch at Lu-Lou's Roadhouse will follow the walk. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski.



Sticks & Strings is now meeting on the first Wednesday of each month at 6 pm, and again on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:30, both in St. Brendan's library. **The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 15 at 12:30.**

Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there!

Contact Sherri at sherri.angeletti@gmail.com or text 412-689-0737 if you have questions or if you'd like to be added to the email list for the most up-to-date information.



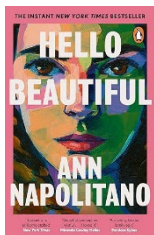
Help the Homeless. Our homeless collection will end next Saturday, the day before Easter. Please remember to bring your boxes to church starting on Easter day. There will be a container in the narthex where you can deposit them.



Lenten Wednesdays: Our Lenten Wednesday services and meager dinners have ended. There will not be a service this coming Wednesday, April 16 or the following Wednesday, April 23. Services will resume on April 30. Thanks to all who brought soup or other food for the simple dinner!



Food Bank: During April we are requesting donations of **TOILETRIES: PUMP HAND SOAP, DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, CONDITIONER, BODY WASH, HAND SOAP, TOOTHPASTE AND TOOTHBRUSHES.** Other non-perishable food or paper products are gladly accepted. Please be sure there is no glass, and that expiration dates are not past. Thank you.



St. Brendan's Book Club meets the first Monday of each month at 1 pm in the library. Our next meeting is **May 5** for discussion of the highly praised novel *Hello Beautiful* by Anne Napolitano. All are always welcome. Upcoming titles:

June 2: *Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo

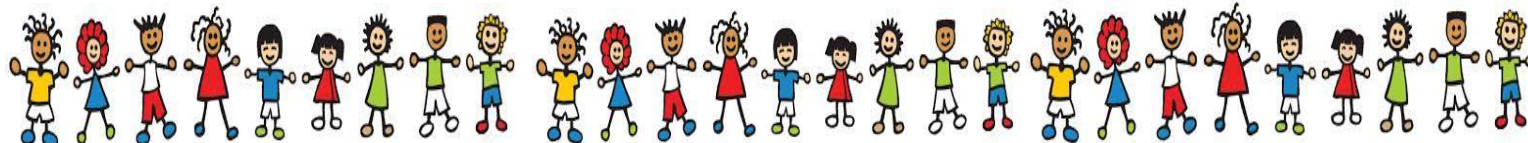
July 7: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

August 4: *The Maid* by Nita Prose

Sept. 8: *On Call* by Anthony Fauci

The club plans to attend the Greater Pittsburgh Festival of Books on May 31 at Carnegie Library in Oakland. Details to follow. Contact Anne Semmler anneqsemmler@gmail.com with any questions.

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



Looking ahead:

- **Sunday, April 20 is Easter Sunday.** There will be no Sunday School classes that day. The Children and Youth team wishes everyone a blessed Easter.
- **Easter Egg Hunt.** Throughout history, eggs have represented new life and rebirth. The tradition of dyeing eggs began with early Christians in Mesopotamia dyeing eggs red to represent the blood of Christ, which is still prominent in Eastern Orthodox churches. The tradition spread to Western churches with eggs symbolizing the empty tomb and the new life that Jesus bought for all.

In the medieval period, eating eggs was forbidden during Lent, which made eggs an important part of Easter. Eggs were saved and decorated, and then given as gifts on Easter Sunday. Biting into an egg was a real treat!

When the egg hunt became popular is not clear. Some report that it became an Easter tradition in 16th-century Germany with Martin Luther. Others report that missionaries hid eggs painted with biblical scenes.

St. Brendan's continues the Easter Egg Hunt tradition. Bring your own basket or borrow one of ours for the annual Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 am Easter Sunday Service. All children from one to 11 are invited to join the Easter Egg Hunt to find some special treats and a few surprises. There will also be "Brendan's Bucks" in the eggs, which the children will place in a box for the charity of their choice: Animal Friends, Foster Love Project, or Literacy Pittsburgh. CRIES Advocacy will turn those Brendan Bucks into donations for each charity, following the children's wishes as indicated by the their choices.

- **The Sunday School children are making flowers** to display on an Easter bulletin board. If your child hasn't had a chance to make one, please come to the Sunday School classroom area at **9:30 this Sunday, April 13.** We'll have an art table set up so that kids who still want to make one can do so before the service begins. It only takes about ten minutes to make a flower.
- **Sunday, April 27,** is the date of the next Children's Worship Service. There are no Sunday School classes that day. The children will be involved in various roles during the service. More information will follow.
- **Sunday, April 27** is also the day of the celebration for Mother Robin. A special hospitality time will follow Mother Robin's last service with us before her retirement. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Requests

For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially: Bill Spoonhoward, Rosie Wood, Dave Miller, Matthew, Ruth Haider, Frannie, Joan Beatrous, Charlotte Pierce, Libby & Richard Juel, Glays & Les Carlisle, Nancy Snyder, Margie Davies, Rich Nagy.

