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Grounded in Christ *Growing Anew!*

January 8, 2025



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God Willing
and the People Consenting
The Right Reverend Ketlen A. Solak
will ordain

Deanna Jean Briody

to the Sacred Order of Priests
in Christ's one holy catholic
and apostolic Church

Saturday, January 11, 2025
at ten o'clock in the morning

at

Calvary Episcopal Church
315 Shady Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15206

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow



The Practice of Prayer During the Season of Epiphany



The online Epiphany Prayer Course is about to begin! And, here is what you need to know:

The entire course will be offered online via an easy to register Zoom link [here](#).

It will start at **4 p.m. on Sunday, January 12**, and will meet every Sunday till the end of the Epiphany season on **Sunday, March 2**. Each gathering should last about an hour.

If you don't like to pray, or if you need some encouragement to renew your efforts to pray, or if you are already a faithful person of prayer, your participation is welcome. If a participant has to miss a session, it is okay to pick up on the next session and continue the course.

Please join fellow travelers in this time of learning together as we draw our hearts closer to God and strengthen our ministry partnerships with Jesus and each other.

This gathering is also a wonderful lead up to a diocesan-wide 24-hour online prayer vigil to be held on Ash Wednesday, March 5.

[Click here to register](#)



Upcoming Ordinations to the Priesthood



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The Right Reverend Ketlen A. Solak
will ordain the following to the Sacred Order of Priests
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Theodore Arthur Somes, III
Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at seven o'clock in the evening
at St. Paul's Episcopal Church
1066 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania 15228

Jack Roso Brownfield
Saturday, February 1, 2025, at ten o'clock in the morning
at St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church
2535 State Route 381, Rector, Pennsylvania 15677

Your prayers and presence are requested

Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow each service



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](#)

Application materials and questions about the position may be directed to Canon Kim Karashin at kkarashin@episcopalpgh.org. If you know of any qualified clergy who may be interested in discerning a call to this first-of-its-kind partnership in our diocese, please share with them this opportunity.



St. Francis in the Fields



St. Mark's



From the Social Justice and Outreach Committee: Israeli-Palestinian Peacemaker Duo 'Building Bridges' in Pittsburgh

Palestinian peacemaker Aziz Abu Sarah and Israeli peacemaker Maoz Inon have both experienced immeasurable tragedies growing up in the region, yet they choose reconciliation over revenge. They have been traveling across the globe to share their message of hope and will now bring their learnings and experiences to Pittsburgh.



Join them **this Sunday, January 12, at 6 p.m.** at the [Kelly Strayhorn Theater](#), East Liberty, for a conversation about how Pittsburghers can build bridges and care for the community in this time. This event is free but [registration is requested](#).



Around the Diocese



Bishop Ketlen's Schedule:

- January 11:** Calvary, East Liberty (Ordination to the Priesthood)
- January 12:** St. Stephen's, McKeesport
- January 19:** St. Stephen's, Wilkinsburg
- January 22:** St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon (Ordination to the Priesthood)
- January 26:** St. Peter's, Brentwood
- February 1:** St. Michael's, Ligonier (Ordination to the Priesthood)

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

Guy Brown was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church on Saturday, January 4, 2025, at St. Thomas Memorial Church in Oakmont. Many more photos from this wonderful day are on the [diocesan Facebook page](#).





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