



Senior Warden's Corner

Happy new year, Brendanites! I hope you had a blessed Christmas holiday and are on your way to a 2025 full of hope and promise. For St. Brendan's, it will be a bittersweet time as we prepare for Mother Robin's departure when she retires at the end of April.

For Mother Robin this will be a period of excitement as she concludes her service with us and anticipates the joys of retirement. For St. Brendan's it will be a moment of some uncertainty. Rest assured, though, that as the parish moves through this transition, the vestry and I intend to keep you informed of the key steps along the way.

In an essential first step, Canon to the Ordinary Kim Karashin met with the vestry on Thursday to discuss the diocese's transition policies and procedures, including how and when to launch the search for our next priest-in-charge. That effort will be led by Tim Austin, who, after much thought and prayerful consideration, accepted the vestry's call to chair the Discernment Committee.

I hope you will thank Tim for taking on this crucial task and keep him in your prayers. But please, please, please don't besiege him with appeals to serve on the committee; he and the vestry will discuss that in the weeks ahead. Eventually, I'll have more news for you — on an interim priest who will serve during the transition and on a celebration of Mother Robin's service with us. For now, let's relish the fact that, with our new Discernment Committee chair, St. Brendan's is in good hands.

Yours in faith,
Tom Waseleski, Senior Warden
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Announcements



On **Sunday January 29**, at the **Annual Meeting**, after a joint 9 am service, the Parish will elect new vestry members. Vestry members are elected to serve a three year term. Donna Aiello, Ken Parsons and Mike Wick have been nominated to fill the three open vestry terms. Additionally, this year we also have a one year vacancy and Bob and Jen Mankowski have been nominated to fill that one year term.

All of the candidates have provided bios, see elsewhere in this Navigator, so that you can get to know them a bit better before the elections next Sunday.

Please bring a dish to share and plan to stay for a Brunch Potluck after the Parish Meeting. Beverages will be provided.



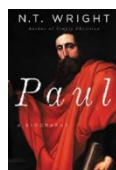
Next Justice Ministry Meeting... New Members Welcome!

St. Brendan's Justice Ministry is looking for new members. If you have a social justice cause you would like to bring to the table or if you would like to jump in with what we are already doing, we're looking for you.

Our next meeting is **Thursday, January 23, at 6:30 pm** in the Social Hall; we will be planning activities for the new year. Please feel free to attend to see what we are all about. If you cannot attend and want to join or have any questions, please contact Donna Aiello at donna.aiello@forecastdirect.com or Marilyn Mulvihill at mimi15143@yahoo.com.



The Food Pantry for the month of January is focusing on collecting paper goods/cleaning supplies — napkins, tissue, toilet paper, paper towels, foil, plastic wrap, storage bags, pine sol, windex, clorox wipes. All other non-perishable donations are gladly accepted. Thank you. Please be sure there is no glass, and the expiration dates are not past.



The Modern Episcopalian group will resume meeting on **Thursday, January 23 at 7 pm** via zoom. We will be reading and discussing the book entitled: **Paul: a biography** by N.T. Wright. The study will focus on developing a better understanding of Paul's letters that we hear frequently in our Sunday worship. If you would like to participate in these discussions, please contact John Appeldorn at jja47@aol.com to be included in the zoom invitation that will be sent out each week.

Children and Youth Ministries (CYM)



- **This Sunday, January 19**, is the monthly Children's Worship Service. This is a change from the usual fourth Sunday for this service, due to the annual parish meeting on the fourth Sunday of January. Annemarie has been in touch with families regarding the various roles that the children will have in the service.
- **The annual parish meeting** will be held on Sunday, January 26th following the 9 am service. The 9 am service will be the only service that day. There will be Sunday School classes on January 26th at 9 am. We encourage families to stay after the service that day for the meeting. We'll have coloring sheets available on the table in back of the sanctuary to help keep kids occupied, but you may also want to bring another quiet activity for your child.
- **Friday, January 31: Community Service Project and Winter Party from 5:30 to 8:00 pm** for school-age children (kindergarten and older). We'll have pizza, make valentines for some special people and play a few games. We hope to see lots of our Sunday Schoolers that evening. Teens are welcome and we need your help! Parents, please email Saundy at swaseleski@comcast.net by **January 26th** to let us know if your child(ren) will be attending.

Taize/Evening Prayer: Our next Taizé/Evening Prayer service will be **Wednesday, January 22 at 5pm** in the chapel. Please come join us for this quiet, meditative, candlelit, mid-week service.



