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January 27, 2023

ALL GOD'S PEOPLE

Absalom Jones Day Celebration

Saturday, February 11, 2023

10:30 a.m.

Trinity Cathedral

328 Sixth Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15222

All are invited to an ecumenical celebration and Eucharist in honor of the Rev. Absalom Jones, the first African American to be ordained as a priest in The Episcopal Church.

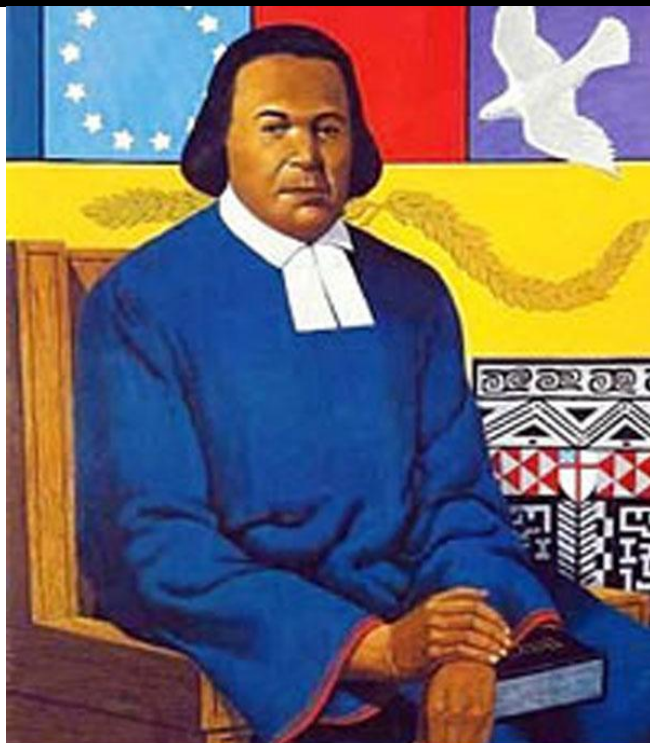
This year's theme is "What's Next?"

The celebration will feature the Rev. Dr. Darryl T. Canady, Senior Pastor of Rodman Street Missionary Baptist Church, as the guest preacher. Dr. Canady will be accompanied by the church's choir. Learn more about Dr. Canady [here](#).

The Rt. Rev. Ketlen Solak will be the celebrant.

This event is sponsored by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation and the Beloved Community Initiative.

The service will be streamed live on the [diocesan Facebook page](#).



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Bishop Ketlen Solak
Episcopal Diocese
of Pittsburgh



Rev. Dr. Darryl T. Canady
Rodman Street Missionary
Baptist Church

A light lunch will be served following the service. Please register so we can properly plan:

<https://forms.gle/Dwv7GFa7zwqR1Lki6>

More about the life of the Rev. Absalom Jones can be [found here](#).



Diocesan Transitions

Ordination

Bishop Ketlen ordained **the Rev. Erin Morey** to the priesthood on December 10, 2022. The service was held at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, where Erin serves as Assistant Rector.

Appointments

Bishop Ketlen appointed **William Stevens** of Calvary Church, East Liberty, to represent our diocese on the Board of Directors of Shepherd Wellness Community.

New Calls

Effective January 20, **the Rev. Catherine "Cat" Munz** is serving as quarter-time Interim Priest at St. Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier. Her ministry will be partially remote and largely during weekdays, so the parish will continue to rely on supply clergy for Sunday worship. St. Michael's is currently [accepting applications](#) for its next Rector.

Transfers In

The Rev. Cameron Soulis has transferred her canonical residency from the Diocese of Washington to the Diocese of Pittsburgh. The transfer was effective on December 6, 2022. In September, Cameron joined the staff of Calvary Church, East Liberty, as its Associate Rector.

Departures

The Rev. Deacon Paul Barker, formerly assigned to St. Paul's, Kittanning, has moved to West Virginia to serve as Pastor of Christ Episcopal Church in Bluefield, as well as Director of the Highland Educational Project, an outreach ministry of the Diocese of West Virginia. Paul remains canonically resident in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The Rev. Dr. James B. Simons moved to Vero Beach, Florida, in November 2022, following his August 1 retirement as Rector of St. Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier. Jim remains canonically resident in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Deaths

Former diocesan administrator **Lawrence "Larry" Knapp** died on January 3. Larry served for 22 years under Bishops Appleyard, Hathaway, and Duncan. For many years, he also served as the treasurer and a member of the Board of Directors of Sheldon Calvary Camp. Larry was a faithful and longtime parishioner of Calvary Church, East Liberty, and Christ Church, North Hills.

The Rev. Rodgers Taylor "Rodge" Wood died on January 13 at the age of 89. Rodge was the Rector of Christ Church, North Hills, from 1981 until his retirement in 1999. Prior to that, he was the Rector of St. Philip's, Moon Township. His ministry also included serving as a chaplain to a group of men incarcerated for life at Western Penitentiary.



