



February 25, 2020

"Ashes to Go" and Other Outreach

Ever since Bishop McConnell introduced "Ashes to Go" in Market Square on Ash Wednesday 2013, the practice has spread to all corners of the diocese.

Clergy and laity alike mark foreheads and spend a moment in prayer with those passing on the street, making their way to a bus, or even catching a flight.

Others continue a slightly more traditional practice of taking ashes to those in retirement communities or who are hospitalized.



Overall, the idea is to help people mark the start of Lent wherever they happen to be.

Here's a sampling of this year's offerings that take place outside of regular parish services:

- **Mt. Lebanon:** "T" station, Washington Rd. and East Shady Dr. (track level) entrances, 7:30 - 8:30 a.m.
- **Johnstown:** Central Park, 500 block Main Street, 7:30-9:30 a.m. and 3 - 5 p.m.
- **Pittsburgh International Airport:** "Ashes on the Fly," for passengers, Airside Terminal Chapel, 10:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- **911th Airlift Wing, Moon Twp.:** Ashes for military personnel, spouses, and defense contractors, Base Chapel, 10 a.m.
- **Brentwood:** Giant Eagle at Brentwood Town Center, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- **Hastings, Cambria Co:** Conemaugh Medical Center Chapel, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Brackenridge:** Front of St. Barnabas Church, 989 Morgan St., 12 - 2 p.m.
- **East Liberty:** Front steps of Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave., 12 p.m.
- **Squirrel Hill:** Corner of Forbes & Murray Avenues, 12 p.m.
- **Downtown Pittsburgh with Bishop Dorsey McConnell:** Market Square, 1:15 - 2 p.m.
- **Penn Hills:** parking lot of Lost & Found Pharmacy, 11555 Frankstown Rd., 12 - 1:30 p.m.
- **Scott Township:** Providence Point retirement residence, 3:30 p.m.
- **Wilkesburg:** Ashes for kids, St. Mary Magdalene Lutheran Episcopal Church at St. Stephen's, 600 Pitt Street, 5:30 p.m.

- **Chatham University:** Ashes for the campus community, Mellon Center, Woodland Road, 7 p.m.



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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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



Fish Fries in McKeesport

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in McKeesport is offering a Lenten Fish Fry on Ash Wednesday, February 26 and on Good Friday, April 10, both 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Meals are available dine-in or takeout.

Corresponding Ash Wednesday services at Noon and 7 p.m. with the Good Friday service at Noon, followed by confessions until 3 p.m.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 220 8th Street, McKeesport, PA 15132 (412) 664-9379



Accurate Count: Learn How to Support the 2020 Census



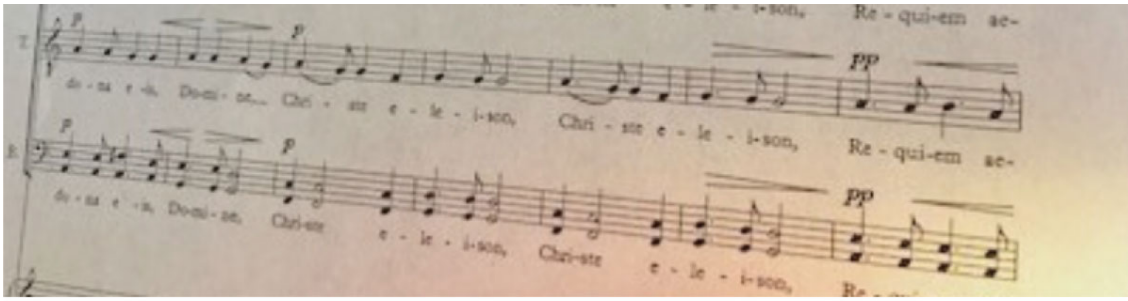
Join Episcopal Migration Ministries on Thursday, February 27, 4 - 5 p.m. EST, for a webinar presentation on how you can assist the 2020 Census to get an accurate count in your community.

Alan Yarborough, Church Relations Officer in The Episcopal Church's Office of Government Relations, will provide information on why The Episcopal Church is an official partner for the 2020 Census and ways you might participate.