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SUPER BOWL LIX POOL. This year, as we did last year, we will be running a pool for the Super Bowl game in early February. Squares will cost \$10 each and we very much hope to "sell out" -- that is, to find buyers for all 100 squares. The usual poster will go up and sales will formally open on Sunday morning, January 19. However, early bird purchasers may send their contact information and their cash or check to Katie at the church office. If you wish to purchase squares with particular numbers (between 1 and 100), you may request them, but we cannot guarantee being able to honor all requests.



Vestry Briefs. At Monday night's meeting, St. Brendan's Vestry:

- Approved a 2025 operating budget of \$267,246, including new spending of \$50 per Sunday to reimburse parishioners who host hospitality hour and up to \$5,000 for a professional design of the proposed outdoor chapel;
 - Accepted Kate Heston's offer to oversee volunteers' compliance with the diocese's Safe Church security clearance and online training requirements;
 - Reviewed new accounting procedures and safeguards for St. Brendan's financial operations.
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Mike Wick

My wife and I, along with our two sons, joined St. Brendan's 14 years ago after moving from the Nashville area where we first started attending the Episcopal Church. We have been involved with J2A, Rite 13, acolytes and youth group activities at St. Brendan's during our children's teenage years. More recently, I help with many church functions (grounds, parking, cleanup, etc.), and participate with the Highway Cleanup, Brendan's Boots, and sat on the search committee for finding a new Priest.

I was born and raised in Western Pennsylvania and received a degree in Mining Engineering. For the past 16 years, I have been working as a Vice President at a consulting firm where I am involved with mining disputes both domestically and internationally. I am currently transitioning into retirement and looking forward to spending more time traveling, enjoying our new retirement community and becoming more involved with our St. Brendan's family.



Ken Parson

I grew up in a small town of Fort Ashby, West Virginia. I am the middle child of five brothers and three sisters. I was the only one of those children that showed any interest in organized religion. I would attend church with friends that invited me. I was baptized in the Methodist church by my best friend's father, who was the minister of that church. I became a member of Kingsley United Methodist Church.

At 18 I started working at a Catholic Hospital in Cumberland, MD. I joined the Army National Guard of Maryland. I met my husband-to-be Regis who was chaplain of the hospital. I became interested in becoming a Catholic and entered the RCIA which led to reception into that religion.

Fast forward to the present:

Regis felt the call to become an Episcopal Priest. Together we started the reception process at the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill. I served on the Vestry there for two years. My oversight on the vestry there was Community Building, which included Hospitality and Fund Raising. The church needed \$4,000 to meet budget and I was asked to spearhead a creative fund raiser to raise money. Believe it or not, we ran two fun filled Bingo Nights which satisfied the debt and then some. The event brought people together in surprising ways.

Regis and I were married at Redeemer. We remained there until we were transferred to St. David's for a year. Regis and I were then transferred to St. Brendan's. He became priest in charge and I became involved with all of the activities of the church.

I fell in love with St. Brendan's quickly. Shortly after I got to St. Brendan's, Pride Month occurred. I was totally impressed by how many people actually participated in the parade – and how all ages were well represented. I can still see people, some years older than me, running to the crowds along the parade route handing out "St. Brendan's Loves You" stickers. The mutual love was palpable. From that moment on, St. Brendan's inspired me and made me feel at home. This church, for me, is the example of what a church community should be. I felt at home here like I've never felt "at home" before in any church.

My faith brought me here; God and you incredible people kept me here. My biggest sadness was having to be away from the church or two years. I'm so glad to be back now and believe I can be a steadfast and creative asset to the church that I love by serving as a member of the vestry.



Bob and Jen Mankowski

Bob and Jen were guided to St. Brendan's in April of 2022 and although the initial introduction was via the livestream, they quickly realized this community was doing more than simply worshipping together on Sundays. It was clearly on a mission to actively live the gospel message. Bob and Jen knew they had found a home when they were warmly welcomed in Deacon Darrell's Bible Study and began attending services in person. It is their honor and joy to be members of this family and to serve St. Brendan's.

Bob and Jen met in 2007 when they shared an office in graduate school at Pitt and they have basically been doing everything meaningful in life together since. Their individual backgrounds, shared technical skills, and complementary personalities merged to create a unique problem solving team. When Bob and Jen graduated, they began their second careers as rehabilitation engineers, specializing in computer access for individuals with disabilities. They are now retired, but consult on occasion.

Bob and Jen currently help with St. Brendan's YouTube channel, Facebook presence, website, and various technical issues that arise. They are also on the outdoor committee and enthusiastically participate in Modern Episcopalians. They are extremely appreciative of everyone who has graciously worn a mask out of care and concern for Bob's health and safety.



