



March 28, 2019

Anti-Racism Workshop

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to urge your attendance at the upcoming anti-racism training. The workshop, sponsored by our Commission on Race and Reconciliation, will take place Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6 at St. Thomas, Oakmont.

Given recent events, I can think of few things more important for us to be about than the healing of our racial divisions. This gathering provides an excellent place to begin.

The training is especially important for vestry members and other leadership. If you are a newly elected vestry member at your parish, I hope that you will be able to participate.

Follow this link for further information and registration: www.episcopalpgh.org/spring-2019-anti-racism-workshop/

Thanks and blessings,

(The Right Reverend) Dorsey W.M. McConnell, D.D.
VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh



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FORGIVENESS IN A TIME OF ALIENATION

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

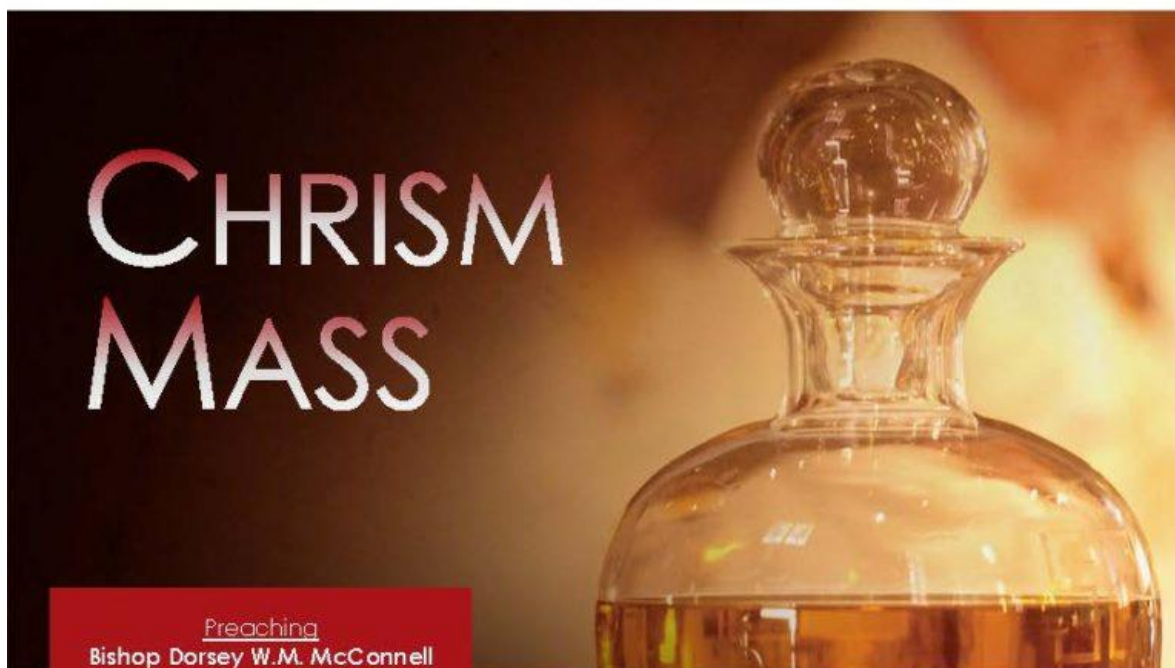
Tuesday, April 2

Preacher: The Rev. Eric McIntosh
at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

Tuesday, April 9

Preacher: The Rev. Jeff Murph
at St. James – 11524 Frankstown Rd, Penn Hills





Preaching
Bishop Dorsey W.M. McConnell
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Presiding
Bishop Kurt F. Kusserow
Southwestern Pennsylvania
Synod, ELCA

Open to the Public.
Clergy, Pastors, and Deacons
are Invited to Vest (Red/Scarlet)
and Process.

Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 10 AM

First English Evangelical Lutheran Church
615 Grant St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils

A combined observance of the Episcopal Diocese of
Pittsburgh and the SWPA Synod ELCA.

