



February 12, 2020



NINETEENTH ANNUAL EAST END PARISHES LENTEN PREACHING SERIES



BEHOLD, I AM DOING A NEW THING

"I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." – Isaiah 43:19

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

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Preacher: The Rev. Charles Fischer III
at Church of the Redeemer – 5700 Forbes Ave., Sq. Hill

Tuesday, March 10

Preacher: The Rev. Aidan Smith
at St. James – 11524 Frankstown Rd., Penn Hills

Tuesday, March 17

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

Tuesday, March 24

Preacher: The Rev. Laura DiPanfilo
at St. Thomas – 378 Delaware Ave., Oakmont

Tuesday, March 31

Preacher: The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell
at St. Andrew's – 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park



Pennsylvania Bishops Send LGBT Non-Discrimination Letter to the Pennsylvania General Assembly



The five Episcopal bishops in Pennsylvania, Bishop Gutiérrez of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Bishop McConnell of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop Nichols of the Diocese of Bethlehem, Bishop Rowe of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania, and Bishop Scanlan of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, signed a letter to the Pennsylvania General Assembly urging the General Assembly to update the Pennsylvania Human Relations Act to protect LGBT Pennsylvanians from discrimination in housing, employment, and public accommodations.

"Our support for eliminating discrimination against LGBT people is rooted in our faith. Sacred scripture teaches us that every human being is created in the image and likeness of God and must therefore be treated with dignity and respect."

The letter can be read in full here: www.episcopalpgph.org/bishops-write-general-assembly



Episcopal Youth Event 2020

Every three years, the Episcopal Church convenes an international youth conference fittingly called the *Episcopal Youth Event*, or *EYE* for short.

This event is hosted so "that the energy of the youth of the Episcopal Church can continue to be utilized in active ministry as members of the Body of Christ."



This year, *EYE20* will be held in College Park, Maryland, a suburb of Washington D.C. and a manageable commute from Pittsburgh, from **July 7-11**. Because *EYE* only happens every three years and is just a few hours away, the diocese is hoping to send a delegation and hopes you consider joining youth from across the country!

The theme for *EYE20* is "unite! ¡unámonos!" The Planning Team chose this theme at their October meeting after considerable time in discussion, reflection, and prayer. Youth participants in *EYE20* must be enrolled in 9th, 10th, 11th, or 12th grade during this school year and must have turned at least 15 and be no older than 19 by the event start. Current freshman who are 14 will have an opportunity to attend *EYE2023* as the Episcopal Youth Event is on a three-year cycle. More information can be found at <https://events.episcopalchurch.org/eye>.

EYE is a great opportunity for youth in the diocese to come together in fellowship, to learn to be disciples of Christ, and to meet fellow young Christians from across the Episcopal Church. If you or your youth are interested in joining the diocese at *EYE* please contact Luke Zerra, Youth Minister at St. Paul's Mt. Lebanon, **by Thursday, February 14**, at lzerra@stpaulspgh.org. Scholarship assistance provided by the diocese will be available on an as-needed basis.

We want to make sure that the diocese is well represented at *EYE20* this July!



Garden Grants to be Available this Spring

Spring is coming! How do we know this? The days are becoming longer, the seed catalogs are arriving in our mailboxes, and we're all getting really bored with snow and cold weather.

Once again in 2020, the diocesan Social Justice and Outreach (SJO) Committee will offer grants to fund church garden initiatives. For the last six years, the diocesan SJO Committee has offered a few (4-8) small grants to support the efforts of creating and sustaining parish-based vegetable gardens. In 2019, one new garden at St. Thomas, Northern Cambria was created. Five established gardens

received funding: St. Andrew's, Highland Park, Holy Cross, Homewood, St. David's, Peters Township, Spring Street Farms at the Community of Celebration, Aliquippa, and Shepherd's Wellness Community in Bloomfield.

While the SJO budget is very small, they are able to fund these garden grants, in part through donations from the Outreach Commission of St. Paul's, Mount Lebanon, the Women of Calvary, East Liberty, and Christ Church, North Hills, and private individuals. The SJO notes that any parish or individual desiring to donate to this effort should contact Canon Kathi Workman, diocesan treasurer, at kworkman@episcopalpgh.org or Marianne Novy, chair of SJO, at mnovy@pitt.edu.



