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September 15, 2023

Call for Nominations

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. --1 Peter 4:10

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh will come together on Saturday, November 11, at Trinity Cathedral for the 158th Annual Convention.



We are scheduled to elect persons to the following leadership positions: Standing Committee, Board of Trustees, Committee on Constitution and Canons, Cathedral Chapter, Commission on Ministry, Diocesan Council, Growth Fund, Regional Disciplinary Board, and District Leadership.

The diocese needs your help in finding those whom God has called. All parish members are asked to prayerfully discern whether they or others with whom they worship are being called to place their names in nomination. Please take time to reflect on appropriate individuals within your parish and ask those persons to follow their call to serve the church. And self-nominations are encouraged if you feel the call!

A complete list of positions available with descriptions of the responsibilities is [available here](#). The 2023 Nomination Form is available here in [PDF](#) or [Word](#). If you have any questions please contact the co-chairs of the Nominating Committee, Jon Delano at jon.delano@verizon.net and the Rev. Brandon Cooper at fatherbrandon412@gmail.com.

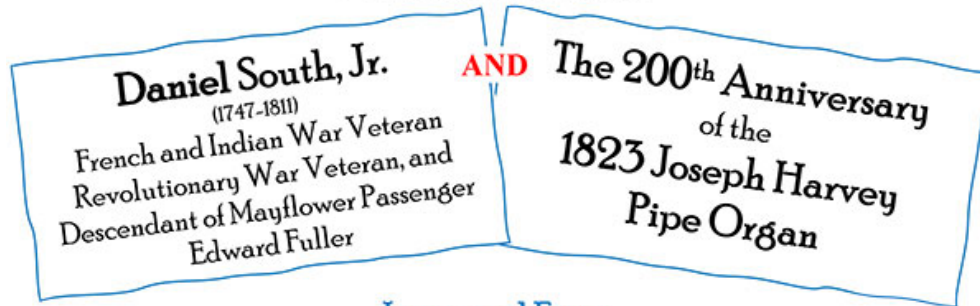
The nomination deadline has been extended to September 30.



The Mayflower Comes to Old St. Luke's Church!!

Sunday, September 17, 2023

Join us to celebrate



Learn and Enjoy

- ♦ Hear demonstrations of the Joseph Harvey Pipe Organ.
- ♦ Take tours of the Church and cemetery.
- ♦ See Colonial Military reenactors and 18th Century dancers.
- ♦ Learn if you are a descendent of the Mayflower.
- ♦ Learn about how our area fits into the forming of our country.
and so much more!

Activities begin at 12pm and conclude at 5pm
All activities and tours are Free



Date: Sunday, September 17, 2023
Time: 12pm-5pm
Location: Old St. Luke's Church
330 Old Washington Pike
Carnegie, PA 15106



Ministry Exploration Day

Saturday, September 16
from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill
5700 Forbes Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217



This is an opportunity to hear about various types of ministry (lay and ordained), review the process toward ordained ministry, as well as have an overview of the Commission on Ministry's role in your journey.

The day is hosted by the Commission on Ministry (COM) and various clergy and lay ministers will be present to answer questions and help clarify the next steps in discerning a call.

Contact the Rev. Dr. Julie Smith, Chair of the COM, at 412-995-0915 or jlsphone1@gmail.com with any questions.

Please [register here](#) for meal and materials planning. There is no fee for this gathering.



Fall 2023 Anti-Racism Training

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 via Zoom **Friday, October 13, and Saturday, October 14, 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)

Why would you want to take this workshop, at this time? Here are a few (but by no means all) reasons:

- God calls each one of us to love our neighbors as ourselves.
- Our nation is struggling with the impact of generations of systemic racism
- We, as a diocese, have committed ourselves to a journey toward healing the wounds of racism in our region through the Beloved Community Initiative.
- As a diocese, we have also committed, by vote at diocesan convention, that all in leadership positions, in parishes or at the diocesan level, take the workshop as part of their responsibilities.
- There is always more to learn!

The Commission on Race and Reconciliation has significantly updated and reshaped the workshop for a virtual-reality 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.

