



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday (4-14) 8:00 a.m. Worship, Palm Sunday Hospitality Hour 8:30 a.m. 9:00 a.m. Brother's Brother Ministry 9:00 a.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal 10:00 a.m. Worship, Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School 11:15 a.m. Hospitality Hour Discipleship Group 11:15 a.m.

Monday (4-15) 11:00 a.m. Be a Modern Episcopalian

6:00 p.m. Rite 13 meeting

11:30 a.m. Lenten Series

Tuesday (4-16) 7:00 a.m. AA meeting

10:00 a.m. Conversation Friends

10:30 a.m. Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Tai Chi

7:00 p.m. Love-Teach-Heal

Wednesday (4-17) 9:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Tutor Talk 5:30 p.m. Meager Meal 6:00 p.m. Lenten Series 7:00 p.m. Worship

7:00 p.m. Overeaters Anonymous 7:00 p.m. Conversation Friends 7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal

Conversation Friends Thursday (4-18) 10:00 a.m.

> 7:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday service

8:00 p.m. Altar Stripping

9:00 p.m.-noon Friday Garden of Gethsemane

Friday (4-19) 10:00 a.m. Conversation Friends

12:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Good Friday service

(4-20) 9:00 a.m. Sacristans Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil

Serving Sunday, April 14, 2019

Celebrant: The Rev. Regis Smolko

Lay Reader: 8:00 a.m. Charlotte Pierce

10:00 a.m. Nate Boyd

Acolyte: Acolyte team Prayers: Michael Donadee Joyce Donadee Chalice Bearers:

Michael Donadee

Altar Guild: Terry Dezort

Anelisa Tarrant

FISH: Allison Kline

Godly Play: TBD Door: **TBD**

Nursery: Stacy Connifey

Pat Carl

Ushers: Chris Fleissner

Mike Wick

Vestry: Chris Botti Hospitality: Donna Aiello

Sharon Hlawati

Ruth Horton LEM:

Easter Week Services



8:00 & 10:00 a.m. Sunday April 14 **Palm Sunday** Wednesday April 17 7:00 p.m. **Quiet Evening Prayer** Thursday April 18 7:00 p.m. **Maundy Thursday** Friday April 19 12:00 & 7:00 p.m. **Good Friday** Saturday April 20 8:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil** Sunday April 21 8:00 & 10:00 a.m. **Easter Sunday**



Announcements

Parish Notes. At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry:

- Approved the expenditure of \$1,286 from the Brendan's Family and Friends fund for window film to be applied in the social hall to reduce glare that interferes with video presentations;
- · Heard that 10 parishioners have volunteered to be Sunday greeters and will be scheduled in rotation (that's a good start, but more are needed):

- Learned from vestry member Larry Toler that he will coordinate St. Brendan's participation in the June 9 Pittsburgh Pride Equality March;
- Resolved that any significant gift of goods or services to St. Brendan's should be pre-approved by the vestry in consultation with the priest. Monetary gifts offered to purchase a particular item shall be handled in the same way.

-Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden (twaseleski@comcast.net)



Easter Altar Flowers. If you would like to make a contribution for the flowers that will be on the altar for Easter, make your check payable to St. Brendan's and write "Easter Flowers" on the memo line. Fill out the form on the table in the narthex and be sure to include the name/s of those who are being honored, celebrated or thanked through the flower donation. Any amount is welcome. Submitted information will be printed in the bulletin on Easter Sunday.



Sticks & Strings. (TONIGHT, April 11, 7:00 p.m.)

Sticks & Strings is meeting tonight. We are looking forward to getting together. Bring your project! See you then.



Brendan's Boots. (Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.)

Come eagle-spotting with Brendan's Boots, the parish hiking group. Walkers will meet at the church, carpool to the Waterfront shopping complex in Homestead and follow the Three Rivers Heritage Trail to Hays, near the bald eagle habitat. Lunch will follow at Mitchell's Fish Market. Everyone welcome! Bring a friend and your binoculars. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski at twaseleski@comcast.net.



