

Nurturing our Faith!

May 23, 2024

Digital Ministry: *And Also With You* Podcast



The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo

In the fall of 2023, the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo (Associate Rector at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon, PA) and the Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail (Vicar at Jubilee Episcopal Church in Austin, TX) launched their podcast *And Also With You*, which is "A podcast on reclaiming an ancient Christian faith for modern Christian life." Since then, it has had around 30,000 downloads (and counting!) and an even more significant impact on the spiritual need present all around us. The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo comments on this ministry by saying "I think a reason why our podcast is doing well is that it's speaking to people, and people are very hungry for a church that

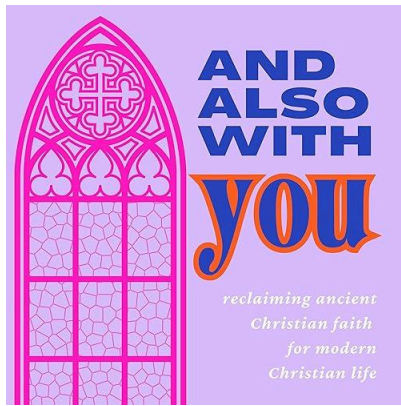
loves and accepts them, allows them to ask big questions, and isn't threatened by difference of belief and opinion and gives them space to wonder."

The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo was ordained to the priesthood in December 2019 and Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail was ordained to the priesthood in June 2020, a time of pandemic and upheaval which necessitated a change from the way both of them had imagined their ministries would begin. During the pandemic, Rev. Di Panfilo started noticing that a seminary friend, who is a Presbyterian minister, was posting content on TikTok about what it's like to be a female minister and what it's like to be in her church. She was struck by the idea and started creating content as well, which in turn inspired the Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail to explore this form.



The Rev. Lizzie McManus-Dail

Over time, people would reach out to both of them asking questions about the church, theology, what it's like to be a young female priest etc. which eventually led to Laura's desire to launch a podcast with Lizzie, a platform that could honor the questions they were being asked in a way that could become a resource for others, something TikTok as a platform cannot do as well. "Over time people would reach out and ask questions. They would comment 'oh, you're the first female priest I've ever seen, I have all of



these questions.’ But I did not have the time or ability to address them all individually. A podcast seemed like a wonderful way to address these questions. After over a year of planning, talking to podcast hosts and editors, and support raising, the podcast launched.

“And Also With You” is largely guided by the questions both priests have received on social media and also by the church calendar. For example, the podcast has just finished up a series on Lent and has turned to themes of “hope” and “resurrection” in Easter. In their first Easter-season episode entitled “What is hope?” Laura and Lizzie have a rich conversation with the hosts of The Leader’s Way podcast, “an audio pilgrimage from Berkeley Divinity School at Yale.” You can find this [episode here](#) and The Leader’s Way podcast episode [here](#).

Read the rest of the story by Alisa Huston on the diocesan website at www.episcopalpgh.org/digital-ministry-and-also-with-you-podcast/



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Bishop of Pittsburgh

will ordain

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

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Clergy: Red Stoles
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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

To join the meeting, please click this Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81655001056?pwd=YzdJb2dlQnMzZ05tb25oRlJlRndsQT09>

If you have other questions, please contact Jamie McMahon, chair of Pittsburgh's deputation to General Convention, at 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.

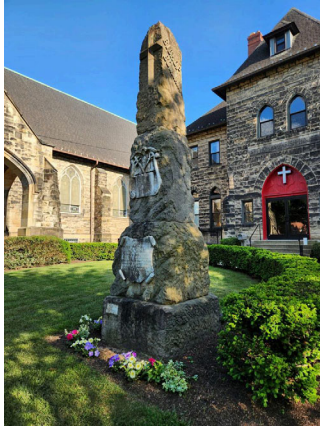
Please register for the May 30 online gathering at:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0lce2qrIjGtbNSbuvtLhbzkaY9TEuEIS->



150th Anniversary of St. Thomas, Oakmont

On Sunday, June 9, [St. Thomas Memorial Episcopal Church](#) in Oakmont is celebrating their 150th anniversary. St. Thomas was chartered on June 9, 1874.

Bishop Ketlen will celebrate at the 8 a.m. service and celebrate a Festival Eucharist with confirmations at the 10:30 a.m. service.



