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## Senior Warden's Corner

Last Saturday St. Brendan's Vestry held its annual retreat in the church social hall. In truth, it wasn't much of a retreat, but a lengthy work session between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Years ago our priest and nine-member vestry would go on a real retreat — two overnights at a religious center in Jennerstown, Pa., or Wheeling, W.Va., where they would meditate, pray, take walks in the woods, share meals and make plans for the church year ahead. Rising costs and busy personal schedules put an end to that, and now the vestry devotes five or six hours on a Saturday to the first meeting of the new vestry term.

It's still a meaningful gathering, but there's a lot to pack in. This time, after an opening prayer and remarks by Mother Robin, we elected the vestry clerk (Melanie Popovich) and the parish treasurer (Kevin Boyd), as required each year by parish bylaws. Then we spent an hour going around the table to tell our individual stories, including how we each arrived at St. Brendan's. With the day's agenda timed out, there's no room for team-building games or tests on personality types.

New members were taught (and returning members reviewed) how to read the parish's monthly financial reports. Afterwards we took part in our first give-and-take as a new team: sorting out who will oversee key areas of parish life: Worship, Finance, Children & Youth, Adult Formation, Pastoral Care, Membership, Hospitality, Technology, Outreach and Inreach. (Who got what can be found where vestry members are listed in the weekly Navigator's Log.) If you have a question, concern or suggestion regarding any specific area, please contact the particular vestry member who has oversight — or me.

We worked through lunch and the coffee continued to flow. So did the conversation. We amended St. Brendan's Statement of Affirmation and Inclusion, which appears on the website, to add immigrants and non-citizens. We discussed the need for a funeral luncheon/reception committee. We considered purchase of an Owl video conference camera that would improve group meetings held over Zoom (for vestry, Justice Ministry and other ministries); we put off a decision till March.

Tim Austin, who will chair St. Brendan's Discernment Committee, was our guest for the final hour. Since Mother Robin will be retiring at the end of April, the committee must be assembled and, after her departure, begin the search for St. Brendan's next priest. Tim reviewed a prospective timeline for choosing the committee, surveying parishioners on what they want in their next priest and releasing information about St. Brendan's to prospective candidates.

Call Saturday's meeting a retreat or not, there will be no retreat for the vestry from the work ahead. This is a group that needs your prayers, deserves your support and works for you. God bless them and God bless St. Brendan's.

Yours in faith,  
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden



Do you knit, crochet, embroider, or do other hand-held fiber arts? Let's get together for fellowship, fun, and handcrafting! **Sticks & Strings** are now meeting on the **third Tuesday of each month at 12:30** and again on the **first Friday Wednesday of each month, 6 pm**, in St. Brendan's library.

The next meeting is **Tuesday February 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm**. Please join us - everyone is welcome, regardless of experience level. We hope to see you there!

Please contact Sherri at [sherri.angeletti@gmail.com](mailto:sherri.angeletti@gmail.com), or text 412-689-0737 to be added to the email list for the most up-to-date information, or if you have questions.

# Announcements



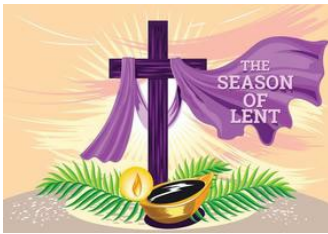
**Brendan's Boots.** The parish walking group will take its first trek of the year **Monday, Feb. 17**, on Brush Creek Trail at Graham Park in Cranberry. Participants will leave the church at 9 a.m. and carpool to the park. After the walk, the group will enjoy lunch at North Park Lounge. Everyone's invited; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, please contact Tom Waseleski.



## Baptism, Confirmation and Reception at St. Brendan's

Most of us have a general idea as to what Baptism and Confirmation is, but what exactly is Reception? If you are already confirmed in another Christian denomination (such as Roman Catholic or Lutheran), you can be "received" into the Episcopal church. It's simply a formal commitment to the church and our parish.

When Bishop Ketlen visits St. Brendan's for her annual visit on April 6, she will be baptizing, confirming and receiving anyone who registers. If you are interested or would like additional information, please contact Katie -- [katie@stbrendans.org](mailto:katie@stbrendans.org) as early as possible. We would like to have an idea of who may want to participate by February 22. Thank you!