Brother's Brother Ministry. (Sunday, April 14, 9:00 a.m.)

We will be folding envelopes for the Brother's Brother Foundation between the two services this Sunday. Please plan to help if you can. We'll have coffee and something to munch on.



The Garden of Gethsemane Vigil. One of St. Brendan's Lenten traditions is the transformation of the chapel, between the night of Maundy Thursday and the morning of Good Friday, into a place for contemplation, meditation and prayer in the spirit of Jesus' sorrowful night in the garden. Brendanites are invited to spend a tranquil hour with Jesus by recalling his suffering and sacrifice for all. To reserve your hour in the vigil, between 9 p.m. Thursday and noon Friday, please sign the sheet on the narthex table. If you need a key to access the building, which will be locked overnight, please contact Katie ahead of time.



Easter Egg Hunt. (Sunday, April 21, 2019)

After the 10:00 a.m. service on Easter Sunday, the kids are invited to participate in an egg hunt at St. Brendan's. Bring your own basket or grab one from our collection. The kids will find goodies in the eggs, as well as tickets they can use to help us make donations to a few deserving charities.



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. worship service. They are collected by the Community of Hope, and added to their daily prayers. Then each month those requests are also included in the Community of Hope's Circle of Prayer meeting. The written requests are then burned, in accordance with the proper disposal of blessed items. All prayers and requests are kept confidential.



Prayer requests can be sent to **Community of Hope** through our email; stbrendans.coh@gmail.com. This was created to give parishioners and others in the community an extra opportunity to request prayers for anyone in need. We can include those persons in our daily prayers, or send out a prayer via text or email to someone. Please note, this is in addition to, NOT in place of the St. Brendan's prayer list.



Thanks to Julia Wick and her crew, St. Brendan's provided a wonderful Sunday dinner to the women at Miryam's, Bethlehem Haven's homeless women's shelter. Julia along with Tim Austin, Roger Botti, George Latta, Dan Moore, Tom Waseleski and Mike Wick prepared roast beef, seasoned baked potatoes, green beans and coleslaw. Joan Klinefelter baked brownies. Our next Sunday dinner will be on June 2nd. Please contact Julia or Rob Latta if you are interested in learning more or helping out.



Quiet Evening Prayer. (Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.)

The next candlelight Evening Prayer service is in two weeks, the Wednesday of Holy Week, and we invite you to include this service as part of your Holy Week observance. The service includes Taize music and silent prayer, reflection, or meditation – with Communion afterwards for those who wish to remain. The service is especially appropriate for this penitential season. Bring a friend and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.



Book Club. (Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.)

Join the Book Club as we read "The Two-Family House" by Lynda Cohen Loigman, a debut novel that is an engrossing family saga set in post-war Brooklyn. The book focuses on two families that are inextricably linked by blood, marriage, and a long-held secret born in a snowstorm. We'll meet in the church library for some fun and a discussion of the book. Copies are available at the local library in both print and audio formats.



Used ink cartridges.

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



Hear ye, hear ye! (Sunday, May 19)

Please save the date for a celebration of St. Brendan's 32nd birthday following the 10 a.m. service. It's sure to be a day filled with fun and fellowship! Would you like to help mark this birthday with a special gift? Then consider a donation to the Brendan's Family and Friends fund towards the purchase of acoustic tiles. Our social hall needs these desperately for better sound quality during Christian formation, outreach and fellowship activities.

For more information, see the poster in the narthex. Acoustic tiles! A "sound" investment in St. Brendan's! Thank you for your support of this effort.



Orange Flags.

Please do not remove any of the **orange flags** you see on church property. They are there to mark the location of perennials that have not sprung yet.

St. Brendan's Scholarships. The parish invites young church members who will be enrolled in post-secondary education (college, technical school, etc.) in the fall of 2019 to apply for a St. Brendan's Scholarship. Grants are awarded on the basis of a young person's years of participation and attendance in parish services and activities. Guidelines and applications, which must be submitted no later than Sunday, May 12, are available by contacting the church office. Launched in 1996 by late parishioner Dorsey Dodroe, the scholarship fund has awarded 75 grants to 28 students. The program is sustained by the generosity of St. Brendan's members. Donations may be made to the fund at any time.



