

April 9, 2024

A Look Back on Lent: The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo's Lenten Meditation and Motion Series

This past Lent, the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo led a "Lenten Meditation and Motion Series" at St. Paul's Church in Mount Lebanon, combining her gifts as a certified Kripalu yoga instructor and as a priest. Rev. Di Panfilo observes: "It's a Lenten practice and discipline that offers another opportunity to connect with God and with one another." In sum, about 60 people participated in the series which provided a space to slow down, reflect and be in fellowship.



Each week, the class focused on a different Lenten theme through meditation, prayer and movement. One week the theme was stillness and the class read the story about Jesus calming the storm, had a time of reflection on that scripture and then spent some time focusing on breath and movement, ending the class with stillness. Rev. Di Panfilo remarks, "What people have told me is that they're grateful for the time and opportunity to slow down. Even though Lent is a time where we're called to be reflective, it's hard to set that time aside in our lives. It's the first thing to go when busy. I really cherish being able to hold that space and offer people the opportunity to do it together."

[Read more about this series here](#)



With One Voice: Interfaith Coalition to End Gun Violence

Last year, 500 Pennsylvanians descended on Harrisburg demanding an end to gun violence. Soon after, the first bipartisan policies in years passed the PA House. Join many Episcopalians from across the state on Tuesday, May 7th as we continue our life-saving work.



Everyone should be able to live a life free from gun violence. **Join us in Harrisburg for a day of advocacy.**

WHAT: END GUN VIOLENCE - PA ADVOCACY DAY

WHEN: Tuesday, May 7th, 2024 | 9:00 AM - 3:30 PM

WHERE: The Pennsylvania State Capitol in Harrisburg, PA

To RSVP, visit [CeaseFirePA.org](https://act.ceasefirepa.org) or

<https://act.ceasefirepa.org/a/advocacyday24?ms=DioceseofPgh>

Pennsylvanians will have their voices heard.

OUR MISSION CeaseFirePA organizes with communities closest to the issue, holds those in power accountable, and maximizes the strengths of every member of its broad coalition - understanding that the strongest work is work done by many.

TAKE A STAND

To learn more visit www.ceasefirepa.org



Lessons & CCarols in the North Hills

Sunday, April 14, 2024

6:30 p.m.

[Christ Episcopal Church](#)

5910 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Up to the late 19th century, the singing of Christmas carols was normally performed by singers visiting people's houses, and carols — generally considered to be secular in content — had been excluded from Christian worship. In the Victorian era, the rising popularity of hymnody encouraged church musicians to introduce carols into worship.

CREEDENCE



CHRIST CHURCH REVIVAL

With this history of secular music being adapted to worship services, Christ Church presents a service of Lessons and Carols, but with a twist. While the readings come from Scripture, all of the music presented is from popular artists - in this case, we will be singing the music of Creedence Clearwater Revival. Each song and reading are chosen because they have some connection between the two, some truth from Scripture presented or interpreted in the words of modern music. You are invited to join in this non-traditional worship of God and express joy at being part of creation on Sunday, April 14 at 6:30 p.m.



Heinz Chapel Choir Offers Free Concert in Wilkinsburg

Sunday, April 14, 2024

7:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m.

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

600 Pitt St, Pittsburgh, PA 15221



The [Heinz Chapel Choir](#) is excited to sing their 85th anniversary program, Sing & Make Music, for the first time. This will take place in the Eastern suburbs in a wonderful community in Wilkinsburg. 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.





*You are cordially invited to
The Installation Service of
The Reverend Marjorie S. Bevans
as the sixth Rector of
St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church
2533 State Route 381, Rector, PA 15677*

*on Saturday, April 20th at 11 a.m.
The service will be performed by the Right Reverend Ketlen Solak,
Bishop, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh.*

*Please join us for the service and the reception immediately
following the service in the Parish Hall.*

*RSVP to the church office by Monday, April 15th
at office@stmichaelsligonier.org or 724-238-9411*



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!**

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/join/register/tZlftu2qrTksHtTTS4L9CpMLDGYjuJPBU0Sa>

Please register for the May 30 online gathering at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZ0lce2qrJlJGtbNSbuvtLhbzkaY9TEuEIS->



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



Additional Speakers:

The Rev. Canon Dr. Jay Geisler
Saleem Ghubril
Bob Jamison
The Rev. Dr. Graham Standish,
Ph.D.



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





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:

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God Willing
and the People Consenting
The Right Reverend Ketlen A. Solak
will ordain

James Attilio Miorelli

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic
and apostolic Church

Saturday, May 4, 2024
at ten o'clock in the morning

at

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1066 Washington Road
Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15228

Your prayers and presence are requested
Clergy: Red Stoles Reception to follow



Celebrate World Labyrinth Day

Calm your mind and comfort your spirit at **Christ Church, North Hills on May 4** for World Labyrinth Day!

Join thousands of people worldwide in a moving meditation for world peace. Participants "walk as one at one" across the globe in their own time zone to create a rolling wave of prayer and meditation from one time zone to the next.

Labyrinth walking is an ancient meditative practice that gives us time to calm our mind and alleviate stress.

Animal Friends Therapets will also be available to provide further comfort for those who need it.

Please be prepared for a quiet experience and remember to bring socks.



The walk is from 1-2 p.m. Therapets will be visiting from 12:30-2:30 p.m.

[Christ Episcopal Church](#), 5910 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237



Refugees belong here:

How Pittsburghers are welcoming our newest neighbors



Sunday April 28, 7 pm

*an online panel organized by the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh's
Social Justice & Outreach Committee, with speakers from*



Episcopal Migration Ministries
Hello Neighbor
Jewish Family & Community Services
Dor Hadash Refugee Welcome Group



All are welcome
Register at: <https://tinyurl.com/27spa76>
After registering, you will receive Zoom link.



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

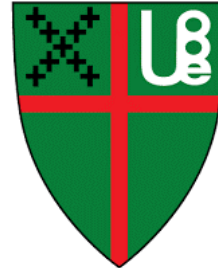
Application materials and questions about the position may be directed to Canon Kim Karashin at kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org. If you know of any qualified clergy who may be interested in discerning a call to this first-of-its-kind partnership in our diocese, please share with them this opportunity.



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



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

- April 21:** St. Peter's, Blairsville
- April 28:** St. Brendan's, Franklin Park
- May 5:** Redeemer, Squirrel Hill
- May 12:** Christ Church, Indiana

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. More information about this joyous event will be available soon.



Parting Shots

Annual Blessing of the City



It was a damp overcast day but that did not dampen spirits as Bishop Ketlen joined leaders from many Christian denominations across the region at the annual "Blessing of the City" sponsored by Bishop Zubik and the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.



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

