

JUNE 13, 2021

Election of the IX Bishop of Pittsburgh

The Diocese of Pittsburgh entered a season of discernment to call a new Bishop following the announcement of the retirement of the Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell. Because none of us here have been through a bishop election in about nine years and some never have, an overview of the process to call the next Bishop of Pittsburgh and how things work in practice is helpful. At the end, I have also included numerous “fun facts” about Episcopal life related to bishops and the election process.

When Dorsey McConnell announced his retirement, with the consent of the Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee convened to initiate the process to call his successor. The *Standing Committee*, made up of both clergy and lay members, is a council of advice for the Bishop and is somewhat similar to a vestry in a congregation. They have oversight of the entire process to elect a bishop following diocesan and Episcopal Church canons (church laws).

The Standing Committee hired a consultant, developed a process, formed a Nominating (Search) Committee and Transition Committee and gave them each their charges, and set the whole thing in motion. And all the committees prayed. A lot.

The *Nominating Committee's* tasks were to produce a narrative profile of the Diocese that describes how we see ourselves, aspects of ministry where we are strong or need help, and what we are looking for in our next bishop to lead our Church in southwest Pennsylvania. This committee solicited candidates, interviewed them, and produced a slate that was announced on May 14. When the slate was announced, their tasks were complete.

The Nominating Committee was chaired by Calvary parishioner, Michael Braxton. He has also been a deputy to General Convention. Elizabeth Gassler, also a Calvary parishioner, was a member of the committee.

Please offer your thanks to the Nominating Committee who performed a great service for the whole Diocese in challenging circumstances exacerbated by the pandemic and no meetings in person and delays in the schedule beyond their control. They are all to be commended for

their hard work and particularly Michael for his leadership.

The tasks of the *Transition Committee* are to coordinate the farewells to Dorsey and Betsy McConnell, welcome the new Bishop and any family, coordinate the ordination service, and conduct gatherings for candidates to meet and greet members of the Diocese.

Florence Atwood (Vice-Chair), Kathy Farrington, and Mary Ann Slater are all members of the Transition Committee and members of Calvary. Thank you to all of them for their continued good work.

The *Meet and Greet* sessions will be held during the week of June 14. This is our only opportunity to meet candidates in person as a group. We will have about 30 minutes with each candidate to hear from her or him, ask questions, and engage about the future of the Church and our Diocese of Pittsburgh. There will be five rooms with people with a candidate in each. The candidates will rotate among the rooms.

There will be a Meet and Greet session at Calvary on Thursday, June 17. They are limited to 125 people each. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet each of the candidates in person. There will be sign-ups for the Meet and Greet sessions. If you are able, I highly encourage you to sign up and attend the session at Calvary. If you cannot make the one at Calvary, one may be able to participate in another.

More Information and Register for a Meet and Greet Session

The Transition Committee has an excellent page with information about the process. There one can find the diocesan profile and information about each candidate including photos, resumes, and responses to five essay questions. This is the also the place to register for a Meet and Greet Session. www.episcopalpgh.org/pebs/

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Kim Coleman



Scott Gunn



Jeff Murph



Ketlen Solak



Diana Wilcox

The Candidates

Five faithful and diverse priests are on the final slate. The Nominating Committee suggested three candidates for the slate approved by the Standing Committee. They are Kim Coleman, Ketlen Solak, and Diana Wilcox. Two candidates were nominated by petition the following week. They are Scott Gunn and Jeff Murph.

The canons of the Episcopal Church require there to be a *petition process*. This is to allow the whole group to name candidates rather than only the committee to ensure everyone has a voice. There is one week, following the announcement of the original slate, for the petition candidates to be made following a process of signed nominations from around the diocese. There can be no further nominations past the one-week deadline. In the past, there has been a process for nominations from the floor. We moved to the new process to allow ample time for appropriate background checks impossible with the old approach.

Petition candidates must go through the same vetting process as the other candidates including background checks and meetings with the current Bishop, chancellor (diocesan lawyer), financial people, and Standing Committee among others.

The Election

In the Episcopal Church, we elect our bishops as clergy and laity working together. In some traditions, the bishop is appointed or voted on only by bishops.

We are, however, not a pure democracy in which every single person has a vote. Our Church has a type of representative governance. Each congregation (35 in the Diocese of Pittsburgh) has deputies that represent the whole congregation in the election.

The number of deputies is based on membership numbers of the parishes. Calvary has nine deputies (and 1,500 members). St Paul's in Mount Lebanon has 8 and Christ Church in the North Hills has 7. Each congregation has at least two lay deputies to represent them even if they have only a few members. Each clergy person, priest or

deacon, canonically resident in the Diocese and in good standing is entitled to vote. The deputies, clergy and lay, represent the whole congregation rather than themselves.