RSVP by Monday, April 8, 2019
at: swpasynod.org/chrism



Order Healing,
Chrism, and
Catechumate Oils
During RSVP



Lunch Will Follow the
Liturgy, Note Any
Dietary Restrictions
During RSVP



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Donation to be
Taken at the Door



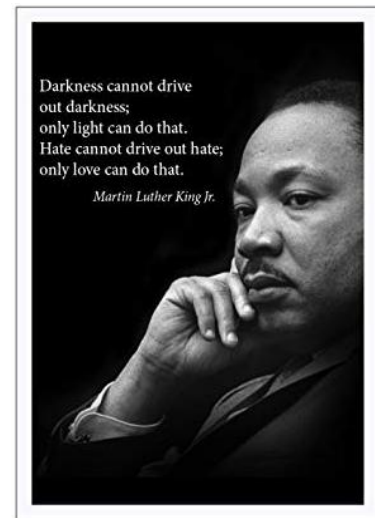
Downtown Lunchtime Series: Loving Our Enemies

Trinity Cathedral is presenting a lunchtime series, "Loving Our Enemies," On Wednesdays at noon through April 17th.

This is a continuation of the discussion that began last fall about the divisions in American political life and is led by Bishop Dorsey McConnell and the Rev. Dr. Philip Wainwright.

[Trinity Episcopal Cathedral](#), 328 Sixth Avenue, Downtown Pittsburgh.

Feel free to bring a lunch.



Province III Opioid Task Force Initiative: Camp Spirit Song

August 11-16, 2019 - [The Claggett Center](#),
Buckeystown, MD

Camp Spirit Song is offered in partnership with the [SpiritWorks Foundation](#) to give the gift of a camp experience to children in Province III affected by the opioid substance use disorder of a parent or other close loved one. This is the inaugural year of Camp Spirit Song, and the first camp program of its kind on the east coast, and we ask your prayers and support for our ministry this summer.



Camp provides children grades 4-8 with an opportunity to meet God through:

- the support of a Christian community
- fellowship with peers who share a common experience
- time to rest and play away from the distractions of everyday life

It is our mission to offer Camp Spirit Song at no cost to campers' families. You can help make camp a reality for 40 campers this year by sponsoring a camper. \$1,000 covers the cost of one camper, including room and board, program materials, and staff fees. Individuals, parishes, and dioceses may donate directly toward camper sponsorship. We have one camper scholarship covered by a parish in the Diocese of Maryland, and look forward to many other donors getting in touch with Claggett to support this camp.

To make or pledge a contribution toward Camp Spirit Song, contact Lisa Marie Ryder, co-Executive Director, at (301) 874-5147 or lmryder@claggettcenter.org.

To learn more about Camp Spirit Song, camper applications, and volunteer opportunities, contact Rita Yoe, Program Coordinator, at (301) 874-5147 or ryoe@claggettcenter.org.



Fish Fry Time in Mt. Lebanon

Fish fry dinners will be available at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, on Fridays, March 29 and April 12. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Take-out is available. The menu includes:

Dinners: Fried Fish or Shrimp, Baked Salmon in wine, with choice of 2 sides: pierogies, tossed

salad, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese, fiesta rice or french fries.

A la carte: Giant fish sandwich, homemade New England clam chowder, and delicious homemade desserts.

All proceeds go to outreach projects.

For any questions or to order take-out, please call 412-780-7606. [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228.



GREAT ISSUES: IMMIGRATION IN PITTSBURGH TODAY

Please join us for a panel discussion focusing on current immigration-related issues in Pittsburgh. It will take place from 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, April 4, 2019, in the Redeemer parish hall. There will be an opportunity to learn about and join organizations working in this area. We are excited to welcome three panelists for this important discussion:

Sheila I. Vélez Martínez is Professor of Asylum, Refugee and Immigration Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. She is also the Director of Clinical Programs and the Immigration Law Clinic, which she established.

Betty Cruz is Project Director of *All for All*, an initiative to improve immigrant integration across the Pittsburgh region. She has been the Mayor's Deputy Chief of Special Initiatives and developed *Welcoming Pittsburgh*—addressing the needs of immigrants.

Orlando G. Portela Valentin is an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. An affiliated attorney with Jewish Family and Community Services, he works with the separated children of immigrants.



No charge for admission, freewill donations graciously accepted.



