



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(11-10)	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
		11:30 a.m.	Hospitality Hour
Monday	(11-11)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		7:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting
Tuesday	(11-12)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Conversations
Wednesday	(11-13)	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
Thursday	(11-14)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Sticks & Strings
Saturday	(11-16)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, November 10, 2019

Celebrant:		The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8 a.m.	Ruth Getz
	10 a.m.	Nate Boyd
Acolyte:		Acolyte team
Prayers:		Sheila Bigelow
Chalice Bearers:		Janice Moore
		Dean Peters
		Sheri Tarrant
Altar Guild:		Sylvia Affleck
		TBD
		TBD
Sunday School Lambs:		TBD
Fish:		Sylvia Affleck
Door:		TBD
Nursery:		TBD, volunteer needed
		Sarika Sethia
Ushers:		Bob Smith
		Eric Helmsen
		Kevin Boyd
Vestry:		Melinda & Wesley Bell
Hospitality:		Ruth Horton
LEM:		

The Priest's Corner

Status of the Music Director Search

One of the signs of a church's vibrancy is the energy and activities going on within it and because of it. Let me tell you, I'm never at a loss for issues and topics to write about in this weekly Priest's Corner. For those of you who regularly read this column, you likely remember my saying last week that this week and next, I'd be sharing my vision for ministry to children. I believe that it is more important that I update you today, though, on the activity and progress we've made so far on finding a successor to Debbie Wunsche, our music director.

To date I've interviewed two people, one of them three times. There are two more interested inquirers about the position to be scheduled. All of these have been through word of mouth. There's interest in St. Brendan's out there. In addition, there are several parishioners who know people, or are connected to people who know people, and are actively taking steps to connect them with us. The quality of the met candidates has been very impressive.

I have received calls from priests, ministers and current music directors who've heard we are searching and referred professionals to me; they are a phone call away. Two are associated with the local chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Some of my work (as well as Tom Waseleski's and Tim Austin's) has been meeting with our musically gifted and dedicated parishioners and friends to get a better sense of our goals, needs and requirements. The three of us met with Debbie, organist Erica Lin and the Senior Choir. We also had a robust meeting with our parishioner and choir member, Dr. Jno Hunt, an expert on religious music, a professor/educator of music, and former music director at St. Brendan's for over six years. In addition to our existing music director's job description, Jno worked up a St. Brendan's customized job profile and gave it to us for our guidance and ongoing development. Tom has been talking to parishioners and getting their feedback and Tim has convened the Worship Committee for an ad hoc meeting to discuss progress and collect information. Tim has called upon his connections at Duquesne University to provide us with leads.

In addition to the actual job interviewees, I've met with our 18+years organist and accomplished musician Erica. I've also met with Richard Gordan who has dedicated his time, talent and skills to working with music in our children's programs/liturgy. Nate Boyd and I have met, and he along with Richard are networking with other musically talented youth and their parents to keep our children's liturgy vibrant with musical selections that are liturgically appropriate and meaningful to our youth.

I am meeting and talking in person or via the phone with all current choir members. I'm getting their input around liturgical music at St. Brendan's, clarifications on how often they would like to participate in the liturgical offerings and ideas regarding practice times as well as their visions for the future. So far I've met with Alan Schneider, Janice Moore, Joni Reis and Dean Peters. During the remainder of this week and next I hope to connect with all remaining choir members, even those who are away.

There are six of us – Debbie, Richard, Rev. Julie Smith, Tom, Tim and I – who are regularly communicating through group chat about particulars of our liturgy, music and worship from week to week. Recently we started putting some practical plans together for Advent. Debbie's last day on the job is December 1, the first Sunday of Advent. We would like to have a Christmas Pageant this year, as we have had in the past. We likely will not have a permanent, active music director by then. I'd like to ask all of us to pray that we might find a way to do this despite our one missing piece. I feel pretty sure that some people will be tapped on the shoulders by the Spirit to help us have this Christmas tradition again this year.

