



This Week at St. Brendan's

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| Sunday | (7-28) | 8:00 a.m. | Worship in outdoor Chapel |
| | | 10:00 a.m. | Worship |
| | | 11:15 a.m. | Hospitality Hour |
| Monday | (7-29) | 11:00 a.m. | Be a Modern Episcopalian |
| | | 6:30 p.m. | Under One Roof |
| Tuesday | (7-30) | 7:00 a.m. | AA meeting |
| | | 12:30 p.m. | Tai Chi |
| Wednesday | (7-31) | 7:00 p.m. | Worship |
| | | 7:00 p.m. | Overeaters Anonymous |
| Saturday | (8-3) | 9:00 a.m. | Sacristans |

Serving Sunday, July 28, 2019

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| Celebrant: | The Rev. Regis Smolko |
| Lay Reader: | 8:00 a.m. Ellen Groves |
| | 10:00 a.m. Dean Peters |
| Acolyte: | Acolyte team |
| Prayers: | Tim Austin |
| Chalice Bearers: | Joyce & Michael Donadee |
| Altar Guild: | Tamara Spoonhoward |
| | Anelisa Tarrant |
| Sunday School: | Summer Break |
| Nursery: | Whitney Brown & Silvia Bertucci |
| Ushers: | Larry Toler & Bradford Thompson |
| Vestry: | Ruth Horton |
| Hospitality: | Betsy & Bob Smith |
| LEM: | Darrell Johnson |

The Priest's Corner

“So, You're Not Hosting Christmas Dinner this Year?!?”

I remember it well. After 30 years of preparing and hosting the traditional Slovak “Stedry vecer, Generous Evening” meal, my mother finally handed it over to my brother's wife. This was huge. It even meant the meal would take place in a different home.

My mother told me she really could still manage it all, however, she did forget the “balbaky” last Christmas Eve. She teared up a bit when she recalled how she used to complain that she always felt she got stuck with having to do the majority of the work by herself, and that “the younger ones never volunteered. Same people year after year!” (Haven't we heard that over the years at St. Brendan's?)

So the younger one, Betty Ann, did the “Stedry vecer” that next year. And it was very good— even though, “she did the prayers during the Oplatky sharing and her honey was in the original bottle it came in,” according to my mom. My mother only shared this “little observation” with me. She said she didn't want to hurt Betty Ann's feelings.

So what's it like to pass the torch to the newer generation? The human spirit wants this, but it's hard to give up. It's hard for those who have been doing things for years to find their new fit when another “takes the wheel.” Some people just avoid getting involved in the new way. Some stay away because they sincerely want the new efforts to have room to take the direction into the next generation. Others stay away because they have a hard time seeing some of the things they created not as important to the new approach. Others downright can't refrain from being outrightly critical. I guess the question becomes WWJD (What Would Jesus Do?) I have opinions about how I think we ought to behave, but sometimes it's easier said than done. I just offer my dear mother's clearly human, but tinged with the divine way of doing it. She went to the new “Stedry vecer” every year until her Alzheimer's made it impossible. And every year she went, she whispered in my ear that Betty Ann said the Oplatky prayers and the honey was still in the bottle it came in. My mother's been with the Lord for several years now, and we still gather at Betty Ann's for our special “Generous Evening” meal. We added a new ritual to our celebration. When we pass around the honey to sweeten our Oplatky, we all say aloud, “Mary Ann, The honey's still in the bottle it came in.”

Application: New people are stepping up in leadership roles at St. Brendan's, and we are very grateful. Thank you, all you new blood. Thank you, all you seasoned blood, for making room. Here's some happenings at St Brendan's in this regard:

- Newer parents and others led the movement to create “Children's Summer Church” this year.
- Newer blood has given us an Enneagram Retreat, an attempted Icon-Writing Retreat and an upcoming adult formation series call “Suffering, Job and You!”
- Newer members are leading the Speakers' Series as well as our Cuddling Ministry.
- Newer Brendanites are co-facilitating our newly formed Social Justice Ministry.
- Newer folks stepped in to handle our vacancy in Children's Liturgical music programming.

