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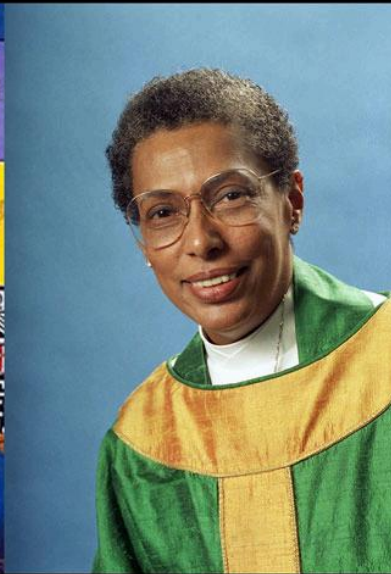
Grounded in Christ *Growing Anew!*

January 24, 2025

SACRED GROUND Absalom Jones | Barbara Harris Day Celebration



The Rev. Absalom Jones



Bishop Barbara Harris



The Rev. Valerie Mayo
Diocese of North Carolina

Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 10 a.m.

Trinity Cathedral

328 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Welcome all and join us for an ecumenical celebration and Eucharist for the life and work of the Rev. Absalom Jones and Bishop Barbara Harris.

[Absalom Jones](#) was the first African American to be ordained as a priest in The Episcopal Church. [Barbara Harris](#) was the first woman to be ordained a bishop in the Episcopal Church.

The celebration will feature [the Rev. Valerie Mayo](#), rector of [St. Titus Episcopal Church](#) in Durham, NC and a strategic consultant to Sacred Ground, as the guest preacher.

The Rev. Canon Eric McIntosh will be the celebrant. Musical selections will be provided by Fresh Anointing.

Sponsored by the Commission on Race and Reconciliation and the Beloved Community Initiative.



Diocesan Transitions

Ordinations

The Rev. Guy Brown was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ketlen on January 4, 2025. The service took place at St. Thomas, Oakmont, where Guy serves as Curate.

The Rev. Deanna Briody was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Ketlen on January 11, 2025. The service took place at Calvary, East Liberty, where Deanna serves as Curate.

The Rev. Theodore Somes was ordained to the priesthood and was commissioned as a Chaplain in the Army on January 22, 2025. The service took place at St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon, where Theodore serves as Curate.



Retirements

Elaine Zevkovich retired from her role as diocesan Treasurer and Director of Administration on January 3, 2025. Elaine joined the diocesan staff in April 2022, rounding out a 30+-year career in finance and management. Elaine plans to remain in Pittsburgh and continue as part of the Trinity Cathedral community.

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. Jim celebrated his last Sunday at Christ Church on January 19.

The Rev. Robin Jarrell will be retiring from active ministry at the end of April 2025. Robin is the Priest-in-Charge of St. Brendan's, Franklin Park, where she has served since May 2022. She was ordained to the priesthood in 2003 and served parishes in the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania before coming to Pittsburgh. Robin intends to remain in the Pittsburgh area following her retirement.

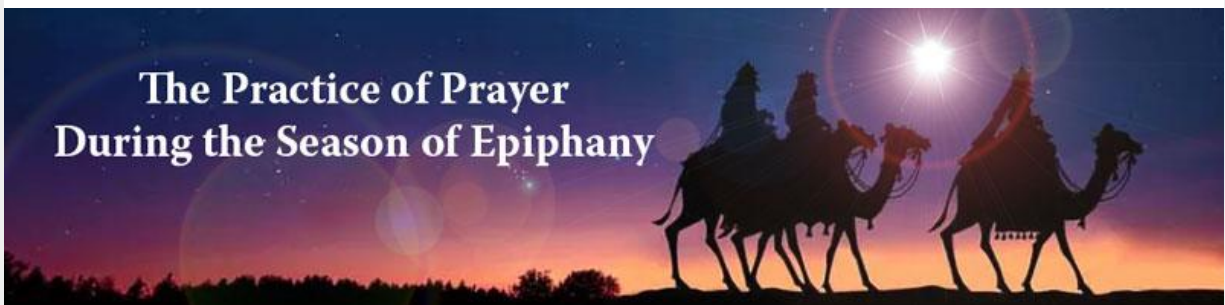
The Rev. Bill Geiger will be retiring from active ministry effective July 1, 2025. Bill is the Rector of Christ Church, Indiana, where he has served for 25 years, since 1999. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1988. Bill has served the diocese in many ways, including as a member of Diocesan Council, Standing Committee, the Disciplinary Board, and the Committee on Constitution & Canons. May 29 will be

Bill's last Sunday at Christ Church. He and his wife Kate plan to remain resident in Indiana, PA, following Bill's retirement.

