

February 7, 2024

Nurturing our Faith!

You are invited to spend time with the Bishop and members of the laity from around the diocese on **Thursday, February 8 at 5:30 p.m.**

Nurturing our Faith is an opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and spiritual reflection through story sharing. This gathering for laity is the first of three such Zoom gatherings. All three will have the same format and any lay person can come to any one of them.

The additional dates are Thursday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. and Thursday, May 30, at 12 p.m.



Please register for this online event at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAtdeggpj0jEtR-08_qV2wswx6PeSdOLWg5



NURTURING JOY
Absalom Jones | Barbara Harris Day Celebration

A Celebration of the Life of the Rev. Absalom Jones and Bishop Barbara Harris

Saturday, February 10, 2024, 10 a.m.

Trinity Cathedral, 328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Welcome all and join us for an ecumenical celebration and Eucharist for the life and work of the Rev. Absalom Jones and Bishop Barbara Harris.

Absalom Jones was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in The Episcopal Church. Barbara Harris was the first woman to be ordained a bishop in the Episcopal Church.

The celebration will feature Bishop Gayle Harris, Assistant Bishop for the Diocese of Virginia, as the guest preacher. The Reverend Canon Eric McIntosh 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 online at www.facebook.com/EpiscopalPittsburgh
Learn more about The Rev. Absalom Jones at en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Absalom_Jones
Learn more about Bishop Barbara Harris at <https://www.episcopalarchives.org/church-awakens/exhibits/show/leadership/clergy/harris>



[Click here](#) to download a printable flyer.



The Concert for the Human Family
Featuring Kory Caudill, Wordsmith + Keith Caudill
Saturday, March 9 at 7:30 p.m.
Calvary Episcopal Church



Join our Beloved Community Initiative for a transformative musical journey that bridges worlds and weaves stories of shared human experiences. Kory Caudill, a virtuosic pianist, and Wordsmith, a prolific spoken-word artist, have teamed up to create "A Concert for the Human Family." Their harmonious blend of Appalachia, virtuosic piano, Hamilton-like narratives, and modern pop has been celebrated and embraced across the nation.

This concert is an invitation to celebrate our shared humanity, to embrace the truth about ourselves and to nurture joy, our diocesan focus for this year. The Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh, the Canon for Beloved Community Initiative, offers, "Can we celebrate that we are a product of God's creativity? Can we do that together while at the same time acknowledging that we really make murky God's creation? I think this concert does that." The arts teach us what it means to be products of God's creativity and also how to live in a broken world. The arts are an avenue to explore the ways in which our differences are an invitation for collaboration. Let us come together as a diocese for a night that responds to this invitation to creative collaboration and celebrate our shared humanity.



The roots of this concert series trace back to a [filmed event at the Philadelphia Episcopal Cathedral](#), which garnered international attention, including Webby and Telly awards. This groundbreaking event has since echoed across the country, touching hearts and igniting conversations around unity, love, and our shared humanity.

Now, Pittsburgh, the city of bridges, becomes the latest canvas for this musical tapestry, binding together diverse sounds and tales from all walks of life. Dive into musical narratives that traverse two distinct worlds, revealing how strikingly similar they can be.

Tickets, ranging in price from \$0 to \$30 are available here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pittsburgh-pa-kory-caudill-wordsmith-keith-caudill-tickets-820205395417>



Service at St. Paul's, Monongahela

A closing is anticipated this month on the sale of the property that had been home to St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Monongahela, PA. Bishop Solak will conduct a brief service of deconsecration there on Monday, February 19, at 11:30 a.m. This service is a necessary measure to remove the property from the canonical jurisdiction of the Bishop of Pittsburgh.



St. Paul's became a parish of the diocese in 1860, and we are grateful for its ministry to the city of Monongahela and its surrounding communities over the decades. The parish's last service was held on December 26, 2021, and the canonical closing of the parish soon followed.

Members of the diocese and community are welcome to attend the February 19 service. St. Paul's is located at 130 West Main Street, Monongahela, PA 15063.

Questions may be directed to Elaine Zevkovich at ezevkovich@episcopalpgh.org.



Tuesday Night 2024 Lenten Preaching Series

“Hope – Rooted in Christ”

6 P.M. Dinner • 7 P.M. Holy Eucharist with hymns and sermon

February 20

Calvary Preacher: The Rev. Moni McIntyre
315 Shady Ave. at Walnut, E. Liberty

February 27

St. Thomas Preacher: The Rev. Charles Fischer
378 Delaware Ave, Oakmont

March 5

St. Stephen's Preacher: The Rev. Liddy Barlow
600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg

March 12

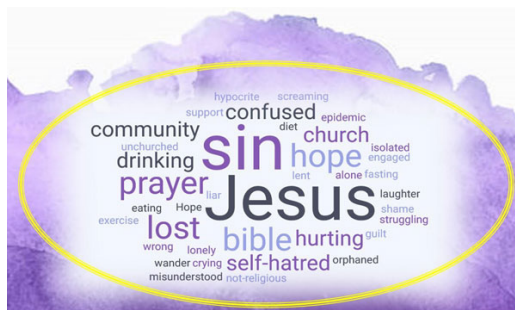
St. Andrew's Preacher: The Rev. Leslie Reimer
5801 Hampton Street, Highland Park

March 19

Redeemer Preacher: The Rev. Carter Hawley
5700 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill



A Day of Lenten Reflection in Brookline



Lenten journeys can take many forms. Some people choose to give up things or to fast. Some choose to take on difficult tasks. This year, I plan on investigating what it means to rest in God's love and affection. The term *metanoia* means something like, "to change the way we process or understand".