Applying for a garden grant:

These grants are intended to encourage Episcopal parishes and organizations in the Diocese to create new vegetable gardens or to support already functioning gardens with small material needs such as: seed or plant purchases, fencing, bed construction, soil or fertilizer purchases, soil testing costs, hand tool purchases, water connections, rain barrels, etc.



Depending on the location and circumstance, we expect that produce grown will be distributed through local food pantries or organization-based outreach efforts. In past years, some gardens have played a significant role in youth education. These grants are not intended to support an exclusive or private garden, nor a garden designed solely for decorative purposes. We have prepared a guide to setting up a small garden; this guide is available by contacting Pat Eagon at pkeagon@gmail.com. If you are awarded a grant, the funds will be distributed in late winter/early spring, 2020.

The maximum grant request for this program should be no more than \$500. Funds are to be used in the calendar year 2020 unless an extension is submitted and approved by the SJO committee. Priority will be given to those applications that seek to start new gardens, but the committee will also consider applications seeking to sustain existing gardens that meet the eligibility described in the application. Application forms are available [by clicking here](#), and are due via USPS, **postmarked by March 13, 2020, or electronically by March 17, 2020**. Electronically submitted applications or any questions regarding eligibility can be directed to Marianne Novy, Chair of SJO at mnovy@pitt.edu or Pat Eagon at pkeagon@gmail.com.



WALKING TOWARD FREEDOM



PREPARING FOR PASSOVER AND EASTER TOGETHER

AS WE GO INTO A SHARED SEASON OF CELEBRATION CENTERED IN **FREEDOM**, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THIS IDEA **TOGETHER**. JOIN US FOR THIS WONDERFUL SIX SESSION SERIES.

ALL SESSIONS ARE 7 PM

FEB 27	JEWISH FREEDOM CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM
MAR 5	CHRISTIAN FREEDOM CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MAR 12	HOW WE PRAY JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER PGH
MAR 19	PRAYING THE PSALMS CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
MAR 26	JESUS & THE TEMPLE RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION
APR 2	FAITH INTO ACTION CONGREGATION BETH SHALOM



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Taizé Service in Johnstown

On **Sunday, February 16, at 6:30 p.m.** [St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#), 335 Locust Street in Johnstown, will host a Taizé service as part of its Community Common Prayer Series.

This unique form of Christian worship was developed in 1940 by Brother Roger Schütz, founding member of the ecumenical monastic [Taizé Community](#) located in Taizé, Saône-et-Loire, Burgundy, France.

The singing of distinctive and much-repeated prayer chants during this candlelit prayer services is one of the Taizé community's trademarks. The music emphasizes simple phrases, usually lines from Psalms or other pieces of Scripture, repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer.

Refreshments and conversation will be available following the service. All are welcome.

For additional information about the service or St. Mark's Community Common Prayer Series, please contact the Rev. Nancy Threadgill at 814-535-6797 or revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net.





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SATURDAY, FEB. 22, 9 TO 12; BAG SALE 12 TO 2

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

Located at the corner of Rochester and McAleer Roads in Franklin Park, PA
2365 McAleer Road, Sewickley, PA 15143



Youth Mental Health First Aid Training

Youth Mental Health First Aid training will be offered on **Saturday, February 22, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon.

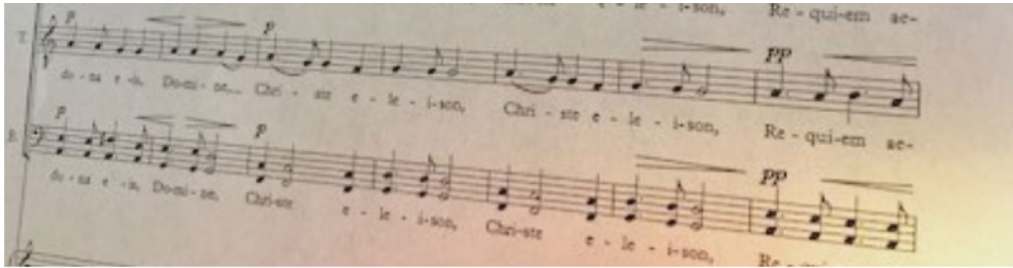
Heather Panzica will be presenting the topic of mental health and mental health first aid for youth. She is a licensed clinical social worker (LCSW) with a bachelor's degree in psychology, and is a youth mental health first aid certified instructor.

