



Easter

This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(4-8)	8:00 am	Worship
		9:00 am	Choir rehearsal
		10:00 am	Worship
		11:15 am	Discipleship group
		6:00 pm	Refreshments
		7:00 pm	Speaker, Len Barcousky
Monday	(4-9)	7:00 pm	Vestry meeting
Tuesday	(4-10)	7:00 am	AA meeting
		10:00 am	ESL Conversation Friends
		10:30 am	Bible Conversations
		1:30 pm	Tai Chi
		7:00 pm	Fenceline documentary
		7:00 pm	Overeaters Anonymous
Wednesday	(4-11)	6:00 pm	Food Critics
		7:00 pm	Worship
		7:00 pm	ESL Conversation Friends
		7:30 pm	Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(4-12)	10:00 am	ESL Conversation Friends
		4:00 pm	Miryam's delivery
		6:00 pm	Yard Sale meeting
		7:00 pm	Sticks & Strings
Saturday	(4-14)	9:00 am	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, April 8, 2018

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 am Ellen Groves
	10:00 am Debbie Wunsche
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Susan Shoemaker
Chalice Bearers:	Janice Moore
	Alan Schneider
Altar Guild:	Ellen Groves
	Betsy Smith
FISH:	Allison Kline
Godly Play:	Joyce Donadee
Nursery:	Stacy Connifey
	Pat Carl
Ushers:	Eric Helmsen
	Bob Smith
Vestry:	Chris Botti
Hospitality:	Julia Wick
	Michael Newton
LEM:	Tom Harvey

Announcements

Priest's Corner: What Does a Church Do after an Easter Event?

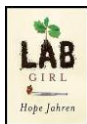
If you are going to read this Priest's Corner, I'd like you to stop right now and get your Bible out and read five verses from Acts of the Apostles and then return. Are you game? Come on.... STOP! Go get your Bible NOW. Thank you. OK. Read these five verses: Acts: 6:7; Acts: 9:31; Acts: 12:24; Acts: 16:5; Acts: 19:20.

So what is the common theme running through all these verses? It can be summarized in these four words: *"And the church grew...."* Churches that truly experience Easter grow. The question for us to answer is: Has our church, St. Brendan's, experienced Easter? We all have to answer this question for ourselves, but let me tell you what your priest thinks. We sure did! I think the majority of you really committed to Lent, and you are now on the Road to Resurrection. Ask around. I'm told we had record numbers at the Holy Week services. Each service, except Good Friday, needed more service pamphlets printed. There's a spiritual hunger at St. Brendan's, and in the country, these days. Not sure what's causing it, but I think we need our sacred refuges, like our churches, to be the places where we can escape the craziness of narcissism and confusion. We need positivity and assurance that we are OK, and that there's a power greater than ourselves that has answers, serenity and growth for us.

Sure, we will have our ego-rants: *"They still didn't fix that church door, and it never stays locked at the bottom!"* *"Those technology installers didn't give us the right cables for our new sound system."* *"Now that we've been given the new round tables, where do we store them?"* Christ is risen! Alleluia! On our better days (51% of the time), we are really thankful to God that we have a church door. And we thank God that we received a grant to pay for half of a new sound system. And we thank God for people who gift us with new tables. St. Brendan's is 51-plus% Easter-ish! And because of that we will grow — just like the early church in Acts of the Apostles.

INVITE — WELCOME — CONNECT is coming to St. Brendan's after Easter! Watch us grow! You wanna grow with us? Stay tuned!

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Book Club is reading "Lab Girl" by scientist Hope Jahren, who has built three laboratories in which she's studied trees, flowers, seeds, and soil. Her book is a revelatory treatise on plant life — but also full of stories about work, love, and the mountains that can be moved when those two things come together. Join us TONIGHT, Thursday, April 5, at 7:00 pm when we discuss the book, as well as lots of other things. We eat, drink, and laugh!

Join our retirees Friday, April 6, 10:00 am, for a **little outdoor spring clean-up**. The Green Thumb Gang will schedule a Saturday date in May to open the outdoor chapel and lay mulch. Contact Roger Botti at CRSB7751@msn.com with questions.

