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February 7, 2023

Is your parish hosting Ashes to Go?

Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 22, 2023

Please inform Rich Creehan at media@episcopalpgh.org by Wednesday, February 15, if your church will host an Ashes to Go site on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Identify the locations, times, and anything else that people might need to know. Ash distribution may involve any clergy and lay members.

You may be surprised at how many people will appreciate your ashes, prayers, and blessings. If you would benefit from coaching about how to provide street corner (or similar) Ashes to Go, please contact the Rev. Canon Natalie Hall at either nhall@episcopalpgh.org or by call or text to (703) 963-2789.



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.

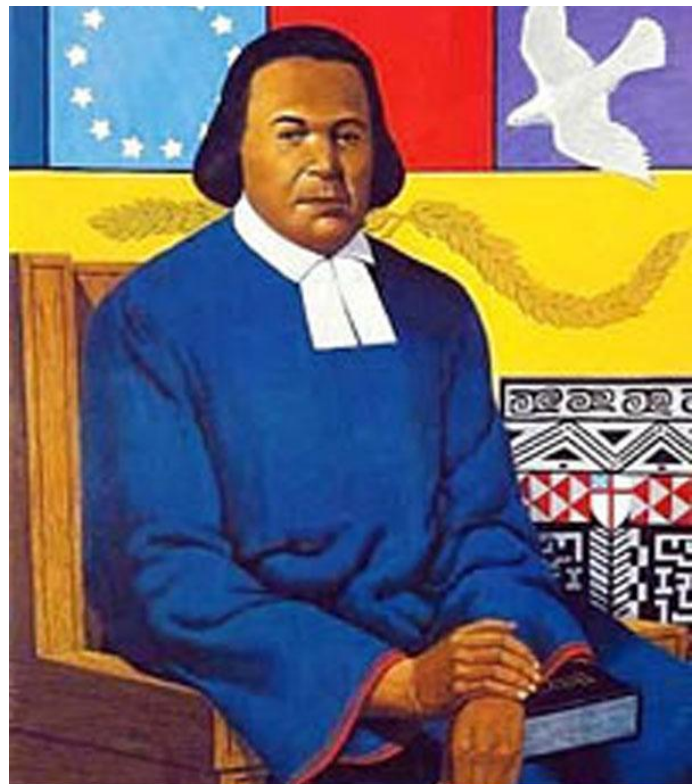
This year's theme is "What's Next?"

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

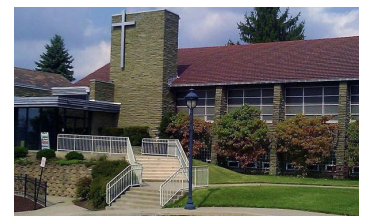
A light lunch will be served following the service. Please register by Thursday, February so we can properly plan: <https://forms.gle/Dwv7GFa7zwqR1Lki6>
More about the life of the Rev. Absalom Jones can be [found here](#).



St. Peter's, Brentwood Launches Search for Next Priest

St. Peter's Church in Brentwood is searching for a part-time priest-in-charge to serve the parish and its larger community. View the [Priest Search section of St. Peter's website](#) for more information, including a comprehensive parish profile.

St. Peter's discernment committee will be accepting applications through March 10. Application materials (cover letter, OTM profile, and resume)



should be emailed to stpetersdiscernment2022@gmail.com, with a copy to Canon Kimberly Karashin (kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org). Inquiries may also be directed to either address.

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



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=cnVQSE9aa3FUd3IrTGV1ODZveIirQT09>

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:

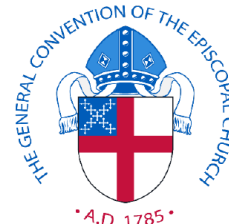
St. Brendan's Episcopal Church in Franklin Park is seeking a coordinator of children and youth programs, pre-K through Grade 12 and a paid part-time **Nursery Coordinator**.

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



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)

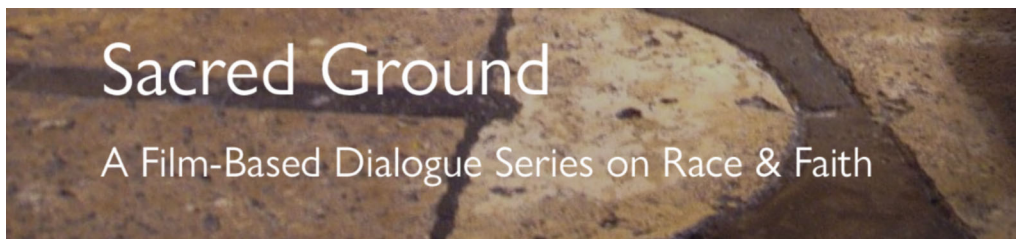
Parochial Report Instructions

[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.



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

February 12: Atonement, Carnegie

February 19: St. Peter's, Brentwood

February 22: Trinity Cathedral (Ash Wednesday)

February 26: St. Stephen's Wilkinsburg

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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