There are 98 lay deputies total in the Diocese of Pittsburgh among 35 congregations. There are 66 clergy entitled to vote in this election. For the election of a bishop, we will vote "by orders." There must be a simple majority in each order, lay and ordained, for a person to be elected. That is, 50 lay votes and 34 clergy votes are needed for a candidate to be elected. Balloting continues until one candidate is elected. Note: The precise numbers will be stated at the day of the Electing Convention as all may not register or participate in the meeting.

The election will be online only this year which is not ideal but understandable. It will be held on Saturday, June 26. Balloting results will be posted online on the diocesan website.

Calvary's Deputies

Calvary's nine lay members who will represent us are led by Steve Shandor as Chair and Catherine Davidson as 2nd Deputy. The others are Jim Cassaro, Peter Lewis, Rennick Remley, Anne Robb, Susan Roth, William Stevens, and Lucy Weingartner. There are several alternates if one or more of them is unable to participate.

You are encouraged to read the information about the candidates and participate in the Meet and Greet session. It is appropriate that you let me and the deputies from Calvary know your opinion. My suggestion for our clergy and deputies is that each pray about it, do their due diligence and learn about each candidate, listen to our people, pray some more, and then vote for the candidate each thinks will best serve as bishop for all the people of our diocese. That is what I will do.

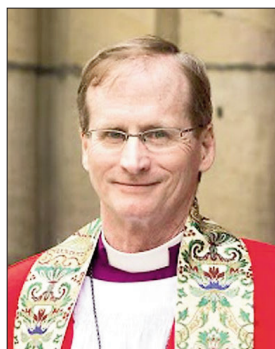
Ordination

The ordination of the IX Bishop of Pittsburgh will be at Calvary on Saturday, November 13, 2021. This will be a glorious day with a full church and guests from across the Episcopal Church and beyond.

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In 1865, John Barrett Kerfoot became the first Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



The Right Reverend Dorsey W. M. McConnell, has been our Bishop since 2012

Some Fun Facts about Bishops and Episcopal Elections

We are electing the ninth Bishop of Pittsburgh. The traditional way to write this is IX Bishop with Roman numerals preceding the title.

A priest traditionally signs his or her name with a cross at the end. This is (awkwardly) often done with a “+” on a computer. Bishops sign with a cross preceding his or her name. The Presiding Bishop, or an archbishop, may sign with “++” before his or her name.

The full title to address a letter to Bishop McConnell would be “The Rt. Rev. Dorsey McConnell, VIII Bishop of Pittsburgh.”

Traditionally, priests are titled with “The Reverend” often shortened to “The Rev.” Deacons are usually referred to as Deacon Jane Doe or Deacon John Doe. The title for a bishop is “The Right Reverend” often shortened to “The Rt. Rev.” The title for an archbishop or the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church is “The Most Reverend.”

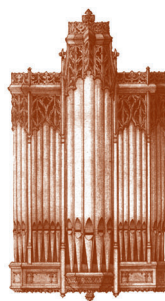
The term “Presiding Bishop” was used originally because it was not an elected position but simply the senior bishop who presided at the meetings of the House of Bishops and had few other functions other than ordaining new bishops. The PB served as the bishop of a diocese concurrently. Only in 1919 did this become an elected position. By 1940, the PB had to resign his diocesan jurisdiction. The PB was given the title “Primate” in 1982 making it equivalent to an archbishop.

The “seating” of the Bishop at Trinity Cathedral will follow soon after the ordination. A cathedral is a bishop’s “chair church” or seat of office. It comes from the root “cathedra” which is Greek for seat or chair. The ordination will be at Calvary simply because our building can accommodate more people.

Traditionally, each congregation in a diocese has a chair for the bishop when he or she visits. Only the bishop is seated in that chair as a sign of the office. At Calvary, it is to the left of the High Altar with handsome woodwork. The cushion on the chair has the seal of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

—Jonathon ■

MUSICAL NOTES by Alan Lewis



St. Paul Cathedral in the heart of Oakland has one of the most distinctive organs in Pittsburgh. Built by the (then-West) German firm of Rudolph von Beckerath, in 1962, the instrument was the builder’s first and largest installation in this country, and was the first cathedral organ in the nation to be designed and built along historical principles derived from surviving organs

of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. It’s the only large organ in Pittsburgh to represent this approach, or to rely upon direct mechanical (rather than electrical) linkage between the keys and the valves that admit air to the pipes. This mechanism gives the player a higher degree of control over the way the pipes speak, and can result (many organists believe) in more nuanced and expressive possibilities for the player. The instrument occupies a large gallery over the narthex, and soars right to the peak of the nave vault, a position from which its sound can take full advantage of the remarkably rich acoustics of the building.

