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Nurturing our Faith!

July 10, 2024

Bishop Sean Rowe elected 28th presiding bishop, will begin nine-year term Nov. 1

[Episcopal News Service – Louisville, Kentucky] The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected and confirmed June 26 at the 81st General Convention to serve as the 28th presiding bishop. His nine-year term as presiding bishop, the face and voice of The Episcopal Church and its chief pastor, begins Nov. 1.



The House of Bishops elected Rowe on their first ballot in a closed session at Christ Episcopal Church in downtown Louisville. The result later was announced publicly in the afternoon session of the House of Deputies, which greeted the news with cheers. The deputies proceeded to confirm him with a nearly unanimous majority, 95% in favor, and the standing-room-only crowd erupted in applause across the hall at the Kentucky International Convention Center.

Bishop Sean Rowe currently serves both the dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania (our northern neighbors) and Western New York.

More stories from our General Convention participants will be published in an upcoming newsletter.

Read the rest of the story [here](#).



St. Andrew's Calls a New Rector



The Rev. Sara H. Irwin
17th Rector of St. Andrew's

The vestry of St. Andrew's has called the **Rev. Sara H. Irwin** to be the next Rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Highland Park, PA. Rev. Sara will be joining us as of **September 1**, and her first Sunday leading our worship will be **September 8**.

St. Andrew's, Highland Park, 5801 Hampton St., Pittsburgh, PA 15206
<https://www.standrewspgh.org/>



Christmas
in
July

Vacation
Bible School

Church of the Holy Cross
7507 Kelly Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Dates - Monday July 29th through Friday August 2nd
Time - 12:30 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
Ages - 3 1/2-year-olds (turned 3 by 2/1/24) through second graders (completed second grade)

For more information, contact the church office at 412-242-3209 or holycrosspdo@gmail.com.
[Click here](#) to register



Search for Priest to Serve in Johnstown and Somerset

St. Mark's, Johnstown, and St. Francis in the Fields, Somerset, continue their 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

Please send resumé/CV, OTM profile, link to online sermon(s), and cover letter (describing why you feel called to apply for the position and the gifts you would bring to it) to The Rev. Canon Nancy Suellau, acting transition minister for the Diocese of Pittsburgh, at mtrnancy@gmail.com, with a copy to Executive Assistant Andrea Rath

at arath@episcopalpgh.org. Inquiries about the position may also be directed in this manner.

Fall 2024 Visitation Schedule and Cycle of Prayer Now Available

Bishop Ketlen's Fall 2024 visitation schedule through the end of the church year, the Last Sunday after Pentecost, is now [available here](#).

The Summer/Fall 2024 Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, through November 24, is [available here](#).

These documents, along with many others, are available on the Diocesan website under the [Resources tab](#).



An event flyer for 'The Celtic Way' class. The background is a close-up of a stone Celtic cross. The text on the flyer reads: 'THE STEVENSON SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY INVITES YOU TO A CLASS ON: THE CELTIC WAY Discovering Christ in our Midst MONDAYS 7:30 - 8:30 PM EASTERN AUGUST 12, 19, 26 ONLINE THE REV. CANON MARK SCHENEMAN celtic-way.eventbrite.com ssfm@diocesecpa.org'.



Around the Diocese

Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

There are no visitations scheduled [until September 15](#).



Parish leadership is reminded to complete a form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), 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.

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

Ordinations to the Diaconate At Calvary Church



On June 1, 2024, Bishop Ketlen ordained Deanna Jean Briody, Guy William Brown, Jack Roso Brownfield, and Theodore Arthur Somes, III, to the transitional diaconate at Calvary Episcopal Church in East Liberty.

The recording of live-stream of the service is available on Calvary's YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=amzrrvxMJPC>

St. Brendan's, Franklin Park at the Pride Parade



On June 1, St. Brandan's was represented by 24 members at the Pittsburgh Pride Parade. It was the fifth march for the parish.

Little Free Library in Scottdale



The members of St. Bartholomew Trinity in Scottsdale are pleased to offer books to the children of the community. They have recently installed a Little Free Children's Library in the church yard.

St. Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier



Bishop Ketlen joined the Rev. Marjorie Bevans and the parishioners of St. Michael's of the Valley, Ligonier, during her visitation on Sunday, June 2.

150th Anniversary Celebration in Oakmont

Bishop Ketlen joined the folks at St. Thomas in Oakmont for their 150th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 9.

Some of the festivities included four confirmations, the rededication of the monument honoring Bishop Bowman, a wonderful luncheon, and the sealing of a time capsule.





Staff Commissioning at Calvary Camp



Bishop Ketlen joined the 2024 staff at Sheldon Calvary Camp for their annual commissioning on Wednesday, June 19.



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