



December 6, 2019

Canon Treasurer

Dear Friends,

As you know, beginning January 1, my colleague Kathi Workman will complete the handoff of her responsibilities as Director of Administration to the Reverend Canon Kim Karashin. She will continue in the part-time position of Treasurer, being the effective steward she has always been.

Many of you, over the years, have been the direct beneficiaries of Kathi's ministry. She has helped you through all kinds of questions ranging from boilers to pensions; sometimes she has listened with quiet attention to concerns of a more personal nature that you have brought to her, and has always carried you in prayer. Moreover, she has been instrumental in the painstaking task of building a solid financial and administrative infrastructure for this diocese, which will be a great gift to your next bishop.



In view of Kathi's outstanding service to the Diocese of Pittsburgh, her faith and leadership, and her care for all of us, it gives me deep joy to grant her the title of Canon Treasurer, effective this date, December 6, being the Feast of Saint Nicholas of Myra.

Please join me in offering hearty congratulations to Canon Kathi, and please continue to encourage and support her in her ongoing ministry to us all, as we love, teach and heal in the name of Jesus Christ.

Faithfully your Bishop,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dorsey'.

(The Rt. Rev.) Dorsey McConnell



Milestone Ordination Anniversaries for December, 2019

We give thanks for the faithful service of the following clergy who are canonically resident or licensed in the diocese and who are celebrating milestone anniversaries of ordination this month.

May God continue to bless their ministries!

64 years

The Rev. Canon Richard Davies, December 21, 1955



35 Years

The Rev. Diane Shepherd, December 13, 1984

20 Years

The Rev. Lou Hays, December 11, 1999

15 Years

The Rev. Vicente Santiago, December 12, 2004

The Rev. Marc Jacobson, December 14, 2004

The Rev. Richard Pollard, December 17, 2004

The Rev. Don Youse, December 17, 2004



By the Grace of God and with the people consenting,
The Right Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell
Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh
On behalf of the Right Reverend William H. Stokes
Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey
will ordain to the
Sacred Order of Priests
In Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church

Laura Jennifer Di Panfilo

On Saturday, the Seventh Day of December
Being the Feast of St. Ambrose of Milan
In the Year of Our Lord 2019 at 10:30 in the Morning
In St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, PA
Your Prayers and Presence are Requested.



Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception follows

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228



Cookie Walk Fundraiser

Not a cookie baker? Don't have time to bake?
Then we have the solution for you.

The bakers of St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg, will be holding a
Cookie Walk Fundraiser on **December 14th at noon** in the
gymnasium.

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 to fill and the cost is \$7.00 for a small container and \$10.00 for a large
container.

We also have a specialty items table. Do you need a gift for your child's teacher or for a friend?
Homemade goodies and gifts will be available for purchase.

[St. Stephen's Episcopal Church](#), 600 Pitt St., Pittsburgh, PA 15221





Blue Christmas Community Service in Johnstown

As part of our Community Common Prayer Series, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 335 Locust Street in downtown Johnstown, is offering a "Blue Christmas Service" at **6:30 p.m. on Sunday, December 15.**

This liturgy is a quiet meditative service especially for those for whom the Christmas season is a profoundly sad and lonely time.

Come for yourself, for someone you love, or for those who suffer around the world. Refreshments and conversation will be available following the service. All are welcome.

For more information: call 814-535-6797 or visit saintmarksjohnstown.com



Blue Christmas Service in Squirrel Hill

Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m.

Blue Christmas Service and Holy Communion

This intimate service will center on the quiet and longing that comes with the challenges of the holiday season. In memory of loved ones lost, distance from family or friends physically or emotionally, loss of health, and for those secret places that need spiritual healing, come.



Open yourself to God who heals the broken heart.

[Church of the Redeemer](#), 5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill.



Emergency Training Offered

The Emergency Preparedness and Response Committee of the diocese was recently reinvented to assist parishes in preparing for both natural disasters and man-made emergencies.



One of the committee's first steps is to offer *Stop the Bleed* training in collaboration with UPMC to all interested clergy and lay members of the diocese. This training is credited with saving lives after the Tree of Life shootings. *Stop the Bleed* teaches basic bleeding control techniques and provides tools which empower the public to respond to life-threatening medical situations.

WHEN?

Saturday, January 11, 2020, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE?

Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave, Pittsburgh, 15206

COST?

Freewill donation at the door - for refreshments!

HOW DO I REGISTER?

[Click Here to Register](#)

QUESTIONS?

Contact Tim Austin, Committee Co-Chair at austover@gmail.com

Maximum enrollment: 50



St. Paul's Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, will be participating in a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, leaving Pittsburgh on January 26, 2021 and returning via Tel Aviv on February 6, 2021.

The tour will be guided by Qumri Pilgrimages, operated by Iyad Qumri, former Canon to the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. Mr. Qumri has guided tours in the Holy Land, where he was born, and where he has raised his family, for 20 years. For a sample itinerary and more, visit www.iyadqumripilgrimages.com. A group from St. Paul's toured with Qumri Pilgrimages in February 2019.



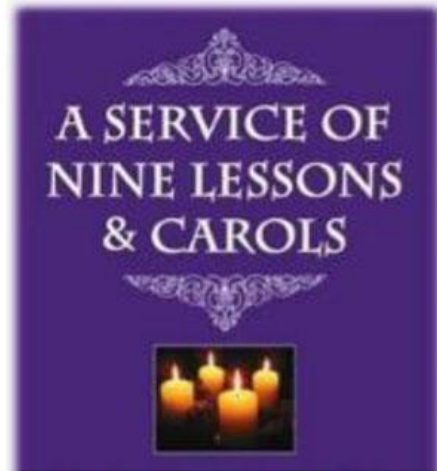
The cost of the trip is estimated at \$4,000 for people sleeping two per room and there are single occupancy rooms available at a slightly higher rate. This includes tours, lodging, meals while there, tip to tour agency, airfare and travel insurance. We will be staying at hotels in Jerusalem and Nazareth during this pilgrimage.

We will begin meeting as a group in the months before the pilgrimage to build community and prepare for the experience.

If you are interested in going, please contact the Rev. Noah Evans at noah@stpaulspgh.org, Rector, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. The deadline is February 1, 2020.



The Jeannette Ministerial Alliance
Cordially invites you to begin your Christmas Season with



Beginning at 2:00 p.m.
On Sunday, December 15, 2019
At The Church of the Advent
51 South First Street
(Juncture of South First Street and Clay and Cuyler Avenues)
Jeannette, PA 15644

*Refreshments and Fellowship will follow this joyful
service to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior.*



By the Grace of God

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

will ordain

Geoffrey Swenson Royce

to the Sacred Order of Deacons
in Christ's one holy catholic
and apostolic Church

Saturday, December 21, 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 follows



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.

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 8: Advent, Jeannette

December 15: Advent, Brookline

December 22: Nativity, Crafton

December 24: Trinity Cathedral (Christmas Eve)

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



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.