I have the honor of kicking off a series of seven Sunday afternoon recitals featuring this organ, at 3:30 each Sunday afternoon from July 11 to August 22. Admission is free, with freewill offerings gratefully received; as of this writing, masks and interpersonal distancing are still required. The cathedral is air-conditioned, with happy results both for the stability of the organ’s tuning and the comfort of the audience. Each recital lasts about an hour; most of the performers are from the Pittsburgh region, though there are a few from further afield.

I look forward to indulging my fondness for the music best suited to this organ, from the North German composers of the seventeenth century up through Bach. While not explicitly based on any one instrument or style, the Beckerath’s design recalls many features of the organs of that time and place, including lots of the colors and tonal resources that inspired some of the instrument’s greatest composers. I hope you’ll come give it a listen. ■

Women of Song

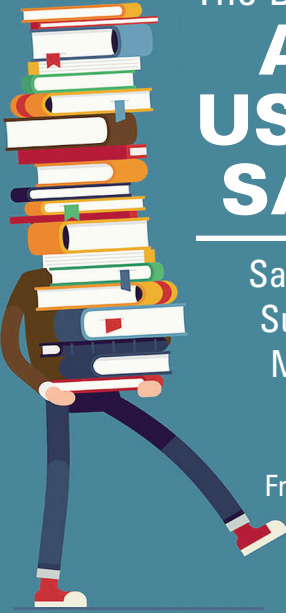
On Sunday afternoon, July 25, 2021, *Women of Song*, an inter-generational women’s choir associated with the Pittsburgh Girls Choir, will present a concert at 2 p.m. in Calvary’s nave, as the concluding event of a weekend retreat being held at the church. The parish and the public are invited to attend; watch for more details in the Friday email blast prior to the concert, or visit their website at www.pittsburghgirlschoir.com ■



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dates to Remember



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Saturdays • August 14 & 21
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Mon–Fri • August 16–20
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Friday, August 13 from 5–7 PM]

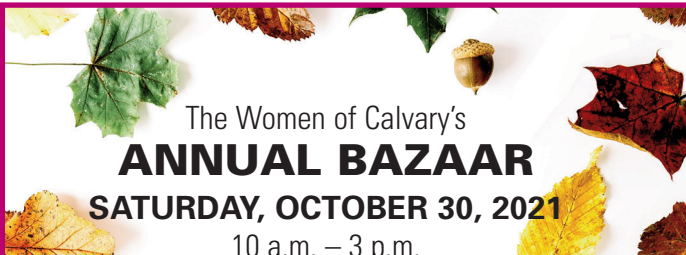
**Donations are
now being accepted!**



The 166th Annual Parish Meeting of Calvary Church will be held Sunday, October 3 on the observance of St. Michael's Day

Full details will be announced.

Please mark your calendars, and plan to attend. ■



The Women of Calvary's
ANNUAL BAZAAR
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.



All Things New

- **Re-Renewed.** “Three Services” schedule returns just in time for Trinity Sunday. Attendance, you ask? Well: Surprisingly robust response to the 8; Initially huge for the 9 (chilly week two, not so much); 11’s numbers hold up; online numbers moderate, but remain strong. So many options, depending on health, ability, or point of view. Come one, come all – sometime, somehow.
- **New Bishop imminent.** Five candidates. Four places to see and hear from them (including Calvary). Meet and Greet this week. Hope you made your reservations.
- **New friends.** Ethiopian Orthodox Church congregation takes space in Calvary’s parish House. Washington Bishop to consecrate Tabot, establishing entity, in twelve-hour rite. Rector awed by hint of following celebratory feast. Saturday worship services expected for foreseeable future.
- **New Beginnings summer camps,** just begun, sign up over fifty kids for two sessions of two weeks each (music and art). Visiting talent from Symphony and Opera contribute.
- **New year at Sheldon Calvary Camp** ramps up as operations resume. Staff in training mode even now. Sessions to be at fifty percent capacity. Another change: no busses this year. Clear parking lot on those Sunday mornings, y’all.
- **New meeting capabilities** appear in Calvary’s conference rooms as Hybrid style develops. Zoom no longer an absolute necessity or fad, but turns out to be very useful tool for those in absentia. Who knew? (or “Duh!”)
- **New LEDs** installed in McClintic Hall and Refectory. Groups returning find more lumens overall. Electric meter no longer goes “whirr!”
- **New Covid protocols** just keep coming, all attempts to codify common sense. Regardless, for now, masks are still recommended at Calvary. But, hey, if you’re sick, or have other concerns, don’t come to the church – there is the webcast after all. Let your own common sense prevail and pray for good advice. Don’t wait for a law. Wash your hands. Don’t cough on others. You know the drill.
- **New but somehow old.** Production witnessed as period style book promo shoots video throughout our “medieval” looking church. Knight in full armor grows faint in heat. Not just masked – masked in metal! Yes, that happened. Mayhap, ‘twas e’er thus.