For our parents, especially: Margaret Nagel, Lenora, Ken McCormack.

For our family members, especially: John Murphy, Mike Tourangeau, Kayleigh Waters, Rich, Tom Groves, Parker Shebs, Nathan Schlumpf, Gary Gladowski, Steve Getty, Robert Donato, Paula Watson, Margaret & Lawrence Czerpak, Guy Estes, John, Marie Hazelton, Bee Ward, Frank Nagy, Jennifer Cale, Joann, Christian, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Cindy, Sue Burchill, Neil Armor, Pat Schulze, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Daniella, Tom Payne, John Pease, Carol Schmitz.

For our friends, especially; Frank Monakowski, Andy, Terri Hockenberry, Patty Walker, Annie Cohen Hannah & Horst Hartmann, Connie Geiger, Bill Pugliese, Charlotte S., Mike Colavita, Cindy & Bob Getty, Ben Mueller, Kathleen Suskauer, Susan N., The Traylor family, Patty Herrington, Cindy Clifton, Mark Hubert, Phil & Bernice Bollman, Diane Brackus, Nancy Baker, Josh, Laurie, Jordon Medlin, Heidi Sherwin.

For those who have died, especially; Pam Barney and Vent Traylor.

If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin, please email her at robin@stbrendans.org.



April Ministry Calendar 2025

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
April 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Paul Quinn 2 nd Tony Turo P Alan Schneider LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Allison Kline Doorkeeper: Richard Munsch	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Sylvia Affleck Kathy Miller	John Appledorn Toni Passarello	Kate Heston Linda Limberis	Tim Austin	Tom Waseleski	Bishop's visit
Palm Sunday April 13 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 st Kate Heston 2 nd Dean Peters P Linda Limberis LEV Sylvia Affleck Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Janice Moore Doorkeeper: TBD	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Ellen Groves Phoebe Juel	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Sangyeop Lee Donna Aiello	Dan Moore	Donna Aiello	Palm Sunday Parish Potluck
Maundy Thursday 7 pm	1 st Aidan McKenna 2 nd Donna Aiello P Tim Austin	n/a	n/a	TBD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Good Friday 12 & 7 pm	7 pm 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd John Appledorn P Linda Limberis	n/a	n/a	TBD	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Great Vigil of Easter Saturday 7 pm	1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Dean Peters	n/a	n/a	Anelisa Tarrant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Easter Sunday April 20 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Mary Bartucci P Aidan McKenna LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Easter Break	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Dottie Antonucci Anelisa Tarrant	Susan Shields Kate Heston	Richard Munsch Julia or Mike Wick	Julia or Mike Wick	Mike Wick	TBD
April 27 Sunday 8 & 10	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st CHILDREN 2 nd CHILDREN P CHILDREN LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	No Sunday School Children's Worship	Pat Carl Dawn Day-Quinn	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Donna Aiello Sharon Hlawati	Tim Austin Linda Limberis	Paul Quinn	Dan Moore	Melanie Popovich Frances Harpst



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

Donna Aiello: Worship
Frances Harpst: Finance
Jen & Bob Mankowski: Adult Formation/Technology
Dan Moore: Junior Warden
Richard Munsch: Outreach
Ken Parsons: Hospitality
Melanie Popovich: Pastoral Care/Clerk/
New Members
Tom Waseleski: Senior Warden
Mike Wick: Inreach/Children & Youth
Kevin Boyd: Treasurer

OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
ESL: Tim Austin & Joyce Donadee
Garden of Hope: Ken Parsons
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello
Miryam's: Julia Wick
North Hills Food Bank: Richard Munsch

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Greeter: Toni Passarello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Debra Erb-White
Spirituality: Donna Aiello
Usher: Tim Austin

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci
Book Club: Anne Semmler
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski
Bulletin Coordinator: Kate Heston
Bulletin Committee: Pat Carl, Carol Meese, Barb Fure
Caring Cards: Megan Overby
Dinner Group: Janice Moore
Facebook: Jen & Bob Mankowski
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti
Historian: Ellen Groves
Holiday Happenings: Donna Aiello
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill
Scholarship: Allison Kline, Ann Vinski, Mike Wick
Web Site: Kelli Cerra, Jen & Bob Mankowski

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/UCkCY2BEJlqMoVc_nXXG7ew

Monday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm

Tuesday: 9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

Wednesday: 8:00 am Morning Prayer, via zoom,
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGM1UT09>
9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

Thursday: 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm
9:00 am Katie in church office hours till noon, then from home till 4:00 pm
7:00 pm Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

Friday: 8:00 am Katie office hours from home till noon then in church office from 12:30 till 4:00 pm

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Nextdoor ~ <https://franklinparkpittsburgh.nextdoor.com/pages/st-brendans-episcopal-church-sewickley-pa/recommend/>

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Music Director, Daniel May ~ bluesub@verizon.net

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ Liz702988@gmail.com

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