## Lenten Offerings:

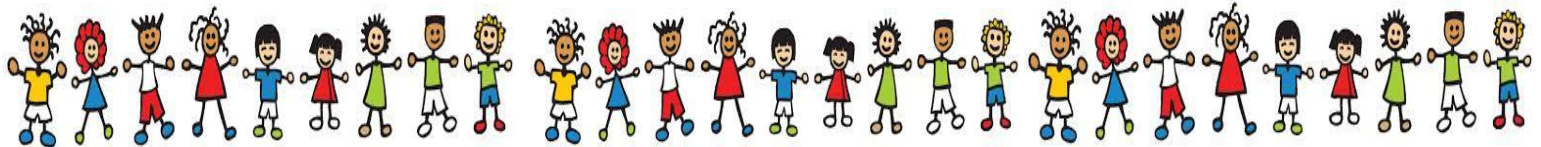
Lent is a time to help us prepare for Easter through prayer, repentance and charity. St. Brendan's is offering the following to help us in this preparation:

**Ash Wednesday, March 5:** The forty days of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which is a day of prayer and a reminder of our mortality and penitence. We will have two services that day, one at 12 Noon and the other at 6 pm. Both will offer the imposition of ashes and Eucharist. This is an excellent way to start off the Lenten season.

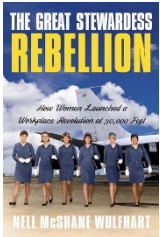


**Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, March 4<sup>th</sup> 5-7 pm.** Please mark your calendar and plan to join us. Enjoy pancakes, sausage, crepes, sausage and gravy. The entire meal will be prepared by our male Brendanites. Invite your extended family and friends to this Shrove Tuesday celebration. Cost is \$10.00/person, \$20.00/family. Contact Dan Moore if you'd like to help in any capacity [danmoore167@gmail.com](mailto:danmoore167@gmail.com).

## Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **Sunday, St. Brendan's Youth Group.** The third Sunday of the month, February 16, is the next meeting of St. Brendan's Youth Group. We will meet right after the 10 am service. This week we will be exploring how we grow in wisdom, age, and grace, examining the biblical story of Jesus in the Temple and beginning an activity in journaling. The group will also be making plans for a project in March. Please join us. All youth from grades 6 through 12 are welcome. John and Allison
- **Sunday, February 23,** is the date for the next **Children's Worship Service.** There will be no Sunday School classes that day. Children will be involved in various ways in the service. Information has been sent to parents. We'll also be blessing the food bank donations on the 23rd.
- **Sunday, Feb. 16 and Sunday, February 23:** Please come at 9:45, if possible. Daniel will practice the children's worship music with the children at that time.
- **Looking ahead:**  
**Sunday, March 2:** Annemarie will lead a Lenten craft project for the Sunday School children after the service. Toddlers/preschoolers are also welcome to participate with adult help. We'd love to have some teen helpers. More details will follow.



**St. Brendan's Book Club** meets the first Monday of every month at 1 pm in the library. On **Monday, March 3** we will discuss *The Great Stewardess Rebellion* by Nell McShane Wulfhart, the true story of trailblazing flight attendants who successfully fought massive inequality in their industry. All are welcome (even if you haven't read the book)! Upcoming titles:

- April 7 *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts  
May 5 *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano  
June 2 *Master Slave Husband Wife* by Ilyon Woo  
July 7 *God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

Contact Anne Semmler ([annegsemmler@gmail.com](mailto:annegsemmler@gmail.com)) with any questions.



**February Food Drive:** Jesus told us to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). It is our duty as Christians to put that love into action. In that spirit, the children and youth of St. Brendan’s are holding a food drive for the North Hills Food Bank on **Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Please help by bringing your donations on these dates (or any date before February 26th).