Be cool.

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It has been another wonderful, challenging, rewarding year at Beginnings. Attached is a link to a video of this year's highlights. If you get a chance, please watch and enjoy. Follow the link at <https://tinyurl.com/bfxjdz26>

I am thrilled to tell you about two enormous changes.

First, we just completed the first (of many) four-week sessions of summer camp for our Beginnings students and anyone else interested in the program. Camp began the week of June 1. The first two weeks were each one-week sessions of Music Camp. The last two weeks are each one-week sessions of Art Camp. All together we'll have over 50 campers.

Second is the change to the Beginnings curriculum. Starting this fall, and just in time for our 40th year, we will offer the option to attend five days a week.

—Tammy Lewis, *Director* ■

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Sunday school may be over for the year but that does not mean we won't see each other until the fall. We have lots of activities planned throughout the summer. Please email me at tlewis@calvarypgh.org with the subject line "Summer Fun at Calvary" and I will send you specific dates and times as summer activities are planned. So far we plan on having movie nights, water play on the playground, and picnics in the park but we hope to have much, much more, so don't forget to send me that email!

—Tammy Lewis, *Director of Children's Christian Formation*, tlewis@calvarypgh.org, 412.661.0120 ext. 116 ■

Allen Washington Literacy Fund

We have the most wonderful parishioners at Calvary and I would like to tell you about two of them, Nicholas and James Manning.

Nicholas is a fourth grade teacher at Community Day School and James is the Dance Chairperson at Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts. James' father, Allen Washington, was a senior engineer at Kodak in Syracuse, New York until his retirement. After he retired, Allen developed a passion for education and began reading to preschoolers at Roosevelt Children's Center in Wayne County, New York.

Allen passed away in February of 2020 and to honor his

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(L to R) Jonathon Jensen, James and Nicholas Manning, and Tammy Lewis at the presentation of the books to Beginnings

legacy his son, James, and his son-in-law, Nicholas, decided to create the Allen Washington Literacy Fund to honor his legacy by raising funds for books to be given to pre-schools and early childhood programs.

Beginnings was honored to be the second recipient of their generosity, a gift of \$1,791 that was used to purchase over 160 books for our library. Nicholas and James, thank you so much. Your gift will enhance our students' lives and carry on Allen Washington's legacy for years to come.

This year's gift was, hopefully, only the first of many honoring Allen Washington's dedication to early childhood literacy. We at Beginnings are so grateful for the additions to our library but we know that there are many other programs that would also benefit from the Allen Washington Literacy Fund. If you would like to be a part of this worthy cause, the Go Fund Me link is <https://gofund.me/4b42ddc1> and the social media handle on Instagram is @aw.literacy. Please visit the Go Fund Me website to learn more about Allen and this worthy project.

—Tammy Lewis ■

Pack to School Project

The Women of Calvary is again sponsoring "Pack to School" for Lincoln School in Homewood. The program has had great success in providing much-needed school supplies, uniforms and other items for students. Due to the ongoing pandemic, however, the school administrators are still determining what form the upcoming school year will take. In lieu of donations of school supplies and uniforms, we are asking for monetary donations. Checks can be sent to or dropped off at the church, and should be made payable to Calvary Episcopal Church; please add "Pack to School" on the memo line. To volunteer to help or for more information, please contact me at 412.661.0120 ext. 132 or tlewis@calvarypgh.org.

Thank you so much for your generosity!

