



April 24, 2019

Interfaith Vigil Wednesday Evening To Mourn Lives Lost in Easter Terror Attacks in Sri Lanka

The southwest Pennsylvania interfaith community will gather at **Heinz Chapel at 6:00 p.m. this evening (April 24)** in response to Sunday's bombings in Sri Lanka which killed more than 350 people. The vigil will be held in honor of those who died, many of whom were in the midst of Easter worship, and in support of their families and all who mourn them. Heinz Chapel is located at Fifth and Bellefield Avenues in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh.

Bishop McConnell will participate in the event, which is free and open to the community.

The vigil will include prayers for peace and interfaith understanding from a variety of religious leaders, aiming to provide consolation to Pittsburgh's Sri Lankan community and to reiterate our region's commitment to interfaith harmony and peace. An offering at the service will be sent to Sri Lanka to assist survivors and rebuild the damaged churches.



Sponsoring organizations include the Pittsburgh Buddhist Center, Christian Associates of Southwest Pennsylvania, the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, Carlow University, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network, the Muslim Association of Greater Pittsburgh, JCC Pittsburgh's Center for Loving Kindness, the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh, Temple Sinai, All for All, Repair the World Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Area Pax Christi, AHINSA, CAIR Pittsburgh Chapter, and the Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden.



Commemorating the 130th Anniversary of the 1889 Johnstown Flood

On Sunday, May 19, at 6:30 p.m., [St. Mark's, Johnstown](#), will host a special Community Common Prayer Service commemorating the 130th anniversary of the 1889 Johnstown flood and the special role that St. Mark's played during and in the aftermath of the disastrous event.

In the aftermath of the flood, and despite considerable damage to the 1874 church building and rectory, the death of its rector and more than half of its communicants, the St. Mark's congregation continued meeting in the "Ark," a temporary small wooden structure furnished by the American Red Cross (ARC). The response to the flood marked the first time the ARC was mobilized. The head of the ARC, Clara Barton, decided to build "Red Cross Hotels" to house the homeless of Johnstown and surrounding areas. Bishop Whitehead



St. Mark's in 1874 before the flood

of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh gave the St. Mark's site to the American Red Cross for use in the recovery efforts. The first "Red Cross Hotel" was built on the St. Mark's site.

Many more details are available at www.episcopalpgh.org/commemorating-johntown-flood



Journey to The Holy Land



United Thank Offering
Spring Ingathering

Saturday, May 4, 2019

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon

1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228

Schedule of events:

- 9:30 Registration – Coffee and Snacks
- 10:00-10:45 ECW Business Meeting
- 11:00-11:30 Program (See Below)
- 11:30-12:15 Morning Prayer
- 12:30 pm Lunch

Program:



What It Means to be a Pilgrim

Join with Geoff Hurd as he shares, through dialogue and pictures, the amazing adventure he and others from St. Paul's recently experienced on their pilgrimage to The Holy Land.

Mr. Hurd's presentation will give you an insight into the history of the places we, as Christians, revere and hold sacred to our faith. Learn and see pictures of many locations where Christ walked and taught: Mount of Olives, Jacob's Well, the Dead Sea, and many more.

Come, be enlightened and amazed, as Mr. Hurd leads us on a *Journey to The Holy Land*.

Three Ways to Register:

- Complete and mail the registration form
- Email your information to hetzlerb@verizon.net
- Call St. Paul's Church 412-531-7153

Registration Deadline: April 25, 2019

St. Francis in the Fields is collecting new or slightly used ladies purses to fill with personal hygiene products for needy women.



Please bring a purse to the ingathering and help with this new ministry.

