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Nurturing our Faith!

October 29, 2024

Children's Ministry Spotlight

With the beginning of fall and school well-underway, it is a fitting time to highlight the children's ministry at work in our diocese. Jennifer Yoon, the diocesan Children's Ministry Coordinator, has compiled a [series of helpful resources](#) for parishes and families that includes Montessori-style formation, lectionary-based children's ministry curricula, confirmation curricula and more. The diocese also has a Godly Play materials lending library that is available for use.



Jennifer has been involved in children's ministry in one form or another for the last 23 years. Her journey began at a small Episcopal church in Dallas when, after attending a few times, the priest asked her to lead their children's ministry. With hardly any exposure at the time to the Bible or children's ministry, Jen began a journey of learning alongside children, a posture which has informed her robust ministry to this day. Jen reflects on this journey in saying, "I think there's no better way to learn and form yourself spiritually than working with children and learning alongside them. I am always humbled that God chose me to do this work and be with these children and I pray that the things that we share together stick with them through the years."

By creating a space where questions can be explored together, children can hear the stories of God with curiosity and apply it to their lives and their own understanding in a way that meets them where they are in their development. Godly Play, in particular, adopts a storytelling approach that invites children to wonder about the stories they hear and to express their reflections through art.

Storymakers NYC is another resource which operates similarly to Godly Play in book form. While these are just a couple of resources, there are many more that seek to nurture children in their life of faith.

Children are integral members of the church community, and it is important that they remain a priority in the ministry of the diocese. The work and resources that goes into building ministries for families is substantial, an important thing to remember in planning and envisioning the future. By prioritizing environments where children feel welcome and engaged, environments that foster wonder and creativity, ministries are actively shaping the future of the church.

For a comprehensive list of children's ministry resources including those mentioned above, please visit www.episcopalpgh.org/resources/childrens-ministry-resources/

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Organ Dedication at Christ Church, North Hills



This Friday, November 1, the new Christ Church Allen Organ will be dedicated with a concert by Maestro Hector Olivera! The doors will open at 5 p.m. and the service and concert will begin at 7 p.m. The concert is free and open to the public without reservation. Therefore, we suggest you arrive early as a full house is expected.

A reception will follow the concert.

If you are unable to make it to the event in-person, the event will be [live-streamed on YouTube](#)

Christ Episcopal Church, 5910 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA
15237 <https://www.christchurchpgh.org/>



The Investiture of Presiding Bishop-Elect Sean Rowe November 2, 2024

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is holding an official watch party in the Lounge at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Mt. Lebanon for the investiture of our new presiding

bishop-elect. The event will be hosted by the clergy and lay deputies who attended General Convention earlier this year, and their chair, Jamie McMahon.

Join the Churchwide Virtual Celebration



The Most Reverend Michael Curry
requests the honor
of your presence at the
Celebration of New Ministry and Investiture of
the Right Reverend Sean Rowe
as Presiding Bishop and Primate
of The Episcopal Church

Saturday, November 2, 2024
“Roll Call” of Dioceses - 9:30 am ET
Service of Holy Eucharist - 11:00 am ET

www.iam.ec/investiture

Schedule of Events:

9:30 a.m.: Roll Call of Dioceses

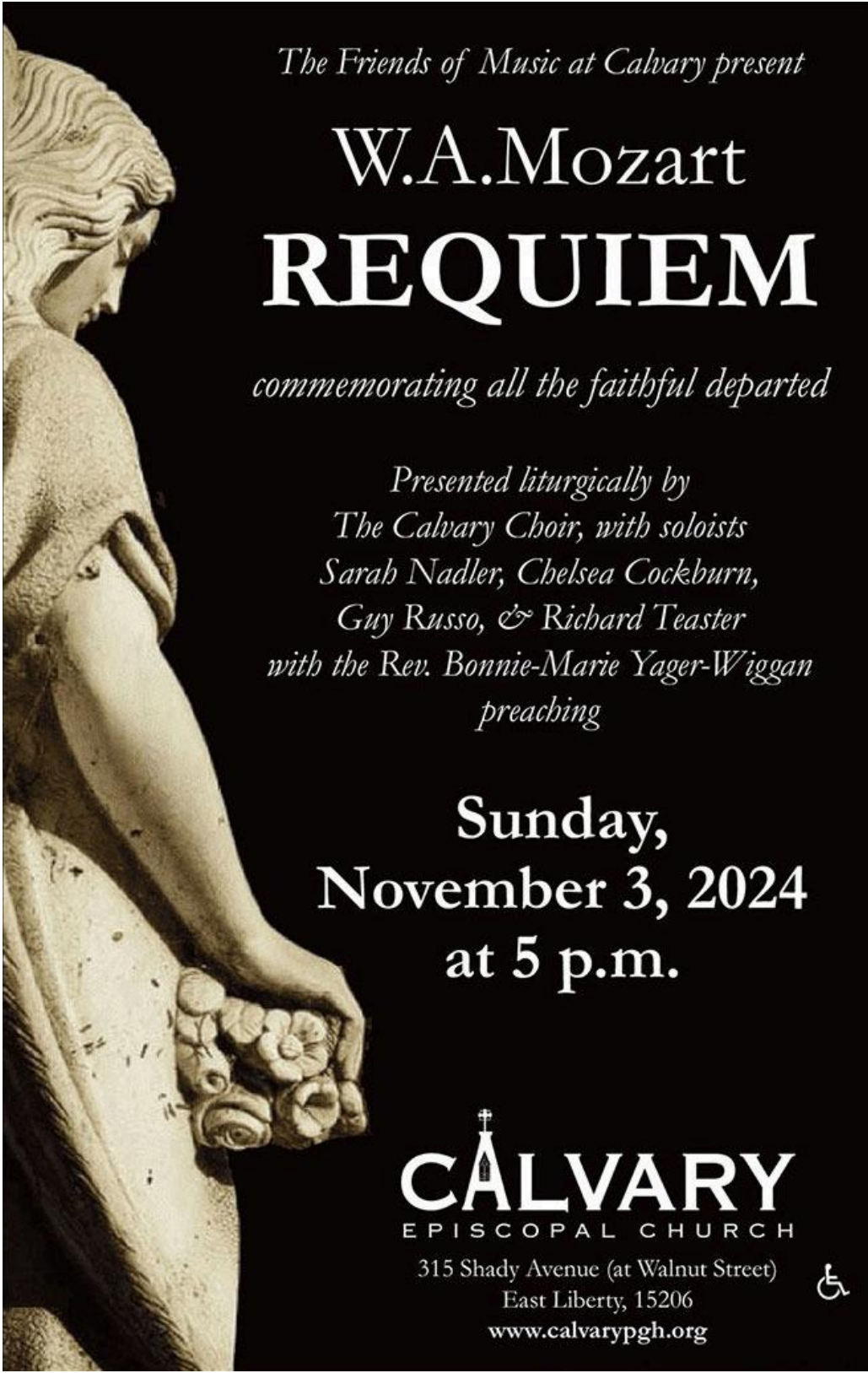
11 a.m.: Installation Service

Location: [St. Paul's Episcopal Church](#), 1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA

With this event, The Episcopal Church will officially welcome the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe as our 28th presiding bishop with a smaller, simpler, live-streamed investiture service aimed at reducing carbon footprint and increasing opportunities for churchwide virtual participation.

Refreshments will be provided at St. Paul's. For more information or to RSVP, please contact office@stpaulspgh.org or 412-531-7153 (x10).





The Friends of Music at Calvary present

W.A.Mozart REQUIEM

commemorating all the faithful departed

*Presented liturgically by
The Calvary Choir, with soloists
Sarah Nadler, Chelsea Cockburn,
Guy Russo, & Richard Teaster
with the Rev. Bonnie-Marie Yager-Wiggan
preaching*

**Sunday,
November 3, 2024
at 5 p.m.**

CALVARY
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

315 Shady Avenue (at Walnut Street)

East Liberty, 15206

www.calvarypgh.org



**ELECTION EVE
PRAYERS FOR HOPE
AND HEALING**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4
7PM**

**Join us for prayers for ourselves and our
neighbors on the eve of the election**

**A time of silence, beauty, and song to ground
ourselves in the love of God.**

**Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church
5801 Hampton St
Pittsburgh PA
www.standrewspgh.org**



LOVE ANYWAY *feast*

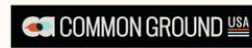
**Uniting Our Community,
One Feast at a Time:**
Building Bridges,
Breaking Barriers

In the days following the election, let's come to the same table. At a time when the world needs it most, the Love Anyway Feast encourages us to love beyond boundaries, differences, and disagreements—proving that despite it all, we can choose to love anyway.

**Friday, November 8
6:30-8:30 pm**

**Kadel Dining Room, McNaugher Hall
Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 N. Highland Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15206**

**Free and open to everyone!
RSVP HERE:**



[Click here](#) to register
[Click here](#) for a printable flyer



**Making Spiritual Discipleship a Priority
A Hybrid Workshop
Presented by the Stevenson School for Ministry**



Friday, November 15, 2-3:30 p.m.