—Tammy Lewis, *Director of Beginnings and Children's Christian Formation* ■

Sunday Services – In-person Worship

8 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

A said service of Holy Communion in the Chapel

9 a.m. - Holy Eucharist

A service in the Garden (weather permitting),
with hymns and music

11 a.m. - Holy Eucharist (Rite II)

A service at the High Altar in the Church
with music for choir, organ and congregation

Online Worship

Follow either of the following links
for the 11 o'clock livestream:

Our website – www.calvarypgh.org/live
or Facebook –

<https://www.facebook.com/CalvaryEpiscopalChurch/>

The bulletin and readings may be viewed
on the Calvary website as PDFs at
www.calvarypgh.org/bulletins-and-readings-archive

CALVARY YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

If you are in your 20s or 30s and new to Pittsburgh, Calvary, or CYAM, welcome! For more information, or to be added to our email list, please contact The Rev. Neil Raman at nraman@calvarypgh.org / 412.661.0120 ext. 112.

CYAM 2021 Summer Schedule

Wednesday, June 16 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Sunday, June 20 at 12:15 p.m.

Brunch at TBA

Wednesday, June 30 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Thursday, July 1 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at TBA

Wednesday, July 7 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Sunday, July 11 at 12:15 p.m.

Brunch at TBA

Wednesday, July 14 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Wednesday, July 21 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Saturday, July 24

CYAM Hike at TBA

Wednesday, July 28 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Thursday, July 29 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at TBA

Wednesday, August 4 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Sunday, August 8 at 12:15 p.m. –

Brunch at TBA

Wednesday, August 11 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Wednesday, August 18 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Saturday, August 21

CYAM Hike at TBA

Wednesday, August 25 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom

Thursday, August 26 at 5:45 p.m.

Holy Happy Hour at TBA

Wednesday, September 1 at 7 p.m.

Bible Study over Zoom ■



PIIN

(Pennsylvania Interfaith Impact Network)

Virtual Banquet

Sunday, August 29, 2021

6 – 7 p.m. EST

Stay tuned for more information, speaker announcements,
and registration details at

www.piinpa.org/save-the-date-for-real-justice/

For more information, please contact

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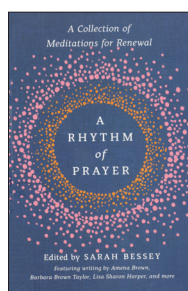
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The Used Book Sale

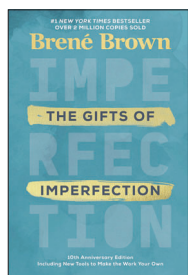
Donations of books, CDs, DVDs, video/audio tapes, and vinyl records are being accepted for the Bookstore at Calvary's Annual Used Book Sale 2021, but please no encyclopedias, magazines, or textbooks. Be among the first to browse our huge collection of books at the Preview Party on **Friday, August 13** from 5 –7 p.m. with an admission donation of \$10. Hours of the Used Book Sale will be **Saturday, August 14 through Sunday, August 22** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. All proceeds of the sale benefit local educational and literacy organizations. Volunteers are needed to sort the book donations, please contact Pat Standing at pstanding623@gmail.com or 412.481.3861.

Spotlight on new book titles

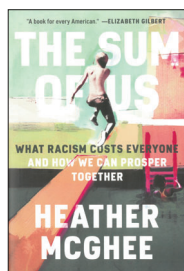
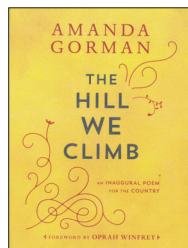
A Rhythm of Prayer: A Collection of Meditations for Renewal, curated by acclaimed author Sarah Bessey, celebrates and honors that prayerful tradition in a literary form. A companion for all who feel the immense joys and challenges of the journey of faith, this collection of prayers says it all aloud, giving readers permission to recognize the weight of all they carry. These writings also offer a broadened imagination of hope – of what can be restored and made new. Each prayer is an original piece of writing, with new essays by Sarah Bessey throughout.



Brené Brown's game-changing *New York Times* bestseller published in 2010, *The Gifts of Imperfection*, has sold more than 2 million copies in more than 30 different languages. Through this self-help classic we will find courage to overcome paralyzing gear and self-consciousness, strengthening our connection to the world, and helping us to believe we are worthy of self-discovery, personal growth, and boundless love. Brown's "ten guideposts" are benchmarks for authenticity that can help anyone establish a practice for a life of honest beauty – a perfectly imperfect life.



On January 20, 2021, Amanda Gorman became the sixth and youngest poet to deliver a poetry reading at a presidential inauguration. Her poem "*The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country*" can now be cherished in this special gift edition, perfect for any reader looking for some inspiration. Including an enduring forward by Oprah Winfrey, this remarkable keepsake celebrates the promise of America and affirms the power of poetry. This collectible gift edition is wonderful for a graduate or any special occasion.



