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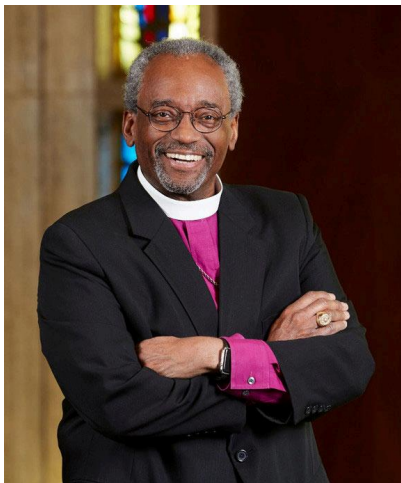
## Grounded in Christ Growing Anew!

April 16, 2025

### Holy Cross Celebrates 150 Years

The Church of the Holy Cross is celebrating their 150th year. You are invited to join their celebration at the Edgewood County Club, 100 Churchill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235 on Friday, May 9, 2025.

Holy Cross Church, a historically black Episcopal church, was a key player with the Civil Rights movement in Pittsburgh and remains active in the community. Come learn more about their historic presence in Pittsburgh.



We are very pleased to announce that the keynote speaker will be former Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. He served as the 27th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church. He was elected in 2015 to a nine-year term as presiding bishop, and the animating vision and message of his ministry is Jesus of Nazareth and his model of radical, sacrificial love. Bishop Curry retired in 2024 following more than 40 years of ordained ministry.

He surely will have a very relevant message to share during this confusing time in our lives. The evening will surely be one to remember.

Fellowship/cash bar/raffles at 6 p.m., followed by dinner at 7 p.m.  
Tickets are \$100 per person or \$800 for a table of eight.

[Click here for a reservation form.](#)



## Diocesan Transitions for April, 2025

### New Addition to Diocesan Staff

**The Rev. Canon Joann Saylor**s joined the diocesan staff on April 1, 2025, as Canon to the Ordinary for Mission, Vitality, and Administration. She relocated from Houston, Texas, where she served as Canon for Mission Amplification for the Episcopal Diocese of Texas. Effective April 1, Joann is also canonically resident in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

In conjunction with Canon Joann's arrival, **Canon Kim Karashin** has assumed the role of Canon to the Ordinary for Transitions and Clergy & Congregational Care.

### Upcoming Retirement

The Rev. Robin Jarrell will be retiring from active ministry at the end of April. Robin has served as the Priest-in-Charge of St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, since May 2022. She was ordained to the priesthood in 2003 and served parishes in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania before coming to Pittsburgh. Robin intends to remain in the Pittsburgh area following her retirement.

### New Call

**The Rev. Canon Nancy Suellau** will serve as Interim Priest at St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, beginning May 1. Nancy, a retired priest, is licensed to serve in Pittsburgh while remaining canonically resident in the Diocese of Florida, where she previously served.

### Newly Licensed

**The Rev. Mark Wright** was licensed to serve in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, effective March 17. Mark, a retired priest canonically resident in the Diocese of Dallas, serves as a full-time chaplain at Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont.



## Heinz Chapel Choir Tour Farewell Performance

**Heinz Chapel Choir**  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

**Monday, May 5, 2025**

**7:30 - 8:30 p.m.**

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, 600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg, PA 15221**



[The Heinz Chapel Choir](#) is excited to return to this wonderful community in Wilkinsburg, where we'll sing a farewell performance of our program *Invitation to Love* before we depart for our spring tour to the Philadelphia area and Washington, D.C.

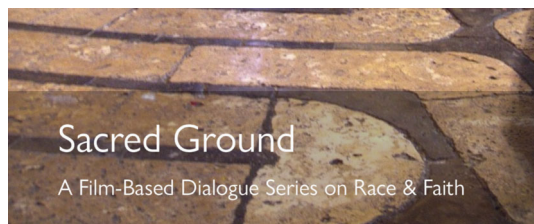
The concert is free and open to the public - no tickets are required.

[Please read about](#) the good work Fr. Chuck Esposito and the congregation of St. Stephen's are doing in the Wilkesburg community and consider [bringing a donation to their "Blessing Box"](#) (little free food pantry) when you come to the performance.



## ***Sacred Ground* Dialogue Sessions Starting Soon**

*Sacred Ground* is a film- and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Small groups are invited to walk through chapters of America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and political and regional identity.



In the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the *Sacred Ground* sessions are presented by our Beloved Community Initiative (BCI) and coordinated by our BCI Program Manager, [Shahnaz Alam Denlinger](#).

