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# Grounded in Christ Growing Anew!

November 14, 2024

## Elected at the 159th Annual Convention

<p><b>Board of Trustees</b> (3 Year Term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Nicholas Byrd</b>, Calvary, East Liberty</li><li>• <b>Robert Lucas</b>, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon</li></ul>	<p><b>Cathedral Chapter</b> (3 Year Term)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>The Rev. Elizabeth Locher</b>, Supply Priest</li><li>• <b>Anthony Turo</b>, St. Brendan's, Franklin Park</li></ul>
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<p><b>District 1</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair: <b>The Rev. Dn. Carter Hawley</b>, Trinity Cathedral, Pittsburgh</li><li>• Vice-Chair: <b>Nicole Butler</b>, Emmanuel, Northside</li></ul>	<p><b>District 2</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Chair: <b>Don Block</b>, St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg</li><li>• Vice-Chair: <b>The Rev. Cameron Soulis</b>, Calvary, East Liberty</li><li>• Board of Trustees: <b>Ralph Egerman</b>, St. Andrew's, Highland Park (3 Year Term)</li></ul>
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## Diocesan Transitions

### New Calls

**The Rev. Sara Irwin** is now serving as Rector of St. Andrew's, Highland Park. She started at the parish on September 1 after concluding her time at Saint John Lutheran Church (ELCA) in Carnegie, where she served as Pastor for over six and a half years. A Celebration of New Ministry will take place at St. Andrew's on Saturday, November 23.



**The Rev. Miguel Carmona-Romero** and his wife Lauren moved to the Pittsburgh area from Texas, where he served as Vicar at St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in the city of Garland. He was ordained to the priesthood in the Diocese of Dallas in 2021. Bishop Ketlen has granted Fr. Miguel a License to Officiate in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. He joined the diocesan staff as its Missioner for Ministry in Brookline, effective November 1, and has also been added to our roster of supply clergy.

**The Rev. Dr. Mary Jayne Ledgerwood** has been called to serve as Trinity Cathedral's Canon of Administration, beginning December 1. She is coming to Pittsburgh from the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast, where she served as Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church in Mobile, Alabama.

### Retirements


**The Rev. Deacon Lorena Ringle** retired from active ministry at the end of October. Lorena was ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Dorsey McConnell in 2015 and served as Deacon and Director of Christian Formation at Christ Church, North Hills. She also contributed to the life of the diocese in various ways, including serving for a time on the Commission on Ministry and as a member of the Clergy Conference Planning Team.

**The Rev. Canon Jim Shoucair** will be retiring from active ministry at the end of January 2025. Canon Jim was ordained to the priesthood in 1999 and has served as Rector of Christ Church, North Hills, since 2002. He plans to continue playing an active role in the life of the diocese. He has served as our Convention Secretary for many years and also serves as a Title IV Intake Officer.

### Transfers Out

**The Rev. Shawn Malarkey** transferred his canonical residence to the Diocese of Southern Virginia on October 29. Fr. Shawn serves as Rector of Eastern Shore Chapel Episcopal Church in Virginia Beach. He previously served at Nativity Church, Crafton, for eight years.







The Calvary Community invites you to the


# ANNUAL BAZAAR


**SATURDAY  
NOVEMBER 16, 2024  
10 A.M. – 3 P.M.**

**Attic Treasures, Silent Auctions, Jewelry,  
Handmade Crafts, Baked Goods, Plants,  
Antiques & Collectables, *and more***

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315 Shady Ave. at Walnut St., East Liberty 15206  
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## **Diocesan Youth Winter Retreat**

Calling all high school students across  
the Diocese of Pittsburgh!



Join us for a **Winter Youth Retreat January 3-5, 2025 at Laurelville Camp and Retreat Center in Mount Pleasant, PA.** This retreat is an opportunity to take some time out of your busy school (and life) schedules and recharge at Laurelville's beautiful campus. Bring yourself, bring some friends, and get ready to make new friends from all across the region as we play, learn, eat, worship, and grow in community together!

Registration is \$125 and covers all meals, lodging, transportation, and activities, and scholarship assistance is available. In addition, due to a generous grant from the Bishop, adult volunteers may attend for free, subject to obtaining proper clearances. **The registration deadline is Friday, December 20.** Contact Bob Melvin, the Youth Minister at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, at [bmelvin@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:bmelvin@stpaulspgh.org) for more information or with any questions at all.

[Sign up now](#) and we'll see you there!



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](mailto:office@standrewspgh.org)

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ST. BRENDAN'S

# Holiday Happenings

Shop for unique gift items from **quality crafters**, such as home décor, jewelry, wood, pottery, salsa, popcorn and more.

Choose from 1,000+ dozen festive home-baked **specialty cookies** and five varieties of delicious **homemade soups**. (Arrive early for the best selection!)

Take a chance on a **gift card basket** worth more than \$1,200! Four other prizes too!

Enjoy **live entertainment** from Avonworth Chamber Choir, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (OLSH) Theatre, and Keely Singer's vocal students!

