



**This Week at St. Brendan's**

<b>Sunday</b>	(1-20)	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.	CRIES Advocacy Meeting
		11:15 a.m.	Hospitality hour
		11:15 a.m.	Discipleship group
		1:00 p.m.	Icon Retreat
<b>Monday</b>	(1-21)	11:00 a.m.	Be a Modern Episcopalian
		6:00 p.m.	Rite 13 Group
<b>Tuesday</b>	(1-22)	7:00 a.m.	AA meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
		10:30 a.m.	Bible Study
		1:30 p.m.	Tai Chi
<b>Wednesday</b>	(1-23)	7:00 p.m.	Worship
		7:00 p.m.	Overeaters Anonymous
		7:00 p.m.	Conversation Friends
		7:30 p.m.	Sr. Choir rehearsal
<b>Thursday</b>	(1-24)	10:00 a.m.	Conversation Friends
<b>Saturday</b>	(1-26)	9:00 a.m.	Sacristans

**Serving Sunday, January 20, 2019**

<b>Celebrant:</b>	The Rev. Regis Smolko
<b>Lay Reader:</b>	8:00 a.m. Ellen Groves
	10:00 a.m. Dean Peters
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Acolyte team
<b>Prayers:</b>	Debbie Wunsche
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b>	Janice Moore
	Dean Peters
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Janice Moore
	Joan Klinefelter
<b>FISH:</b>	Allison Kline
<b>Godly Play:</b>	Lisa Fleissner
<b>Door person:</b>	TBD
<b>Nursery:</b>	Stacy Connifery
	Annemarie Malbon
<b>Ushers:</b>	Larry Toler
	Bradford Thompson
<b>Vestry:</b>	Tom Waseleski
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Julia & Mike Wick
<b>LEM:</b>	Ruth Horton

**The Priest's Corner**

**Let's Talk About Single-Use Plastics**

Did you know that by 2050 there will be more plastics floating around in the ocean than fish? Scientists have been reporting for years that plastics and other debris are choking our oceans and waterways.

Plastics in the oceans kill over a million seabirds, 100,000 marine mammals, and countless fish every year, according to the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. Plastic chemicals can be absorbed in our bodies — 93% of Americans age six or older test positive for BPA, which can cause cancer and birth defects, according to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences. Our tap water and bottled water are both loaded with micro plastics. We are hoping to show the movie, "Bag It" (which is a simple and interestingly entertaining explanation of the problem), at church after an upcoming Sunday coffee hour. Look for details soon.

At our recent diocesan convention, we resolved that "each parish encourage its parishioners to recycle, reuse and reduce their uses of water, electricity, gasoline and other fossil fuels, and plastics, which are polluting the ocean." In particular we are encouraged to reduce the reliance on single-use plastics such as grocery bags, straws and Styrofoam cups/plates.

On **Sunday, January 20' at 1:30 p.m.** our diocese will collaborate with the Unitarians and Friends on a focused approach to end/lessen single-use plastics in our organizations. All parishioners of St. Brendan's are invited to attend this organizing meeting. (Contact Linda Schneider, [lindalans@comcast.net](mailto:lindalans@comcast.net), for more information.)

In the meantime, consider swapping these 10 single-use items for their reusable alternative:  
 1) Plastic Straws 2) Plastic Water Bottles 3) Coffee Cups with Plastic Lids 4) Plastic Grocery Bags 5) Plastic Wrap  
 6) Plastic Take-Out Containers 7) Plastic Bags in general 8) Plastic Cutlery 9) Plastic Party Cups and 10) Six-Pack Rings

**Regis +**

**Announcements**

**Parish Notes.** St. Brendan's Vestry met on Monday and these were among the subjects discussed:

- The parish ended the 2018 budget year with a \$27,009 surplus. Looking ahead, the church anticipates a surplus of \$4,540 for the end of 2019.
- After reports of little heat in the chapel, the church's heating-cooling company was called and a furnace motor was replaced at the cost of \$603. The company also repaired vents and dampers that were making noise in the floor on the right side of the sanctuary replaced at the cost of \$360.
- Several vestry members volunteered to host a series of small-group brunches in their homes to welcome newcomers to the parish.

–Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden

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**Seeking Vestry Nominations.** Would you like to be a candidate for St. Brendan's Vestry? The parish will elect three people to join the nine-member group responsible for the financial and real affairs of the church. The election will take place on January 27 at the parish's annual meeting. Candidates must be willing to serve for a term of three years.