Know that I'd love to hear from you regarding this search and the unsettling, in-between time within which we will soon find ourselves. Share your hopes, wisdom, fears, ideas with me in any way you feel comfortable. Drop in, let's meet for coffee, invite me to dinner, call on the phone, text or email me. This is not my favorite part of the job, but I know God loves St. Brendan's; we're on the right course; stretch is a good thing. God is present; we will gain much on this journey. We will all grow and St. Brendan's will thrive.

Regis+

Announcements



This month **Book Club** is reading a novel by local, best-selling author Stewart O'Nan. "Emily, Alone" is the portrayal of an elderly Pittsburgh widow and her domestic pleasures, concerns, and crises as the calendar year moves from holiday to holiday and she struggles to maintain family relationships. Join us as we relax and discuss the book **TONIGHT November 7** at 7 p.m. in the church library. Books are available in print and audio formats at the library.



Sticks & Strings will be held on November 14 at 7 pm in the library of the church, as usual. If you are working on a Christmas at Sea project, bring it with you as we will be sending them all together to the Seamens Church organization. Thanks, everybody! See you soon. Joni Reis.



Plans are being made for a **book sale fundraiser** at St. Brendan's for **Friday, February 21, and Saturday, February 22, 2020**. Please start saving your books to donate for this sale. Books can be brought to church beginning February 9, 2020, so please begin to put aside new or gently used books, CDs, DVDs and audio tapes. No need to save magazines, encyclopedias, textbooks, VHS or music cassette tapes as these items will not be sold at this event. Thanks so much for your support of St. Brendan's!

Hospitality Hour. We will be having special Hospitality Hours in some upcoming weeks. I find with the holidays coming up I need some new ideas for get-togethers. If you would like to bring something to one of our special Hospitality Hours, please sign up at the narthex table to bring your favorite holiday dish or appetizer. Hopefully this will be fun for all. Janice Moore, chicago@zoominternet.net.



Brendan's Boots. The parish hiking group will gather at the river – the Ohio River – on **Saturday, Nov. 16**, after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. Walkers will explore the bicycle-friendly Three Rivers Heritage Trail beginning at historic and vacant Western Penitentiary, then have lunch afterwards at the Rivers Casino. Feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.



Thank you to vestry members: Kevin Boyd, Janice Moore, Annemarie Malbon, and Larry Toler for cooking walking tacos, corn and bean salad, Mexican cornbread, and dessert for Miryam's Homeless Women's Shelter. A special thank you to our new delivery person, Ruth Getz.

Cookie Walk and Holiday Arts & Craft Show Q&A

1. What is the Cookie Walk?

The Cookie Walk is our fall fundraiser. It has been held on the Saturday before Thanksgiving since 2000.

2. When is this year's Cookie Walk?

November 23 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

3. How can I participate? (In lots of ways!)

- by helping to distribute the flyers on the narthex table
- by taking a sign to put in your yard
- by helping to decorate the church on November 21
- by helping in the kitchen on November 23
- by helping in the Cookie Walk at the choir room on November 23
- by taking entrance fees at the door on November 23



- by helping clean up on November 23 (sign-up sheets for all these are on the narthex table)
- but, MOST OF ALL by BAKING COOKIES to sell for the Cookie Walk

4. How does the Cookie Walk work?

The cookies are placed in trays on tables in the choir room (one kind for each pan – that’s why we ask for batches of 10 dozen). Customers purchase an empty cookie box and fill it with the cookies of their choice. Please see the “Cookie Jar” in the fellowship hall for more details and sign-up sheets.

5. What about the “Holiday Arts and Craft Show,” which occurs at the same time?

This is a shoppers’ event at which visitors can browse and purchase items, many of which are handmade, from more than 40 vendors located on St. Brendan’s main floor. Since there will be a wide variety of items for purchase – clothing, jewelry, home décor, Christmas decorations, toys, etc. – it’s a great opportunity to start your Christmas shopping. Be sure to tell your friends!