Heather McGhee embarks on a deeply personal journey tallying what we lose when we buy into the zero-sum paradigm – the idea that progress for some of us must come at the expense of others in *The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together*. She meets white people who confide in her about losing their homes, their dreams, and their shot at better jobs to the toxic mix of American racism and greed. This is a story of how public goods in this country – from parks and pools to functioning schools – have become private luxuries; and inequality increased; and of how this country, unique among the world's advanced economies, has thwarted universal healthcare. With startling empathy, this heartfelt message from a Black woman to a multiracial America leaves us with a new vision for a future in which we finally realize that life can be more than a zero-sum game.

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Calvary website link to The Bookstore at Calvary

Go to Calvary's website at www.calvarypgh.org and click on The Bookstore at Calvary located in the upper right corner. You will find a monthly newsletter along with pictures of featured items available. Be sure to mark the website as one of your favorites!

How to access The Bookstore at Calvary

The Bookstore is open on Sunday from 8:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the week, contact the Bookstore at 412.661.0120, ext. 133 (please leave a message) or by email at bookstore@calvarypgh.org and we will contact you. In addition, we can arrange for contactless pick-up of your items. Cash, check, Discover®, MasterCard®, and Visa® along with touch-free payments are accepted. ■



2021 Holidays and Observances

Saturday, June 19: **Juneteenth**

Sunday, June 20: **The First Day of Summer**

Sunday, June 20: **Father's Day**

Sunday, July 4: **Independence Day**

Monday, July 5: **Independence Day** [Federal Holiday]

Wednesday, September 22: **The First Day of Fall**

Sunday, October 3: **St. Michael & All Angels** [Observed] ■

On-Going at Calvary

Plastic Recycling

Thank you to the many people that are recycling plastic film and bags to the box located in the Parish House lobby across from the reception desk. We will continue our practice of recycling here at Calvary. You are helping to keep thousands of pounds of waste out of landfills. (And, Yes, bubble wrap is recyclable!) ■

Altar Flowers

Help us keep the church in full bloom by donating flowers in memory of, or in honor of, someone special. If you would like to place a memorial listing, please contact Kim Pieratt in the church office at 412.661.0120, ext. 111. ■

EECM Food Pantry

East End Cooperative Ministry Food Pantry is still operating during the pandemic, with appropriate plans to protect those receiving food. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary during office hours: Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and on Sunday mornings. Below is a list of items particularly requested at this time. **Thank you to all who have continued to donate to the EECM food cart.** Your support is greatly appreciated.

- Bottled Water • Instant mashed potatoes
- Canned tomato sauce, vegetables, beans
- Spaghetti and macaroni pasta
- Canned soups • Mac & Cheese boxes
- Oatmeal and whole grain cereals
- White and brown rice
- Disposable utensils (fork, spoon, knife)
- Disposable plates • Disposable bowls
- Ziploc bags, any size • Napkins
- Paper Towels • Sugar • Salt ■

Please remember Calvary Church
in your will.



Did You Know?

Back in the day, **James Knight** (our sexton of over 40 years) was a DJ (disc jockey) who played rhythm and blues, rock and roll, rap, and even disco. He played all sorts of parties and concerts including ones at

Calvary and diagonally across the street in the former rectory. At one point, he had over 5,000 records. Best of all, James' DJ name was "Sly Rock." ■

Agape Deadline

The deadline for submission of news and notices for the next issue is **Friday, August 13, 2021**. Please e-mail your text to calvary@calvarypgh.org or deliver it directly to the church office.

Agape, the newsletter of Calvary Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is published monthly (except July), and is mailed to active members and friends of the Parish. You may opt out of receiving a printed copy and read each issue online at www.calvarypgh.org. Contact the Parish office at 412.661.0120 for details. ■



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The Reverend Neil K. Raman, *Associate Rector*
The Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker, *Assisting Pastor*
The Reverend Carol Henley, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Dr. Moni McIntyre, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Geoffrey Royce, *Deacon*
The Reverend Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Rector Emeritus*
Dr. Alan Lewis, *Director of Music*
Jon Tyillian, *Assistant Organist*
Jamie McMahon, *Senior Warden*
G. Frederic Roth, *Junior Warden*
Robert Eley, *Treasurer*

The Church and offices
will be closed on Monday, July 5
in observance of Independence Day



News of the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh



Reminder: The Next Steps In Discerning A Bishop

June 4, 2021

Dear Friends in Christ,

The Transition Committee invites you to welcome the five nominees from whom we are to elect the IX Bishop of Pittsburgh.