On **Saturday, February 17**, The Abbey of Saint Nicholas in Brookline will be hosting a time of reflection (**10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**) to discuss a Lent of self-care and accepting God's

love for us. A light meal of vegetarian bruschettas, water, and fruit teas will be provided – if you would like to help, just bring a couple bucks.

This is not going to be overly structured; it will be a time of thoughtful conversation and ideas, noon prayer, and a concluding meditation exercise. To RSVP, please email saintnicksabbey@gmail.com.

[The Abbey of Saint Nicholas](#), 3010 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226



2024 Sacred Ground Dates Announced



Sacred Ground is part of the Beloved Community *Initiative*, the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society.

There will be sessions of Sacred Ground going on at various locations throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh this year. Please encourage friends, family, fellow parishioners and other congregations or faith based groups to participate.

There are some very positive changes to Level 1 based on feedback from the surveys from participants. This will give us time to implement some of the new initiatives (less readings, more up to date articles, more discussion time, and only 8 sessions). We are also adding a "Sacred Ground" Level 2 for those who took Sacred Ground and want a deeper dive into the content, more research and/or more action oriented programming. The level 2 sessions consist of 6 sessions.

New Level 1 Session for Sacred Ground on Tuesdays starting Feb. 13, 2024 at [St. Thomas Church](#), Oakmont, at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided.

New Level 2 Sacred Ground Sessions on Thursdays starting on Feb. 15, 2024 at [St. Thomas Church](#), Oakmont, at 6 PM. Dinner will be provided.

New Level 2 Sacred Ground Sessions on Wednesdays, April 3 - May 8, 2024 in the Conference Room at [Calvary Church](#), East Liberty. Time TBD. Dinner will be provided.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



Jazz at Emmanuel

*Where the spirited and the spiritual join together
in a new kind of celebration*

February 11, 5 p.m.
I Am Because We Are

At the historic [Emmanuel Episcopal Church](#) in Pittsburgh's Northside, 957 W. North Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
412-231-0454



Upcoming, all at 5 p.m.:

March 10th – *From God to Me to You*
April 14th – *Instruments of Peace*
May 12th – *Opening the Closed Door*



Lenten Meditation in Motion Series at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Sundays in Lent from 4-5 p.m.

(Feb 18, Feb 25, March 3, March 10, March 17)

Lent is a season for quietness and introspection, and yet it can be so hard to fit these things in our schedules.

Please come to the St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, Undercroft (1066 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228) on Sundays from 4 - 5 p.m. for a Lenten Yoga and Meditation series.



These classes will have around 30 minutes of movement, and 20 minutes of guided reflection and meditation on scriptures and themes of Lent. The classes will be taught for all levels, please bring a yoga, exercise mat, or towel to participate. At the end of the class you are welcome to stick around for a cup of tea. These candlelit classes will offer a container for reflection, gentle movement, and connection with others and we hope you will set this time apart for yourself this Lent.

[Please sign up here](#) or contact The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo at laura@Stpaulspgh.org for more information.



Film Screening in Penn Hills **Sunday, March 3 at 5 p.m.**

Fifty years ago, a group of brave pioneers broke the gender barrier by being ordained Episcopal priests. They became known as *The Philadelphia Eleven*.

This documentary film, more than 10 years in the making, tells their struggle.

St. James Episcopal Church, Penn Hills,
11524 Frankstown Rd, Pittsburgh, PA
15235. Plenty of free parking.



Potluck and discussion to follow (if staying, please bring a dish to share)
This film is closed-captioned to make it accessible to all.





[Sheldon Calvary Camp](#) is now enrolling campers in all 2024 overnight camping sessions!.
Visit www.calvarycamp.org/register/



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

February 11: All Soul's, North Versailles
February 14: Trinity Cathedral (Ash Wednesday)
February 25: Emmanuel, North Side
March 10: St. David's, Peters Twp.

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@episcopalpgh.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](#).

Important Parish Reminders

Yup, It's that time of year. **Parochial Report filing season is open!** [A brief note](#) was sent to parish leadership with filing details and the diocesan office stands by to assist.

It's also Parish Annual Meeting time! Leadership is reminded to complete our **Annual Meeting Report Form** (available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#)) as soon as possible following your meeting.

Is your parish offering **Ashes-To-Go** on Wednesday, February 14? If yes, please send a note to Andy Muhl at amuhl@episcopalpgh.org with your details.



Parting Shots

St. Peter's, Brentwood



St. Peter's, Brentwood, hosted Bishop Ketlen's visitation on February 4. There were two baptisms, three confirmations, and one reception. In the picture are those baptized/confirmed/received and their families and sponsors.

Saving Lives: Ending Gun Violence Now



Thanks to our friends in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania in Harrisburg, the video above is a brief recap of the "Saving Lives: Ending Gun Violence Now" event with Bishop Ketlen, Bishop Audrey Scanlon, and many Episcopalians and interfaith partners in November.



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

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