



December 12, 2018

God Willing
and the People Consenting

The Rt. Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop of Pittsburgh

will ordain

Brandon Thomas Mozingo

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church
Saturday, December 15, 2018
at ten o'clock in the morning

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
220 Eighth Avenue
McKeesport, Pennsylvania 15132

Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles Reception to follow



Free Christmas Day Dinner & Open House in Carnegie

Each year, in celebration of the holiday season and in our Christian tradition, The Church of the Atonement in Carnegie serves over 200 FREE hot meals on Christmas Day, and you are invited to join them. The dining room is open to all!

This year, the chefs are preparing delicious roasted pork, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, apple sauce, buttered rolls and a variety of tasty desserts. Volunteers deliver hot dinners to the door

with a holiday check-in and cheer for the elderly, shut-ins, Veterans, and the ill or disabled.

Call Megan at 412-531-1978 to schedule a dinner delivery. If leaving a message, please provide your name, address, telephone number and how many dinners are being ordered. A confirmation call will be returned to you. Orders will be accepted through December 20. Dinner deliveries typically arrive on Christmas Day between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



For others, the dining hall opens from 1 to 3 p.m. on Christmas Day. The tree will be lit, carols will be playing and our volunteer servers will provide you, your family and friends with full table service. Don't sit home alone! Come, join the fun, dine on a wonderful home cooked meal and share the joy of Christmas with us and neighbors! Walk-ins and reservations welcome. Call Megan at 412-531-1978 for seating.

[Church of the Atonement](#), 618 Washington Avenue, Carnegie, PA 15106

Volunteers Needed!

Church of the Atonement seeks volunteers to deliver and/or serve dinners on Christmas Day for its traditional free Christmas Day Dinner & Open Dining Room event.

You are welcome to come and help for any period of time - as many minutes or hours as you have! Opportunities to help and their available times are [available here](#).



2019 Visitation Schedule and Diocesan Cycle of Prayer Now Available

Bishop McConnell's 2019 visitation schedule is now available for download and printing [by clicking here](#).

A printable version of the 2019 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer [is available here](#).

These documents, along with many others, are available under the [Resources tab](#) on the diocesan web site.



Cookie Walk Fundraiser in Wilkinsburg

Not a cookie baker? Don't have time to bake? Then we have the solution for you! The bakers of [St. Stephen's in Wilkinsburg](#) will be holding a cookie walk fundraiser on December 15-16, 2018 in our gymnasium. Saturday from 12-2 p.m. and Sunday from 12-1:30 p.m.

You can take a walk along the trays of cookies and decide which delicious cookies you would like to share with your holiday guests. You will be given a container or two to fill and the cost is



\$7.00 for a small container and \$10.00 for a large container.

We also have some specialty items that will be individually priced. Please call the church office at 412-243-6100 with questions.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221



Court Approves Property Agreement

A final legal requirement has been met for an agreement between the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and nine congregations that chose to leave the Episcopal Church a decade ago.

The agreement affirms the congregations' ownership and continued use of church properties to which they hold legal title, while also preserving the historic trust interest held by the Episcopal Diocese in those properties. It further establishes mechanisms for an on-going relationship between the diocese and the parishes. All parties involved described it as a "distinctively Christian compromise."



The agreement was first announced on February 28, 2018, subject to the necessary court and civil administrative approvals. These have now been granted.

On December 4, 2018, Judge Joseph James of the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas approved the agreement as jointly requested by the diocese and the individual parishes. Previously, the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office stated that it had no objection in light of laws governing non-profit organizations in the Commonwealth.

With the court's action, the agreement takes effect immediately.

The terms of the agreement and the names of the congregations are outlined in the joint statement and executive summary published on the Episcopal Diocese's website at www.episcopalpggh.org/diocese-and-parishes-announce-agreement/.



Blue Christmas Service in Squirrel Hill

[The Church of the Redeemer](#), 5700 Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill, will hold their annual "Blue Christmas" service at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 19.



