

CANON TO THE ORDINARY

As parish properties are being returned to the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, the diocese is making a concerted effort to identify and provide pastoral care to any faithful remnant. Where possible, we have resumed Episcopal Church services in these parishes. In several other parishes, congregations have resumed their participation in the diocese and have been in need of Episcopal clergy. In both situations, retired clergy, newly ordained clergy, and existing clergy have been utilized:

Church of the Atonement, Carnegie: The Rev. Todd Schmidtetter had served as a regular supply priest once the parish had resumed full and active participation in the life of the Episcopal Diocese. He has since assumed responsibilities outside the diocese and several retired clergy have been filling in.

St. John's Episcopal Church, Donora: The Rev. Gwen Santiago was appointed by Bishop McConnell to serve as Priest-in-Charge of the parish, which has resumed full and active participation in the life of the Episcopal Diocese.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Monongahela: Services continue to be led by the Rev. Dr. Teresa Hunt, and what was a remnant house church congregation is now worshipping at the church after the property was returned to the Episcopal Diocese.

St. James Episcopal Church, Penn Hills: Eric McIntosh was ordained a transitional deacon and appointed Deacon-in-Charge of St. James by Bishop McConnell.

St. David's Episcopal Church, Peters Township: The clergy of St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, continues to oversee the rebuilding of St. David's congregation under the local presence and leadership of the Rev. Kris McInnes and the Rev. Lou Hays. The transition towards parish operational independence is ongoing and making progress.

St Andrew's, New Kensington: After the parish property was returned in late summer to the Episcopal Diocese, Bishop McConnell appointed the Rev. Norman Koehler and Mrs. Alice Ramser to lead efforts to identify whether an on-going Episcopal congregation could remain. Regular Sunday services are being held while the assessment continues.

In other transitions involving diocesan-appointed parish clergy:

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Brackenridge: The Rev. Kamila Blessing retired and assumed temporary responsibilities outside the diocese. Frank Yesko was ordained a transitional deacon and appointed Deacon-in-Charge of St. Barnabas by Bishop McConnell.

Respectfully submitted,
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