Donna Aiello

I have lived in the Pittsburgh area all of my life and have been a member of St. Brendan's since 2017. Before that, I attended a Roman Catholic Church for 45 years. After leaving there and searching for a new spiritual home, I found St. David's in the South Hills. I really appreciated that church and congregation. When I moved to the North Hills, I was referred to St. Brendan's. It didn't take long to feel completely at home here; it became my second family.

Currently, I am co-chair of the Justice Ministry, chair of the Spirituality Ministry, a greeter and participate in Brendan's Boots and Merry Mealmakers. I have also chaired St. Brendan's annual fundraiser Holiday Happenings for the past three years, and have been a previous Vestry member, on the Worship Committee and the Diocesan Growth Committee.

My partner Sharon and I live in Sewickley Ridge, a 55+ community, with our two dogs, Bella and Toto. At Sewickley Ridge, I participate in pickleball, and am a member of the Community Documents and Social Committees. In my spare time, I enjoy time with my family, walking and reading. I have two daughters, both happily married and four grandchildren. I co-owned my own direct marketing agency for 32 years, where I was blessed with amazing clients.

I will work to be an asset to the Vestry. My hope is to continue to have our church be a community where ALL are welcome to experience God's grace in their lives. I look forward to helping our church grow in love, kindness, acceptance and relevance not only for our parishioners but in our community.

Prayer Requests

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

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

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

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

For all who have died especially; Jim Gray, Gilda Blymire, Tom Sklarsky, Carol Estes, Mark Kinley

If you know someone who would like a visit from Mtr. Robin, please email her at robin@stbrendans.org.



January Ministry Calendar 2025

Date	Lectors	Sunday School	Nursery	Altar Guild	Greeters	Ushers	Stewards	Vestry	Hospitality
January 5 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Johanna Rengers 1 st Dean Peters 2 nd Aidan McKenna P Linda Limberis LEV Sylvia Affleck Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lamb: Saundy Waseleski Fish: TBD Doorkeeper: Michael Waseleski	Liz MacDonald Lindsay Beel	Barb Fure Kathy Miller	Kate Heston Susan Shields	Kate Heston Linda Limberis	Donna Aiello Richard Munsch	John Appledorn	Kate Heston
January 12 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Tammy Spoonhoward 1 st John Appledorn 2 nd Donna Aiello P Marily Mulvihill LEV Melanie Popovich Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Saundy Waseleski Fish: Janice Moore Doorkeeper: Susan Shields	Liz MacDonald Pat Carl	Sylvia Affleck Janice Moore	Annamarie Malbon Annie Koch	John Appledorn Dan Moore	Paul Quinn	Melanie Popovich	Janice Moore
January 19 Sunday 8 & 10:00 am	8 Sylvia Affleck 1 st Children's Worship 2 nd Children's Worship P Children's Worship LEV Ellen Groves Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Children's Worship No Sunday School	Liz MacDonald	Joan Klinefelter Phoebe Juel	Kathy Miller Dave Miller	Allyson Baierl Julia or Mike Wick	Tim Austin	Kate Heston	Kathy & Dave Miller
January 26 Sunday 9 am only Parish meeting	1 st Mary Bartucci 2 nd Kate Heston P Donna Aiello LEV Tim Austin Lay Eucharistic Visitor	Lambs: Saundy Waseleski Fish: TBD Doorkeeper: Ellen Groves	Liz MacDonald	Dottie Antonucci Kathy Miller	Toni Passarello Wesley Bell	Richard Munsch Donna Aiello	Dan Moore	Tom Waseleski	Parish meeting All hands on deck



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

Sr. Warden: Tom Waseleski
Jr. Warden: Dan Moore
Adult Formation: John Appeldorn
Communication/Technology: TBD
Children & Youth: John Appeldorn
Finance: Frances Harpst
Fundraising: Frances Harpst
Inreach & Hospitality: Kate Heston
Membership: Melanie Popovich
Pastoral Care: Melanie Popovich
Outreach: Richard Munsch
Secretary/Clerk: Kate Heston
Worship: Neil Galone
Treasurer: Kevin Boyd

WORSHIP MINISTRY LEADERS

Acolyte: Anelisa Tarrant
Altar Guild: Anelisa Tarrant
Flower Ministry: Libby Juel & Sylvia Affleck
Greeter: Donna Aiello
Lector: Ann Vinski
Scheduler: Kelli Cerra
Spirituality: Donna Aiello

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: Jen and Bob Mankowski

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: Ruth Horton

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

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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