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# Nurturing our Faith!

August 13, 2024

**Bestsellers, Bibles, Cookbooks, Hardcover,  
Nonfiction, Novels, Paperbacks, Softcovers,  
CDs, DVDs, Vinyl Records**



## **THE 2024 USED BOOK SALE**

Saturday,  
August 10  
thru  
Sunday,  
August 18  
10 AM – 2 PM

**Proceeds of the Used Book Sale benefit a broad spectrum  
of literacy programs in our Community**

**THE BOOKSTORE AT  
CALVARY**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty | Off-street Parking



**10th Annual Overdose Prayer Service**



**Trinity Episcopal Cathedral  
328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA  
Wheelchair Access 325 Oliver Avenue  
Friday, August 30, 12 Noon  
Ring of the Bells at 11:15 a.m.**

Come to pray for those who lost their life to overdoses, for their families, and for all those who still suffer from addiction.

Starting at 11:15 am, a cathedral bell will ring 665 times - once for every person who died from an overdose in 2023 from Allegheny County.



## **Rich Creehan Appointed as Diocesan Liturgical Officer**

Dear friends,

It is with joy that I share with you the news of my appointment of Rich Creehan as Liturgical Officer for our diocese. This is a volunteer position, which Rich has already begun to fulfill in many ways. For example, Rich helped plan the most recent ordinations we had this year.



As Liturgical Officer, Rich will play a significant role with the planning of diocesan-related worship services. As many of you already know, Rich is one of our most experienced vergers, and his knowledge of our Episcopal Liturgy is commendable. I am grateful for Rich's wisdom and competence, and for his willingness to contribute of his time and energy for the benefit of our common life. Please join me in congratulating Rich on this new and vital role.

Faithfully,



# Roots שורשים جذور

Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024

1:00-3:00 PM

Fostering a movement of understanding, non-violence, and transformation by the example of Israeli and Palestinian neighbors suffering war at home. Noor A'wad and Rabbi Hanan Schlesinger present their friendship as an example of overcoming seemingly insurmountable differences - an example that models how we might transformatively face differences in our own country & neighborhoods.



NOOR A'WAD

RABBI HANAN SCHLESINGER

Join us for a light lunch at 12:00 PM *(halal/kosher available)*

Presentation & conversation begins at 1:00 PM

## Church of the Redeemer

5700 Forbes Avenue + Pittsburgh, PA 15217

(412) 422-7100

RSVP at: [redeemerchurch@aol.com](mailto:redeemerchurch@aol.com)

*Discover the power of human relationships to overcome animosity  
and the capacity of the human spirit to endure and persist.*

*People of all faiths, philosophies, traditions, political perspectives, orientations,  
ages, and more encouraged to attend this non-partisan event.*

<https://www.friendsofroots.net>



## **Zoom Forum to Address Safe Church, Safe Communities Policy Implementation**

On **Monday, August 26, beginning at 6:30 p.m.**, clergy-in-charge, senior wardens, and directors of non-parochial organizations in the Diocese are invited to attend a Zoom Forum. The purpose of the Forum is to respond to your questions and concerns about the new *Safe Church, Safe Communities* policies and about the process for their implementation between now and December 31 of this year.

Three panelists, the Rev. Dr. Julie Smith, Ms. Eileen Sharbaugh, and Dr. Tim Austin, will take your questions and concerns, replying where they can and noting any for which further clarification from Diocesan Council, the Bishop, or the Chancellor may be required. The meeting will be recorded for those unable to attend.



To register for the Forum, please follow this link by the end of the day on Saturday,

August

24: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYpduqtqDwrHtfo17VInIm6HlZrKh-LuawW>



## Calvary Choir to Perform at Lincoln Cathedral

*From Dr. Alan Lewis, Director of Music at Calvary, East Liberty:*

Many members of the Calvary choir have been preparing for our trip to the East Midlands of England, to sing at Lincoln Cathedral. We have a cohort of just under four dozen singing, and I'm counting on it being a great experience, musically, spiritually, culturally, and socially.



The residency consists of our singing Evensong daily for the week from [August 12](#) – 18 (excepting the 14th, when we get a day off for a bit of tourism, a day-trip to York), plus the morning Eucharist on the Sunday. It's the Choir's first trip "across the Pond," and we're very excited about the opportunity.

If you wish to watch the choir on YouTube while they are in England, please visit <https://www.youtube.com/@LincolnCathedraluk>.



