



## Pentecost

### This Week at St. Brendan's

<b>Sunday</b>	(10-6)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Job, Adult Formation
		9:00 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:00 a.m.	Miryam's preparation
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
		11:30 a.m.	Blessing of Animals
		1:00 p.m.	Miryam's delivery
<b>Monday</b>	(10-7)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		6:00 p.m.	Rite 13 Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	(10-8)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Conversations
		7:00 p.m.	Love ~ Teach ~ Heal
<b>Wednesday</b>	(10-9)	6:00 p.m.	Job, Adult Formation
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	(10-10)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Book Club
		7:00 p.m.	Sticks & Strings
<b>Saturday</b>	(10-12)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

### Serving Sunday, October 6, 2019

<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8:00 a.m. Joe Macklin
	10:00 a.m. Susan Shoemaker
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Acolyte team
<b>Prayers:</b>	Tim Austin
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>	Stacey Coyle
	Tim Austin
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Joan Beatrous
	Shari Tarrant
<b>Sunday School</b>	<b>Fish:</b> Saundy Waseleski
	<b>Lambs:</b> Janice Moore
<b>Nursery:</b>	Stephanie Illsley
	Silvia Bertucci
	Joyce Donadee
<b>Ushers:</b>	Michael Donadee
	Annemarie Malbon
<b>Vestry:</b>	Melanie Popovich
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Thaddeus Popovich
	Darrell Johnson
<b>LEM:</b>	

## The Priest's Corner

### Future Forward Church

Do we at St. Brendan's want to be a Future Forward Church? What do you think this means? It is about the future, of course. There's also something implied about forward—which is the opposite of the past—kind of having an awareness of the past, but with eyes open wide to the future. It means preparing for the next generation. It means being a multi-generational church. It means always doing some succession planning. For example: Who's going to take over the Cookie Walk? I know that one has been handled with decorum and wisdom! Think of these sorts of succession plans. Who are you preparing or thinking of preparing as the next senior warden, the next priest, the next music director, the next altar guild leader, the next treasurer, and so on. Now the "you" in the previous sentence is the current occupant of the title. Bet you haven't thought these things through yet, have you?



I heard at the Future Forward Conference (four of us from St. Brendan's actively participated in this two-day conference Tuesday and Wednesday) that the notion of a search committee, for example, is an idea of the past and likely non-effective today. Reason being: churches are so dynamically different today than churches with stability of ages past. Back then with fewer rapid cultural changes occurring, such committees made sense. This can be an earth-shaking notion for Episcopalians.



One of the major focuses of the conference was to be planning intentionally for the future generation known as Generation Z. The recommendation was to re-think your church in every aspect of it from the viewpoint of Generation X-ers. We know some things about them: They have a deep need for connection, they communicate more on Instagram than any other social media, they have already visited your church (if you're lucky) way before they arrive. Then I heard churches that are thriving today are ones that realize our own current preferences are not as important as those of that next generation.

Since change is inevitable and growth is optional, success in the future is really in our hands. We are totally capable of being successful — if we so desire. So are you a Blockbuster in a Netflix world? We will die if we do not evolve. Here are the top three things this generation is wanting from a church:

1. The opportunity to connect with friends. They want deep connection, small groups. Life for them happens in circles, not rows. Incidentally, did you know that hip-hop is the No. 1 musical genre in the world today? (If you're like me, you're asking, "What's hip-hop?")
2. They seek opportunities to fight injustice. They want to be part of a church that makes a difference in their community, city and world. They want to be shown how the gospel affects real life. The church should be the safest place for them to have these conversations. They should not feel pushed away.
3. They want vocational training, i.e., teach me how to actively be the church on Monday. They want to find deep meaning and purpose in what they do. Church has to watch that it's not training them to be simply pastors or ministry leaders. Our focus needs to be on building ambassadors of Christ.



To meet these challenges we who lead and want to influence need to incorporate the 3 Bs: Be courageous, Be calculated with change, i.e., run down the field but be sure you're slow enough so they can follow. Lastly, Be committed.