Other Departures

The Rev. Torrey Johnson (ELCA) celebrated his last Sunday at Church of the Holy Cross, Homewood, on December 29. He had served as the parish's Priest-in-Charge since December 2017. Torrey also serves as a military chaplain and left Holy Cross to fulfill a new military assignment overseas.

The Rev. Dr. Bruce Robison will be stepping down from his role as Vicar of All Saints, Brighton Heights, at the end of February 2025. He has served there since 2020. Bruce is considering this a "re-retirement"; he retired from active ministry and his role as Rector of St. Andrew's, Highland Park, in 2019.



The online Epiphany Prayer Course has begun! 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 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. It's also okay to join as a new participant anytime.

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](#)



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

Jack Roso Brownfield

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

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



Book & Jewelry Sale at Atonement in Carnegie

The Church of the Atonement, 618 Washington Avenue in Carnegie, will sponsor a Used Book & Jewelry sale on **Friday and Saturday, February 7 and 8, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** with a snow date of Feb. 9, from 1-3 p.m. Call Joyce regarding the snow day at 412-276-0366.

Donations accepted on Feb., 2, 3, & 4 by calling Joyce at 412-276-0366.



Stevenson School for Ministry Upcoming Offerings

Leading Weddings and Funerals in the Late 2020s

February 11, 18, 25
2:00 pm EST
Instructor: Adam Trambley



[Click here](#) for more information and registration details.



The Stevenson School *for* Ministry

¿QUÉ ES UN EPISCOPAL?

¿Eres una persona que quiere saber más sobre la Iglesia Episcopala? Este semestre se ofrece un seminario en español gratuito por la Escuela Stevenson para el Ministerio. El seminario es para personas laicas que tienen preguntas y quieren aprender más de nuestra iglesia. El seminario empieza por ZOOM el sábado, día primero de febrero de 10 de la mañana a las doce del día hora del este. ¡Todos son bienvenidos!

Las clases serán el primer sábado del mes de febrero a junio del 2025 de 10 de la mañana a las doce del día hora del este.

La clase se reunirá por ZOOM estas fechas:

- 1 de febrero
- 1 de marzo
- 5 de abril
- 3 de mayo
- 7 de junio



Para registrarse se necesita solamente su nombre, número de teléfono y correo electrónico. Si tiene preguntas por favor llame a la Dra. Luisa Bonillas al 480-707-9017 o mande un correo electrónico a lbonillas@wellesley.edu.

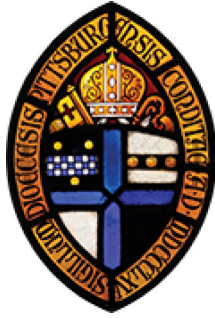
La clase será completamente en español.

[Click here](#) to register.



Around the Diocese

Bishop Ketlen's Schedule:



January 26: St. Peter's, Brentwood
February 1: St. Michael's, Ligonier (Ordination to the Priesthood)
February 2: St. Peter's, Blairsville
February 16: Emmanuel, Northside
February 23: Nativity, Crafton

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

The Rev. Theodore Somes was ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests in Christ's one holy catholic and apostolic Church and commissioned as a Chaplain in the Army on Wednesday, January 22, 2025, at St. Paul's in Mt. Lebanon. Bishop Ketlen presided and the Rt. Rev. Ann Ritonia, Bishop Suffragan for Armed Forces and Federal Ministries, preached and assisted. The service can be viewed on [St. Paul's Facebook page](#).