The festivities include a time capsule to be filled, sealed by the bishop, and buried. Additionally, the large Bishop Bowman monument that has stood on the grounds of St. Thomas for many years will be rededicated.

Following the services, a luncheon will take place in the parish hall where an historical exhibit will be on display.

All former parishioners are invited to make this a homecoming and, of course, anyone in the diocese is welcome to attend.

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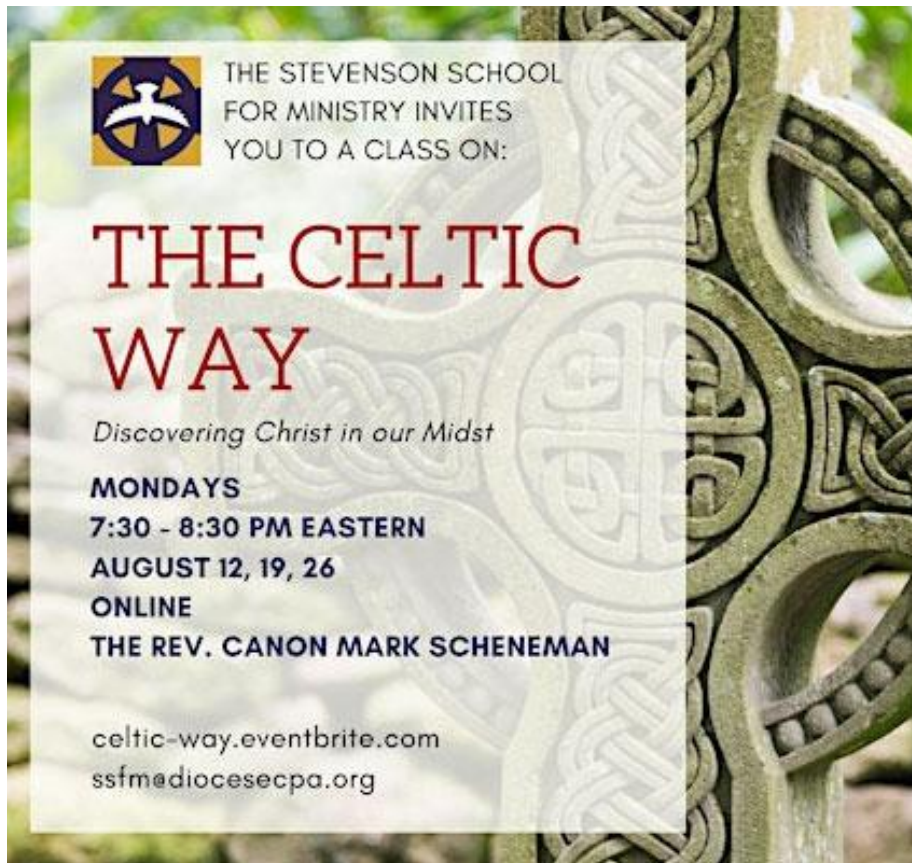
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Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

May 28: Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh (Trinity Sunday)

June 2: St. Michael's, Ligonier

June 9: St. Thomas, Oakmont

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

Our November Diocesan Convention feels like it's a long way off but now is the time for parishes to complete their Lay Deputy Certification forms available in [Word](#) or [PDF](#). More information about the 159th Annual Convention, including a list of open positions for election and nomination forms, is available [here](#).



Parting Shots

.5K (yes, .5K) Race in Kittanning





On May 11th, St. Paul's, Kittinging, turned out for a .5K, yes .5K, race to support Connections of Armstrong County. Fr. Brandon Cooper promised to run in vestments if the parish raised over \$500 for the event, and they exceeded that goal by almost \$100. Altogether 30 members participated in the race.

Church of the Redeemer, Squirrel Hill





Bishop Ketlen had a joy-filled visitation to the Church of the Redeemer in Squirrel Hill on Sunday, May 5.

Christ Church, Indiana



Bishop Ketlen visited the good folks at Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana PA on Sunday, May 12.

Christ Church, North Hills



The Holy Spirit was at work in the midst of a sea of red at both of their services for Pentecost during Bishop Ketlen's visitation to Christ Episcopal Church, North Hills, on Sunday, May 19.



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