**Regis+**

## Announcements



### **Blessing of the Animals, THIS SUNDAY, October 6.**

Please bring your pet to church for our Pet Blessing Liturgy at the 10:00 a.m. service. Another option is to come to the second blessing at 11:30 a.m.

On hand will be Dr. Brian Silvis, veterinarian and medical director; Jessica Strauss, certified in K9 rehabilitation from Steel City Canine Rehab; Linda Mitzel from Pet Photography. There will be Q&A,

ask the experts, and so much more.

On the Feast of St. Francis, as we bless the pets we have with us, we are also remembering those pets we have lost or have died. If you send Mother Julie (jlsphone1@gmail.com) an image of your pet, the pet's name, and an anecdote, they will be compiled for a memorial video to be played during the service. Please send your images by October 4.

**We have a link to the new Parish Directory. Please book mark it!**

Please be aware that this link will open a Google document. Each person's computer will be different as far as formatting and which application they will be able to choose to open or view this file. As much as Katie is willing to help, she will be unable to provide "help-desk" type support for any issues you may have with the file.



Do you want to help the immigrants who are coming to our **English as a Second Language** classes? The students need volunteers who can babysit their very young children in the nursery while their mothers are in class. The need for babysitters is for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. We can help you to get your clearances if you don't have them yet! If you are interested, please call Joyce Donadee at 412-635-2312 or e-mail at [jdjdonadee@gmail.com](mailto:jdjdonadee@gmail.com).



**Newcomers, save the date** – Join Father Regis and Ken for a newcomers' brunch after church on either **October 13** or **November 10** to learn more about life at St. Brendan's. Sign-up sheets will be on the Welcome Table and we will provide directions by email to the Peters' home in Valencia or the Moores' home in Seven Fields. Both locations are about 20 minutes north of the church with easy access off I-79. We look forward to seeing you – October 13 (Karen and Dean Peters, 403 Providence Ct., Valencia, Pa.) or November 10 (Janice and Dan Moore, 543 Dorchester Drive, Seven Fields, Pa.)

**Bible study** for those whose first language is not English. If you know someone who might be interested in this please contact Fr. Regis or Joyce Donadee.

**Online Giving.** St. Brendan's now has online giving on its website! Check it out here: <https://www.stbrendans.org/giving>. It's an easy way for members and visitors to make a secure, one-time donation from a credit card or bank account. After researching various options, the vestry decided to use tithe.ly for the church's online giving platform. This site charges a small fee for each donation, but the tithe.ly widget also offers donors the option to cover these fees. Because of the small fees, members are encouraged to continue to make their sustaining or recurring gifts (such as pledges) in person or through their bank. (Did you know you can have your bank send St. Brendan's a check drawn from your account as if you were paying a bill, with no additional fees? Check with Katie for more info.) In addition to a button for online donations, members who go to the web page will find other information about giving, stewardship, the Brendan's Family and Friends fund, and fundraisers. Please direct any questions to Annemarie Malbon.



**Book Club** is reading Michelle Obama's memoir "Becoming" this month, now that it's easier to get from the library! Join us for discussion and a fun time on Thursday, **October 10**, at 7 p.m. in the conference room off Regis' office. "Becoming" is available in both print and audio formats.

**The Cookie Walk** is still more than a month away but, if you are a baker, it's not too early to start thinking about what kind of cookies you're going to make. Small, gourmet cookies are always very popular. Please make batches of 10 dozen for each type. We will have freezer space available at the church for cookies made ahead of time; otherwise please plan to have them at the church by Friday, November 22.

If you like to make soup, we will again be selling cartons of soup-to-go. These were very popular last year. If you are a crafter, please think about donating something to the Brendan's Boutique table. More details and sign-up sheets will follow, but if you have questions, please contact Sylvia Affleck, Ellen Groves or Saundy Waseleski.



**St. Brendan's Justice Ministry** recommends how we can make a difference. Numerous experts have said the key to real political change is to get more citizens to register and to get them to the polls to vote. We at St. Brendan's want to do our part.

In the entrance to the church you will find voter registration forms. They have the mailing address for Allegheny County. There are a few without the address for those who may not live in the county. Please affix a first-class stamp.