St. Brendan's bylaws require vestry nominees to be baptized persons 16 years of age or older, financial contributors of record at least once within the past 12 months, and regular worshippers in the congregation for six months prior to the annual meeting.

If you are interested in nominating someone or would like to nominate yourself, please let one of these members of the Nominating Committee know: Mary Haider, Jno Hunt, Allison Kline, Dan Moore, Peter Sweet, or Julia Wick.

Here are mini-profiles of three vestry candidates St. Brendan's has so far:

I was born just south of London, but moved to the USA in 1973. After graduate work at the University of Massachusetts, I served as a teacher, researcher and administrator at universities in Chicago, Omaha, and Worcester (Mass.) before retiring last July after five years at Duquesne. My parents were regular church-goers (in the "C-of-E," of course) and I have happily followed their example. I met my wife, Megan (Overby), when we were fellow parishioners at Trinity Church in Highland Park (Ill.), and serving parishes in various roles has been an important part of our life since then. Somewhere there is a photograph of me in a lobster costume, promoting a parish fundraiser in a July 4 parade; Meg served a term as warden, among other things. We are so grateful that we found St. Brendan's shortly after moving to Western Pennsylvania in 2013 and happy to be helping out with the Walk-In Ministry and the ESL classes as well as with all-parish events such as the Cookie Walk.

– Tim Austin

I was born and raised in the Pittsburgh-east area. In my late 20s I married and moved out of the area to various states – Maryland, Ohio, Illinois, then back to Pittsburgh. I got my degree in CIS and CIT and began work in computers. I have worked in various fields in the computer industry such as teaching and maintaining systems. We came back to Pittsburgh due to our parents getting older and we wanted to be back home. We are blessed to have our granddaughter Prudence in our lives and enjoy her growing and learning every day. We found St. Brendan's after nine years in Pittsburgh and belonging to many other churches. We found a home in St Brendan's for our whole family and love it here.

– Janice Moore

Originally from Alabama, I moved with my partner Bradford to Coraopolis four years ago in February. We joined St. Brendan's not long after getting settled in the area. Bradford and I have been together for seven years. I have two children, Bradley and Carrington, and two grandchildren, Lilly, age 2, and Jackson, 6 months, whom I just adore. I work for SiriusXM as a project manager for the northeast. I love Alabama and Steelers football. At St. Brendan's I am an usher and work on the Invite, Welcome and Connect committee. I feel the best thing about St. Brendan's is that we welcome and love everyone.

– Larry Toler

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The parish **Annual Meeting** will be held on January 27, following the 10:00 a.m. service. Parishioners will be given a summary of the church year past and a preview of plans for 2019. Members will also have the opportunity to ask questions of Fr. Regis and the vestry. St. Brendan's ministry leaders are asked to provide a brief written summary about their ministry in 2018 for inclusion in the parish's annual report to members. Please submit your report to the office ASAP, the deadline has passed.

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**Quiet Evening Prayer.** St. Brendan's will offer a candlelight evening prayer service on Wednesday, Jan. 30, at 7:00 p.m. in the chapel. The service will include Taize music and a quiet time for silent prayer, reflection, or meditation. Communion will be offered after the service for those who wish to remain. This is the perfect remedy for a busy day! Come worship in a tranquil, peace-filled space. Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Fr. Regis, Darrell Johnson, Debbie Wunsche, or Dean Peters.

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**Last Call for the Icon Workshop!** Byzantine iconography is a highly structured and disciplined art form which combines prayer and painting techniques to create serene images of Christ, Mary, the angels and the saints following centuries-old guidelines. Peter Pearson has been studying and painting icons for nearly 50 years, has authored three books on the subject, has painted hundreds of icons for churches, monasteries, seminaries, convents, and individuals all over the world and has taught hundreds of workshops. Peter's students number in the thousands and each has walked away with an icon of their very own. No previous experience or natural talent is required. We will paint, pray and follow the simple step-by-step instructions.

Please join us **tomorrow, Friday, January 17, through Sunday** in the social hall at St Brendan's for an icon workshop with Peter Pearson. Registration fee is \$250 and includes all supplies and instruction. Contact Kate Heston at [kmheston71@gmail.com](mailto:kmheston71@gmail.com) or 609-651-0080 for more information or to register.

