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COVID-19 ONE YEAR LATER

A Service of Remembrance, Healing, and Renewal

MARCH 18 AT 8PM ET
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Tree of Life to Host Interfaith COVID Memorial Service

Virtual service commemorating the past year to include remarks from Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf and participation of clergy and faith leaders from across Pittsburgh

Thursday, March 18, 2021 at 8 p.m. ET

One year to the day after the first COVID death in Pennsylvania, Tree of Life will host an interfaith service to memorialize all that has been lost since the coronavirus pandemic upended lives, killing more than 525,000 across the country, shuttering businesses and schools, disrupting family traditions and forcing houses of worship to move services online.

The virtual service, “COVID-19 One Year Later: A Service of Remembrance, Healing, & Renewal,” will be held at 8 p.m. ET Thursday, March 18, and feature remarks from Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf. Participating clergy and religious leaders, representing communities across Pittsburgh, include:

- Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers, Tree of Life
- Bishop David Zubik, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh
- The Rev. Jonathon Jensen, Calvary Episcopal Church
- The Rev. Dr. Vincent Campbell, Ebenezer Baptist Church
- The Rev. Karie Charlton, Third Presbyterian Church
- sOm Sharma, the Hindu-Jain Temple of Monroeville
- Imam Chris Caras, Islamic Center of Pittsburgh
- The Rev. Liddy Barlow, Christian Associates of SW Pennsylvania
- The Rev. C. Matthew Hawkins, St. Benedict the Moor Parish

"Grief is communal and a year into the pandemic, I felt it important to create an opportunity for all of us to mourn what has been lost this past year," said Rabbi Hazzan Jeffrey Myers of Tree of Life. "Communities of faith have also sustained many people over the past year and I think, amid the grief, we, as religious leaders, can offer words of assurance, healing and hope for the future."

Members of the public are invited to join the service online at:
<http://www.treeoflifepgh.org/covidservice>

2021 Chrism Mass

Renewal of Vows and Blessing of Oils

**A combined observance of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh
and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA**

**Tuesday, March 30, 10:00 AM
First Lutheran Church, Grant Street, Downtown
The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell, Preaching
Bishop Kurt Kusserow, Presiding**

**The service may be viewed on the First Lutheran YouTube page at
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbaVJhO0_Sl_pLi9InDxvmQ**

Clergy are asked to register at <https://flcpittsburgh.org/chrism/>. In-person and online attendance options are available, registration is required for both. Clergy may request your holy oils for 2021 when registering.





St. Brendan's Speaker Series Training and Challenges in Suburban Policing

TUESDAY, MARCH 23 AT 7:00 PM

Following up on their Forum last month with speaker Professor David Harris, who spoke on Policing and Social Justice, St. Brendan's next Public Forum is **Training and Challenges in Suburban Policing**, and will focus on our police departments' perspective. Participating on the panel are:



- **Yvonne Eaton-Stull, DSW, LCSW**, of Slippery Rock University, and **Chief Thomas Vulakovich** of Hampton Township will present on Hampton Township's pilot program that sends social work interns out on police calls.
- **Lt. Robert Synan** of the Allegheny County Police Academy will speak to the training of suburban departments.
- **Chief Walter Healy** of Franklin Park Police will focus on Franklin Park's training of police officers, and any issues they have.

This Public Forum is sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills together with St. Brendan's Justice Ministry.

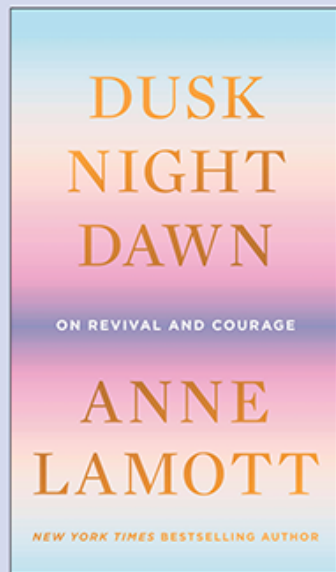
To register for the March 23 Forum, email Katie at stbrendanskatie@gmail.com. For more information, visit our website at stbrendans.org.

THE BOOKSTORE AT CALVARY

The Bookstore at Calvary, as a member of the Episcopal Booksellers Association, is hosting a series of **Zoom Conversations with Authors** in 2021.

Join the next Live Zoom Conversation on
Thursday, April 8, 2021 at 7 p.m. EST
with New York Times bestselling author
Anne Lamott

Your purchase of the book from the Bookstore at Calvary helps to support our ministry.



– Registration for the Zoom Conversations is open to all –
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Anti-Racism Training

Friday & Saturday, May 14 & 15, 2021

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has scheduled a diocesan anti-racism workshop, *Seeing the Face of God in Each Other*, and we ask for your support in encouraging participation from your parish. The commission restructured the workshop for a virtual experience for its November, 2020 training and it was quite successful. The next training will take place on Friday evening, May 14, and Saturday, May 15.



Additional information and registration details will be available in the next edition of Grace Happens and will be on the diocesan website soon.

ECW Spring 2021 Scholarships Available

In 1927, The Episcopal Church Women established the Memorial Membership Fund to provide missionary training scholarships. In the 94 years of its existence, the scope of the fund has widened to include nursing, theology and other humanitarian fields of study.



Funds are raised through gifts from individuals or groups in memory of a loved one or friend. This money is invested and the interest used for the grants.