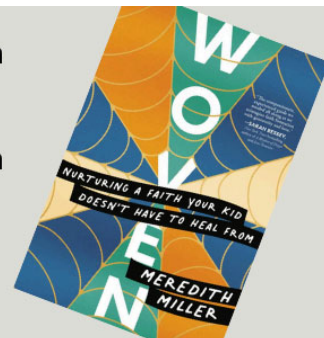
**Saturday, November 23**  
**9 am to 2 pm**

ST. BRENDAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
2365 MCALEER RD., FRANKLIN PARK, PA 15143

**\$2 admission includes a chance for door prizes from vendor donations**



St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Mt. Lebanon  
**Woven Parent's Discussion Group**  
Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From  
Jan 12, 19, 26 and Feb 2 from 5:00-6:15pm  
Optional Dinner at 6:15pm  
**Childcare provided**



Join us for this discussion of the book "Woven: Nurturing a Faith Your Kid Doesn't Have to Heal From" at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon. Childcare will be provided and there will be an optional dinner after. This will be a great discussion and also a time to connect with other parents in our diocese.

In this book author Meredith Miller suggests that many people approach building faith as if they are building a brick wall. The wall seems strong, but if a few bricks are removed the entire thing tumbles. Instead of this model, Miller invites us to think about how we might create a spider's web of faith. Webs are elastic, and still strong if a few strands are broken. With Woven, families can nurture the kind of faith that can flex and grow, be broken and repaired. This is the sort of faith that can stand up to the life a child will live, the doubts they will encounter, and the questions that will come up along the way.

A sign up and more info [can be found here](#). Contact the Rev. Laura Di Panfilo with questions: [laura@stpaulspgh.org](mailto:laura@stpaulspgh.org).



## Happy Anniversary to Bishop Ketlen!



Yesterday marked the third anniversary of Bishop Ketlen's Ordination as Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. She was ordained at Calvary, East Liberty, on Saturday, November 13, 2021.



## Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe's Statement on the Archbishop of Canterbury's Resignation

On Tuesday, November 12, Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby [announced that he will step down](#) in light of the findings of a report on the abuse perpetrated by John Smyth, a lay minister in the Church of England.

Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe provided the following statement on Tuesday:

*Today I am praying for the people of the Church of England, for our siblings in the Anglican Communion, and for all victims and survivors of abuse, especially clergy abuse. Abuse in any form is horrific and abhorrent, and it grieves me that the church does not always live up to its ideal as a place where all of God's children are safe.*

*I commend Archbishop Welby for calling the Church of England to address its safeguarding failures, and I pledge the Episcopal Church's commitment to this critical task in our own contexts and in the Anglican Communion. The church must be a refuge where people can come with the deepest wounds and vulnerabilities and be nurtured, respected and never abused.*



## An Introduction to the New Episcopal Communities Task Force

At our Diocesan Annual Convention held at Trinity Cathedral on Saturday, November 9, the video below was presented to introduce several members of the New Episcopal Communities Task Force to the diocese as they are in the early stages of beginning their work.



## Virtual Faith-Based Security and Resilience Learning Series

The Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security and partners cordially invite you to attend the fourth quarterly event of our virtual learning series on **Thursday, November 21, 2024, from 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**. In anticipation of the upcoming holidays, we will focus the last segment of our series on personal safety and security while shopping, both in person and online.



We will hear from **Cortney Voorhees, Deputy Community Security Director, Jewish Federation of Greater Philadelphia**.

Ms. Voorhees will discuss the essential principles of enhancing personal safety and security in daily life. Attendees will learn how awareness, planning, and training play pivotal roles in reducing and mitigating personal risk.

Next will be a presentation from **David Shallcross, Director of Senior Protection, Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General**, who will review ways to avoid holiday scams and fraud, and how to protect yourself while shopping online and in stores.

And lastly, we will hear from **Christopher Allwein, Cyber Intelligence Manager, Bureau of Criminal Investigation, Pennsylvania State Police**. Mr. Allwein will provide a brief overview of cyber security and resources that are available to the community.

Guidance and further resources will be provided via handouts, and there will be time set aside at the end for Questions & Answers.

Registration details are [available here](#).



## Diocesan Position Available Senior Accountant/Treasurer

The Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh is looking for a Senior Accountant/Treasurer to manage the financial affairs of the diocese.

He/she will be responsible for the accounting and financial reporting for the diocese's operating and non-operating funds and ensures compliance with IRS and other applicable regulations for both the diocese and its parishes.



The Senior Accountant/Treasurer works closely with the Senior Financial Administrator to manage the day-to-day accounting responsibilities of the office.

[Click here for more information.](#)



## Around the Diocese



### Bishop Ketlen's 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](mailto:arath@episcopalpgh.org).





## Parting Shots

### St. Bartholomew, Scottsdale Visitation

The good folks at St. Bartholomew Trinity in Scottsdale joined the Rev. Deacon Cynthia Gainer in welcoming Bishop Ketlen for her annual visitation on Saturday, October 12.





Has your parish been featured in the news?  
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