This service of Holy Eucharist centers on the quiet and longing that comes with the challenges of the holiday season for all those experiencing the loss of loved ones, physical or emotional distance from family, the loss of health, and other difficulties.



Social Justice & Outreach Committee Climate Resolution Passed at Convention

We have all noticed increased climate disruption such as hotter summers and more severe hurricane, flood, and fire damage.

Recently the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released a report saying that even more far-reaching changes than previously recommended are necessary to keep our planet livable.

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry has designated creation care along with racial reconciliation and evangelism as one of the three major priorities of the Episcopal Church. The Diocesan Convention unanimously [passed Resolution 2](#), written by Tom Slater of Calvary and proposed by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJO).

For more information, contact Marianne Novy, Chair of the SJO, at mnovy@pitt.edu.



**We Wish You a
Merry Pittsburgh!**

**A Lunchtime
Christmas Carol
Sing-Along**

**Friday, December 21
12:10-12:50**

**Trinity Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue**

Bring your lunch & coffee

**Hot Chocolate
will be provided**





Icon Workshop in Franklin Park

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.

[St. Brendan's Episcopal Church](#) in Franklin Park, 2365 McAleer Road, Sewickley, PA 15143, is happy to welcome Peter to lead their first Icon Workshop, January 17-20, 2019, in their social hall. Registration fee is \$250 and includes all supplies and instruction.

Painting schedule: Thursday, Jan. 17 & Friday, Jan. 18, 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, Jan 20, 1-5 p.m.



Contact Kate Heston at kmheston71@gmail.com or 609-651-0080 for more information or to register.



Free Naloxone in Brentwood, McKeesport

Stop Overdoses in PA: Get Help Now Week is a statewide initiative to distribute naloxone and get help for residents suffering from the disease of opioid-use disorder.

Naloxone (also known by brand names Narcan® and Evzio®) is the medication historically used in hospitals and ambulances to reverse opioid overdose and keep people alive. Opioids are pain medications (like Vicodin, OxyContin, morphine, methadone, fentanyl, Percocet, Opana) and heroin.

Naloxone is only effective for opioid overdoses. It cannot reverse an overdose from alcohol, benzodiazepines, cocaine, or other drugs if opioids are not present. But since most overdose deaths involve opioids, it is an important rescue medication.

Naloxone is very safe. Giving naloxone to someone who has not taken opioids will not harm them, so it is routinely used whenever overdose is suspected.

On Thursday, December 13, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., naloxone will be available for free to any Pennsylvanian at nearly 80 locations across the state.

[St. Peter's in Brentwood](#) and [St. Stephen's in McKeesport](#) are distribution centers for this program.



Commission on Race and Reconciliation Offers Monthly Prayers

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has developed a series of special prayers calling attention to specific issues still prevalent in our society today that we as a church must be ever mindful of as we work toward making the world a better place for all of God's people. This will be a regular monthly prayer offering.

DECEMBER - for non-discrimination with regard to social services:

O giver of all good gifts, you have differently blessed and differently challenged your children. Some of us have handicaps for which we need the aid of social services, and some of us find our quest for such aid hindered by the complication of racial discrimination. Help us to overcome barriers of all kinds that prevent your people from functioning fully and freely, and let us never tolerate the denial of equal services to anyone because of their race. Amen.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

December 16: Good Shepherd, Hazelwood

December 23: Nativity, Crafton

January 20: St. James, Penn Hills
January 27: St Paul's, Monongahela

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

Diocesan Office Holiday Schedule: The diocesan offices will be closed from Monday, December 24 until Wednesday, January 2.



Parting Shots

On December 1, the Rev Kimberly Karashin and the Rev. Julie Smith were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons at Trinity Cathedral by Bishop McConnell. Congratulations Kim and Julie!



--Photos courtesy Andy Muhl



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.



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