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May 6, 2021



Friday & Saturday, May 14 & 15, 2021

A Zoom workshop in four parts

- Preparatory work prior to gathering together
- Friday evening
- Saturday morning
- Saturday mid-afternoon

The last day to register is Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

This training is required of all elected leadership, lay and ordained, in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, including all candidates for Holy Orders. It is also required for all parish staff, vestry members, and is a valuable tool for all parish volunteers including Sunday school teachers and parishioners involved in any kind of community outreach.

All necessary materials and meeting links will be sent to participants prior to the workshop.

There are no fees for this important workshop

Anti-Racism Training

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER NOW](#)

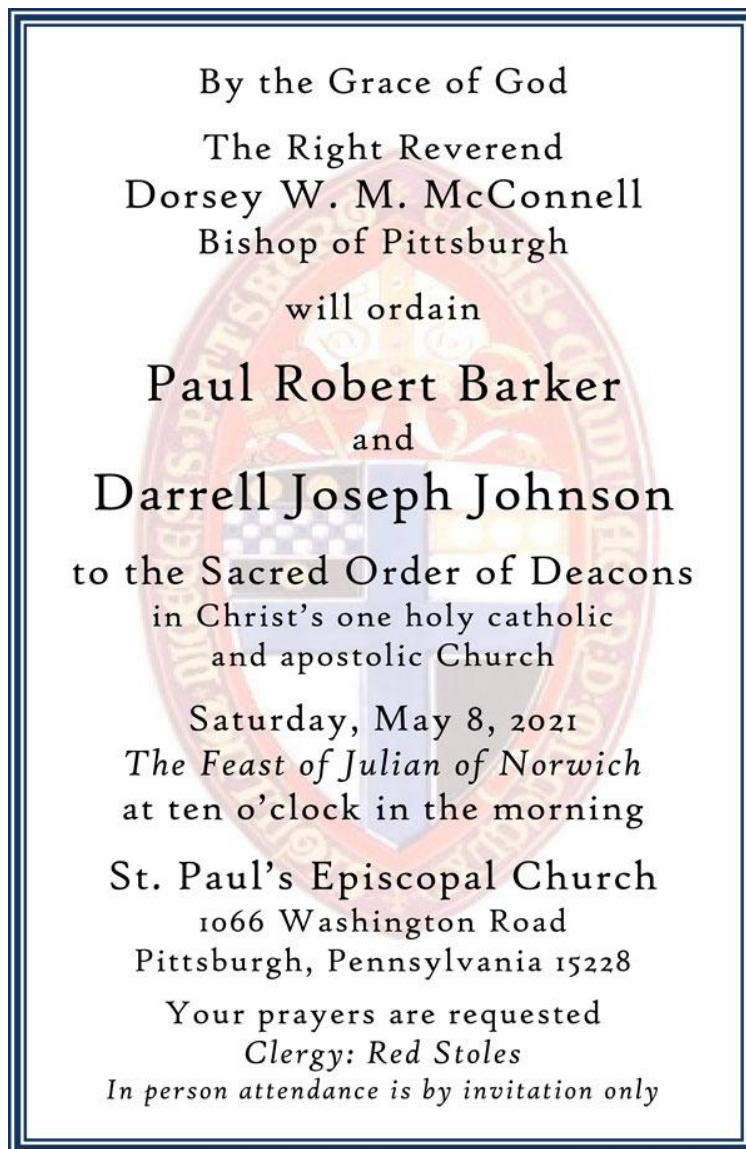
Bishop Loran Mann, a Partner in Reconciliation, RIP

Bishop McConnell issued this statement after the death on May 2 of Bishop Loran E. Mann of Pittsburgh's Pentecostal Temple Church of God in Christ. The two bishops have been partners in efforts to bring racial justice and reconciliation to the people of southwestern Pennsylvania.



“The death of Bishop Loran Mann is a great loss to the whole Church on this side of heaven. He was a lion of the Gospel -- outspoken and loving in his proclamation of Jesus Christ, always full of grace and good humor. He was a 'pastor's pastor' and his leadership was felt across all lines of race and denomination. I treasured our friendship, and I grieve his loss. May God comfort especially the hearts of his wife, his family, his congregation and those he oversaw. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.”

More about Bishop Mann is available in the [Tribune-Review](#) and the [Post-Gazette](#).



The service will be live streamed at <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsepiscopalpgh>

Forum on Solitary Confinement

The 2018 Episcopal General Convention resolution, [D029 Condemning Prolonged Solitary Confinement as a Form of Torture](#), calls on all Episcopalians to amplify their voice in solidarity with human rights groups, the United Nations, and others to end prolonged solitary confinement.

In the May 18 primary, Allegheny County will vote on whether or not to restrict the use of solitary confinement at the County Jail, where inmates are now sometimes being confined to a small bathroom-sized space 20 hours a day (without books or TV or the internet) for months at a time.



This increases mental health problems in people, more than two-thirds of whom are already fighting psychiatric disabilities or substance abuse disorders. The county jail has one of the highest suicide rates in the nation.