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**Help for Haiti.** Many of you know Isaac Mondelus, who is from Haiti and who is active at St. Brendan's. He personally provides financial aid to his family in Haiti and Brazil. There are not many jobs in Haiti and so he is purchasing a small truck to ship to Haiti to create jobs for his sister and other people. The truck will be converted for use as a taxi and his sister will run the business and hire a driver. The truck will be shipped to Haiti and he is asking for donations of used shoes and summer clothing which will be given away or sold, especially clothing for babies and young children. He is also collecting personal items: combs, soap bars, toothbrushes, toothpaste and plastic dishes. Used sewing machines are needed which can provide jobs for people to have to make school uniforms to sell. If you would like to donate, please place your items in the colorful "tap tap" (Haitian taxi) box in the church entrance hall by January 24. Thank you. For more information, please contact Joyce Donadee.

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**Help Wanted.** Looking for a way to pitch in at St. Brendan's but not sure how? Here are two places where your help is needed.

- **Sunday School teachers.** Our children need role models to help them grow in faith. Because St. Brendan's has a fun and easy-to-use curriculum, no prior teaching experience is necessary. Lessons are taught during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday service. For more info, please contact Allison Kline.
- **Greeters.** We need greeters to help by opening the front doors, assisting the elderly and recognizing a new face. We tell visitors about St. Brendan's – where all are welcome. If newcomers are not familiar with our service, we stand by them and help them through our multiple liturgical resources. We also ask them to fill out a name tag and invite them to the coffee hour for fellowship after the service. All you need is a friendly smile, a love for St. Brendan's and a willingness to let it show! If you'd like to help, please see Karen Peters at the Welcome Table on Sundays.

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**Under One Roof** "We never thought this would be us," is a phrase that some participants in our support group, Under One Roof, express. Under One Roof is for anyone who is experiencing housing changes – a mother-in-law moves in, a college graduate returns home, a brother who became unemployed is sleeping on the couch. Our next group meets on **Monday, January 28**, at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room next to Regis's office. For more information contact the office at 412-364-5974.

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**North Hills Food Pantry.** Did you know that January is both National Soup Month and National Oatmeal Month? Guess the weather is getting cold! Let's do our best to help others warm up with donations of soup or oatmeal, but, as always, any other donations are always welcome. **Please remember, no glass jars.** If you have any questions, contact Ruth Horton at [rvhorton@gmail.com](mailto:rvhorton@gmail.com). Thank you for your support.



This month the **Book Club** is reading "The Dry" by Jane Harper, a thriller/page-turner set in a parched small Australian town with big secrets. We'll be meeting in the church library at 7 pm on February 7 to discuss the book and have some fun. Copies are available from the library in print and audio formats. For more information email Pat Carl [pkarrcarl@gmail.com](mailto:pkarrcarl@gmail.com).

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Are you using **Amazon Smile** when you shop online? Let's get St. Brendan's free money. Directions are on our website [www.stbrendans.org](http://www.stbrendans.org). Please tell family, friends, co-workers and neighbors to join us.

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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** fund is the perfect way to honor that special person or event. BFF funds are earmarked for unbudgeted building needs. 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! .

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**Winter Coat Drive:** St. Brendan's is collecting new or gently used winter outerwear for refugees. Donations of all sizes of coats, hats, gloves, scarves, etc., may be placed in the collection bin in the narthex beginning. The clothing will be distributed by the Jewish Family and Community Services' Refugee & Immigrant Services organization. If you'd like more information, please contact Darrell Johnson.

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**Everyone is invited** to attend trainings on how to assist immigrants and refugees with legal accompaniment and home hosting. The workshops, sponsored by New Sanctuary Pittsburgh, are free and open to the public. They will be held January 22, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m., at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, 304 Morewood Ave., Pittsburgh. Child care will be available.

One training will provide information on how to provide legal accompaniment for impacted people as they interact with law enforcement, ICE, and the courts system. Bring your questions! You will learn how to accompany immigrants to ICE check-ins, court hearings, and other interactions with law enforcement or the courts.

The other training will focus on how to provide housing for impacted people. Learn to be a good host home, hear about some typical host home experiences, and learn how to become part of the critical team that offers housing in their homes and owned (but not occupied) properties.

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**Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry.** Your donations help to feed and clothe 50 to 60 people each week. The ministry needs: diapers, socks, men and women's underwear, and travel size cans of shaving cream. Please deposit them in the box outside Regis's office. Thank you for all the donations!