The Rev. Jay Sidebotham, founder of [RenewalWorks](#), will share research from over 300 Episcopal congregations. The workshops will discuss those things which contribute to spiritual growth in our churches. He'll also explore the ways we understand spiritual growth, and share thoughts on why it is so important for our congregations. The research will give a snapshot of where many Episcopal congregations find themselves these days, and offer ways that congregations can move forward in a deeper, more vital spiritual life.

This hybrid workshop will be delivered via Zoom or in-person at St. John's Episcopal Church, Lancaster, PA. There is no fee to attend.

Learn more and register at www.eventbrite.com/e/making-spiritual-growth-a-priority-in-your-church-a-hybrid-workshop-tickets-1004729732677





The People of St Andrew's Episcopal Church
invite your prayers and presence:

The Renewal of Ministry with the
Welcoming of Our New Rector

THE REV. SARA IRWIN

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 @ 11:00 AM
LUNCH TO FOLLOW

Presiding: Bishop Ketlen Solak
Preaching: The Rev. Charles Fischer

Clergy: White Stoles

RSVP to office@standrewspgh.org

5801 Hampton St
Pittsburgh, PA 15206



Trinity Cathedral Welcomes New Canon of Administration

The Rev. Canon Dr. Mary Jayne Ledgerwood will serve as the Canon of Administration at Trinity Cathedral, beginning her ministry on Advent 1, December 1.

As Canon of Administration, Canon Mary Jayne will oversee many of the organizational and operational aspects of the cathedral, working alongside clergy, staff, and volunteers to ensure their ministries continue to thrive.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Mary Jayne Ledgerwood was ordained to the diaconate in 2001 and to the priesthood in 2002. She has served parishes in the Dioceses of the Central Gulf Coast, Virginia, and Maryland. Most recently, she served as the first female and the 18th rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, a 180-year-old parish in Mobile, Alabama.



[Read more about Canon Mary Jane here.](#)

[Trinity Cathedral](#), 328 6th Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222



Pittsburgh History & Landmarks Foundation

Historic Religious Properties Grant Program

The Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation is now accepting grant applications for the 2025 cycle of the Historic Religious Properties Grant program. The only one of its kind in Allegheny County, the program offers matching grants of up to \$10,000 for the restoration and renovation of architecturally significant historic religious buildings, where congregations also provide social services to their surrounding community.



In addition to matching grants, the PHLF also offers technical assistance to qualifying congregations with historic buildings where they assess the condition of the building, review architectural and /or engineering studies, and also provide congregations with advice on how to work with an architect or contractor.

The deadline for the 2025 cycle is December 6, 2024.

Complete information is available at phlf.org/preservation/historic-religious-properties-grant-program/



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule and Cycle of Prayer for December, 2024 to August, 2025 is Available

Bishop Ketlen's 2024-25 visitation schedule, for December through the end of August, 2025, is now available for download and printing by [clicking here](#).

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for August 2022 through the end of June 2023 is [available here](#).

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



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Visitation Schedule:

November 17: St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

November 23: St. Andrew's, Highland Park (Celebration of New Ministry)

December 8: Advent, Jeannette

December 15: St. James, Penn Hills

December 22: Atonement, Carnegie

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.



Parting Shots

St. Paul's, Kittanning Visitation

The good folks at St. Paul's, Kittanning, joined the Rev. Brandon Cooper in welcoming Bishop Ketlen for her annual visitation on Sunday, October 20.



Also on October 20 Bishop Ketlen Visited St. Michael's, Wayne Township

Later that same day, a beautiful day in Rural Valley, Bishop Ketlen visited with the folks at St. Michael's, Wayne Township.



Visitation in Homestead

On Sunday, October 27, Bishop Ketlen's visitation to St. Matthew's, Homestead, was a joy-filled occasion.



The Chapel at St. Margaret Hospital

Bishop Ketlen joined the Auxiliary of the St. Margaret Foundation, members of the diocese's Episcopal Church Women (ECW), the Rev. Jeff Murph, Hospital Chaplain and Rector of St. Thomas, Oakmont, and Dr. Alan Lewis, the Director of Music at Calvary, East Liberty, and friends, for a service of dedication of a new altar frontal in the Chapel at St. Margaret Hospital in Aspinwall on Wednesday, October 9. Bishop Ketlen preached. The ECW provided the funds for the new frontal.





--Photos courtesy Ann McStay

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