REGISTER NOW



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

Additional information including an agenda for the workshop is available at www.episcopalpgh.org/fall-2023-anti-racism-training/



The 158th Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Please join us for the 2023 Diocesan Convention which will be held on Saturday, November 11th at Trinity Cathedral from 7:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. Breakfast, lunch and snacks will be provided for all in attendance.

Information about convention [is available here](#) including a tentative agenda and registration details.



The work of convention is integral to the health of the diocese. We appreciate clergy and lay deputies of each parish giving their time to make decisions that will contribute to the well-being of the diocese.

In addition to the work of convention, spiritual formation is also something we treasure. This year we will be holding a formation day separate from the Diocesan Convention. This will occur in late April/early May 2024. Details on the formation day will be announced at a later date.



Beer & Hymns: BACHTOBERFEST at Christ Church, Indiana

Sunday, September 17, at 3 p.m.

Organists from local churches will lead the singing of favorite hymns from various Christian traditions on the 1930's Kilgen pipe organ that was restored and installed at Christ Church in late 2019.



The event is a free-will offering fund-raiser for the Carol Teti Memorial Organ Scholarship program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). The event will also honor a very generous supporter of the Teti scholarship and of the Kilgen pipe organ restoration, the late **Dr. Diane Duntley**, who many remember as a member of Christ Church and active for many years in diocesan ministries and governance.

In thankful memory of Diane, the Teti committee has commissioned a new hymn by **Scott Solak**, which will be premiered at Bachtoberfest, played by IUP Organ Professor Dr. Christine Clewell. In addition to hymns, a Bach prelude will be offered by Christ Church's organist, Marissa Bruno, an IUP graduate and Teti scholarship recipient.



Following the robust singing of hymns, refreshments will include local craft beers, pretzels, and other Oktoberfest-themed snacks (as well as non-alcoholic drinks). Great hymns, the world premiere of a new hymn, and beer! What more could you ask for? Please join us! Details about the Teti Organ Scholarship fund and the opportunity to make a donation will be available at the event. More information [is available here](#).

Christ Episcopal Church, 902 Philadelphia Street Indiana, PA 15701



Inhumane Conditions at the Allegheny County Jail Causes and Solutions

Sunday, September 17, at 7 p.m.

An online forum presented by the Social Justice and Outreach Committee (SJO) and the Pittsburgh chapter of the Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network (PIIN).

Approximately four-fifths of Allegheny County Jail residents have not yet been convicted of a crime. Yet they are all given mostly inedible food, often denied prescribed medicine or offered it at the wrong time, and are forced to spend nights in conditions too uncomfortable for sleep.

Since April 2020, 20 have died, more than twice the annual average for jails of similar size. Healthcare workers have supervisors without medical credentials who order them to violate best practices, putting their licensure at risk. Ninety staff positions are vacant and employees are forced to work excessive overtime. With current Warden Orlando Harper's retirement on September 29, how can we assure conditions will improve under the next warden?



Opening Prayer, **Minister Ella Scales**, Union Baptist Church, VP PIIN

Panel:

Leah Kozak, PIIN organizer, Chair

Brittany Hailer, Pittsburgh Institute for Nonprofit Journalism

Sister Barbara Finch, former nurse at ACJ

John Kenstowicz, social worker

Concluding Prayer: **the Rev. Dr. Julie Smith**, Hospice Chaplain, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

Register **in advance** for this

meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEscOypqj0sGdyZwiEZSl97cwDR1btL076C>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



The British are Coming! The British are Coming!

On Saturday evening, September 23 at 6:30, Christ Church, North Hills will be hosting their first musically themed Beatles Eucharist. The service will include many favorite Beatles tunes such as *Here comes the Sun*, *All you need is Love*, and lots more.

Members of the band will include the Rev. Brandon Cooper (guitar and vocals), Peter Shoucair (guitar and vocals), Bob Hunt (drums), and Chris Naccarelli (vocals/guitar and piano), and the added treat of the Rev. Canon Jim Shoucair, on violin for Eleanor Rigby.



Reception to follow featuring (of course) tea and biscuits!

Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 www.christchurchnorthhills.org/



2023 Women's Retreat

All of the women of the diocese are invited to Christ Church, North Hills, for an in-depth exploration of *The Fruits of the Spirit*. This one-day retreat will have lessons, prayer, discussions and an opportunity to walk a Labyrinth to reflect and pray on the lessons of the day.

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, NORTH HILLS
PRESENTS

2023 WOMEN'S RETREAT

Fruit of the Spirit



THE REV. CANON NATALIE HALL

RECTOR,
CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

Originally ordained a pastor in the ELCA, Rev. Hall has served as a rector of both Lutheran and Episcopal parishes. She is committed to ecumenical dialogue and served as the Diocesan Canon for Evangelism and Faith Formation.

THE REV. LORENA RINGLE

DIR. OF CHRISTIAN FORMATION,
CHRIST CHURCH, NORTH HILLS

For more than two decades, Deacon Lorena has served to educate children and families in their faith and service to God. As a deacon she strives to teach that to be a person in the family of Christ is to welcome compassionately those whose suffering is within our reach.



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
5910 BABCOCK BLVD
PITTSBURGH, PA 15237

30 SEPT. 2023
8:30-4:30

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Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis

Announcing the Admission of
Gloria Ann Trevino
to Life Profession Into the Third Order of the Society of Saint Francis

Sunday, September 17, 2023
During the 10 a.m. Eucharist
St. James Episcopal Church
11524 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235

Having completed the formation process for profession, Gloria will receive the Third Order Franciscan Cross and place her personal Rule of Life upon the altar.

More information about the Third Order may be found at TSSF.org, a religious order of the Episcopal Church.





Choral Evensong
Sunday, September 24
5:00 pm

Music by:
Thomas Tallis,
Thomas Morley,
Mikhail Ippolotov-Ivanhoff

Short Program of Organ Works by
Benjamin Cornelius-Bates to Follow



St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
5801 Hampton St., Pittsburgh 15206



Episcopal Evangelism grants available for local, regional projects



Episcopal institutions are invited to [apply for evangelism grants](#) to support local and regional efforts to grow Episcopal ministries, resources, and gatherings. The application deadline is Oct. 13.

The grant application, criteria, requirements, budget information, and more are [available online](#) in English, Spanish, and French.

The grants committee will consider proposals for up to \$2,000 for individual faith communities and up to \$8,000 for multichurch, diocesan, provincial, and other regional collaborations. A total of \$125,000 is available for this funding cycle.

The 2023 grant focus is on evangelism initiatives that minister across barriers. Projects that would fit this theme include the following:

- Collaborative, lay-led ministries that are not clergy dependent.
- Ministries that explicitly support and include communities traditionally underrepresented in The Episcopal Church.
- Ministries that engage new ways of being the church in new spaces.

Additional information is [available here](#).



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

September 17: St. Thomas, Oakmont

October 8: St. Mark's, Johnstown

October 14: St. Bartholomew's, Scottdale (Sat.)

October 15: St. Francis, Somerset

November 5: St. Matthew's, Homestead

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

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 256, or arath@episcopalpgh.org.

The full church year **Cycle of Prayer** is now [available here](#) and Bishop Ketlen's full church year **Visitation Schedule** is [available here](#).



Upcoming in October

CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

33 Alice St Crafton, Pennsylvania



Sesquicentennial Celebration Events

October 20, 2023 6pm

Organ Performance and Reception

Alex Benestelli of Director of Music at St. James by-the-Sea Episcopal Church and
Chapel Organist of The Bishop's School in La Jolla, California

October 21, 2023 11 am

Celebration Service and Reception Following

Celebrant- The Right Rev. Ketlen A. Solak, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

RSVP: indicating event and number attending at

(412)921-4103 - please leave a message

Or email at nativitycrafton@outlook.com

Diocesan LGBTQIA+ Potluck!

Sunday, October 22, at 5 p.m.
In the Undercroft at [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#),
1066 Washington Rd, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

Join members of the LGBTQIA+ community from across the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh for fun and fellowship at a potluck on Sunday, October 22, at 5 p.m., in St. Paul's Undercroft.



Let the Rev. Erin Morey know if you can make it by emailing at erin@stpaulspgh.org.



Has your parish been featured in the news?
Please let us know via email at info@episcopalpgh.org