6. Please ask Sylvia Affleck, Karen Dennis, Ellen Groves or Saundy Waseleski if you have any more questions.

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

Looking for soup makers. Please see Ken Parsons if you’d like to make soup to sell at the Holiday Craft Show.

Calling all handcrafters! If you would like to contribute some of your wares to Brendan’s Boutique at the 2019 Holiday Arts & Craft Show, contact Janet Fesq wvgrl2@consolidated.net. All proceeds go to St. Brendan’s.

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 week we are praying for Southern Poverty Law Center, a national organization that fights racism, white supremacy and intolerance through legislative and educational efforts, www.splcenter.org. The next meeting will be Sunday, **November 17**. All are welcome.



North Hills Food Pantry. For the month of November we are asking for donations to help families with their Thanksgiving dinners such as stuffing mix, gravy, pumpkin pie, green bean casserole ingredients. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.



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!



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.



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? **A donation to the Brendan’s Family and Friends (BFF) fund** is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs and have been utilized for items such as air conditioning replacements, audio-visual equipment; safety film on some glass doors and windows, and of course our upcoming acoustic tile work in the social hall. Please pick up a BFF card in the narthex or from our website and make a donation today! Your donation will be noted in the Little Log and bulletin if you wish. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan’s by becoming a BFF donor!

Please check your mailbox for your **3rd quarter contribution statement**. Contact Katie if you have any questions.



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.



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. 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.



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!

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/>

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.

Have you ever wondered about the **variety of religious holidays that North Hills** residents observe every year? Join Ishfaq Ahmad of the Council of American Islamic Relations as he talks about the two primary religious holidays that members of the Muslim community observe every year. Join your neighbors for this informational and delicious program. Did we forget to mention that there will be a variety of traditional dishes to taste? Registration is required for this adult program. You may register online at Northland Library or by calling 412-366-8100, x113. The event will be held Thursday, November 14, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. and 48 spaces will be available. Northland Library is on Cumberland Road in McCandless. Contact Joyce Donadee if you want more information.

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



November 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
November 3 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder L Tim Austin P Tony Turo C Stacy Coyle C Tim Austin LEV Ruth Getz	Terry Dezort Anelisa Tarrant	Lambs Saundra Waseleski Fish Janice Moore Door Lauren Ramakrishna	Stephanie Illsley Pat Carl	Joyce Donadee Michael Donadee	Tim Austin	Brenna Conroy Kristen Bailey
November 6 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
November 10 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Getz L Nate Boyd P Sheila Bigelow C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Ruth Horton	Sylvia Affleck Shari Tarrant	Lambs TBD Fish Sylvia Affleck Door TBD	Volunteer needed Sarika Sethia	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Kevin Boyd	Melinda & Wesley Bell
November 13 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
November 17 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Annemarie Malbon P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Darrell Johnson	Chris Botti Janice Moore	Lambs TBD Fish Allison Kline Door Meghan Karn	Stephanie Illsley Silvia Bertucci	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Dean Peters	Sheila Bigelow Jim Roche
November 20 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
November 24 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Joe Macklin L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Ellen Groves Brigid Christenson	Children's Liturgy	Stephanie Illsley Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Ruth Horton	Hospitality Committee
November 27 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~

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 Lauren & 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

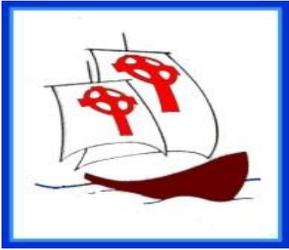
- 5 Marilyn Mulvihill & Tim Michael
- 12 Jean Pett-Ridge & Isaac Mondelus
- 19 Kate & John Riley
- 26 Joni Reis & Thaddeus Popovich

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: Dan Moore
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: Stephanie Illsley
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
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
Garden of Hope: Tim Michael
Invite Welcome Connect: TBD
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
North Hills Food Bank Ministry: Ruth Horton
Social Justice: Clair Grotevant
Marilyn Mulvihill
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Facebook ~ <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>

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

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