



September 26, 2023

## Diocesan Transitions

### New Calls

**The Rev. Dr. Luke Zerra** has accepted the call to be the Priest-in-Charge at St. Peter's, Brentwood, starting on October 1. He most recently served as the Curate at St. Andrew's, Highland Park, and his first service at St. Peter's will be on Sunday, October 8.

### Canonical Transfer

**The Rev. Marjorie Bevans**, Rector at St. Michael's of the Valley in Ligonier, transferred her canonical residency from the Diocese of West Virginia to the Diocese of Pittsburgh on September 7.

### Deaths

**Joyce Morgan**, spouse of former St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, Associate Rector, the Very Rev. William "Bill" J. Morgan, died on Monday, Sept. 11, 2023. There will be a memorial service held at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 14, at 10 a.m. Condolences may be sent to Phillip Morgan, 615 Highland Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601.



## Together Time

Together Time, a new ministry offered at the Church of the Holy Cross in Homewood provides fun interactive activities for children birth to 5 years of age with parent or caregiver.

Children enjoy stories, music, snack, and art activities. The free program was offered to families several times this spring and summer, led by lay volunteers, and initiated by an Early Childhood Education Exploratory Committee at the church.

Interested in volunteering or learning more about the Early Education Exploratory Committee's work? Please contact Eileen Sharbaugh at [sharbaugh@verizon.net](mailto:sharbaugh@verizon.net)



*Photo: Earlier this summer, volunteer Jan Stewart from St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, and a Together Time participant explore the flowers in the garden in the outdoor area of the Church of The Holy Cross in Homewood.*



## 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](mailto:jon.delano@verizon.net) and the Rev. Brandon Cooper at [fatherbrandon412@gmail.com](mailto:fatherbrandon412@gmail.com).

**The nomination deadline has been extended to September 30.**



## St. Mark's, Johnstown, Hosting Blessing of the Animals

In honor of the Feast of St. Francis, St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 335 Locust Street, Johnstown, PA 15901, is holding a Blessing of the Animals and Bake Sale on **Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.** in the church courtyard, rain or shine.



Everyone is invited to bring their beloved pet of any species for a special personalized blessing by the Rev. Nancy Threadgill. Please keep dogs on leashes and other pets gently restrained as appropriate for their species. Assorted baked goods and other edible items will be available for sale. For additional information, contact [revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbb.net](mailto:revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbb.net) or (814) 535-6797.



## Fall 2023 Anti-Racism Training



*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/](http://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.



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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:erin@stpaulspgh.org).





## Around the Diocese



### Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

**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](mailto: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](#).



## Parting Shots

### St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg Featured in the Post-Gazette



### Sacred Spaces Tour celebrates Wilkinsburg's churches with music and dance



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[Click here](#) to read the full article published on August 31, 2023.

### Bishop Consecrates New Gravestone

On Saturday, September 16, Bishop Ketlen was at Old St. Luke's in Carnegie where she consecrated a new gravestone for Daniel South, Jr. on behalf of the Society of Mayflower Descendants of Pennsylvania. More about the commemoration of this historical gravesite [is here](#).



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