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May 9, 2024

# Nurturing Joy!

*Diocesan Day of Ministry Celebration*

Saturday, May 18, 2024, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

[Trinity Episcopal Cathedral](#)

328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

We are excited to have **Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe** from the [Diocese of Central New York](#), and a **nominee to be our 28th Presiding Bishop**, join us as our keynote speaker.

Read more about Bishop DeDe's nomination in a story from Episcopal News Service [here](#).

The day will begin with a continental breakfast in the cathedral's Parish Hall and fellowship in the nave with a Ministry Fair highlighting our ministries together.



A tentative agenda is below. **So we can plan for the breakfast and hospitality we ask attendees to register for the event [here](#). There is no cost to attend.**

An important piece of this celebration will be the Ministry Fair with tables highlighting our ministries together, with plenty of time set aside for fellowship and exploring our diverse ministries. If your parish ministry or related organization would like to be represented, please fill out [this form](#) and we will reserve a table for you. It will be a great opportunity to highlight your ministries, upcoming events, and to celebrate our successes over the past year together.

Much more information here: [www.episcopalpgh.org/nurturing-joy/](http://www.episcopalpgh.org/nurturing-joy/)



# Stevenson School for Ministry: A Broad Offering of Theological Formation Programs

[The Stevenson School for Ministry](#),

based in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, offers excellent formation opportunities from top quality professors in a flexible online format. Several members of our

diocese at all levels of ministry have been trained through The Stevenson School for Ministry. Bishop Ketlen Solak remarks: “I can personally attest to the first-rate level of the classes offered by the Stevenson School for Ministry because I am currently auditing a class about the Gospel of Luke at the school. The teacher is excellent, and my fellow students are extremely bright and offer insightful observations, which contribute to rich dialogue and a fertile learning environment.”



The Stevenson School for Ministry provides an opportunity to learn from experienced priests and professors, many of whom teach in traditional seminaries all over the country, and from fellow students who are pursuing ordination or lay leadership or simply seeking to deepen their understanding. The Rev. Jim Miorelli comments: “I feel very grateful and blessed to have attended the Stevenson School for Ministry over the past 4 years, first completing the Deacon, and now the Priest curriculum. The instructors have proven to be eminently qualified, and challenge students while being gracious and understanding. It’s the perfect environment for adult learning while working full-time and pursuing a religious calling, or for exploring engaging content while nurturing spiritual growth.”



**The Rev. Dr. Luke Zerra**, Associate Dean for the Stevenson School for Ministry and Priest-in-charge at St. Peter’s in Brentwood, also emphasizes the lay ministries program. “If you look at the catechism in the Book of Common Prayer, the outline of faith, it asks ‘Who are the ministers of the church?’ And it essentially says that the baptized are the ministers of the church. So, before it starts talking about bishops, priests, and deacons, it’s clear that our first call to ministry is our baptism. It’s not that we outsource ministry to priests, deacons and bishops; it’s that we all have a part in the ministry of the church.”

Read more about the Stevenson School for Ministry at [episcopalpgh.org/stevenson-school-for-ministry/](http://episcopalpgh.org/stevenson-school-for-ministry/)



By the Grace of God  
The Right Reverend Ketlen A. Solak  
Bishop of Pittsburgh

will ordain

**Deanna Jean Briody**  
**Guy William Brown**  
**Jack Roso Brownfield**  
**Theodore Arthur Somes, III**  
**Nicole Leigh Starr**

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

Saturday, June 1, 2024  
at ten o'clock in the morning

Calvary Episcopal Church  
315 Shady Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206

Your prayers and presence are requested

*Clergy: Red Stoles*  
*Reception follows*



## **Diocesan Transitions**

### **New Call**

**The Rev. Canon Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan** has accepted the call to be the Associate Rector at Calvary Church, East Liberty. Bonnie-Marie had served as Canon for Formation and Parish Life at Trinity Cathedral, downtown Pittsburgh.

She is also a member of our Standing Committee and is a deputy to the upcoming General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

### Licensed to Officiate

**The Rev. Charles (Chuck) Weiss**, a retired priest from the Diocese of Delaware, has been licensed to officiate here by Bishop Solak. Fr. Chuck and his wife Martha, both originally from the Pittsburgh area, moved back to be closer to family.