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**Please scroll to the next few pages for the Hospitality Hour schedule  
and the 2019 January ministry calendar.**



# January 2019

## Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
January 2 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~
January 6 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Joan Beatrous L Nate Boyd P Darrell Johnson C Stacey Coyle C Darrell Johnson LEV Stacey Coyle	Tammy Spoonhoward Betsy Smith	Fish Allison Kline  Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Kevin Boyd	Kate & Keith Heston
January 9 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider	~	~	~	~	~
January 13 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Michael Donadee P Anne Hunt C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Joyce Donadee	Ellen Groves Anelisa Tarrant	Fish Mary Bertucci  Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Allison Kline	Anne & Jno Hunt
January 16 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Gladys Carlisle	Les Carlisle	~	~	~	~	~
January 20 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Deb Wunsche C Dean Peters C Janice Moore LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore	Fish Allison Kline  Godly Play Lisa Fleissner	Stacy Connifey Annemarie Malbon	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Tom Waseleski	Julia & Mike Wick
January 23 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Ellen Groves	Ellen Groves	~	~	~	~	~
January 27 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Ruth Horton L Alan Schneider P Susan Shoemaker C Alan Schneider C Tim Austin LEV Darrell Johnson	Chris Botti Janet Fesq	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Mary & Jim Evanochko
January 30 Wednesday 7:00 pm	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward	~	~	~	~	~



# February 2019

## Ministry calendar

Date	Lectors	Altar Guild	Sunday School	Nursery	Usher	Vestry	Hospitality
<b>February 3</b> <b>Sunday 8 &amp; 10:00 am</b>	8 Sylvia Affleck L Nate Boyd P Dean Peters C Stacey Coyle C Dean Peters LEV Stacey Coyle	Sylvia Affleck Shari Tarrant	Fish TBD  Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Mary Haider	Joyce & Michael Donadee	Chris Botti Larry Toler	The Fleissner family
<b>February 6</b> <b>Wednesday 7:00 pm</b>	Tammy Spoonhoward	Tammy Spoonhoward		~			
<b>February 10</b> <b>Sunday 8 &amp; 0:00 am</b>	8 Joan Beatrous L Annemarie Malbon P Tim Austin C Tim Austin C Theresa Bryant LEV Joyce Donadee	Tammy Spoonhoward Betsy Smith	Fish Mary Bertucci Godly Play TBD	Stacy Connifey Julia Wick	Chris Fleissner Mike Wick	Annemarie Malbon Janice Moore	Janice & Dan Moore
<b>February 13</b> <b>Wednesday 7:00 pm</b>	Alan Schneider	Linda Schneider		~			
<b>February 17</b> <b>Sunday 8 &amp; 10:00 am</b>	8 Ruth Horton L Susan Shoemaker P Michael Donadee C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Ruth Horton	Joan Klinefelter Anelisa Tarrant	Fish TBD  Godly Play Joyce Donadee	Stacy Connifey Libby Juel	Brad Thompson Larry Toler	Ruth Horton Tim Austin	Karen & Dean Peters
<b>February 20</b> <b>Wednesday 7:00 pm</b>	Gladys Carlisle	Les Carlisle		~			
<b>February 24</b> <b>Sunday 8 &amp; 10:00 am</b>	8 Ellen Groves L Debbie Wunsche P Theresa Bryant C Darrell Johnson C Janice Moore LEV Darrell Johnson	Ellen Groves Janice Moore	Children's Liturgy	Stacy Connifey Pat Carl	Bob Smith Eric Helmsen	Dean Peters	Mary & Dale Bertucci
<b>February 27</b> <b>Wednesday 7:00 pm</b>	Sylvia Affleck	Sylvia Affleck		~			

# 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 Karen & Dean Peters
- 24 Mary & Dale Bertucci

## March 2019

- 3 Amy & Kevin Boyd
- 10 Brad Thompson & Larry Toler
- 17 Allison Kline & Linda Mesko
- 24 Michael Newton & Peter Sweet
- 31 Ellen Groves & Kelli Cerra

## April 2019

- 7 Betsy & Bob Smith
- 14 Sharon Hlawati & Donna Aiello
- 21 Megan Overby & Tim Austin
- 28 Regis Smolko & Ken Parsons

## May 2019

- 5 Karen & Dean Peters
- 12 Sylvia & Bob Affleck
- 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 Joan & Paul Klinefelter

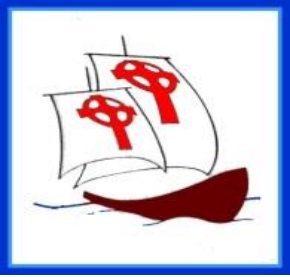
## August 2019

- 4 Ruth & Steve Horton
- 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**

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  
Julia Wick: Hospitality / Inreach / Secretary  
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  
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