- A Newer attendee, highly developed in the operation of Non-Profits, is looking into and studying some of the possibilities out there for us to assist women and victims who are in need of shelter and protection.
- A newer attendee is opening doors for us to help people find legal work around immigration law.
- A brand-new attendee (two weeks) is going to sand our outdoor altar and prepare it for use throughout the summer.

There's even more. Now for those of you have been around a while and are making room for others, please know your continued involvement is necessary and vital to our life at St. Brendan's. You are not being eliminated; so don't self-eliminate. Stay involved in your niche and preferred place, own it, steer it but more importantly, find your "new fit" in those ministries and activities that are in your DNA but under some newer and different tweaks. See yourself now as the "seasoned wisdom containers" who have much to offer and know people.

You all are very precious to me!


Regis+

Announcements

We celebrate the **August Wedding Anniversaries:**

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| 5 Clair & Bob Grotevant | 14 Melissa & Ian Aretz | 21 Joan & Frank Beatrous |
| 26 Aidan McKenna | 30 Darrell & Tash Zukowski | 31 Judy & Larry Flick |

We celebrate the **August Birthdays:**

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|  | 1 Julia Wick | 3 Jason Brown | 3 Ruth Horton |
| | 5 Jim Gray | 5 Joe Macklin | 7 Paul Klinefelter |
| | 13 Reid Karn | 15 Stacey Coyle | 19 Clay Brown |
| | 26 Analeigh Bumbaco | 27 Gladys Carlisle | 27 Wyatt Karn |
| | | | 4 Mike Wick |
| | | | 11 Margie Davies |
| | | | 23 Sean Dickerson |
| | | | 31 Andrea Dickerson |



St. Brendan's T-shirts are available in a variety of colors and sizes for only \$10. If you'd like to purchase one, please see Larry Toler or Brad Thompson on Sunday or Katie any day during the week.



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!

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 Brother's Brother Foundation, a local organization that responds to need following natural disasters. www.brothersbrother.org. The next meeting is **Sunday, August 18**. All are welcome.



A donation to the **Brendan's Family and Friends** 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 and make a donation today. Thank you for making a difference at St. Brendan's by becoming a BFF donor.

We need old magazines with colorful pages for a **Sunday School Craft**, such as Better Homes and Garden. Please drop them off in the narthex. Thank you.

Please pick up your **contribution statement** in the narthex.

An electronic version of the **parish directory** will be available soon. Please be sure your e-mail address(es) and phone numbers are current with the office. Thank you.

Also, please update the church office e-mail address and be sure you are using only stbrendans@comcast.net.



Quiet Evening Prayer (Wednesday, July 31). The next candlelight Evening Prayer service will be at 7 p.m. on July 31. Please add this date/time to your calendar. The service includes Taize music and silent prayer, reflection, or meditation – with Communion afterwards for those who wish to remain. This is a perfect way to recover from a busy and, perhaps stressful, day. Bring a friend and enjoy this quiet time with the Lord.



Brendan's Boots. (Tuesday, Aug. 6) The parish hiking group will head to the woods for its next outing after meeting at the church at 9 a.m. After a walk along trails at Hartwood Acres, participants will enjoy lunch at nearby Hartwood Restaurant. Everyone is welcome; feel free to bring a friend. For more info, contact Tom Waseleski, twaseleski@comcast.net.

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- Click on St. B's as your organization to get a 0.5% donation on every order you place.

Please tell family friends, co-workers and neighbors to think of St. Brendan's when they are shopping on Amazon by going to Amazon Smile.



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.



North Hills Food Pantry. During the summer when schools are closed, many families who depend on the free or reduced meals provided to students turn to food banks for assistance. Unfortunately, donations tend to decline at the same time the need is greater. This week, please add an extra box of cereal, jar of peanut butter, tube of toothpaste or can of fruit/vegetables to your grocery list and bring it in to church. The North Hills Food Bank needs any kind of non-perishable food. Please remember, no glass jars. If you have any questions, contact Larry Toler, ldtoler@aol.com. Thank you for your support.