Lenten Fish Fry in Monongahela

[St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#)

130 W Main Street
Monongahela PA 15063

Enjoy a fish fry every Friday during Lent from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Serving 8 oz deep fried or baked cod, deep fried shrimp, french fries, macaroni and cheese, halushki, pierogies, cole slaw, beverages and pie or cake.

GREAT ISSUES FORUM AT REDEEMER

7-9 p.m. April 4,
2019:
**Immigration in
Pittsburgh Today**

We seek to promote
understanding and
encourage action
around justice
issues.

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2019 Anti-Racism Workshop

The next anti-racism training, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, will be held at St. St. Thomas Memorial Church in Oakmont on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6, 2019.



This training is required of all elected leadership, lay and ordained, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including all candidates for Holy Orders.

[You may register here.](#) There is no fee for the training but a free-will offering will help offset the cost of the food and refreshments.

In a time when the current climate of our political and social life is marked by polarity and fear, our society has great need for the alternative offered by our faith. St. Paul boldly announces that, "in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself" (2 Corinthians 5:19). The work of the Church, therefore, is the ministry of reconciliation, and nowhere is this more urgent than in the call to heal the wounds of racial injustice that have so marked our history. This workshop gives us some critical tools to begin the work.

[St Thomas Memorial Church](#), 378 Delaware Ave, Oakmont, PA 15139



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Episcopal Workday at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank

Again this year the Social Justice and Outreach Committee is sponsoring a repack session at the Food Bank during Lent.

Come join fellow Episcopalians from across the diocese at our volunteer workday at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank. We'll be working in the Repack Center at GPCFB's main Duquesne warehouse facility (1 North Linden St, Duquesne, PA 15110) **from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 13.**



Serving as a central distribution center for over 350 local food pantries across 11 counties in southwestern Pennsylvania, GPCFB's operations are efficient, economical and truly impressive. We'll assist the GPCFB repack team by sorting and repacking groceries. The exact project will depend on their inventory at the time. In the past we've had very rewarding experiences repacking food ranging from cereals to oranges. The Food Bank is always well organized and makes excellent use of our volunteer time.

To reserve your volunteer slot contact Jerry Stephenson at JJmestephenon@verizon.net by **Wednesday, April 3 at the latest.** We'll need your name, parish affiliation and email address. Volunteers must be at least 12 years of age and be able to stand for 2 or more consecutive hours. We are limited to only 20 volunteers this time. Volunteer spaces will be reserved on a first-come first-served basis.



ECW Spring 2019 Grant Applications Available, Due April 16

The Diocese of Pittsburgh's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be making outreach grants in the spring.

The ECW particularly seeks to support hands-on ministries that help children, adults and families in need of assistance with food, nutrition, health care, housing, education and counseling.

The grants are primarily designed for ministries within the diocese and with the goal of even distribution across all districts. It is hoped that these small grants will enable the continuation of existing ministries on the local level. However, the ECW will continue its policy of also awarding grants to some national and international ministries such as Episcopal Relief & Development.

[Click here for the grant application and submission instructions.](#) Applications for the Spring 2019 Grants must be submitted before April 16, 2019.



Easter Sunrise Service at Old St. Lukes

Sunday, April 21 at 6:30 a.m.

Established in 1765 as a stockade church, and without a congregation since 1930, [Old St. Luke's](#) has served the community as a religious institution and gathering place for 249 years. The site is historically connected to the French & Indian War, the Revolutionary War, and the Whiskey Rebellion.

Old St. Luke's also hosts a yearly Chamber Music Series, weddings, baptisms, and tours of the historic church and burial yard.

Old St. Luke's is located at 330 Old Washington Pike, Carnegie, PA 15106. [Click here](#) to sign up for the Old St. Luke's email list.





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Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

March 31: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

April 7: St. Peter's, Blairsville

April 14: All Saints, Brighton Heights

April 21: Trinity Cathedral (Easter)

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





Parting Shots

With the theme "Good News Within Reach," this year's Lenten Learning Day on Saturday, March 23, focused on getting to know and serving your neighbors. Attendees were treated to plenaries, workshops, worship and amazing fellowship. A special thank you for the hospitality provided by the folks at St. Brendan's, Franklin Park.

GOOD
NEWS
WITHIN
REACH



More photos are available on the [diocesan Facebook page](#).



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.