Each applicant must:

- be an Episcopalian in good standing (active) in a parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh,
- have completed one year of college or the equivalent,
- be pursuing education in either church or humanitarian related fields,
- submit an application, including a letter stating goals and need, and
- submit a reference letter from their parish priest.

The Memorial Membership Committee will consider each request based on individual need and circumstances. Scholarships are completely unencumbered and may be used as needed to aid the recipient in achieving their educational goals. Each eligible applicant is able to apply once a year for three years.

The applications must be received by Sunday, March 21, 2021. The application form with submission instructions is [available by clicking here](#).

For additional information please contact Betty Duckstein at ducksteine@yahoo.com.

ECW Spring 2020 Grant Applications Available

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 2021 grants must be submitted before Sunday, March 21, 2021.**

The poster features the University of Pittsburgh and Alzheimer's Disease Research Center logos on the left. The central text describes a virtual educational event featuring a free public viewing of the documentary *SPARK: Robin Williams and his Battle with Lewy Body Dementia*, followed by a Q&A panel. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, March 31, 2021, from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. A blue banner at the bottom provides the registration link: <http://bit.ly/3v5LwT7>. On the right, the title *SPARK* is prominently displayed in large orange letters, with the subtitle *ROBIN WILLIAMS AND HIS BATTLE WITH LEWY BODY DEMENTIA* below it. The background of the right side shows a portrait of Robin Williams with a brain graphic overlaid, and a small figure of a person walking on top of the brain. At the bottom right, logos for LBDA (Lewy Body Dementia Association) and Acadia Pharmaceuticals Inc. are shown, along with text indicating their support for the film.

A recently released feature movie, *Robin's Wish*, reveals the true story about Robin Williams and his battle with undiagnosed Lewy body dementia (LBD), receiving wide public acclaim.

From that movie, the Lewy Body Dementia Association (LBDA) and the producers of *Robin's Wish* created a 45-minute documentary adaptation, *SPARK: Robin Williams and his Battle with Lewy Body Dementia*. [View the SPARK trailer here.](#)

The University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer's Disease Research Center is working with LBDA to host a virtual community event on Wednesday, March 31, from 2 – 4 pm. During this time, the film *SPARK* will highlight key messages that can enhance learning and understanding of LBD, improve diagnosis and detection, and offer LBD families a way to feel connected to resources and support. After viewing the film together, learners are encouraged to discuss the films' content, key themes and important messages. To encourage this discussion, after the film is viewed a select group of speakers will present about the disease and then will facilitate a Q & A session.

This presentation may be of particular interest to those involved in Stephen Ministries. Seating is limited so please register here <http://bit.ly/3v5LwT7> by Monday, March 29, 2021.

Important Reminders:

2020 Parochial Reports and Annual Reports Are Due

Remember, the deadline for filing **2020 Parochial Reports** was **March 1** with many reports still outstanding. File online at <https://reports.dfms.org>.

View our [PR QuickTips](#) on recording PPP loan forgiveness and responding to the new narrative questions on the diocesan website.

In order for the diocesan office to continue to have up-to-date information, please complete the **Annual Meeting Report Form** in [PDF](#) or [Word](#) at your earliest convenience following your parish's annual meeting.

Around the Diocese



Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

March 21: St. Barnabas, Brackenridge

March 28: St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg

April 4: Trinity Cathedral (Easter)

April 18: St. Peter's, Blairsville

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

Parting Shots

Diocese Welcomes New Deacons





Congratulations to the Rev. Brandon Cooper and the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan who were ordained to the Sacred Order of Deacons on Saturday, March 6, by Bishop McConnell at Trinity Cathedral.

St. Marks' Johnstown Hosts Vaccine Clinic

Vaccines draw big crowd

Technical glitch blamed after 'too many' line up for doses downtown

BY JOSHUA BYERS
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A technical glitch was to blame Friday when dozens upon dozens of residents lined up in downtown Johnstown for COVID-19 vaccines, with many going home without getting the shots.

Highlands Health Clinic had organized the event for individuals 65 years of age and older, along with those with underlying health conditions, Executive Director Rosalie Danchanlo said.

"We ended up having too many people and not enough shots," she said.

■ Official: Vaccination of teachers, school staff on schedule/A3
■ For local use of relief fund funds, many unknowns remain/A5

Residents had to register in advance to receive the shot



A large line formed as Highlands Health Clinic distributed more than 500 Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccines Friday at St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Locust Street in downtown Johnstown.

Read the complete story from the Johnstown Tribune-Democrat here:

https://www.tribdem.com/coronavirus/big-crowd-for-covid-19-vaccines-technical-glitch-blamed-after-too-many-line-up-some/article_1dec7fd2-839c-11eb-a393-f3e9b4122d84.html

--Photo by Thomas Slusser, Tribune-Democrat

Sheldon Calvary Camp Featured in Ohio Newspaper



A year without campers has presented amazing challenges for directors trying to get their operations afloat and provide opportunities for children and families.

Sheldon Calvary Camp in North Kingsville has made numerous improvements to the physical plant in the last several years but were not able to see the benefits last summer as COVID-19 closed down the camping industry.

“We are going to try and operate this year,” said camp director Tim Green. He said the experience may not be identical to other years but they hope to provide a camping opportunity.

Read the rest of the article here: https://www.starbeacon.com/news/local_news/camps-try-to-restart/article_c5ea49af-ee9a-500e-a717-6d9e96909134.html

For more about Calvary Camp's reopening plans, visit <https://www.calvarycamp.org/>

--Photo by Warren Dillaway, Star Beacon

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