

March 28, 2024



Watch the first-ever Good Friday Offering concert of sacred music, created at Christ and St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Norfolk, in the Episcopal Diocese of Southern Virginia, and streaming on episcopalchurch.org and [Facebook](#) on Good Friday, March 29. During the concert our invited guests will speak about the loving, liberating, and lifesaving work supported by the Good Friday Offering.

Find more about the Good Friday Offering [here](#).



Presiding Bishop Michael Curry: Easter 2024 Message



[Click here](#) for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's Easter 2024 video message and transcript.



Stations of the Cross Live Stream

St. Andrew's, Highland Park will be live streaming their Stations of the Cross liturgy on Good Friday at 2 p.m.

The live stream and a link to the bulletin will be available on St. Andrew's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/@st.andrewsepiscopalchurchh2869

A recording will be available shortly following the service.



Search for Priest to Serve in Johnstown and Somerset

St. Mark's, Johnstown, and St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset, have launched a search for a full-time Priest-in-Charge to serve both parishes. Details, including the full job posting, parish profiles, and a message from the senior wardens, may be found on the Search page of each parish's website:

- [St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset](#)
- [St. Mark's, Johnstown](#)



St. Francis in the Fields



St. Mark's

Application materials and questions about the position may be directed to Canon Kim Karashin at kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org. If you know of any qualified clergy who may be interested in discerning a call to this first-of-its-kind partnership in our diocese, please share with them this opportunity.



Pittsburgh Interfaith Pilgrimage for Gaza

Concerned about the more than 30,000 people killed in Gaza, 1200 in Israel, and 417 on the West Bank, Christians and others in 145 cities in 18 countries are planning pilgrimages for peace during Lent. The Pittsburgh Interfaith Pilgrimage for Gaza will start at the Islamic Center of Oakland (4000 Bigelow Blvd.), on **Holy Saturday, March 30, at 10 am**, and walk in silence, song, and prayer about 1.5 miles to Schenley Plaza outside the Carnegie Library.



Information will be provided about Gaza's history and culture and suggestions for next steps to bring about a lasting ceasefire. This pilgrimage is a nonviolent entering into the suffering in the Holy Land, and also intends to raise money to help refugees, including to provide food, water and medicine through the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA). The Diocesan Social Justice and Outreach Committee voted unanimously to endorse this event.



Heinz Chapel Choir Offers Free Concert in Wilkinsburg

Sunday, April 14, 2024

7:30 PM 8:30 PM

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

600 Pitt St, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

The [Heinz Chapel Choir](#) is excited to venture to the Eastern suburbs and this wonderful community in Wilkinsburg, where we'll sing our 85th anniversary program, Sing & Make Music, for the first time. 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.



www.pghpcc.org

24th Annual Pittsburgh Pastoral Care Conference

Friday, April 19 2024 – 8am-4pm

Christ United Methodist Church

44 Highland Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102

For clergy, pastors, laity, counselors, social workers, nurses, teachers, volunteers and others in the flock helping those needing healing and recovery.

Keynote Speaker:

The Rev. Kimberly Wagner,
Assistant Professor of
Preaching, Practical
Theology, Princeton
Theological Seminary



Register:

Register by scanning the
QR code or by visiting
www.pghpcc.org.

Questions to
Dr. Karen Plavan at
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412.519.5772



You are invited to spend time with the Bishop and members of the laity from around the diocese on Thursday, April 18, at 9:30 a.m. and/or Thursday, May 30, at 12 p.m.



Nurturing our Faith is an opportunity for fellowship, prayer, and spiritual reflection through story sharing. This gathering for laity is part of a series of Zoom gatherings with

Bishop Ketlen. All gatherings have the same format and any lay person can come to any one of them.

Please register for the April 18 online gathering at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlftu2qrTksHtTTS4L9CpMLDGYjuJPBU0Sa>

Please register for the May 30 online gathering at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lce2qrjJGtbNSbuvtLhbzkaY9TEuEIS->



Jazz at Emmanuel

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

Sunday, April 14, 5 p.m.
Instruments of Peace

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.:

May 12th – *Opening the Closed Door*





Join us and hear, in survivors' own words, how our system is

Deadly by Design

It's time to face the truth: gun violence isn't random or inevitable. It's not driven by mental health, video games, or too few armed guards. It's driven by easy access to guns.