- **Items accepted:** non-perishable food items; cleaning supplies; paper products; toiletries;
- **Items not accepted:** items in glass jars; clothing; items beyond their expiration date;
- **Some special needs this month include:** cereal; crackers; canned soups (not chicken); canned stews; 1 lb. or 2 lb. flour; salad dressing; small bottles of cooking oil; granola bars; pudding, fruit and applesauce cups; ground coffee (11 oz. size);
- A **complete list** of donation suggestions will appear on the flyer given out at church. Thank you for your support! Children and Youth.

**Taize/Evening Prayer:** The next Taize/Evening Prayer service is Wednesday, February 26 at 5 pm in the chapel. This service will incorporate some of the Celtic prayers from the Celtic Evening Prayer service in January. Please come join us for this quiet, candlelight service and give yourself a break from your busy week!



### It's easy to contact your elected officials.

If you would like to talk with one of your elected officials or leave a message for them, it's very easy! Just call 202-224-3121, and you will be able to reach any of your senators or congress persons. When you call, the prompt will ask you who you would like to reach and you will be connected.

## Prayer Requests

**For our beloved members of St. Brendan's especially;** Ruth Horton, Libby & Richard Juel, John Pease. Dave Miller, Matthew, Rich Nagy, Joan Beatrous, Bill Spoonhoward, Margie Davies, Charlotte Pierce, Ruth Haider, Rosie Wood, Carol Meese, Nancy Snyder.

**For our parents, especially;** Margaret Nagel, Lenora, Ken McCormack.

**For our family members, especially;** Nathan Schlumpf, Bee Ward, Mike Tourangeau, Steve Getty, Rich, Jay & A, Jennifer Cale, Robert Donato, Paula Watson, Margaret & Lawrence Czerpak, Cindy, Marie Hazelton, Guy Estes, Joann, Neil Armor, John, Kayleigh Waters, Frank Nagy, Rosalie & Geoff Wood, Sue Burchill, Pat & Chuck Schulze, Parker Shebs, Frannie, Christian, Ann & Ben Kirkpatrick, Reta Caldwell, Tom Payne, Marie Hazelton, Daniella, Carol Schmitz.

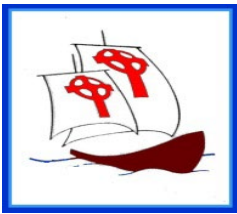
**For our friends, especially;** Frank Monakowski, Debbie & Dale Kline, Hannah and Horst Hartmann, Connie Geiger, Bill Pugliese, Charlotte S., Mike & Peter Gosch, Cindy & Bob Getty, Kathleen Suskauer, Susan N., Patty Herrington, Laurie, Mark Hubert, Josh, Terri Hockenberry, Patty Walker, Heidi Sherwin, Mike Colavita, Diane Brackus, Jordon Medlin, Nancy Baker, Phil & Bernice Bollman.

**If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin,** please email her at [robin@stbrendans.org](mailto:robin@stbrendans.org).



# February Ministry Calendar 2024

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
February 2 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous 1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tony Turo P Dean Peters LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Allison Kline Doorkeeper: Richard Munsch	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	John Appeldorn Tom Waseleski	Tim Austin Linda Limberis	Deb & Norm Erb-White	Dan Moore	Frances Harpst Ken Parsons
February 9 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 George Snyder 1 <sup>st</sup> Tim Austin 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tim Austin P Linda Limberis LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Saundy Waseleski Fish: TBD Doorkeeper: Susan Shields	Liz MacDonald Evie Mathie	Tammy Spoonhoward Phoebe Juel	Saundy & Tom Waseleski	John Appeldorn Allyson Baierl	Paul Quinn	Richard Munsch	Mary & Dale Bertucci
February 16 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 <sup>st</sup> Alan Schneider 2 <sup>nd</sup> John Appeldorn P Norm Erb-White LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Saundy Waseleski Fish: TBD Doorkeeper: Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Sylvia Affleck Anelisa Tarrant	Donna Aiello Dean Peters	Julia or Mike Wick Donna Aiello	Mike or Julia Wick	Mike Wick Tom Waseleski	Elizabeth Murphy Richard Munsch
February 23 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am  Children's Worship.	8 Johanna Rengers 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday School 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday School P Sunday School LEV Sylvia Affleck Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Children's Worship No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald Susan Shields	Joan Kleinfelter Kathy Miller	Kathy & Dave Miller	Tim Austin Dan Moore	Donna Aiello Richard Munsch	Donna Aiello	Melanie Popovich Frances Harpst



