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November 20, 2025

Incarnation Starts Weekly Worship

[Church of the Incarnation](#), our diocese' newest Mission Fellowship, is starting weekly worship on **Sunday, November 30, the First Sunday of Advent.**

Worship will be on Sundays at 11:30 a.m. at Redeemer Trinity Lutheran Church: [819 Washington Ave. Monaca, PA 15061.](#)

All are welcome!

Incarnation is seeking a piano player for weekly worship. If you or someone you know is willing to step into this role, even for a short time (1-2 months) while we continue a longer-term search, this would be a powerful way to offer your gifts to the growth of God's Kingdom. For anyone who is interested, please reach out to Deanna at deanna.briody@incarnationbc.org.



CHURCH OF THE
INCARNATION



Church of the Redeemer

LIFT EVERY VOICE

EAST END INTERFAITH
THANKSGIVING SERVICE
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER
25TH AT 7:00 PM

5700 Forbes Avenue + Pittsburgh, PA 15217
You're Invited – bring your Neighbors!
Multiple choirs & speakers with opportunities for community singing

Please bring non-perishable foods as a much-needed offering to be distributed to our community through JFCS.
Light reception to follow.

For more information please email: redemerpittsburgh@aol.com



Election Results from the 160th Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

Board of Trustees Robert J. King St. Thomas, Oakmont	Cathedral Chapter, Clergy The Rev. Miguel Carmona Nativity, Crafton	Cathedral Chapter, Lay Eric Linn St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon
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Growth Fund The Rev. Cameron Soulis Calvary, East Liberty	Regional Disciplinary Board Elaine Zevkovich Trinity Cathedral	Standing Committee, Clergy The Rev. Sara Irwin St. Andrew's, Highland Park
	Standing Committee, Lay Shannon Warchol O'Brien Calvary, East Liberty	

Deputies to General Convention

Clergy Members	Lay Members
1. The Rev. Deanna Briody Calvary, East Liberty	1. Jon Delano St. Paul's, Mt Lebanon
2. The Rev. Brandon Cooper St. Paul's, Kittanning, Christ Church, North Hills	2. Florence Atwood Calvary, East Liberty
3. The Rev. Jeffery D. Murph St. Thomas, Oakmont	3. Stephen Stagnitta Calvary, East Liberty
4. The Rev. Miguel Carmona Nativity, Crafton	4. Jamie McMahon Calvary, East Liberty
Alt 1. The Rev. Noah Evans St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon	

Elected by District

District 1 Chair Stephanie Fair St. Paul's, Kittanning Vice-Chair Nicole Butler Emmanuel, North Side	District 2 Chair Karen Teulle St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg Vice-Chair Jan Kusserow St. Matthew's, Homestead Board of Trustees (2-year term) Wes Rohrer St. Andrew's, Highland Park
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St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

St. Peter's, Blairsville

Diocesan Council (4-year term)

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St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

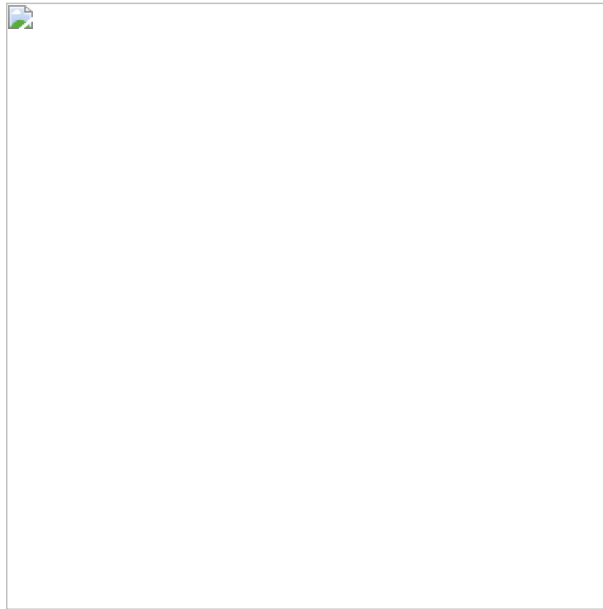


A Post-Convention Thank You

The 160th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh wrapped up on Saturday, following a day of fellowship, worship, business, and more! The Convention Planning Committee says a heartfelt Thank You to each person who participated in this annual event.

We offer particular thanks to Trinity Cathedral, the Very Rev. Aidan Smith and the Rev. Canon Mary Jayne Ledgerwood, for hosting this year's convention. Thank you to our volunteers, musicians, acolytes, readers, photographer, chaperones, tellers, committees, ushers, and each person who made this event possible.

Check out pictures from this year's Convention on the [Cathedral's Facebook page](#).



You can watch the Convention Hymn Sing and Eucharist above.

The offering will be evenly split between Trinity Cathedral's Walk-in Ministry, serving those in need, and to Casa San José, which provides resources and advocacy for the local Latino community. The amount collected was \$1,920.



A "Thank You" from Canon Kim

Dear friends,

I'd like to express my gratitude for the lovely reception that was held for me following our Diocesan Convention on November 15. Though I fought the idea and knew nothing of the plans (other than when and where I needed to show up), I found it to be an immensely meaningful experience in the end.

A few specific words of thanks ...

- Thank you to Bishop Ketlen, Canon Joann+, Andrea Rath, and Andy Muhl for hatching the plan and bringing it to fruition.
- Thank you to the leadership and staff of Trinity Cathedral, especially Canon Mary Jayne Ledgerwood+, for extending an already long day of welcome and hospitality.

