



This Week at St. Brendan's

Sunday	(5-5)	8:00 a.m.	Worship
		9:00 a.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
		10:00 a.m.	Worship
		10:00 a.m.	Sunday School
		11:15 a.m.	Welcome table meeting
		11:15 a.m.	Miryam's preparation
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality
		2:00 p.m.	Miryam's delivery
Monday	(5-6)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		6:00 p.m.	RITE 13 meeting
Tuesday	(5-7)	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	(5-8)	10:00 p.m.	Tutor Talk
		7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
Thursday	(5-9)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:00 p.m.	Sticks & Strings
Saturday	(5-11)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

Serving Sunday, May 5, 2019

Celebrant:	The Rev. Regis Smolko
Lay Reader:	8:00 a.m. Charlotte Pierce
	10:00 a.m. Theresa Bryant
Acolyte:	Acolyte team
Prayers:	Nate Boyd
Chalice Bearers:	Theresa Bryant
	Stacey Coyle
Altar Guild:	Janice Moore
	Tammy Spoonhoward
FISH:	Allison Kline
Godly Play:	TBD
Door:	TBD
Nursery:	Stacy Connifey
	Mary Haider
Ushers:	Joyce Donadee
	Michael Donadee
Vestry:	Kevin Boyd
Hospitality:	Kelli Cerra
	Ellen Groves
LEM:	Joyce Donadee

The Priest's Corner

The Annual Visit of the Bishop to a Church

As most of you know by now and have hopefully marked on your calendars, we are having our Annual Visitation by our bishop on Sunday, May 12. This is an awesome event for a church, and it should cause us great energy and joy.

According to *An Episcopal Dictionary of the Church*, the bishop's official pastoral visit to a congregation of the diocese is a time honored tradition. Canon law requires every diocesan bishop to visit every congregation in his or her diocese at least once every three years. Our bishop does it yearly. The canonical purposes of a visitation are for the bishop to examine the condition of the congregation, oversee the clergy, preach, confirm, preside at the Eucharist, and examine parochial records. The BCP (Book of Common Prayer) also assumes that the bishop's visitation will be an occasion for baptism, and that the bishop will preside.

The bishop will begin his St. Brendan's visitation by presiding and preaching at the 8 a.m. liturgy. He will then have a continental breakfast while meeting with the Vestry. Next, he will preside and preach at the 10 a.m., a memorable liturgy with special music, a liturgical dance, a brief children's message and a special hymn (Down in the River to Pray) sung by the children, as well as 3 adult baptisms, 1 child baptism, 4 adult confirmations, and 9 receptions into the Episcopalian Church. (Three will be conducted by the bishop on Sunday; the other 6 will be acknowledged by the bishop on Sunday but celebrated the following week due to scheduling challenges.) We will have one other special recognition at the liturgy. You won't want to miss this.

After the liturgy, there will be a festive coffee hour. Coinciding with the bishop's visit, May 12 is also Mother's Day. The men of the parish decided at their recent Men's Breakfast to cook, prepare and serve a special Mother's Day coffee hour. This alone is worth your presence. These guys do an outstanding job. The bishop will likely have some observations to make and some encouraging, meaningful, closing words for us near the end of the meal.

Just so you know, our Bishop Dorsey McConnell has been our shepherd for about 5 years. He is an outstanding speaker, very personable, with a delightful sense of humor. He boasts about St. Brendan's often. He is pastorally connected to our parish

and asks me about people and specific happenings at our church that he follows every time I see him. Please seek him out and talk to him. He makes time for all people. There are so many interesting things to talk to him about, please spend some time with him.

You might find the following "fun fact" something to ask Dorsey about. The bishop's father was General John Paul McConnell, the sixth chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force, Washington, D.C. He was named Joint Chief by President Johnson in 1964 and served in this capacity during the Vietnam Nam War until 1969. As chief of staff of the U. S. Air Force, General McConnell served in a dual capacity. He was a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff which, as a body, acts as the principal military adviser to the president, the National Security Council, and the secretary of defense. In his other capacity, he was responsible to the secretary of the Air Force for managing the vast human and materiel resources of the world's most powerful aerospace force.

Please mark your calendars and plan to join in on May 12. Bring your mother if she doesn't have a church to attend that's nearby. It will be awesome, and since all of you are awesome. Bring your awesomeness to this awesome Bishop's Visitation.

Regis +

Announcements

Welcome

There will be a brief meeting for **Welcome Table volunteers** immediately after the service this Sunday in the Library. Anyone who is interested is welcome.



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 worship 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.



The Rite 13 Youth would like to thank everyone for their support of the Bowling for Chickens event. We had a great time and raised over \$600. We were able to buy 48 chickens through World Vision for families in developing countries. The chickens provide a vital source of nutrition to children and their families, and also provide a source of income. Thank you for your support.
Abby, Anthony, Nate, & Silvia



Sticks and Strings

Sticks & Strings will meet Thursday, May 9th at 7 p.m. as usual in the library. A couple of members would like to learn to crochet, so bring your knitting and a crochet hook if you would like to crochet. Looking forward to seeing everybody. Joni Reis.

Blast Off on an Epic Adventure with Us!

At this summer's Vacation Bible School, To Mars and Beyond, children will enjoy an interactive, energizing, Bible-based good time as they explore where God's power can take them. They will become Voyagers and discover how to serve God and God's mission for their lives.