To give more background on this issue, the diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee and Commission on Race and Reconciliation are presenting a Zoom forum on **Sunday May 16, at 7:30 pm**, with Jules Lobel, Walthour Professor at the University of Pittsburgh Law School, speaking on “What’s Wrong with Prolonged Solitary Confinement?”

Professor Lobel, former head of the [Center for Constitutional Rights](#), argued against Ohio’s use of solitary confinement before the US Supreme Court and has coedited *Solitary Confinement* (Oxford University Press).

Link to join the Zoom meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87209176721?pwd=UkFhOHQ2TUhTNjZuUE14aTN4KzV0dz09>

Meeting ID: 872 0917 6721 Passcode: 049909

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Editor's note: The link in our previous edition of Grace Happens was incorrect. Please use the link above. The correct link can also be found on the diocesan website.

--Photo by [Wendy Alvarez](#) on [Unsplash](#)

Church of the Redeemer Searching for Next Rector

Church of the Redeemer, in Pittsburgh’s Squirrel Hill neighborhood, is searching for its next rector. The parish’s search committee, led by Lee Hart and Marianne Novy, will be accepting applications through May 31.

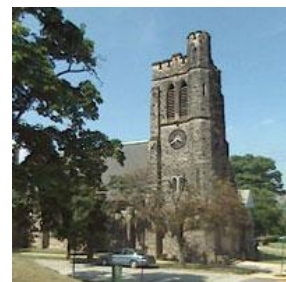


Visit Church of the Redeemer’s website, redeempittsburgh.org, to view its [Parish Profile](#) and more. Find additional information about the open Rector position in the [ENS job posting](#).

Parish Secretary Needed

[St. Thomas Church](#) in Oakmont is searching for a part-time parish secretary, twenty hours per week.

Answering the phone with grace and patience, organizing the parish office, producing bulletins, schedules, calendars, working with other staff and handling some financial duties under the supervision of the parish treasurer comprise the basic duties. Familiarity with Word, Publisher, Excel, Quicken and mailing list software is needed.



Inquiries may be made by calling the parish office at 412-828-9680 or emailing pghmurph@cs.com.

Seeking Director of Christian Formation

[Calvary Episcopal Church](#) in East Liberty is seeking a new part-time Director of Christian Formation to begin in the summer. The current Director has concurrently been leading our Beginnings Pre-School Program that is expanding this fall into a full-time position.



Duties include oversight of the program for birth through age 18, leadership of our Christmas Pageant (with multiple animals including a camel and donkey) and related events like the Easter Egg Hunt, recruitment and support of the teachers, supervision of Sunday nursery workers, and similar duties. Familiarity with the Anglican and Episcopal tradition would help immensely.

For a description of the position and to express interest, please contact the Rector of Calvary Church at jjensen@calvarypgh.org.

Diocesan Staff Welcomes New Administrator

On April 6, Jo Ann McLaughlin-Klemencic joined the diocesan staff, filling its part-time Administrative Specialist position.

Jo Ann's primary areas of responsibility are employee compensation and benefits, and property. She will work closely with Canons Kathi Workman and Kim Karashin+ to meet the needs of our diocese in these areas. Once she is familiar with our systems and procedures, Jo Ann will become the primary contact for parish leaders and others with questions about these topics.



Learn more about Jo Ann by reading her bio on the [diocesan website](#). In addition, parish leaders should watch for an opportunity to meet with her and other members of the Diocese's administrative team, coming soon.

Halupki Harvest in Johnstown

Stuffed Cabbage Dinner
Take-out Only
St. Mark's Episcopal Church
Saturday, May 22, 2021
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 335 Locust Street, downtown Johnstown, PA is holding its spring Halupki Harvest: Stuffed



Cabbage Take-out Dinner on Saturday, May 22, 2021 from 2 to 5 p.m.

Dinner consists of 1 Halupki, 2 Pierogies, a serving of Halushki, and 2 cookies. Plate price: \$9.00 Take-out Only: Call 814-535-6797 to order. Proceeds benefit St. Mark's Digital Ministries.

For additional information about the event, please contact The Reverend Nancy Threadgill at 814-535-6797 or revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbn.net.

Around the Diocese



Bishop McConnell's Visitation Schedule:

May 9: Calvary, East Liberty
June 6: Christ Church, North Hills
June 13: Christ Church, Indiana
June 20: St. Michael's, Ligonier

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

Parting Shots

During his visitation to St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, on May 2, Bishop McConnell baptized one, confirmed two, reaffirmed two, and received seventeen new members into the Episcopal Church.



--Photos courtesy the Rev. Julie Smith

On Sunday, April 25, Bishop McConnell confirmed Aiden Scott Russell and received Todd Alan Foose into the Episcopal Church at All Saints, Brighton Heights.



L-R: The Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison, Aiden Scott Russell, Todd Alan Foose, and Bishop Dorsey McConnell

--Photo courtesy Suzy Robison

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