



February 5, 2018

ASHES TO GO

Calling laypeople and clergy in our diocese:
We need your help!
Please help distribute ashes on Ash Wednesday,
February 14, 2018

Everyone in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is invited to distribute ashes in their own communities. Ash Wednesday is important to many Protestant and Roman Catholic people, and offering ashes throughout the day is an act of grace and hospitality. You'll find there are lots of people who say they were worried about finding a way to receive ashes, or that they have obligations that hamper their ability to get to church that day.

We will distribute a diocesan-wide map of where people will be and at what times! The Rev. Canon Natalie Hall can help determine ash distribution sites near you, ensure you have the needed supplies, and offer a suggested liturgy. Let's give the entire Pittsburgh region the gift of ashes: a reminder of how fragile we are, met with God's deep investment and love for all people.

If you are a layperson or clergy interested in distributing Ashes to Go on February 14th, please contact the Rev. Canon Hall at nhall@episcopalpgh.org by Friday, February 9 for more information.



Evangelism Matters! It's a statement of fact - and it's a conference!

Coming up on March 15-17 in Cleveland, OH, the Evangelism Matters conference is designed to equip and empower evangelists for the journey ahead. To explore more about the conference please visit www.evangelismmatters.org.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is assembling a team of people with two goals in mind. First, we would like people to attend for the short-term benefit of learning from what this conference has to offer. Then, with further equipment for evangelism, our long-term goal is to develop a diocesan evangelism team.

Who among your congregation would you recommend to attend this conference? Who would be equipped by it and use their newfound tools to benefit their church, diocese, and wider world?

Please share recommendations and contact information to the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall, Canon for Evangelism and Faith Formation, no later than Friday, February 9 at nhall@episcopalpgh.org. Thank you!



SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL EAST END PARISHES

LENTEN PREACHING SERIES

PROCLAIMING CHRIST:

not only with our lips but in our lives



6 P.M. Dinner ■ 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

Preacher: The Rev. Annis Rogers
at St. Andrew's – 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park

Tuesday, February 27

Preacher: The Rev. Sara Irwin
at Calvary – 315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty

Tuesday, March 6

Preacher: The Rev. Noah Evans
at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

Tuesday, March 13

Preacher: The Rev. Shawn Malarkey
at St. Stephen's – 600 Pitt St., Wilkinsburg

Tuesday, March 20

Preacher: The Rev. Doug Kinsey
at Church of the Redeemer – 5700 Forbes Ave., Sq. Hill



Lenten Learning Day 2018

Saturday, March 3

St. James, Penn Hills

Bishop Dorsey McConnell has expressed the mission of the Church in three words:

LOVE.
TEACH.
HEAL.

What does this mean for ourselves and for our parishes? What does it look like? And how do we do it?

Join us as Bishop McConnell and others unpack the meaning of the mission.



Our special guest for the day will be the Reverend Scott Gunn, Executive Director of Forward Movement, a publishing ministry of The Episcopal Church.

This is a free event, open to all clergy and laypeople. Lunch is provided, and child care will be available. (Please indicate child care needs when registering.)

Check-in and refreshments will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m., Morning Prayer will start at 9 a.m.

The day will end with Holy Eucharist led by Bishop McConnell at 3:30 p.m.

Register today at www.episcopalpgh.org/lent2018



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

February 18: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

February 25: Emmanuel, North Side

March 4: St. David's, Peters Twp.

March 11: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.



Hold the Date I: The next Church Without Walls gathering will be held on Sunday, February 18, 4 p.m., at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

Hold the Date II: A commemoration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination will be held at Trinity Cathedral starting at 6 p.m. on April 4, 2018. Details to come.



The next Grace Happens is scheduled for February 13.

All submissions to the *Grace Happens* newsletter and the diocesan web site are welcome and should be sent to info@episcopalpgh.org. When possible, the copy should be in a Word document and all original logos, pictures and artwork should be attached separately. Please be sure to include your contact information with any submission.