**The Rev. Bruce Bevans**, canonically resident in the Diocese of West Virginia, has been licensed to officiate here by Bishop Solak. Fr. Bruce joins his wife, the Rev. Marjorie Bevans, the recently installed Rector at St. Michaels of the Valley, Ligonier.

### Ordination to the Priesthood

**The Rev. James Miorelli** was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday, May 4, at Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. Fr. Jim is serving as the Priest-in-Charge at St. Thomas in Canonsburg.



## Diocesan Listening Session: Potential Changes Related to the Book of Common Prayer

In 2022, the General Convention passed Resolution A059, which called for substantial revisions to Article X [Of the Book of Common Prayer] of the Constitution of the Episcopal Church. The proposed amendments attempt to shift the Church's awareness that contemporary and future methods of publication may not be restricted to the form of a book. What General Convention adopts as a prayer book is not a form of publication (a book) but rather the content, i.e., the text of the liturgies.



Since this is a revision to the Constitution, it requires a second reading and approval at the upcoming General Convention in June of this year. Please join the bishop and members of Pittsburgh's deputation to General Convention for a discussion and listening session on **Thursday, May 30 from 5-6pm, via Zoom**. Our deputation wants to hear from a wide variety of voices from across the diocese, so all are warmly invited to participate!

Background and the text of the proposed changes, as well as related resolutions, can be found

here: [https://www.episcopalarchives.org/sites/default/files/gc\\_resolutions/2024-A072.pdf](https://www.episcopalarchives.org/sites/default/files/gc_resolutions/2024-A072.pdf)

To join the meeting, please click this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81655001056?pwd=YzdJb2dIQnMzZ05tb25oRlJlRndsQT09>

If you have other questions, please contact Jamie McMahon, chair of Pittsburgh's deputation to General Convention, at [jamie.mcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:jamie.mcmahon@gmail.com).



## A Prayer for General Convention

Most gracious and loving Lord, you are the source of wisdom and the guide to whom we turn for the important decisions we face in our lives. Illumine the hearts and minds of the members of our deputation to General Convention, as well as the hearts and minds of all the deputies and the bishops participating in this year's convention.

Help us to discern what best reflects your will in terms of the resolutions that will come before us, and lead us to perceive and choose the person you desire to serve next as Presiding Bishop. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

--Bishop Ketlen



You are invited to spend time with the Bishop and members of the laity from around the diocese on **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 May 30 online gathering at:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lce2qrjljGtbNSbuvtLhbzkaY9TEuEIS->





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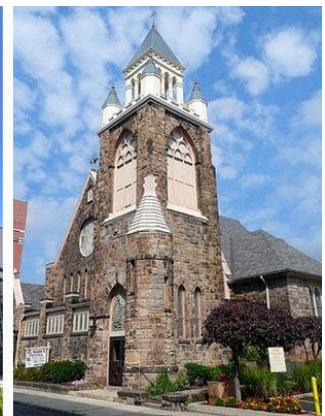
## Search for Priest to Serve in Johnstown and Somerset

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](mailto: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.



## Around the Diocese



### Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

**May 12:** Christ Church, Indiana

**May 19:** Christ Church, North Hills (Pentecost)

**May 28:** Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh (Trinity Sunday)

**June 2:** St. Michael's, Ligonier

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](mailto: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](#).

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## 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.



## Parting Shots

**Ordination of the Rev. James Miorelli to the Priesthood**







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*--Photos courtesy Diane Hubiak*

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## Province III Synod



Florence Atwood, Bishop Ketlen, and Steve Stagnitta represented the Diocese of Pittsburgh at the Province III synod in Martinsburg, WV, on May 5-6. Prior to the Synod, Bishop Ketlen attended a retirement picnic for Maryland Bishop Eugene Sutton at the Claggett Center in Adamstown, MD. He stepped down as diocesan bishop on April 27 when Carrie Schofield-Broadbent was consecrated Bishop of Maryland.

*--Photos courtesy Florence Atwood*

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## **U.S. Rep. Chris Deluzio Joins PennEnvironment for Solar Church Tour at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon**



PennEnvironment joined Congressman Deluzio & leaders from St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Tax Day 2024 to tour the church's rooftop solar array and highlight the significant tax breaks available to churches, residents, and non-profits.

Read the complete [story here](#).

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