Speaker Series. (Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 p.m.)

St. Brendan's Speaker Series is back. The event will begin with wine, appetizers and a silent auction. Rob Rogers will be the featured speaker. Rob is the award-winning, nationally syndicated editorial cartoonist formerly with the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. He will show a selection of his cartoons, be interviewed by Tom Waseleski and take questions from the audience. Afterwards, stay to enjoy a glass of Prosecco with dessert, which will give you time to meet Rob and discuss his new cartoon collection "Enemy of the People." Copies will be available for sale and signing by Rob. Space is limited, so reserve your seat early by calling 412-364-5974, signing up in the narthex or sending an e-mail to stbrendans@comcast.net. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door.



North Hills Food Pantry. Our focus this month is on collecting breakfast foods; items such as cereal, breakfast bars, oatmeal, etc. As always, all non-perishable food items or paper products are welcome. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.

Help Wanted. Looking for a way to pitch in at St. Brendan's, but not sure how? Here's an area where your help is needed.

• Fundraising Ideas. Do you have an idea for a fun and effective fundraiser that would support the mission of St. Brendan's? Maybe you have participated in a great fundraiser at a previous church or at your child's school? If so, please see Chris Botti, the vestry's fundraising liaison, or contact her via email at shadypatch@msn.com. Thanks!



Bishop Dorsey McConnell Visits St. Brendan's. (Sunday, May 12)

Would anyone like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation when Bishop Dorsey McConnell visits St. Brendan's? The parish is considering a one-day retreat to prepare for the sacrament, which persons age 14 and up may receive. Parents are invited to consider along with their children the young person's readiness for this spiritual step into Christian maturity and leadership. Adults who have not been confirmed are invited to take this important spiritual step as well.

The bishop will also receive into the Episcopal Church any person who wants to take that formal step. Episcopalians who would like to reaffirm a commitment to this church community (for instance, those who were previously members of other Episcopal churches) are also eligible to receive a special blessing from the bishop. If you are interested in participating in any of these special rites, please contact Regis.

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. The next meeting will be Sunday, May 19. All are welcome.

This week we are praying for the work of HEARTH, a local organization that provides low cost housing and support for women and children. www.hearth-bp.org.



We all find ourselves back at the grocery store every week, right? Do you know that you can help raise funds for St. Brendan's when you grocery shop?! Purchase your groceries using Giant Eagle or Kuhn's gift cards bought at church. Because St. Brendan's buys the cards in bulk, the church makes 5 percent on every sale.

Cards are sold after both services on Sundays. You can also purchase them during business hours in the church office. It's the no-sweat fundraiser!



The English as a Second Language team is looking at the possibility of offering a program for toddlers one morning a week this summer. We recently observed an ESL Family Literacy program in the South Hills and learned that there are no such opportunities in the North Hills. The program would serve children ages 2 to 5, each accompanied by one parent or grandparent, meeting for a couple of hours one morning a week in a nursery school/play group format. Before we explore this idea further, we need to see if we have enough

people interested in volunteering. We have also had requests to start a summer ESL program for middle school and elementary school children. If you have any interest in learning more and possibly volunteering for any of these new initiatives, please speak with Tim Austin, Linda Schneider, Joyce Donadee, Charlotte Pierce, or Nancy Snyder.

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.

Episcopal Workday. (Saturday, April 13)

Episcopal Workday at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. Again this year the diocese's Social Justice and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a repack session at the food bank during Lent. Come join fellow Episcopalians from across the diocese at our volunteer workday at the food bank. We'll be working in the Repack Center at GPCFB's main Duquesne warehouse facility (1 North Linden St, Duquesne, PA 15110) from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

To reserve your volunteer slot, contact Jerry Stephenson at JJmestephenson@verizon.net. We'll need your name, parish affiliation and email address (so Jerry can send you a link for online registration). Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and be able to stand for two or more consecutive hours. We are limited to only 20 volunteers this time. Volunteer spaces will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis.

