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December 8, 2023

Concert for the Human Family Rescheduled Presented by the Beloved Community Initiative



KORY CAUDILL + WORDSMITH

CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH | PITTSBURGH, PA

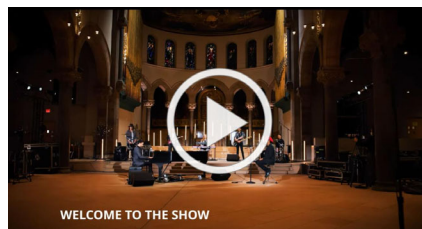
TWO SHOWS: FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 2024 & SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024 | 7:30 PM

What could happen if barriers dissolved, preconceptions faded, and only the art and its message remained center stage? "The Concert for the Human Family" is born from such a vision: a collaboration of award-winning musicians like Kory Caudill and Wordsmith, who unite their diverse talents to manifest the Beloved Community.

Dive into a mesmerizing musical tapestry that seamlessly blends jazz, hip-hop, and bluegrass, created by a multicultural ensemble under the direction of Nashville's renowned pianist and composer, Kory Caudill. Each note, lyric, and melody intertwines with sacred narratives, catalyzing discussions centered around reconciliation, healing, and justice, inviting us to reflect on and connect with the essence of our shared humanity.

[Click here](#) for tickets to the Friday, 1/12, performance

[Click here](#) for tickets to the Saturday, 1/13 performance



Click the video link above to see the concert recorded in May, 2021, at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2023, AT 7:30 P.M.



Pittsburgh's only complete
performance of the
beloved oratorio

HANDEL'S MESSIAH

Alan Lewis directs the Calvary Choir, soloists



Sarah Nadler Raquel Winnica Guy Russo Edward Vogel
and a period-instruments ensemble anchored by

*Chatham
Baroque*

\$20 suggested donation

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Jazz at Emmanuel

"Peace, Be Still"

Sunday, December 10 at 5 p.m.

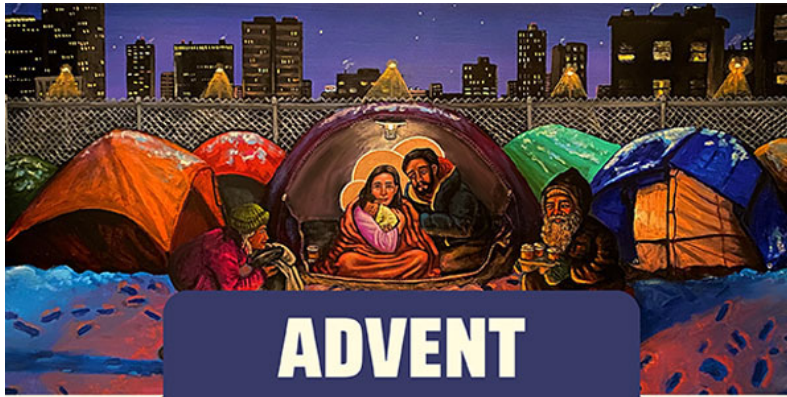
At the Historic Emmanuel Episcopal Church

957 W. North Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15233

in Pittsburgh's historic Northside neighborhood





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Trinity Cathedral Walk-In Ministry Winter Supply Drive

- Blankets: warm, thick, robust material, adult full size
- Sleeping Bags
- Hand and Foot Warmers

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Please call the Cathedral at 412-232-6404 x156 to arrange a drop-off during business hours. Pickup is also available at your parish.



[Sheldon Calvary Camp](https://www.calvarycamp.org/aboutstaff/) is now hiring for the Summer of 2024.
Visit www.calvarycamp.org/aboutstaff/



Blue Christmas Service in Johnstown **Thursday, December 21 at 6 p.m.** **In-person and online**

At St. Mark's, the Blue Christmas Service is traditionally held on the longest night of the year.

This liturgy is a quiet meditative service especially for those for whom the Christmas season is a profoundly sad and lonely time, a reminder of loss and brokenness. The

death or impending death of a loved one, loss of health or employment, family crises, separation or divorce, and depression are some of the many reasons that Christmas can be painful and isolating.

Our lighting of candles during the service offers an opportunity for remembrance, reflection, prayer and spiritual healing. One can grieve knowing they are not alone and be comforted and strengthened by the love of Christ and those present.



A light shines in the darkness. Come for yourself, for someone you love or for those who suffer around the world.

[St. Mark's Episcopal Church](#), 335 Locust Street, downtown Johnstown PA 15905

For additional information, contact the Reverend Nancy Threadgill at revnancy-stmarks@atlanticbbs.net or 814- 535-6797.



The LONGEST *Night*

On the longest night of the year, we will gather for a candlelight service of contemplative prayer and Holy Eucharist. It is time to reflect, to recall, and to be still during a busy season.

DECEMBER 21 • 7:00 PM

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The Abbey of St. Nicholas *Why St. Nicholas?*



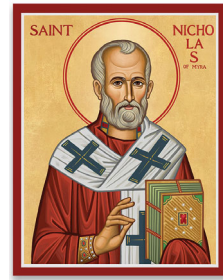
"St. Nicholas is one of my favorite characters from church history and he's kind of misunderstood as Santa Clause. So, where does the St. Nick mythos come from?

He was originally a bishop in Smyrna, he served in present day Turkey and Syria, and he was a brilliant theologian who was a defender of the faith in the 400s. But he was known mostly for giving in secret. In fact, the young ladies of the town who were from poor families didn't have the financial means to get married because you had to produce a dowry to be married and, if they were unmarried, they oftentimes fell into

houses of ill repute and became prostitutes. But what he would do is gather up money and every night he would give them a dowry so they could get married and escape that life.

And it goes beyond that, but he was always about what Jesus often commended us to do which is to give in secret. No big foam rubber checks. Stop with the newspaper articles. When you're giving, do it because Christ is alive in your heart and you want to help others not because you want notoriety for it. And that's the central theme of this Abbey is 'we're here to be a quiet presence of Christ in a dark world and we will do the things that we do that need done mostly in secret; we're not asking for attention. We want to be good givers.'"

-Fr. Biff on the selection of the name for the Abbey of St. Nicholas



The Blessing of the Abbey on Wednesday, December 6, 2023



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

December 10: St. James, Penn Hills

December 17: Atonement, Carnegie

December 24: Advent, Brookline (a.m.)

December 24: Trinity Cathedral (Christmas Eve)

January 14: St. Stephen's, McKeesport

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. 251, or arath@episcopalpggh.org.

The **Cycle of Prayer** for December 2023 – August 2024 is now [available here](#).

Bishop Ketlen's **Visitation Schedule** for December 2023 – June 2024 is [available here](#).



Parting Shots

A Celebration in Jeannette



On Sunday, December 3, Church of the Advent in Jeannette celebrated the confirmation of Christy Beth Medina.



Also at Church of the Advent, (L-R) Scott Solak, Bishop Ketlen, Blossom Wright, Dawn Wright, and the Rev. Marty Wright.

**3rd Annual Faith Night at Hunt Armory Carries More Weight
This Year Than in Years Past**



PITTSBURGH (KDKA) - Saturday was the third year of an interfaith night of skating at the Hunt Armory in Pittsburgh. After the events that happened earlier today on the other side of the world, Pittsburghers are coming together in peace, setting differences aside. See the full story at www.cbsnews.com/pittsburgh/news/3rd-annual-faith-night-hunt-armory-israel-hamas/

Choral Event in Oakmont



The Ambrose-Romanos Singers were at St. Thomas Church on Sunday, December 3, to lead a choral Advent Procession with Lessons & Carols.



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