Book Club is on summer hiatus until September 5, but if you want to plan your beach reading, we'll be comparing two books, Jane Austen's classic "Pride and Prejudice" and "Eligible," a modern take on the story by Curtis Sittenfeld. Both are easy to borrow from the library in print or audio formats. (Feel free to cheat with the PBS series starring Colin Firth.) For more information, email Pat Carl at pkarrcarl@gmail.com. Happy reading!



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 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.

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Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StBrendansEpiscopalChurch/>
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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.



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's public address. (Saturday, October 5)

Would you be interested in going to Wheeling, W.Va., to hear and see Presiding Bishop Michael Curry? In celebration of the 200th anniversary of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Wheeling, the church will feature a special presentation by the presiding bishop at Wesbanco Arena at 3 p.m. Wheeling is about one hour and 30 minutes from St. Brendan's. Tickets are \$5. Click on the link to purchase yours:

<https://www.etix.com/ticket/p/5841774/bishop-michael-curry-wheeling-wesbanco-arena>. Contact Regis or Frances Kinley if you're interested or sign up in the narthex.

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



July 2019

Ministry calendar

| Date | Lectors | Altar Guild | Sunday School | Nursery | Usher | Vestry | Hospitality |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| July 3 Wednesday 7:00 pm | Tammy Spoonhoward | Tammy Spoonhoward | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| July 7 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am | 8 Ruth Horton L Richard Gordon P Tim Austin C Debbie Wunsche C Richard Gordon LEV Ruth Getz | Ellen Groves Betsy Smith | Summer Break | Whitney Brown Libby Juel | Joyce & Michael Donadee | Tom Waseleski | Rob & George Latta |
| July 10 Wednesday 7:00 pm | Alan Schneider | Linda Schneider | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| July 14 Sunday 8 & 0:00 am | 8 Charlotte Pierce L Sheila Bigelow P Dean Peters C Tim Austin C Sheila Bigelow LEV Richard Gordon | Chris Botti Janet Fesq | Summer Break | Whitney Brown Sarika Sethia | Chris Fleissner Mike Wick | Janice Moore | Judy Flick Marcy Little |
| July 17 Wednesday 7:00 pm | Ellen Groves | Ellen Groves | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| July 21 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am | 8 Joe Macklin L Susan Shoemaker P Deb Wunsche C Stacey Coyle C Darrell Johnson LEV Ruth Horton | Joan Klinefelter Janice Moore | Summer Break | Julia Wick Annemarie Malbon | Bob Smith Eric Helmsen | Tim Austin | Debbie Wunsche Jim Gray |
| July 24 Wednesday 7:00 pm | Sylvia Affleck | Sylvia Affleck | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ | ~ |
| July 28 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am Children's Sunday | 8 Ellen Groves L Dean Peters P Tim Austin C Joyce Donadee C Michael Donadee LEV Darrell Johnson | Tammy Spoonhoward Anelisa Tarrant | Summer Break | Whitney Brown Silvia Bertucci | Brad Thompson Larry Toler | Ruth Horton | Betsy & Bob Smith |
| July 31 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 Mesko
- 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 Annemarie Malbon & Janet Fesq
- 9 Susan Shoemaker & Margie Davies
- 16 Linda & Alan Schneider
- 23 Parish Picnic
- 30 Celebration

July 2019

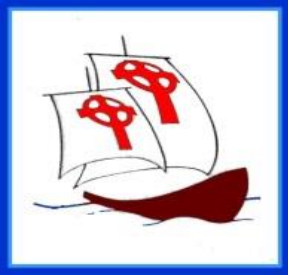
- 7 Rob & George Latta
- 14 Judy Flick & Marcy Little
- 21 Debbie Wunsche & Jim Gray
- 28 Betsy & Bob Smith

August 2019

- 4 Angela & Michael Schlumpf
- 11 Joan & Paul Klinefelter
- 18 Allison & Phil Burdette
- 25 The Sunday School Children

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

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