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Grounded in Christ Growing Anew!

April 29, 2025

Diocesan Ministry Celebration Day

Sunday, May 18
3:30-6:30 p.m.

Christ Episcopal Church
North Hills



You are invited!

Yes! You! You are invited to register and come to our Diocesan Ministry Celebration Day, which will include a delicious dinner!

When: Sunday, May 18, 2025

Where: Christ Church, North Hills, 5910 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Time: 3:30-6:30 p.m.

Why participate in this special celebration? Simply because it would be lovely to spend time together in in-person-fellowship with each other.

This year's agenda will include a presentation that I will offer on prayer; small group discussions; and time spent praying together. What's more, we will showcase the various ministries that are taking place in our midst and take time to say hello to one another. The afternoon will conclude with a [delicious catered dinner](#).

What's more, this will be an occasion to informally meet the Rev. Canon Joann Saylor, our Canon to the Ordinary for Mission, Vitality, and Administration.

So we can plan for the hospitality, please register below and come and celebrate!

Faithfully,

+ Holy Cross

[Click here to Register Now!](#)

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

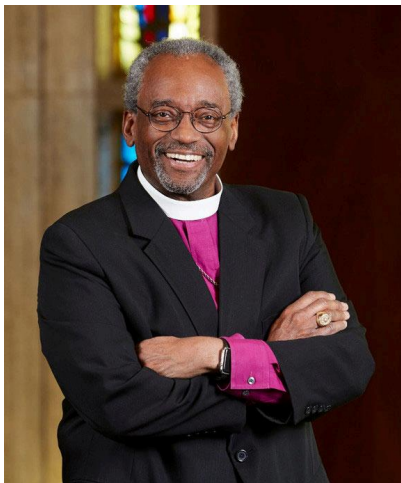


Holy Cross Celebrates 150 Years

Note: Reservations close tomorrow, Wednesday, April 29.

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.](#)



**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 Wilkinsburg 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.

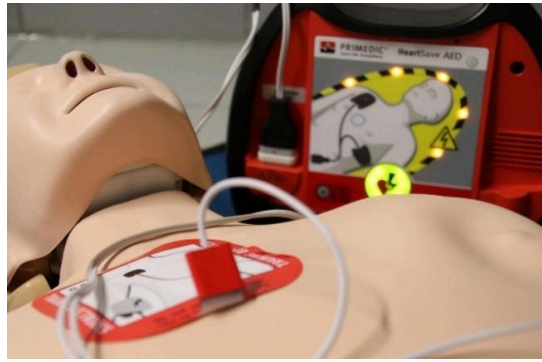
[Much more information is available here.](#)



First- Aid, Stop The Bleed, C.P.R and A.E.D Training in Scottdale

A certification course in First Aid, Stop The Bleed, C.P.R., and A.E.D is being offered at St. Bartholomew, 149 Walnut Ave., Scottdale, PA 15683. on Thursday, May 8 and Friday, May 9, 6 to 8 p.m.

The fee is \$50.00. Please contact revcgainer@gmail.com for additional information.



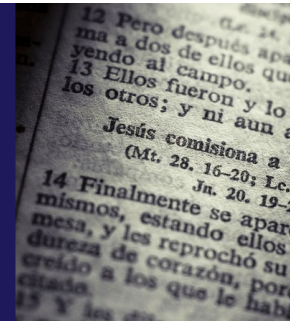
Upcoming Offerings from the Stevenson School for Ministry

Spanish for Ministry 101

Join us for a dynamic, introductory online class where you'll learn Spanish for Ministry! Whether you want to connect with Spanish speakers in your community or enrich your understanding of the language for your ministry work, this event is for you. Our interactive sessions will cover key phrases, cultural insights, ministry vocabulary, and Episcopal worship in Spanish. This course will meet **twice a week from May 5 to July 23**. [More information and registration here.](#)

Spanish for Ministry 101

Mondays 1-2:30pm &
Wednesdays 1-2pm
May 5 - July 23



Jesus, Church, and Powers

Today is a time of war, increasing violence, climate crisis, political confusion, and economic anxiety. Ephesians 6:12 tells us that “our struggle is ... against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness.” But what or who are these rulers, authorities, and powers? In this course, we will explore various ways of answering that question with the help of contemporary biblical scholars, theologians, and Christian ethicists. This course will be offered **via Zoom on Mondays from 2-3 p.m., May 19 to July 28**. [More information and registration here.](#)

Jesus, Church, and Powers

Mondays 2-3pm Eastern
May 19 - July 28



Biblical Hebrew for Old Testament Interpretation

This 14-week online class introduces biblical Hebrew for the sake of Old Testament preaching, teaching, and personal study. Students will learn the Hebrew alphabet, essential Hebrew grammar, and important theological vocabulary, and they will become familiar with online tools and resources. The course will meet on Wednesday

afternoons from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Zoom, May 21 to August 20. [More information and registration here.](#)



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Schedule:

May 4: Christ Church, Indiana

May 18: Christ Church, North Hills

June 8: St. Barnabas, Brackenridge (*Pentecost*)

June 15: Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh (*Trinity Sunday*)

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.



Parting Shots

Prayer Breakfast at Acrisure Stadium

Bishop Ketlen joined several hundred Christians at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Leaders Prayer Breakfast on Friday, April 25, at Acrisure Stadium. The event was sponsored by the Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation.



Festive Four-Parish Easter Vigil

On Holy Saturday, April 19, clergy and parishioners from St. Paul's, Mount Lebanon, St. Thomas, Canonsburg, Saint Peter's, Brentwood, and Saint David's, Peters Township gathered for a combined Great Vigil of Easter.



Bishop Ketlen Visits and Confirms at Calvary

Bishop Ketlen visited Calvary, East Liberty, pictured below with an august group of confirmands, on Sunday, April 27.



Blessing of the City

On Holy Saturday, April 19, Bishop Ketlen gathered with members of the Christian Leaders Fellowship for the 34th annual Ecumenical Blessing of the City of Pittsburgh from the overlook across from Saint Mary of the Mount Church, Mary Queen of Peace Parish, on Grandview Avenue.



Centennial Celebrations in Mt. Lebanon

This is a special year for three churches located just a half-mile apart on Washington Road in Mt. Lebanon. **St. Paul's Episcopal Church**, 1066 Washington Road; Mt. Lebanon United Lutheran Church, 975 Washington Road, and Southminster Presbyterian Church, 799 Washington Road, each are in the midst of marking 100 years as a parish.

[Read more in The Almanac here.](#)



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