Can Pittsburgh Move from Environmental Racism to Environmental Justice?

This will be the concern of a Zoom panel sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee on **Sunday, February 19, at 7 p.m.**, with **Alyssa Lyon**, Director, Black Environmental Collective, UrbanKind Pittsburgh; **Patrick Campbell**, Executive Director, Group Against Smog and Pollution; and **Michelle Naccarati Chapkis**, Executive Director, Women for a Healthy Environment, Allegheny County Councilperson, District 8.



Alyssa Lyon



Patrick Campbell



Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis

Environmental racism is a condition in which places where people of color live are disproportionately affected by air pollution, toxic waste, extreme weather, and other hazards. Environmental justice is a condition in which fairer participation in decision-making removes these dangers. Join the panel on February 19 to learn more about how you can contribute to a better future for all. This event is free and open to all.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82415414027?pwd=cnVQSE9aa3FUd3lrTGV1ODZvellrQT09>

This panel is sponsored by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee, with co-sponsors Pennsylvania Interfaith Power and Light (PAIPL) and Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN). If you have questions, contact Marianne Novy, SJO chair, mnovy@pitt.edu



SEEING THE FACE OF GOD IN EACH OTHER Race to Reconciliation



Seeing the Face of God in Each Other, our diocesan anti-racism workshop, is taking place online **Friday, March 24, and Saturday, March 25, 2023.**

These two days offer a few hours to focus on the beauty and the scope of humanity in the Church and in our world, helping us to go beyond the biases we have that make us push people away, ignore them, or exert power over them—sometimes unwittingly—based only on their appearance. It will help you move more deeply into the mystery of the Body of Christ gathered *from every family, language, people and nation as a Kingdom of priests to serve our God.* (Revelation 5: 9-10)

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has significantly updated and reshaped the workshop for an optimal online experience. If you have taken it in the past and think you could use a brush-up, it would be worth your time.

Our ministry in Christ is to love, to teach and to heal. This workshop will further equip us to be healers.

[Click Here to Register Now](#)

or visit: <https://forms.gle/6cGzwLPPKdpCYe8EA>

Friday, March 24 – Saturday, March 25

A Zoom workshop in four parts:

- Preparatory work prior to gathering together
- Friday evening, 5:50 - 9 p.m.
- Saturday morning, 8:50 - 11:15 a.m.
- Saturday afternoon, 1:15 - 4:30 p.m.

The last day to register is **Tuesday, March 7**. Registration is limited to the first 20 people who sign up in order to maintain the collaborative experience of the workshop.

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

There are no fees for this important workshop.



Job Openings at St. Brendan's

Children And Youth Ministry Coordinator:

St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Franklin Park is seeking a coordinator of children and youth programs, pre-K through Grade 12. The applicant for this position should have a strong commitment to the religious education of all children. This is a paid, part-time position and requires attendance on Sundays for Sunday School, designated evenings for teen programming, and other meetings and events as they may arise. Please respond no later than April 15.



Nursery Coordinator:

St. Brendan's is seeking a paid part-time nursery coordinator who is present in the nursery during the 10 a.m. Sunday service to supervise and safeguard the children of adult worshipers and who recruits volunteers to ensure two-person coverage during formal nursery hours. The Director should display enthusiasm for the ministry,

cheerfulness in dealing with children and skill in working with other adults in the nursery. Please respond no later than March 1.

Detailed job descriptions and more information about applying can be found [on St. Brendan's website](#).



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.



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).

[Parochial Report Workbook and Instructions](#) (pdf).



THE NORTH HILLS EBONY WOMEN, INC.
CELEBRATE

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, February 18, 2023 | 12:30PM-2:30PM

"Let's Have Tea: Frederick Douglass and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and the Perils of Personal Friendships and Political Agendas" featuring keynote speaker:
The Right Reverend Nathan D. Baxter

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CAMPUS SQUARE

Please RSVP to nhew1979@gmail.com by Monday, February 13

The Right Rev. Nathan Baxter was the bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, serving from 2006 to 2014.



2023 Sacred Ground Schedule & Registration Available

Sacred Ground

A Film-Based Dialogue Series on Race & Faith

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.



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

January 29: St. Stephen's, McKeesport
February 5: Emmanuel, North Side
February 12: Atonement, Carnegie
February 19: St. Peter's, Brentwood
February 22: Trinity Cathedral (Ash Wednesday)

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.

A book, jewelry, and porcelain baby doll flea market has been scheduled by the **Church of the Atonement**, 618 Washington Ave., Carnegie for **February 17 and 18 from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.** with a snow day on Sunday, Feb. 20th, if necessary. The baby dolls are brand new in their original boxes; other items are used but in excellent condition. On Saturday the 18th, we close from Noon until 1 p.m. in preparation for a bag sale from 1-2 p.m. For questions about the snow day or donations, call Joyce at 412-276-0366.



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