## Nominations for Diocesan Leadership Positions Now Open

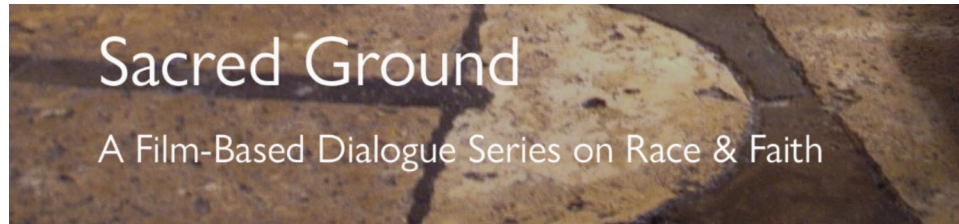
Recommendations are now being taken by the Nominating Committee for the following positions to be elected at the 159th Diocesan Convention of the Diocese of Pittsburgh on November 9, 2024, at Trinity Cathedral:

- Standing Committee
- Board of Trustees
- Committee on Constitution and Canons
- Commission on Ministry
- Cathedral Chapter
- Growth Fund



Full details about the positions are [available here](#). The 2024 Nomination Form with submission instructions is available here in [PDF](#) or [Word](#).

More details about our 159th Annual Convention, as they become available, are available at <https://www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/2024-diocesan-convention>.



## An Invitation to Participate in Sacred Ground

There continue to be sessions of Sacred Ground going on at various locations throughout this year. Please encourage friends, family, fellow parishioners and other congregations or faith based groups to participate. There are some very positive changes to Level 1 based on feedback from the surveys from participants. This gives us time to implement some of the new initiatives with a larger body of people (less readings, more up to date articles, more discussion time, and only 9 sessions). "Sacred Ground" Level 2 is for those who took Sacred Ground Level 1 and want a deeper dive into the content with much more dialogue, more research and a focus on individual or collective action. The level 2 sessions consist of 7 sessions. We ask that every parish make this information about the locations available to all of their parishioners. **The first Sacred Ground Level 2 series was a huge success!**

If there is an interest in parishes wanting to host a Sacred Ground Level 1 or 2 later in the year, please let Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger at [s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org). She needs to train any leaders who want to lead these new sessions on the created content. All of the sessions will be made available via zoom. We will be offering a summer 2024 Sacred ground level 1 and Level 2 for those participants who want to participate via Zoom. **The Sacred Ground Level 1 at St. Thomas is starting on 08/22/2024.**

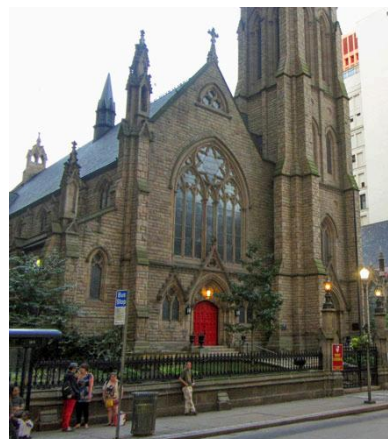
Complete details and schedules are [available here](#).



## Open Position at Trinity Cathedral

Trinity Cathedral has launched a search for a full-time priest to serve as Canon of Administration. Applications will be received until the position is filled. The full job description can be found on the Cathedral website at <https://trinitycathedralpgh.org/cathedral-canon-of-administration/>

Application materials and questions about the position may be directed to The Very Rev. Aidan Smith at [asmith@trinitycathedralpgh.org](mailto:asmith@trinitycathedralpgh.org). If you know of any qualified clergy who may be interested, please pass along this opportunity.



## Parish Prayers for Beloved Community

The Beloved Community Initiative announces the creation of a “Parish Prayers for Beloved Community” for all parishes in our Diocese to utilize along with their usual content.

Each parish is invited to submit prayers they would like included in a book of prayers to be curated by the Beloved Community Initiative.



The prayers should be connected to the creation of a beloved community. It is another enrichment tool for reinforcing beloved community. Please email your requests to Canon Eric McIntosh, Canon for the Beloved Community Initiative, at [emcintosh@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:emcintosh@episcopalpgh.org) or Shahnaz Alam-Denlinger, BCI Program Coordinator, at [s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:s.alamdenlinger@episcopalpgh.org). by September 30.



## Around the Diocese



### Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

- September 15:** Holy Cross, Homewood
- September 22:** St. Thomas, Northern Cambria
- October 6:** St. Mark's, Johnstown
- October 12:** St. Bartholomew's, Scottdale (Sat.)
- October 13:** St. Francis, Somerset

Parish leadership is reminded to complete a form, available in [PDF](#) or [Word](#), at least two weeks in advance of their visitation.

Bishop Ketlen's visitation schedule is [available here](#). The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer is [available here](#).

To schedule time with Bishop Ketlen, contact Andrea Rath at 412-721-0853, ext. 251, or [arath@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:arath@episcopalpgh.org).

## Important Reminders

Registration is now open for the 2024 Annual Clergy Conference at Antiochian Village on September 25-27. All clergy are reminded to [register here](#).



## Parting Shot

**7th Generation Baptism at St. Michael's, Rural Valley**



On Sunday, August 4, little Lyla was baptized by the Rev. Brandon Cooper, making her the 7th generation of her family to be baptized at St. Michael's, Rural Valley, a streak going back to the 1830s and the founding of the parish. Lyla is pictured with her parents, Brianna and Matthew. She brings new meaning to the status of being a "cradle Episcopalian."



Has your parish been featured in the news?  
Please let us know via email at [info@episcopalpgh.org](mailto:info@episcopalpgh.org)