



January 11, 2023

St. Michael's of the Valley Launches Search for Next Rector

St. Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier (in Rector, PA) is searching for its next priest. View the [Rector Search section of the parish's website](#) for more information, including a comprehensive parish profile.

St. Michael's discernment committee will be accepting applications through February 28. Questions about the position and requests for an application packet should be emailed to rectorsearch@stmichaelsligonier.org.



If you know of any qualified clergy who may be interested in discerning a call to St. Michael's, please share with them this opportunity.



Living into our Baptismal Covenant

All members of District 2 parishes are invited to the first of a series of events to deepen our faith and our connections to each other. This event will be held on the weekend of Dr. Martin Luther King Day and will honor his legacy.

On Saturday, January 14, join us for a time of study and deep conversation facilitated by the Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh. In our congregations, we baptize or reaffirm our baptismal covenant regularly. We profess, and we want to believe, that we seek and serve Christ in every person, and we respect the dignity of every human being. This is an opportunity to study scripture and have deep conversations about how we actually can do that. We will gather from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, 336 E. 10th Avenue, Homestead (a few blocks from the Waterfront shopping center).

The parishes of District 2 are Calvary, East Liberty; Holy Cross, Homewood; Redeemer, Squirrel Hill; St. Andrew's, Highland Park; St. James, Penn Hills; St. Matthew's, Homestead; St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg; and St. Thomas, Oakmont.

**"I WILL,
WITH GOD'S
HELP."**

The Baptismal Covenant

Due to the pandemic, there have been few opportunities for the district's members to gather and build community. Please join in this special opportunity. To indicate that you will attend, please respond to Deacon Carter Hawley at crickshawley@gmail.com.



St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, Presents:

THE SURGE OF HATE GROUPS IN WESTERN PA

Thursday, January 19 at 7 pm via Zoom

*"Lord make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love."
- Francis of Assisi*

Hate is on the rise in western PA! In fact, Pennsylvania is among the top ten states with the most hate groups. How can we promote understanding, acceptance, and love in such an atmosphere of hate? Please join us on **January 19** to learn more from experts, and to share ideas to combat this critical challenge.



PANELISTS:

FBI Supervisory Special Agent Timothy Swanson, who leads the Public Corruption and Civil Rights Squad.

Wayne and Leann Younger, the founding Pastors of Cityview Church in Pittsburgh's Northside.

To register, email katie@stbrendans.org

This free Zoom event is sponsored by:



2022 Parochial Report Online Filing Now Open

The Parochial Report is the oldest, continuous gathering of data by The Episcopal Church. By tradition and canon, the reporting requirements are developed by the House of

Deputies' Committee on the State of the Church, using a form approved by the church's Executive Council. Seen as an annual rite of passage throughout The Episcopal Church, and overseen by the Executive Officer of General Convention, the Parochial Report touches every congregation of the church and provides an insight to the state of the church.



Parochial Report Filing for 2022

Filing your parish 2022 Parochial Report

Filing Opened January 3: <https://reports.dfms.org>

Reports are due online by March 1

To view a video walkthrough of the new 2022 Parochial Report form [click here](#).

Click the following link for a video walkthrough on how to navigate the filing website:

[A Walkthrough Screencast for Congregations](#)

Please begin the preparation of your report as early as possible. A number of significant changes have been made to the Parochial Report form -- changes that will, without doubt, require more time and thought than what has been required in the past. It is important that you plan accordingly so that you are able to complete your report on time.