We are urging each parishioner to take three. When you are out to eat, ask your server if he or she is registered. Ask the clerk at the grocery store. Many service workers do not have the time to seek out a form and register. Ask your friends and neighbors, too.

If we all registered three people, we could make a real difference locally and even nationally. October 7 is the deadline to be registered for this year's November 5 election. Applications for an absentee ballot must be made by October 29.

**YOU can make a difference.** We have an opportunity to register new voters in the coming week: **Saturday, October 5**, at Safran's market in Sewickley.

Manageable shifts are available and training will be provided.

Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. For more information call Marilyn at 412-427-2715.



**A donation to the Brendan's Family & Friends fund** is the perfect way to honor a special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex and make a donation today. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor.



**Brendan's Boots.** The parish hiking group will hit the fall foliage trail on Monday, Oct. 28, with a walk along Lake Arthur at Moraine State Park. Lunch will follow at the Log Cabin Inn near Harmony. Participants will meet at the church at 9 a.m. Everyone welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, [twaseleski@comcast.net](mailto:twaseleski@comcast.net).



**Quilt Raffle.** Two beautiful handmade quilts have been donated to St. Brendan's to raise funds for our parish. One is a Pittsburgh Penguins quilt made just in time for hockey season! The other is an animal print quilt made by Nancy Skavish, a beloved founding member who passed away a few years ago. Consequently, the Book Club will be sponsoring a quilt raffle, and tickets will be sold after church and during upcoming fundraising events.

Be sure to check out these beautiful works of art and purchase some tickets. You just might win! Proceeds will benefit children's Christian formation efforts here at St. Brendan's. Feel free to see Chris Botti or Pat Carl if you need more info. Thank you!



**Adult Formation Study – Job and "The Mystery of Suffering: Spiritual Reflections" by Richard Rohr.** The Book of Job is almost too difficult to understand. However, Job has a lot to teach us about his relationship with God and suffering. Join us for a weekly study, facilitated by Ruth Getz, on the important themes woven throughout the Book of Job and a time of reflection on the mystery of suffering.

This book is easy to read and understand! This study is being offered Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Books may be purchased new or used from Amazon ([amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)).



**North Hills Food Pantry.** For the month of October we are asking you to donate anything pumpkin! Snacks, baking, coffee, canned items. The North Hills Food Bank needs any kind of non-perishable food. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, [ldtoler@aol.com](mailto:ldtoler@aol.com). Thank you for your support.



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



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**Easy Funds for St. Brendan's!** You may not know it, but St. Brendan's earns 5% for each gift card that we sell! Basically, if you eat, you can raise funds for our church! It's easy! Just visit the vestry member who is selling gift cards in the narthex each Sunday after the 10 a.m. service, buy a gift card for Kuhn's and/or Giant Eagle, do your usual grocery shopping or gasoline pumping, then pay for it with the card purchased at St. Brendan's! Thanks for your support of the easiest fundraiser in town!

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**CRIS 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 month we are praying for the work of the American Red Cross, [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org), and Brother's Brother Foundation, [www.brothersbrother.org](http://www.brothersbrother.org). The CRIS Committee has decided to give the entire September distribution to relief for victims of Hurricane Dorian. The next meeting will be **Sunday, October 20**. All are welcome.

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**Do you have a special prayer request?** You can write one and leave it on the prayer plate by Regis' office. On Sunday those prayers are offered up to God during the 8:00 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.

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

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

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**Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Public Address (Saturday, October 5).**

This event has been changed to the Capitol Theatre, Main Street, in Wheeling, W.Va. It's a better venue and the seats are much more comfortable. Tickets will be available for \$5 at the door. Seating is first come, first serve. We are meeting at 1:00 p.m. at the park-and-ride off Mt. Nebo Road and I -79 to carpool to Wheeling and back. Contact Fran Kinley with questions 304-281-4790.