St. Brendan's **Adopt-a-Highway** crew will hit the roadside for its first trash cleanup of 2018 on Saturday, April 7. Volunteers will meet at the church at 8:30 a.m., then carpool to the Camp Horne Road interchange of I-279. Anyone age 14 and up may participate. Cleanups are usually finished by 10:45 a.m. If you'd like to help, please sign the sheet on the narthex table or contact Tom Waseleski.

The Speaker Series is welcoming Post-Gazette journalist, historian and author **Len Barcoucky** on Sunday, April 8, at 7:00 pm. His topic will be "George Washington Flopped Here." Len has walked or biked nearly every mile that 20-something Washington traveled as a diplomat, soldier and land speculator in what became southwestern Pennsylvania. Making use of you-are-there primary sources, Len will share what Washington learned on his multiple frontier visits when beset by dreadful mistakes, harrowing experiences and near-death moments. The presentation will conclude with a question-answer session. Mr. Barcoucky will have his books available for signing and purchase. A flyer is attached to inform family, friends and colleagues. Thank you for your help. See you April 8!

The Youth Group is sponsoring a Lego drive for Children's Hospital as its spring service project. The Legos will be donated to the waiting areas used by both patients and their siblings to help occupy the children as they wait and to add some comfort. The Youth Group is asking that the Legos be placed in the boxes in the narthex through April 8. The Lego sets must be new.

St. Brendan's invites young church members who will be enrolled in post-secondary education (college, technical school, etc.) in the fall of 2018 to apply for **St. Brendan's Scholarships**. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of a young person's years of participation and attendance in parish services, ministries and other activities. Guidelines and applications, which must be submitted no later than April 30, are available on the narthex table or online by contacting the office. The scholarship fund was launched in 1996 by late parishioner Dorsey Doddroe and has been sustained by the quiet, occasional contributions of St. Brendan's members. Donations to the fund may be made at any time.

The Godly Play class will be focusing on **Holy Communion** for five Sundays starting the Sunday after Easter. The children will be talking about the Last Supper, the objects that we use during Holy Communion, why we celebrate the Eucharist, and the Lord's Prayer, among other topics. If you have any questions, contact Joyce Donadee.



Need a gift for someone who has everything? Would you like a way to acknowledge a special family event like a baptism or a birthday or to remember a departed loved one? A donation to the Brendan's Family and Friend's (BFF) fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. Most recently, BFF funds were used to help with costs of our new sound and video projection system. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or from our website and make a donation today! Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor!

Donations made to BFF fund during 2018: \$1,565.

We celebrate the **April wedding anniversaries:**

7 Susan & Mark Shoemaker	26 Gladys & Les Carlisle	27 Mary & Jim Evanochko	29 Stacy & Tyler Connifey
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We celebrate the **April Birthdays:**

1 Libby Juel	2 Betsy Smith	3 Anthony Bertucci	7 Kevin Boyd	10 Lin Shadgett
12 Marcy Little	15 Keith Heston	19 Robert Bumbaco	20 Heather Parker	20 Mark Shoemaker
21 Morgan Aretz	23 Ted Dannerth	23 Susan Shoemaker	26 Les Carlisle	26 Tice Harkins
27 Linda Schneider	29 Arlena Pugliese			

We are thankful for the **April hospitality hosts:**

1 Betsy & Bob Smith	8 TBD	15 Sharon & Ron Ladick	22 Regis Smolko & Ken Parsons	29 Andrea & Paul Dickerson
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CRIES Advocacy: (Christian Response In Emergency Situations) meets monthly on the third Sunday in the library after the 10:00 am service to determine distribution of our outreach tithe each month. Each person present has an equal voice and vote. The next meeting is Sunday, April 15, in the library following the 10:00 am service. All are welcome.

This week we are praying for the work of World Vision and Amnesty International, two of the concerns CRIES Advocacy is supporting this month. Amnesty International is an organization that fights for human rights, especially those of political prisoners www.amnestyusa.org. World Vision, a global effort to provide clean, readily accessible water to persons living in semi-arid areas in the world www.worldvision.org.