A new 9 week Level 1 course, available both in-person and online, will be starting on Thursday, May 29, at 6 p.m. at St. Thomas in Oakmont.

A new 7 week Level 2 course, also available both in-person and online, will be starting on Wednesday, May 14, at 6 p.m. at St. Thomas.

[Much more information is available here.](#)



## **Save the Date: Ministry Celebration Day**

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Ministry Celebration Day, to be held on **Sunday, May 18, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills.**

This celebration will feature a ministry fair with tables highlighting our ministries together with plenty of time set aside for fellowship and exploring our diverse ministries with time set aside for worship.

A catered dinner will be served. Much more information including a full agenda and registration details (only for hospitality planning) will be available very soon.





If your parish ministry would like to be represented at the fair, please [fill out this form](#).



## **Anglican & Episcopal History Names Pittsburghers to Editorial Advisory Board**



Samuel Richards, a member of St. Thomas in Canonsburg, was named to the editorial advisory board of *Anglican and Episcopal History* in March. The editorial board provides suggestions and oversight to the quarterly, peer-reviewed journal published by the Historical Society of the Episcopal Church. Sam wrote a history of St. Thomas' in 2016 called *The Middle Holds*. He currently worships at St. Thomas' during summers while he teaches at the International School of Kenya in Nairobi.

Sam is one of two Diocese of Pittsburgh connections on the editorial board. The other is Dr. Joan Gundersen, former diocesan archivist and a member of Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill.



## **25th Annual Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference Registration Open**



Welcoming all Pastors, Laity, Counselors, Social Workers, Nurses, Teachers, Students, Volunteers, Caregivers, and All Who Serve the Flock Supporting Those in Need of Healing and Recovery

**Friday, May 2, 2025, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, 2586 Wexford Bayne Road, Sewickley 15143**

**Keynote Speaker: Bill Strickland, Founder Manchester Craftsman Guild & Author of *Make the Impossible Possible*.**

**Breakout sessions include:** Addiction & Recovery, Mental Health & Wellness, Marriage & Family, Community Outreach, and Reflections in Ministry

**Breakout speakers include:** The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler, the Rev. Jerrel T. Gilliam, Dr. Paul Powe, M.D., the Rev. Graham Standish, Ph.D., James S. Withers, M.D.



[Conference agenda and registration available here.](#)



## Diocesan Office Hours In Observance of Holy Week and Easter

The diocesan offices will be closed on Good Friday, 4/18, and Easter Monday, 4/21.

The entire diocesan staff wishes everyone a blessed Holy Week and a very joyous Easter.



## ECW Spring 2025 Grant Applications Available

The Diocese of Pittsburgh's Episcopal Church Women (ECW) will be making outreach grants in the Spring.

The ECW particularly seeks to support hands-on ministries that help children, adults and families in need of assistance with food, nutrition, health care, housing, education and counseling.

[Click here for the grant application and submission instructions.](#) Applications for the Spring 2025 grants must be submitted before Friday, May 2, 2025.



## ECW Spring 2025 Scholarships Available

The Episcopal Church Women established the Memorial Membership Fund to aid students with educational grants. The fund was begun in 1927 to be used for two missionary training scholarships. In the 94 years of its existence, the scope of the fund has widened to include nursing, theology and other humanitarian fields of study.



**The applications must be received by Friday, May 2, 2025.** The application form with submission instructions is [available by clicking here](#).

For additional information please contact Betty Duckstein at [ducksteine@yahoo.com](mailto:ducksteine@yahoo.com)



## Around the Diocese



### Bishop Ketlen's Schedule:

**April 20:** Trinity Cathedral (Easter)

**April 27:** Calvary, East Liberty

**May 4:** Christ Church, Indiana

**May 18:** Christ Church, North Hills

Parish leadership is reminded to complete a form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), 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](mailto:arath@episcopalpgh.org).



## Parting Shots

### St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, welcomed Bishop Ketlen

The Rev. Robin Jarrell, the Rev. Deacon Darrell Johnson, and the parishioners of St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, welcomed Bishop Ketlen on Sunday, April 6, for her annual visitation.





### **All Souls, North Versailles, welcomed Bishop Ketlen**

The Rev. Dr. Teresa Hunt and the parishioners of All Souls, North Versailles, welcomed Bishop Ketlen on Sunday, April 13, for her annual visitation. Mosezelia Lynn Jurgen was baptized and confirmed and Rose Mabel Traficante and Violet Jinjur Traficante were confirmed. Welcome to our newest members of the Episcopal Church.





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