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





# October 2019

## Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
October 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
October 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joe Macklin L Susan Shoemaker P Tim Austin C Stacey Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Darrell Johnson	Joan Beatrous Shari Tarrant	Fish Saundy Waseleski  Lambs Janice Moore	Stephanie Illsley Libby Juel	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Annemarie Malbon	Melanie Popovich Thaddeus Popovich
October 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
October 13 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Nate Boyd C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Stacey Coyle	Ellen Groves Betsy Smith	Fish Allison Kline  Lambs Meghan Karn	Stephanie Illsley Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Janice Moore	Dotti & Carl Antonucci
October 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
October 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck L Sheila Bigelow P Alan Schneider C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Chris Botti Brigid Christenson	Fish Sylvia Affleck  Lambs TBD	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Larry Toler	The Kinley family The Aretz family
October 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
October 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ruth Horton L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Richard Gordon	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Chris Botti	Lauren Chappo Rebecca Sands
October 30 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~

# 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 & Becca Sands

## November 2019

- 3 Brenna Conroy & Kristen Bailey
- 10 Melinda & Wesley Bell
- 17 Sheila Bigelow & Jim Roche
- 24 Hospitality Committee

## December 2019

- 1 Kate & Mike Bunn
- 8 Julie Smith & Colette Satler
- 15 Brigid & Jim Christenson
- 22 Hospitality Committee
- 29 Stacey Coyle & Andrea Dickerson

## January 2020

- 5 Karen Dennis & Janet Fesq
- 12 Connie & Richard Weichel
- 19 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 26 Annual Meeting, Vestry

## February 2020

- 2 Super Bowl
- 9 Trish & Neil Galone
- 16 Gail Gil & Richard Gordon
- 23 Maria Hooper & Cameron Grosh

## March 2020

- 1 Clair & Bob Grotevant
- 8 Ellie & Kevin Harkins
- 15 Linda Limberis & Eric Helmsen
- 22 Kate & Keith Heston
- 29 Meghan & Robert Karn

## April 2020

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

## May 2020

- 3 Cindy & Pete Larson
- 10 Parish Men
- 17 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 24 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 31 Linda & Jason Konley

## June 2020

- 7 Marian & AJ McKenna
- 14 Annemarie Malbon & Joe Macklin
- 21 Erica & Mark McClure
- 28 Parish Picnic

## July 2020

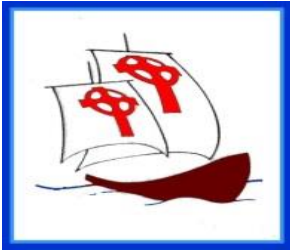
- 5 Marilyn Mulliville & Tim Michael
- 12 Jean Pett-Ridge & Isaac Mondelus
- 19 Kate & John Riley
- 26 Joni Reis & Thaddeus Popovich

## August 2020

- 2 Lauren & Ashwin Ramakrishna
- 9 Arlena & Bill Pugliese
- 16 Anne Semmler & Andrew Sprentz
- 23 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 30 AJ Turo & Ginny Volpini

## September 2020

- 6 Nancy & George Snyder
- 13 Emmalynne & Michael Waseleski
- 20 Emily & Brad Zupancic
- 27 Gail Gagnon & 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: Janice Moore  
Finance Chair: Eric Helmsen  
Green Thumb Gang: Roger Botti  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Arts & Crafts Sale: Anelisa Tarrant  
Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson  
Memorial Garden: Dan Moore  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Nursery: TBD  
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: Mark Shoemaker  
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski  
Sticks & Strings: Joni Reis  
Debbie Jennings  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra

### **VESTRY MEMBERS**

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski  
Jr. Warden & Education: Ruth Horton  
Worship & Safety/Security: Tim Austin  
Fundraising & Clerk: Chris Botti  
Finance & Technology: Kevin Boyd  
Communication: Annemarie Malbon  
Inreach & Hospitality: Janice Moore  
Newcomers: Dean Peters  
Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler  
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

### **WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS**

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

### **OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS**

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
English as a Second Language: Tim Austin  
Joyce Donadee  
Linda Schneider  
Invite Welcome Connect: TBD  
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
Rob & George Latta  
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton  
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee

### **ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

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