As you know, we have five outstanding nominees to welcome to our diocese during the week of June 14: The Very Rev. Kim L. Coleman, The Rev. Canon Scott A. Gunn, The Rev. Jeffrey D. Murph, The Rev. Dr. Ketlen A. Solak, and The Rev. Diana L. Wilcox.

Please check out the Transition Committee's website for the latest information about these nominees, including a 20 minute Q&A video that Jon Delano conducted with each of them. Visit www.episcopalpgh.org/pebs.

During Meet & Greet Week, we have four opportunities for lay people to meet the nominees. Please register in advance to attend just one of these evening sessions. (Yes, we are being Covid-safe.) They are scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 pm as follows:

Tuesday, June 15, St. Michael's, Ligonier

Wednesday, June 16, Christ Church, North Hills

Thursday, June 17, Calvary, East Liberty

Friday, June 18, St. Paul's, Mt. Lebanon

You may attend at any location you wish, but please attend only one session to allow more people to attend the others.

Again, please register in advance for the evening sessions. Walk-ins can only be accommodated if we have space available.

We also have two Lunch & Learn sessions for clergy only at noon on Wednesday, June 16, at Trinity Cathedral, Downtown, and noon on Thursday, June 17, at Holy Cross, Homewood.

All members of the diocese, including those who are unable to attend an in-person event during Meet & Greet Week, are invited to join in a Zoom Webinar with all five nominees on Friday morning, June 18, from 9 to 10:30 a.m. This is open to everyone, but, again, we need you to register.

If you have specific questions for our bishop nominees, we have created a form on our website for you to submit those questions. You can find that form here. While we cannot guarantee that every question will be asked at one of the events, we will share all the questions with the nominees.

Finally, on Friday, June 18, at noon, we are inviting middle and high school students to meet the nominees (over pizza) at St. David's, Peters Township. Check with your youth director, clergy, or wardens on how to sign up for that.

The choice of our next bishop is one that should be made prayerfully, guided by the Holy Spirit. While our clergy and lay deputies will exercise their own judgment, it should be informed by parish-wide discussion. We encourage parishioners to share their thoughts and desires with their clergy and deputies. To assist you in that, we have posted on our website the clergy and deputies eligible to vote at the June 26 electing convention. You can find them here. Be sure to talk to them!

Your Transition Committee with the diocesan staff have worked incredibly hard over the last several months to prepare for the next few weeks. We are especially thankful to all the volunteers who have helped along the way and will be assisting during the Meet & Greet Week. If you have any questions at all, please direct them to either the chair, vice chair, or any member of our committee. Our email is transition@episcopalpgh.org.

Please continue to pray for our bishop nominees and this discernment process.

Yours faithfully,

The Transition Committee

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The Rev. Dr. Don Youse, Chaplain

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Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

June 13: Christ Episcopal Church, Indiana, and the Reverend William Geiger; and the Reverend Marc Jacobson, missionary

June 20: St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church, Ligonier, and the Reverend Dr. James Simons; and Sheldon Calvary Camp, Tim Green, executive director, summer staff and campers

June 27: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, Northern Cambria, and the Reverend Annis Rogers

July 4: Coal Country Hangout Youth Center, the Reverend Ann Staples, executive director; Retired clergy, including the Reverend William Haslett, the Reverend Lloyd Hays, the Reverend Louis Hays, the Reverend Austin Hurd, and the Reverend Dr. Jared Jackson

July 11: Clergy licensed in Pittsburgh, including the Reverend Dr. Will Lawbaugh, the Reverend Marjorie McCarty, the Very Reverend Canon John Park, the Reverend Dr. William Pugliese, and the Reverend Rodgers Wood.

July 18: The Community of Celebration, Bill Farra, director, and the Reverend Steven McKeown, chaplain

July 25: Historic Old St. Luke's Church and the Very Reverend Canon Scott Quinn; and the Social Justice and Outreach Committee

August 1: The Rt. Reverend Dorsey McConnell

August 8: Non-parochial clergy, including the Reverend Andrew Ray, the Reverend Dr. Charles Starr, the Reverend Dr. Henry Thompson, and the Reverend Doug Kinsey, and the Reverend Christine Visminas

August 15: The Commission on Ministry; Education for Ministry; the Disciplinary Board; and the Committee on Constitution & Canons

August 22: Campus Ministry, the Reverend Dan Isadore, University Chaplain; and the Children's Ministry Team ■