VBS includes high-energy opening assemblies, bible stories, interactive bible lessons, art projects, music, snacks, and recreational time. All children from age 4 to 11 are welcome to join the adventure.



- Where: St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
- When: June 24 – 28, Monday through Friday
- Time: 9 a.m. to Noon
- Cost: \$20 for first child; \$5 for each sibling.

Registration Forms are available on-line at www.stbrendans.org or in the Narthex.

VOYAGER VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Vacation Bible school is not just for children! There are a number of ways adults and youth can help with To Mars and Beyond.

- Lead music and worship
- Coordinate crafts
- Facilitate games
- Lead Bible stories
- Prepare and serve snacks
- Serve as prayer partners

See Allison Kline if you are able to volunteer or sign up in the Narthex.

St. Brendan's received several donations in April to the **Brendan's Family & Friends Fund.**



Nancy & George Snyder, in celebration of St. Brendan's 32 years!

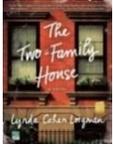
Chris & Roger Botti, in celebration of the marriage of Annemarie & Daric.

Regis Smolko & Ken Parsons in celebration of the marriage of Annemarie & Daric.



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.



Book Club. (TONIGHT, Thursday, May 2, 7 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.

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.

St. Brendan's Supper Club AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET CONNECTED WITH OTHERS AT ST. BRENDAN'S

- Groups will be small (8 people).
- Host will have it at their home.
- Host will determine meal date, time and menu.
- Host provide main course everyone else will bring a dish.
- Group changes each dinner.
- You will only Host one dinner.
- Will meet only FOUR (4) times a year.

Sign up and be part of this experience. Contact Janice Moore with questions 412-203-1252 chicago@zoominternet.net.



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.



Brendan's Boots. (Thursday, May 16, 10 a.m.)

The parish hiking group will explore the wooded trails of the Wildflower Reserve at Raccoon Creek State Park during its next outing. Lunch will follow at Janoski's Country Restaurant. Meet in the church parking lot at 10 a.m. Everyone invited; bring a friend!



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.

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



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

St. Brendan's Speaker Series is back. The event will begin with wine, appetizers and a silent auction. Rob Rogers, a 2019 Pulitzer Prize finalist, 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!



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!**



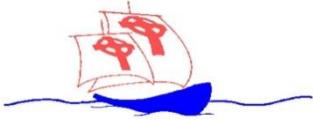
Are you available Tuesday mornings this summer to help our **ESL** parents and children? We have a small number of immigrant children and their parents who would like to attend our preschool ESL class. You do not need to know any foreign languages and don't have to get down on the floor with the children. The classes are to teach simple words in English. We have several helpers who have volunteered but need one person to help planning with Joyce Donadee and other members of the ESL leadership team. For more information, contact Joyce at 412 635 2312.

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.

Avalon Episcopal Church is having a clean-up day on Saturday May 4 from 9:30 - Noon. Volunteers are needed. See the flyer on our bulletin board for more information or click on the link. <https://forms.gle/ULvEv7NAg9dQecB29>

The Muslim community in the North Hills invites the community to a Ramadan dinner at their mosque on May 22. The mosque is located in Pine Richland Township very near the Pines Restaurant. It is a fun and informative evening and it will be an event that you will remember. Contact Larry Toler or Joyce Donadee if you would like to join a group from St. Brendan's who will be going. Children are welcome at this event. Please see the bulletin board for more information.

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



May 2019

Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
May 1 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck	~	~	~	~	~
May 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Charlotte Pierce L Theresa Bryant P Nate Boyd C Stacey Coyle C Theresa Bryant LEV Joyce Donadee	Tammy Spoonhoward Janice Moore	Fish Allison Kline Godly Play TBD Door TBD	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Kevin Boyd	Kelli Cerra Ellen Groves
May 8 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
May 12 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Michael Donadee P Darrell Johnson C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Betsy Smith Anelisa Tarrant	Worship participation	Stacy Connifey Sarika Sethia	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Tom Waseleski	Parish men
May 15 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
May 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Tim Austin P Alan Schneider C Tim Austin C Dean Peters LEV Darrell Johnson	Ellen Groves Shari Tarrant	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play Joyce Donadee Door TBD	Stacy Connifey Annemarie Malbon	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Tim Austin	Sharon & Ron Ladick
May 22 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
May 26 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday	8 Ellen Groves L Children P Children C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Stacey Coyle	Terry Dezort Chris Botti	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Ruth Horton	Tammy & Bill Spoonhoward
May 29 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~

Hospitality Hour Hosts/Hostesses

October 2018  September 2019

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 Smolke
- 24 Amy & Kevin Boyd

March 2019

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

April 2019

- 7 Karen & Dean Peters
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aielle
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Pot Luck

May 2019

- 5 Kelli Cerra & Ellen Groves
- 12 Mother's Day/Bishop's visit
- 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

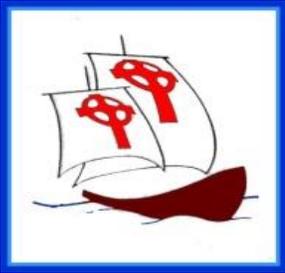
- 7 Stacy Connifey & Mary Haider
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

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.

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

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

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**
Miryam's: Julia Wick
Rob & George Latta
Janice & Dan Moore
Stacy Connifey
Under One Roof: Joyce Donadee
Jim Evanochko

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