Thank You

[Click here for the printable registration form \(PDF\)](#)

NINETEENTH ANNUAL PITTSBURGH PASTORAL CARE CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 2019 8AM to 4PM
CHRIST CHURCH AT GROVE FARM

Healthy Pastors, Healthy Churches and Healthy Communities

FIVE TRACKS INCLUDE: Addiction & Recovery, Mental Health & Wellness, Family & Marriage, Community Outreach, and Reflections In Ministry

SPEAKERS INCLUDE: Ellen Mady, Hedda Sharapan, the Rev. Dr. Graham Standish, the Rev. Eric McIntosh, the Rev. Barry Mariana, the Rev. Dr. Canon Jay Geisler, the Rev. Valerian M. Michlik, Dorothy Mayernik, Ann Depner, Kristin Drucis, the Rev. Dr. Ron Barnes, John Massella, Dave Janvier, Dr. Karen Plavan, Dr. Leanna Fuller, Maureen Sirianni, and Don Wilkerson

Details and registration

www.pghpcc.org



Save The Dates!

Spring Organ Recital Series at Trinity Cathedral

Come to Trinity Cathedral on Wednesdays in May at noon for an organ concert.

Each week will feature a different organist and a wide range of music.

[Trinity Cathedral](#)

328 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222



Save The Date!



On Tuesday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 11:59 p.m., the Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry will again participate in The Pittsburgh Foundation's Critical Needs Alert online giving event. The Foundation will match all donations, making your gift go even further.



Beer & Hymns in Carnegie

Tuesday, May 14, from 7 - 9 p.m. at [Bakn](#), 335 E. Main Street, Carnegie, PA 15106 and hosted by [Church of the Atonement](#), Carnegie.

Hymn singing and pub culture are coming together at Beer & Hymns events across the country. In Pittsburgh, the thirsty faithful gather monthly at a neighborhood eatery to raise a pint and song.

All ages welcome, food and drinks of all kinds for purchase.



Laundry Love to Open Westmoreland Location in Irwin

Cleaning clothes can be a lonely chore at a coin laundry service. It can also be an expense area families have a tough time fitting into their budget. A Harrison City woman wants to lighten the load while sharing some love along the way.



"People that have clean clothes, they just feel better about themselves," Karen Wolfe said.

Read more about the Laundry Love ministry featuring the work of St. Peter's, Blairsville, and Church of the Advent, Jeannette, in the [Pittsburgh Tribune Review](#).



God Willing
and the People Consenting

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

will ordain

Kimberly Macy Karashin
Julie Lynn Smith

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church
Saturday, June 15, 2019
at ten o'clock in the morning

Trinity Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

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



LOVE. TEACH. HEAL.
Re-imagining Our Diocese

Save The Date!

2019 Diocesan Convention
Love. Teach. Heal. Re-imagining Our Diocese

November 15 & 16
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
Note: This date is one week later than our conventions in the past.

[Click here](#) for important convention documents.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

May 5: Calvary, East Liberty (5 p.m.)

May 12: St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

May 19: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

June 2: St. James, Penn Hills

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

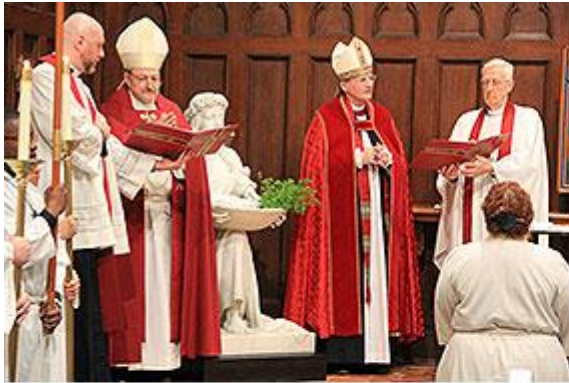
Save the Date: The Retired Clergy & Spouses and Surviving Spouses Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 6, at Noon at Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill. Details to come.



Parting Shots

The combined Episcopal/Lutheran Chrism Mass was held on Tuesday, April 16, at First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in Downtown Pittsburgh.

Lutheran Bishop Kurt Kusserow presided at the service and Bishop McConnell was the preacher.



Many 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 amuhl@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.