North Hills Food Pantry. For the month of April St. Brendan's is suggesting donations of breakfast foods and juices. As always, feel free to bring in any non-perishable items. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Ruth Horton at rvhorton@gmail.com. Thank you for your support.



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Spring has sprung and, as we look forward to pleasant changes in the weather, we can also look toward some positive changes that will occur as we prepare for our annual Yard Sale. Our "Revamp the Yard Sale Committee" has been hard at work tweaking our event to ensure that it remains "**The Classiest Yard Sale in Pittsburgh**" while making it a bit less labor intensive!

There will be a meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 6:00 pm in the social hall so that department chairs (now called "team leaders") can hear about the changes. Anyone can come, though, so please mark your calendars and hear all about our exciting plans for Yard Sale 2018! Also mark those calendars for the sale dates, Aug. 3-4, and be sure to stay tuned over the next few months for more info about our biggest fundraiser of the year!



Break out the walking shoes because **Brendan's Boots**, the parish hiking group, is back. Its first outing for 2018 will be Saturday, April 14. This trek will be a little out of the ordinary, a four-mile loop on sidewalks through the village of Sewickley, past large, stately homes and small, charming businesses. Hikers will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 am, carpool to Osborne Elementary School, begin the trek, have lunch before it's over and return to our cars. Walkers of all ages are invited. Bring water and a friend.

Next Sunday, April 15, we will be folding envelopes for **Brother's Brother Foundation** between the two services starting around 9. Please plan to help if you can. We'll have coffee and something to munch on.

"**Fenceline**" is a PBS documentary about the experiences of people living near a Shell petrochemical plant in Louisiana. A similar plant is being planned by Shell in Beaver County. What are the effects on health, environment and economy of surrounding communities? These will be brought out in the film and a panel discussion that follows.

The film will be shown at St. Brendan's on Tuesday, April 10, at 7:00 pm.

We need help to set up and take down for this event. We also need help to park cars. If you can help, please sign up in the narthex or call Linda Schneider. Thank you.

If you would like more information or want to help organize the event, please contact Thaddeus Popovich at 412-327-5988.

Looking for a way to improve your understanding of and compassion toward those who are different from you? Want to do all you can to embrace America's multiculturalism? You may be surprised at what you might learn -- about others and yourself -- at the **Spring 2018 Anti-Racism Workshop** sponsored by the Pittsburgh diocese. The workshop will take place at St. Andrews in Highland Park on Friday, April 20, 3:00-8:00 pm, and on Saturday, April 21, 8:30 am-5:00 pm. Dinner, continental breakfast and lunch will be served at the free event. For more info and registration: <https://www.episcopalpg.org/spring-2018-anti-racism-workshop/>.

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



April 2018

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
April 1 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Dean Peters A Acolyte Team P Anne Hunt C Caty DeWalt C Dean Peters LEM Joyce Donadee	Chris Botti Shari Tarrant	Fish Easter Sunday Godly Play Easter Sunday	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Michael Donadee	Peter Sweet	Betsy & Bob Smith
April 4 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
April 8 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Deb Wunsche A Acolyte Team P Susan Shoemaker C Alan Schneider C Janice Moore LEM Tom Harvey	Ellen Groves Betsy Smith	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play Joyce Donadee	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Eric Helmsen Bob Smith	Chris Botti	TBD
April 11 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
April 15 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Annemarie Malbon A Acolyte Team P Nate Boyd C Janice Moore C Dean Peters LEM Ruth Horton	Tammy Spoonhoward	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Mike Wick Connor Wick	Annemarie Malbon	Sharon & Ron Ladick
April 18 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Gladys Carlisle	Les Carlisle	~	~	~	~	~
April 22 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Service	8 Sylvia Affleck L Caty DeWalt A Acolyte Team P Tom Harvey C Tom Harvey C Darrell Johnson LEM Darrell Johnson	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Fish TBD Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Julia Wick	Ken Parsons Regis Smolko
April 25 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
April 29 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Service	8 Ruth Horton L Michael Donadee A Acolyte Team P Children C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEM Joyce Donadee	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Fish Children's Liturgy Godly Play Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Children	Ruth Horton	Andrea & Paul Dickerson