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



April 2019 Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
April 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
April 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Susan Shoemaker P Dean Peters C Stacey Coyle C Theresa Bryant LEV Joyce Donadee	Joan Klinefelter Shari Tarrant Terry Dezort	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play TBD Door TBD	Stacy Connifey Sarika Sethia	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Annemarie Malbon	Karen & Dean Peters
April 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
April 14 Palm Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Nate Boyd P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Terry Dezort Anelisa Tarrant	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play TBD Door TBD	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Chris Botti	Sharon Hlawati Donna Aiello
April 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
April 18 Maundy Thursday 7:00 pm	Gladys Carlysle	Janice Moore	~	~	~	~	~
April 19 Good Friday 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm	12 Ellen Groves 7 Alan Schneider	~	~	~	~	~	~
April 20 Easter Vigil 8:00 pm	TBD	Anelisa Tarrant	~	~	~	~	~
April 21 Easter Sunday 8 &10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Alan Schneider P Tim Austin C Tim Austin C Dean Peters LEV Darrell Johnson	Tammy Spoonhoward Janet Fesq	Easter Sunday	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Larry Toler	Megan Overby Tim Austin
April 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
April 28 Sunday 8 &10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Sylvia Affleck L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Stacey Coyle	Sylvia Affleck Brigid Christenson	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Janice Moore	Kelli Cerra Ellen Groves

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018 September 2

October 2018

- 7 Nancy & George Snyder
- 14 Pat Carl & Joan Beatrous
- 21 Animal Blessing
- 28 Gail Gagnon & Karen Dennis

November 2018

- 4 Joyce & Michael Donadee
- 11 Darrell Johnson & Ruth Horton
- 18 Eric Helmsen & Joni Reis
- 25 Nancy & Wilder Bancroft

December 2018

- 2 Saundy & Tom Waseleski
- 9 Chris & Roger Botti
- 16 Anelisa Tarrant & Janet Fesq
- 23 Julia Wick & Ken Parsons
- 30 Rob & George Latta

January 2019

- 6 Kate & Keith Heston
- 13 Anne & Jno Hunt
- 20 Julia & Mike Wick
- 27 Mary & Jim Evanochko

February 2019

- 3 The Fleissner family
- 10 Janice & Dan Moore
- 17 Ken Parsons & Regis Smolko
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

March 2019

- 3 Mary & Dale Bertucci
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Mesko
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Lauren Chappo & Becca Sands

April 2019

- 7 Karen & Dean Peters
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aiello
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Ellen Groves & Kelli Cerra

May 2019

- 5 Ruth & Steve Horton
- 12 Mother's Day
- 19 Sharon & Ron Ladick
- 26 Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward

June 2019

- 2 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Jillian Mooman & Cameron Grosh

July 2019

- 7 Stacy Connifey & Mary Haider
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

August 2019

- 4 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 11 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 26 Theresa Bryant

September 2019

- 1 Darrell Johnson & Isaac Mondelus
- 8 Laureen & Todd Douds
- 15 The Aretz & Kinley family
- 22 Melanie & Thaddeus Popovich
- 29 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.

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/Secretary: Janice Moore

Newcomers: Dean Peters Invite/Welcome/Connect & Outreach: Larry Toler

Treasurer: Ellen Groves

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

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: Brad Thompson Memorial Garden: Dan Moore

Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski Nursery: Stacy Connifey

Parish Profile: Kelli Cerra

Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich Rental: Mark Shoemaker

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: Joyce Donadee

Elizabeth Murphy Linda Schneider

Invite Welcome Connect: Bradford Thompson

North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton

Garden of Hope: Open Mirvam's: Julia Wick

> Rob & George Latta Janice & Dan Moore

Stacy Connifey

Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee

Jim Evanochko

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