- Thank you to caterer Jill Anguish (of Christ Church, North Hills) and to Jan Kusserow and Roz Pratt (of St. Matthew's, Homestead) for the delicious spread, festive decorations, and post-reception clean-up.
- Thank you to those who provided a donation to the diocese's new Small Parish Support Fund. The small parishes with which I've worked hold a special place in my heart, and I pray that this fund will be used to help and encourage them in meaningful and impactful ways.
- Thanks to all who offered well-wishes and words of support, both verbally and in writing, throughout the day. It has been an honor to serve you and to minister alongside you.

As I continue this slow page-turn to the next chapter of my life and ministry – and as we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving – I hope you'll join me in reflecting with gratitude on what has been and looking forward with hope to what will be.

In Christ,

Kim +



Sixteen Resources for Advent

Advent is right around the corner, beginning this year on Sunday, November 30, just after Thanksgiving.

To help you celebrate this sometimes overlooked season, the Episcopal Church Foundation's Vital Practices team has collected [sixteen resources](#) from across the Episcopal community, including calendars, prayers, coloring pages, toolkits, and more.



We hope you enjoy this upcoming season to pause and reflect on the hopeful miracle that is to come. Explore Advent resources [here](#).



Holiday Happenings

Unique gift items from **quality crafters**, such as home décor, jewelry, wood, pottery, salsa, popcorn and more.

1,000+ dozen festive home-baked **specialty cookies** and five varieties of delicious **homemade soups**.
(Arrive early for the best selection!)

Gift card basket raffle--1st prize \$1,500! Other prizes, too!

Live entertainment from Avonworth Chamber Choir, the May Family Jazz Duo, and Keely Singer's vocal students!

\$2 admission includes a chance for door prizes.

"Welcoming and cozy. Just right!"
"Loved the cookies, and music was great!"
"Wonderful variety of crafters."

— from 2024 attendees

Saturday, Nov. 22, 9 am to 2 pm



St. Brendan's Episcopal Church
2365 McAleer Rd., Franklin Park, PA 15143

For more info: (412) 759-1521
www.stbrendans.org/cookiewalk



A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols at Calvary

The Calvary Episcopal Church Choir and Chatham Baroque, its ensemble-in-residence, will present A Service of Advent Lessons and Carols on **Sunday, November 30, at 4 p.m.**

The church, at 315 Shady Avenue, is especially beautiful at dusk and is a vivid reminder of the movement from darkness to light that is central to the Advent season. The readings will highlight the themes of expectation and promise, and the musical responses that follow reflect those ideas in a variety of ways. Chatham Baroque, the soloists, and choir will sing J.S. Bach's first cantata for the first Sunday of Advent, Savior of the Nations, Come. There will also be works by Batten, Boles, Handl, Helvey, and Lewis, and the choir will lead the congregation in hymns and carols for the season.

The choir is led by Dr. Alan J. Lewis and accompanied by Jon Tyillian, organ. A reception will follow.





Women's Advent Evening at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

Sunday, December 7, 4 - 6:45 p.m.

[St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#)

1066 Washington Road
Mt. Lebanon, PA 15228

Led by the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo.

Advent is a season of anticipation, hope, and quiet wonder. Yet so often it becomes crowded with commitments, preparations, and stress. This Advent retreat offers you a pause, a gentle evening of peace in the midst of a busy season. Together, we'll slow down, breathe deeply, and open our hearts to the hope and promise that Advent brings.



St. Paul's Women's Advent Retreat will include time for reflection, very gentle movement, journaling, and meaningful conversation with others. We'll conclude our time together with a potluck dinner at 6:15 p.m.

Childcare (with dinner provided) will be available, so that all may fully enter into this time of stillness and connection.

[Sign up here](#). For questions please contact the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo at Laura@stpaulspgh.org.



Calling all high school students across the Diocese of Pittsburgh -- join us for a Winter Youth Retreat, **January 9-11, 2026**, at Laurelville Camp and Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant, PA! This retreat is an opportunity to take some time out of your busy school (and life) schedules and recharge at Laurelville's beautiful campus. Bring yourself, bring some friends, and get ready to make new friends from all across the region as we play, learn, eat, worship, and grow in community together!

[Click Here to Register](#)

Registration fee is \$135. Scholarships are available.
Questions? Contact Bob Melvin at bmelvin@stpaulspgh.org



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.



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.



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.



Parting Shots

A Happy Day in Somerset

Bishop Ketlen joined the Rev. Nancy Threadgill at St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset, on Sunday, October 12, for their annual visitation.



A Busy Day in Kittanning

The folks at St. Paul's, Kittanning, celebrated Bishop Ketlen's visit with the baptism of Emma Grace Chmura, the confirmation of Cole Mohny and Rebecca Frederick, and the reaffirmation of Fredrick Blanken, Kelly McConnell. They were joined on the morning of October 15 by the Rev. Brandon Cooper.



A Wonderful Day in Rural Valley

On the afternoon of October 15, Bishop Ketlen and the Rev. Brandon Cooper were joined by a small but dedicated group at St. Michael's, Rural Valley.



A Confirmation and Reception in Jeannette

The Rev. Marty Wright and friends welcomed Bishop Ketlen on Sunday, November 2. Bryan Bass-Riley was confirmed and Alexandria Klocek was received.



St. Marks's, Johnstown's Pet Pantry Featured on WJAC-TV News

WJAC-TV aired and published on their website a segment titled "As SNAP cuts hit home, Johnstown church's pet food giveaway sees record turnout" on November 6, 2025. Mother Nancy and Joanne McKinley were interviewed. See <https://wjactv.com/news/local/as-snap-cuts-hit-home-johnstown-churchs-pet-food-giveaway-sees-record-turnout>



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