## 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

Donna Aiello: Worship  
Frances Harpst: Finance  
Jen & Bob Mankowski: Adult Formation/Technology  
Dan Moore: Junior Warden  
Richard Munsch: Outreach  
Ken Parsons: Hospitality  
Melanie Popovich: Pastoral Care/New Members/Clerk  
Tom Waseleski: Senior Warden  
Mike Wick: Inreach/Children & Youth

Treasurer: Kevin Boyd

### OUTREACH MINISTRY LEADERS

Adopt-A-Highway: Tom Waseleski  
CRIES Advocacy: Ellen Groves  
ESL: Tim Austin~Joyce Donadee  
Garden of Hope: Annemarie Malbon  
Justice Ministry: Marilyn Mulvihill & Donna Aiello  
Miryam's: Julia Wick  
North Hills Food Banks: Richard Munsch

### PARISH LIFE MINISTRY LEADERS

Audit: Mary Bertucci  
Book Club: Anne Semmler  
Brendan's Boots: Tom Waseleski  
Bulletin Coordinators: Kate Heston~Pat Carl~Carol Meese~Barb Fure  
Dinner Group: Janice Moore  
Facebook: Jen and Bob Mankowski  
Fiber Crafting Club: Sherri Angeletti  
Finance Chair: Frances Harpst  
Historian: Ellen Groves  
Holiday Happenings/Cookie Walk: Donna Aiello  
Memorial Garden: John Appeldorn  
Merry Meal Makers (M&M's): Saundy Waseleski  
Reiki Ministry: Melanie Popovich  
Rental: Marilyn Mulvihill  
Scholarship: Allison Kline~Ann Vinski~Mike Wick  
Web Site: Kelli Cerra, Jen & Bob Mankowski

### WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant  
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant  
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck  
Greeter: Donna Aiello  
Lector: Ann Vinski  
Scheduler: Debra Erb-White  
Spirituality: Donna Aiello  
Usher: Tim Austin

### WEEKLY AT ST. BRENDAN'S

**Sunday:** 8:00 am Worship, in person  
10:00 am Worship, in person and live streaming  
[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc\\_nXXG7ew](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkCY2BEJXlqMoVc_nXXG7ew)

**Monday:** 8:00 am Daily Morning Prayer, via zoom, Monday thru Friday  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83591825912?pwd=a3BGcCswanE1OFFXaVBWbDBYRGm1UT09>  
8:00 am Katie office hours from home till noon then in office from 12:30 till 3  
10:00 am Modern Episcopalian, via zoom

**Tuesday:** 8:00 am Katie office hours from home till noon then in office from 12:30 till 3 pm  
11:00 am Bible Study, via zoom <https://zoom.us/j/4575423762>

**Wednesday:** 8:00 am Katie office hours from home till noon then in office from 12:30 till 3 pm  
1:00 pm Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
5:00 pm Midweek Eucharist

**Thursday:** 11:00 am Mother Robin office hours till 4:00 pm  
Katie's office hours from home from 8 till 3 pm

**Friday:** 8:00 am Katie office hours from home till noon then in office from 12:30 till 3 pm

### ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Online Parish Directory ~ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1By4bzW6dJ2AwwZVlmlqjcQ4WFAynP16D/view?usp=sharing>  
(authorization required for access--apply online)

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

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

Priest-in-Charge, Mother Robin Jarrell ~ [Robin@stbrendans.org](mailto:Robin@stbrendans.org)

Parish Administrator, Katie Cervone ~ [Katie@stbrendans.org](mailto:Katie@stbrendans.org)

Deacon, Rev. Darrell Johnson ~ [darrell@stbrendans.org](mailto:darrell@stbrendans.org)

Music Director, Daniel May ~ [bluesub@verizon.net](mailto:bluesub@verizon.net)

Nursery Director, Liz MacDonald ~ [Liz702988@gmail.com](mailto:Liz702988@gmail.com)

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