CeaseFirePA has launched a video storytelling initiative where gun violence survivors not only share the loss they've experienced, but also tie the shooting back directly to a policy failure that allowed it to happen.

We're highlighting how our society's systems are set up to be fatal. But we can change that by shifting the narrative and helping people to understand how gun violence isn't random or inevitable – it's systematic. And we can reform our system.

Video screening, discussion, and call to action!

Thursday, April 25 at 7 pm

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



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Education Fund

ALL ARE WELCOME

More Information:

Please contact Marilyn Mulvihill
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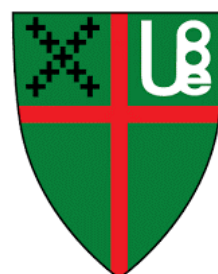


Union of Black Episcopalians (UBE) Annual Business Meeting & Conference

June 18-June 21, 2024 Louisville, Kentucky

Registration is now open for the conference, see details on the UBE website with a tentative schedule of events, including a Juneteenth celebration, Recognition Luncheon and Gala Dinner.

For Hotel registrations, please contact The Galt Hotel, 800-843-4258, reference group code 061824UBE, rate \$189.00 per night



Please go to the [national UBE website](#) for more information



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Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

- March 30:** Trinity Cathedral (Easter Vigil)
- March 31:** Trinity Cathedral (Easter Sunday)
- April 7:** Calvary, East Liberty
- April 21:** St. Peter's, Blairsville
- April 28:** St. Brendan's, Franklin Park

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 [available here](#).

Bishop Ketlen's **Visitation Schedule** for December 2023 – June 2024 is [available here](#).

Important Reminders

It's 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.

Save the Date

A **Diocesan Celebration of Ministry** with ministry fair will be held on **Saturday, May 18**, at Trinity Cathedral. Much more information about this joyous event will be available soon.



Parting Shots

St. David's, Peters Township



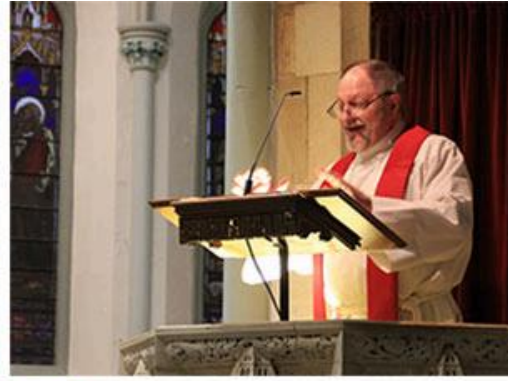
Bishop Ketlen visited with friends and family at St. David's, Peters Township on Sunday, March 10.

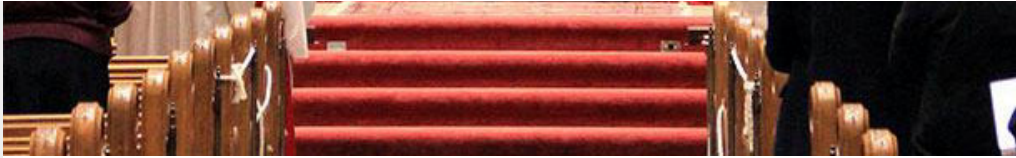
St. Thomas, Canonsburg



"All Glory, Laud and Honor" was the theme of the day when Bishop Ketlen visited St. Thomas, Canonsburg on Palm Sunday, 2024.

2024 Chrism Mass





The annual Chrism Mass, a service for the renewal of baptismal and ordination vow and the blessing of holy oils, was celebrated at Trinity Cathedral on Tuesday, March 26. It was a combined observance of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh and the Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA

The Rev. Kurt F. Kusserow, Bishop, Southwestern Pennsylvania Synod, ELCA, was the preacher and our Bishop Ketlen was the celebrant.

The Cathedral altar guild had the unenviable task of filling 110 bottles of chrism, healing and catechumenate oils which they did in record-breaking time. Assuming, of course, that such records are kept.



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