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August 5, 2021



**The Transition Committee of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh**

**Invites You & Your Family  
to a Celebration of the Ministry of**

**Bishop Dorsey & Betsy McConnell  
A Pig Roast and More!**

**Saturday, August 28, 2021**

**4:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Drop by for awhile or stay the entire time!**

**Christ Episcopal Church**

**5910 Babcock Boulevard**

**Pittsburgh PA 15237**

**Casual Attire**

**[Please RSVP Here](#)**

**Please RSVP by Friday, August 20, 2021**

**There is no fee to attend.**

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*We invite you to place in a basket at the event a personal card, photo or remembrance from you to +Dorsey & Betsy, which will be made into a Remembrance Book. You may also send notes, stories, or a photo to us by email at [transition@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:transition@episcopalpgh.org) or by mail to The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, 325 Oliver Avenue, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, Attention: Bishop's Farewell.*

Bishop McConnell has requested that, in lieu of cash gifts, those interested make a contribution to benefit the [diocesan ministry formation programs](#): The Episcopal/Anglican Concentration at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, the Iona School of Pittsburgh at Trinity Cathedral, and the Love+Teach+Heal Academy. [Please click here](#) if you wish to make a tax-deductible contribution.



## Overdose Awareness Day: A Time to Remember

Deaths by overdose accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic. Each person lost to overdose is a person precious to God and created in God's image. Together, we can remember them in prayer and support those left behind.

Our region will observe International Overdose Awareness Day at **Noon on Friday, August 27**, with a memorial at [Trinity Cathedral](#), 328 Sixth Avenue in Downtown Pittsburgh. The interfaith service includes prayers from faith leaders, testimonies from survivors, and blessings for first responders. Preceding the service, the cathedral bells will toll for each overdose death in Allegheny County.



## 2021 Diocesan Convention

The 156th Annual Convention of the  
Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh  
Saturday, October 16, 2021

Current documents relating to the Convention are available on the diocesan website at <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/2021-diocesan-convention/>.



The Diocesan Nominating Committee is seeking people willing to accept nomination to positions on diocesan boards and commissions that will be elected at the 2021 Diocesan Convention.

[Click here](#) for a description of open positions to be elected.

[Click here](#) for a nomination form, with instructions, that is to be submitted to the Diocesan Office.

Thank you.  
The Diocesan Nominating Committee



The Resolutions Committee is now accepting items to be considered at convention.



Proposed resolutions may be submitted by any parish or individuals. Each must conform to Robert's Rules of Order and include a short



explanation or rationale, as well as contact information for at least two sponsors.

A submission form, which contains a model resolution and submission instructions, is [available here](#). Please submit your resolution no later than **Friday, September 10**.

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The Bookstore at Calvary's

# 2021 Used Book Sale

**10 AM – 2 PM**





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fiction, nonfiction, and children's,  
plus CDs, DVDs, and Vinyl Records

Proceeds of the Used Book Sale benefit  
a broad spectrum of literacy programs in our Community

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## Take-out Picnic Lunch available at St. Mark's, Johnstown

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#), 335 Locust Street, downtown Johnstown is holding a take-out picnic lunch on **Saturday, August 14, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The picnic lunch consists of a BBQ pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, potato salad, baked beans and a homemade cookie. Vegetarian option: veggie crumbles in BBQ sauce (Must be requested when ordering.) The meal is take-out only.





Cost per lunch is \$9.00. To order, call (814) 535-6797 or email [stmarks@atlanticbbn.net](mailto:stmarks@atlanticbbn.net).

Proceeds benefit St. Mark's ministries.



God Willing  
and the People Consenting

The Rt. Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell  
on Behalf of the Standing Committee

will ordain

**Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan**

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

Saturday, September 4, 2021  
at ten o'clock in the morning

at

Trinity Cathedral  
328 Sixth Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222

Your prayers and presence are requested  
*Clergy: Red Stoles      Reception to follow*



## **Episcopal Historians Recognize Canonsburg Parishioner's Research**

Samuel J. Richards received an honorable mention during the [Historical Society of the Episcopal Church](#) annual meeting on Wednesday, July 28, for his research titled "Historical Revision in Church: Re-examining the 'Saint' Edward Colston."

The article appeared in the September 2020 issue of Anglican and Episcopal History, the society's peer-reviewed journal. Richards' study drew on sources from

Bristol Archives, Bristol Cathedral, and St. Mary Redcliffe to examine changing historiography regarding enslaver and philanthropist Edward Colston in the west of England.

While Richards' article did not win the top prize, the publications committee wrote that it did "merit recognition for excellent and timely scholarship." Richards is a member of [St. Thomas' Episcopal Church](#) in Canonsburg.



## Rest in Peace: The Rev. Canon James D. Von Dreele

The Rev. Canon James D. Von Dreele, 74, died in Seasons Hospice at Wilmington Hospital in Wilmington, DE, Friday, July 23, 2021, after a long illness. He was 74 years old.

Jim+ was the rector at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Homestead from 1976 to 1996. During this time, he was active in an inter-denominational group of clergy and labor union members challenging corporate decisions affecting the lives of unemployed families in the Pittsburgh area.



Following his tenure in Homestead, Jim+ was named executive director of the Seamen's Church Institute in Philadelphia. This nonprofit organization provides hospitality and help for the crew members of shipping docked in the Port of Philadelphia. In this position he was an active advocate for seafarer's rights and was also elected president of the North American Maritime Ministry Association.

Fr. Von Dreele's obituary is [available here](#).

*May Jim+'s soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