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2017  September 2018

October 2017

- 1 ~~Peter Sweet & Michael Newton~~
- 8 ~~Gail Gagnon~~
- 15 ~~Valerie Patrick & Todd Przybycien~~
- 22 ~~Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous~~
- 29 ~~Linda & Jason Konley~~

November 2017

- 5 ~~Joyce & Michael Donadee~~
- 12 ~~Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton~~
- 19 ~~Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis~~
- 26 ~~Holiday Breakfast/Vestry~~

December 2017

- 3 ~~Saundy & Tom Waseleski~~
- 10 ~~Lisa & Chris Fleissner~~
- 17 ~~Anelisa Tarrant & Jim Taylor~~
- 24 ~~Holiday / TBD~~
- 31 ~~Rob & George Latta~~

January 2018

- 7 ~~8:00 Group~~
- 14 ~~Anne & Jno Hunt~~
- 21 ~~Julia & Mike Wick~~
- 28 ~~Mary & Jim Evanochko~~

February 2018

- 4 ~~Chris & Roger Botti~~
- 11 ~~Janice & Dan Moore~~
- 18 ~~Mary & Jon DeMartino~~
- 25 ~~Mary & Dale Bertucci~~

March 2018

- 4 ~~Amy & Kevin Boyd~~
- 11 ~~Brad Thompson & Larry Toler~~
- 18 ~~Allison Kline & Linda Mesko~~
- 25 ~~Michael Newton~~
~~Hospitality committee~~

April 2018

- 1 ~~Betsy & Bob Smith~~
- 8 ~~Julia Wick & Michael Wick~~
- 15 ~~Sharon & Ron Ladick~~
- 22 ~~Regis Smolko & Ken Parsons~~
- 29 ~~Andrea & Paul Dickerson~~

May 2018

- 6 ~~Karen & Dean Peters~~
- 13 ~~Megan Overby & Tim Austin~~
- 20 ~~Theresa Bryant & Tom Harvey~~
- 27 ~~Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward~~

June 2018

- 3 ~~Linda & Alan Schneider~~
- 10 ~~Parish Picnic~~
- 17 ~~Mary Haider & Janet Fesq~~
- 24 ~~Judy Flick & Marcy Little~~

July 2018

- 1 ~~Stacy Connifey & Annemarie Malbon~~
- 8 ~~Angela & Michael Schlumpf~~
- 15 ~~Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray~~
- 22 ~~Joan & Paul Klinefelter~~
- 29 ~~Susan & Mark Shoemaker~~

August 2018

- 5 ~~Ruth & Steve Horton~~
- 12 ~~David Besong & Scott Berkebile~~
- 19 ~~Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich~~
- 26 ~~Theresa Bryant & Caty DeWalt~~

September 2018

- 2 ~~Darrell Johnson~~
- 9 ~~Laureen & Todd Douds~~
- 16 ~~Gail Gagnon & Charlotte Pierce~~
- 23 ~~Kelli Cerra & Ellen Groves~~
- 30 ~~Jean Pett-Ridge & Marge Marine~~

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.



OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves
English as a Second Language: Jon DeMartino
Saundy Waseleski
Linda Schneider
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Garden of Hope: **Open**
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
Janice & Dan Moore
Stacy Connifey

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

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

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Musician, Erica Lin ~ hylerica@yahoo.com

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Tom Waseleski: Sr. Warden
Ruth Horton: Jr. Warden & Outreach
Kevin Boyd: Finance & Technology
Chris Botti: Fundraising & Clerk
Allison Kline: Education
Annemarie Malbon: Communication
Dean Peters: Worship
Peter Sweet: Newcomers & Stewardship
Julia Wick: Hospitality / Inreach / Secretary
Treasurer: Ellen Groves

PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

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
Memorial Garden: **Open**
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski
New Member Ministry: Saundy Waseleski
Nursery: Stacy Connifey
Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich
Rental: Mark Shoemaker
Scholarship: Tom Waseleski
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