This training, open to all, is for anyone who works with or has any interaction with youth. Participants will learn to recognize common risk factors and warning signs of specific types of illnesses such as anxiety, depression, substance use, bipolar disorder, eating disorders, etc., and then figure out, "What do I do?" and "Where can someone find help?" It's important to note, this training does not make participants able to take on the responsibilities of professionals - it helps take the hesitation out of starting conversations about mental health by improving understanding and providing an action plan to safely and responsibly address a potential mental health issue.



You can sign up [by clicking here](#). The cost for the training is \$20. For more information or questions, contact Kristen Morgan at kmorgan@stpaulspgh.org.

[St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228



PREMIERE OF ALL SAINTS REQUIEM BY DOUGLAS STARR

FEBRUARY 28
7:30 P.M.

**SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
MT. LEBANON, PA**

FEBRUARY 29
7:30 P.M.

**SAINT VINCENT
ARCHABBAY BASILICA
LATROBE, PA**

Featuring: Katy Shackelton-Williams, Valerie Vernon-Thomas, Rich Williams, Daniel Teadt, Chaz Bowers, the St. Vincent Camerata of St. Vincent College, the Schola Cantorum Franciscana of Franciscan University, and the Chancel Choir of St. Paul's Episcopal Church

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10

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Additional details are [available here](#).

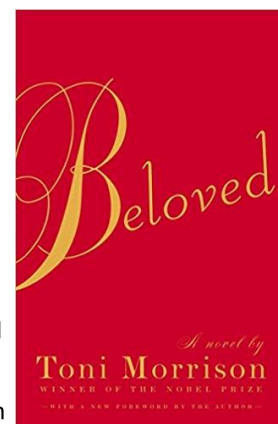


Read a Book for Lent: *Beloved*, by Toni Morrison

Find a friend to share it with...
Form a book group in your parish...
Read it on your own...

For Lent this year, the **Commission on Race and Reconciliation** (CORR) is remembering author Toni Morrison, who died last August at the age of 88. She was the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize in Literature for her writing and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Obama in 2012.

Her work is "a prose so precise, so faithful to speech and so charged with pain and wonder that the novel becomes poetry," said John Leonard, former Executive Editor of the New York Times Book Review.



Sheldon Calvary Camp 2020



Established in 1936, Sheldon Calvary Camp (SCC) is located on the scenic shores of Lake Erie in Conneaut, Ohio. SCC is a summer camp for children ages 7-16 and families. Our staff is composed of young adults ages 17 and older, an experienced supervisory team and camp directors. Many of our staff members are former campers who want to share their experiences with others.

Coed Camp and Stars & Stripes - These are week long sessions for boys and girls ages 8-16 offering a full recreational camping experience. Campers spend days engaged in activities such as swimming instruction, fine arts, tennis, athletics, archery, and experiential education. Nine campers of similar ages live together in each cabin under the guidance and supervision of two counselors. Each day ends with campfire or chapel.

Day Camp - This program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily for boys and girls ages 7-12 during the 4th of July week. Campers participate in small group activities including swimming, games, crafts, and nature!

Ready, Set, Camp! - This 4-day, 3-night program is geared toward younger campers ages 7-12. It offers the same activities as Coed Camp but is designed for children and parents who may be apprehensive about a whole week away from home or challenged to fit a full week of camp into their summer schedules. Campers can explore and enjoy the complete camping experience, just for a shorter period of time!

2020 Camping Sessions

Coed I: June 14-20

Day Camp: June 29-July 3

Coed II: June 21-27

Coed III: July 5-11

Stars & Stripes: June 28- July 3

Coed IV: July 12-25 (two weeks)

Ready, Set, Camp!: June 28- July 1

Coed V: July 26-August 1

For more information, please visit www.calvarycamp.org or call (440) 593-4381.



Around the Diocese

Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

February 16: Emmanuel, North Side

February 23: Atonement, Carnegie

March 1: St. David's, Peters Township

March 8: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

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



Annual Meetings: As we enter the annual meeting season, all parishes are reminded to complete and submit the [Parish Annual Meeting Report Form](#) as soon as possible.



Parting Shot

Congratulations to those received Sunday, February 9, at All Souls, North Versailles: Tom and Anita Imbrescia and Ron Conforti, and thanks to the Reverend Dr. Terry Hunt for her ongoing and faithful ministry there!



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.

