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November 5, 2025

Register Now For Diocesan Convention



The 160th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh

An In-Person Gathering at Trinity Cathedral
Saturday, November 15, 2025, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

All convention documents, as they become available, will be available on the diocesan website at www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/2025-diocesan-convention/. The tentative Convention Agenda is available [here](#).

Convention Registration for all Clergy, Lay Deputies, and guests is now open at: <https://episcopalpgh.wufoo.com/forms/2025-diocesan-convention-registration/>

The registration deadline is today, Wednesday, November 5, at 6 p.m.

Childcare will be available at Convention
Please contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853 x251 for details.



Diocesan Transitions

Newly Called and Licensed

The Rev. Jamie Samilio has been called to serve as Interim Priest at Christ Church, Indiana, and is licensed to officiate in our diocese as of November 1. Jamie holds a certificate in interim ministry from the Interim Ministry Network and has served parishes in Florida, Delaware, and Virginia (where she remains canonically resident). While Jamie currently lives in Clearwater, Florida, she hails from Erie, PA, and is looking forward to returning to her Western Pennsylvania roots, at least for a season. November 9 will be Jamie's first Sunday at Christ Church.

Upcoming Departure

The Rev. Erin Morey, Assistant Rector at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, has accepted a call to serve as the next Rector of Holy Innocents' Episcopal Church in Beach Haven, New Jersey. Her final Sunday at St. Paul's will be January 11, 2026. Erin served as a lay staff member at St. Paul's before beginning seminary and was ordained to the priesthood in December 2022.

Retirement

The Rev. Deacon Darrell Johnson retired from active ministry on October 31. Darrell was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Dorsey McConnell in May 2021 and served as Deacon at St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, since that time.

Removal

On October 16, 2025, Bishop Ketlen released and removed **the Rev. Dr. Henry "Laurie" Thompson III** from ordained ministry in The Episcopal Church. This was done at Laurie's request and with the advice and consent of the Standing Committee.

Diocesan Staff Transitions

The Rev. Kimberly Karashin will be stepping away from her position as Canon to the Ordinary for Transitions and Clergy & Congregational Care at the end of this year. Kim has served in various roles on the diocesan staff since November 2015. She is intending to remain in Pittsburgh and is discerning how she might serve the diocese in the coming season.



St. Brendan's Launches Search for Next Priest



St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, is searching for its next priest. View the [Discernment section of St. Brendan's website](#) for more information, including a comprehensive parish profile.

St. Brendan's Discernment Committee will be accepting applications for its full-time Priest-in-Charge position through December 1, 2025. Questions about the position may be directed to the Discernment Committee Chair, Dr. Timothy Austin,

at discernment@stbrendans.org, or to Canon Kim Karashin
at kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org.

If you know of any qualified clergy who may be interested in discerning a call to St. Brendan's, please share with them this opportunity.



Senior Clergy Connect

As a retired clergy person that's just not quite as active as I once was, I really value getting together with baby boomer and silent generation clergy in a format that doesn't involve travel! Hence, the creation, two and a half years ago, of our own time and space in a Diocesan Zoom room.

We meet the first Friday of every month from 10:30am to 11:30am, and the sky's the limit regarding what we may talk about. The goal for this group is simple – fellowship. So, if you are a baby boomer or member of the silent generation and are retired, I invite you to join us. You should be on the Senior Clergy Connect listserv, where you will get an invitation each month. If you don't get an invitation, please let me know.

Our next meeting is Friday, November 7th, at 10:30am. I will send an invite with the zoom link early next week.

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Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Regularly, a group from St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, along with members of other churches, embarks on a 12-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You are invited to join the Rev. Noah Evans, Rector of St. Paul's, and other pilgrims walking in footsteps of Jesus. Currently, the plan for the next trip is January 21- February 1, 2026. Read more at stpaulspgh.org/holy-land-pilgrimages.

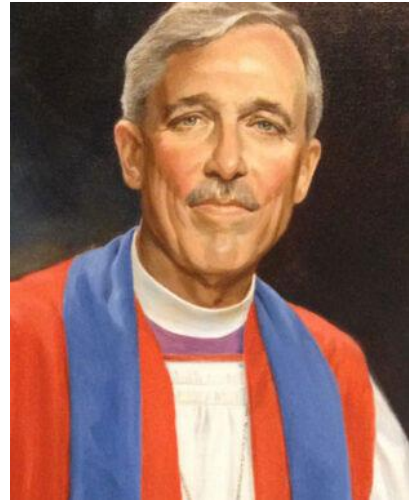


The Rt. Rev. Robert Hodges Johnson, 1934-2025

The Right Reverend Robert (Bob) Hodges Johnson, the fifth Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western North Carolina, passed away on October 7, 2025, at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community in Asheville, NC.

Bishop Bob was the Diocese of Pittsburgh's Assisting Bishop from December 2008 to October 2009 following the departure of a former bishop.

The Rt. Rev. José A. McLoughlin, bishop of Western North Carolina, wrote a [touching memorial here](#).



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Schedule:

November 23: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

December 7: St. Andrew's, Highland Park

December 14: St. James, Penn Hills

December 21: Atonement, Carnegie

Parish leadership is reminded to complete a form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

Bishop Ketlen's 2025 visitation schedule, August – December 2025, is [available here](#). The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for July – December 2025, is [available here](#).

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or arath@episcopalpgh.org.

Please note: As is tradition, the diocesan offices will be closed on Monday, November 17, to decompress from Diocesan Convention.



Has your parish been featured in the news? Do you have an event or content to share?
Please let us know via email at info@episcopalpgh.org

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