Although a downloadable form is available, please be aware that reports must be entered online to be marked as complete. If you require assistance, contact the diocesan office for help. Click the following link to view the downloadable form: [2022 Parochial Report Form](#) (pdf)

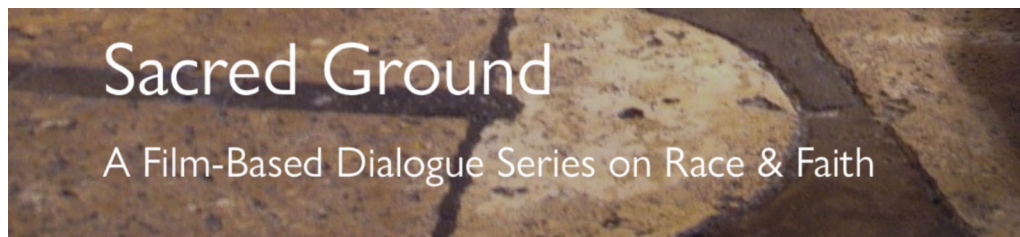
Parochial Report Instructions

[Parochial Report Workbook and Instructions \(webpage\)](#)

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2023 Sacred Ground Schedule & Registration Available



The **Beloved Community Initiative (BCI)** will continue to run ***Sacred Ground*** sessions throughout this coming program year in various locations, with additional accommodations for those wanting to participate.

There will be several 10-week sessions, starting in January, and running through October 2023.

Participants can attend even if they cannot participate in all sessions.

Starting on February 2 to April 6:

- Thursdays at 6 p.m. at **St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Oakmont** (Leader: Guy Brown with assistance from Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger)
- **Trinity Cathedral, Downtown**, lunch time or evening times to be determined based on requests. (Leader: The Rev. David Boyd with assistance from Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger)
- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at **Carnegie Library, East Liberty**, Pittsburgh (Leader: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger)

Starting on April 6 to June 1:

- **St. James Episcopal Church, Penn Hills** (Day and time to be determined based on registration requests.)
- **Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills** (Day and time to be determined based on registration requests.)

Starting on June 8 to August 4:

- Thursdays, 6:00- 7:30 p.m., at **Oakmont Library, Oakmont, PA** (Leader: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger/Marianne Novy)
- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at **Carnegie Library, Oakland, Pittsburgh, PA** (Leader: Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger/Marianne Novy)
- **Trinity Cathedral, Downtown** lunch time or evening times to be determined based on requests. (Leader: The Rev. David Boyd)

Starting on August 11, 2023 to October 13, 2023:

- Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at **St. Andrews, Highland Park, Pittsburgh, PA**
- **Trinity Cathedral, Downtown** lunch time or evening times to be determined based on requests.

BCI can add additional locations as needed. **Registration is [available here](#).**

BCI will also accommodate anyone who wants to participate but cannot attend in-person by offering a Zoom option for any of the sessions.

Please feel free to reach out to Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, the BCI Program Coordinator, at s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org or 412-251-7456 with any questions.



IRS issues standard mileage rates for 2023

The Internal Revenue Service has issued the 2023 optional standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business, charitable, medical or moving purposes.

Beginning on January 1, 2023, the standard mileage rates for the use of a car (also vans, pickups or panel trucks) is:



- **65.5 cents per mile driven for business use**, up 3 cents from the midyear increase setting the rate for the second half of 2022.
- **14 cents per mile driven in service of charitable organizations**; the rate is set by statute and remains unchanged from 2022.

These rates apply to electric and hybrid-electric automobiles, as well as gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles. The standard mileage rate for business use is based on an annual study of the fixed and variable costs of operating an automobile. The rate for medical and moving purposes is based on the variable costs.



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

January 15: Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
January 22: No visitation
January 29: St. Stephen's, McKeesport
February 5: Emmanuel, North Side
February 12: Atonement, Carnegie

Parish leadership is reminded to complete and submit [this form](#) at least two weeks in advance of their visitation. Bishop Ketlen's visitation schedule is [available here](#).

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact her virtual assistant, Crystal Goforth, at 412-721-0853, ext. 256, or via email at assistant@episcopalpgh.org.



Parting Shot

Trinity Cathedral celebrates 150 years in Downtown Pittsburgh



90.5 WESA, Pittsburgh's NPR affiliate, featured Trinity Cathedral's history on December 29, 2022. [Click here](#) for the full story.

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