"U.S. census data is critical for effective implementation of over 130 federal programs," said Yarborough. "Additionally, private businesses, state, and local initiatives depend on Census data for effective distribution of resources, while congressional seats are apportioned according to the Census count. As a faith group we are well positioned to help reach hard to count populations. The primary factor for whether someone will complete the census is whether or not someone they trust encourages them to do so. Immigrant groups, for a variety of reasons, are historically undercounted, and through Episcopal Migration Ministries and those who support this work we can make sure the count is as accurate as possible."

Registration is required and available [here](#). The webinar will be available on-demand following the event.





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

[St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228
Additional details are [available here](#).



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; 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.



Young Adult Event at Urban Tap in Shadyside

Young Adults in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are invited to an evening of food and conversation with the Rev. Canon Scott Gunn on Monday, March 16, 6 p.m., at Urban Tap, 216 South Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Scott is a well-known preacher and teacher with a passion for evangelism and for helping others discover what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. He is the co-author of *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices* and *Faithful Questions: Exploring the Way with Jesus*.



Scott+ is currently the Executive Director of [Forward Movement](#). Founded in 1934, Forward Movement is an agency of the Episcopal Church whose mission is to inspire disciples and empower evangelists. It is best known for *Forward Day by Day*, a daily devotion providing meditations on scripture readings. Forward Movement also offers books and e-books for small groups, individual study, and prayer; Christian formation courses; leadership events; Spanish and bilingual resources; a daily podcast; and apps for smartphones and tablets.

If you have questions or would like more information, contact the Rev. Neil Raman at nraman@calvaryphg.org or 412-661-0120 x112.





Directed By Walt Blocker from The Historic
Episcopal Church of St Thomas,
Philadelphia, PA

St. Thomas Gospel Choir presents

Were you there?

A MasterClass on incorporating choral Gospel music in the Episcopal Church worship followed by a full-length Lenten meditation gospel concert.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2020
6-7 PM MASTERCLASS • 8 PM CONCERT

Trinity Episcopal Cathedral
328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh PA

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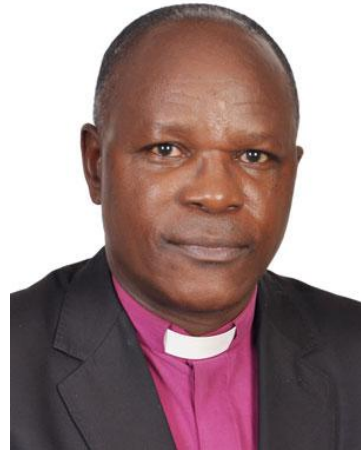
Archbishop of Burundi To Visit St. Thomas Church in Oakmont

On April 3, at 7:30 p.m., Bishop McConnell and St. Thomas Church will welcome the Most Rev. Martin Blaise Nyaboho, the Archbishop of Burundi, to St. Thomas for Evensong.

The Archbishop will preach and there will be a reception afterwards. It is a unique opportunity to hear from one of the leaders of the Church in Africa, a place where Christianity has spread more quickly in the last century than in any other continent.

All are invited to attend the service and reception, as we extend a warm Oakmont welcome to the Archbishop.

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



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. The staff is composed of young adults ages 17 and older, an experienced supervisory team and camp directors. Many of the 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

Coed II: June 21-27

Stars & Stripes: June 28- July 3

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

Day Camp: June 29-July 3

Coed III: July 5-11

Coed IV: July 12-25 (two weeks)

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:

March 1: St. David's, Peters Township

March 8: St. Thomas, Canonsburg

March 22: St. Barnabas, Brackenridge

March 29: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

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 Joyce Corkery of Church of the Atonement, Carnegie, who was awarded a Marcella McGrogan Carnegie Community Volunteer Award at the annual meeting of the Historical Society of Carnegie. The meeting of the Historical Society was held February 11th in the Lincoln Gallery at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library and Music Hall. Joyce received a formal legislative proclamation from PA Representative Anita Astorino Kulik as well as a certificate of recognition from the Historical Society. She was also commended by Carnegie Mayor Stacie Riley. Joyce's name will be added to the Marcella McGrogan Carnegie Volunteer Awardees plaque.



--Photo courtesy Historical Society of Carnegie



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.