Bishop's Visitation Schedule

June 13: Christ Church, Indiana

June 20: St. Michael's, Ligonier

June 27: St. Thomas, Northern Cambria

September 12: Holy Cross, Homewood

September 18: New Bishop Consecration (*Saturday*) ■



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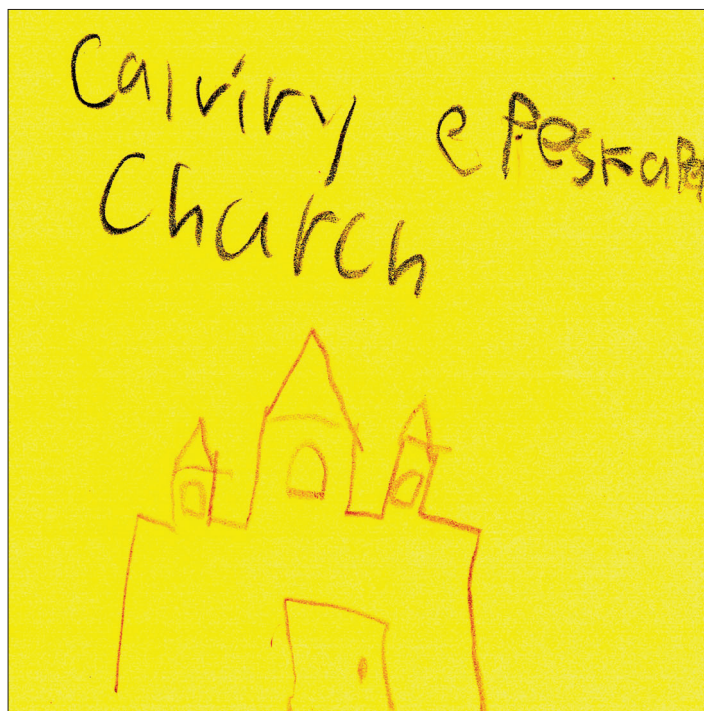
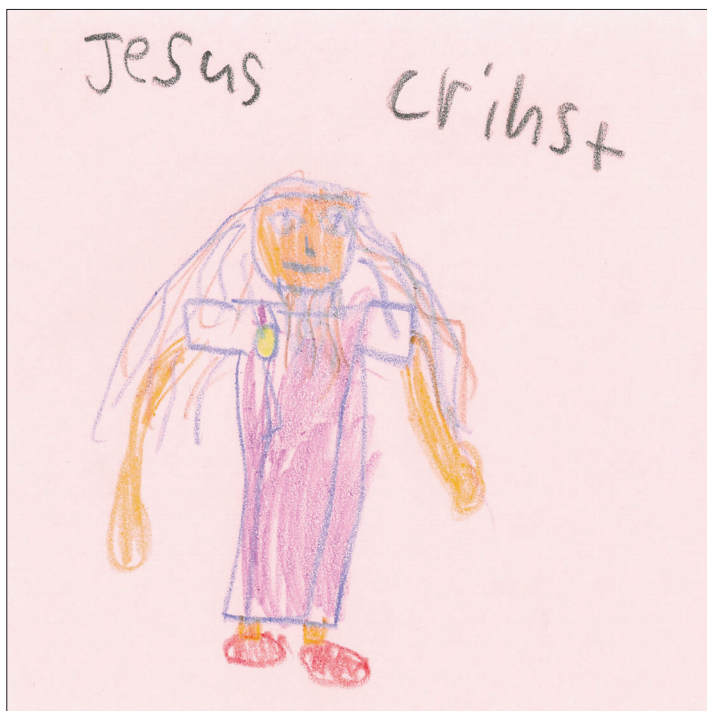
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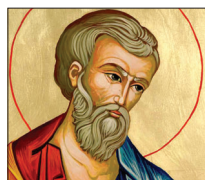
Found in the Pews



A budding artist left the drawings after a recent Sunday service.



The Bishop's chair (in the center of the photo) at Calvary Church



GOSPEL OF MATTHEW CLASS

The Rector leads a class on the Gospel of Matthew on Sundays at 10 a.m. which are recorded and posted to the Calvary website and YouTube. The Calvary bookstore has resources available. Follow the link from the Calvary website: www.calvarypgh.org. ■

Holy Baptism



If you, or someone you know, desires to partake in this sacrament, please contact the Reverend Neil Raman at nraman@calvarypgh.org or 412.661.0120, ext. 112) as soon as possible, so that the appropriate preparation and arrangements can be made. ■

Beware of Email Scams!

During the pandemic, scams are on the rise. Fake emails are again circulating to Calvary members. The email appears to come from the Rector, and requests “a favor” or gift cards. Don’t respond to the email, simply delete it. Any email from Calvary always uses @calvarypgh.org, never gmail.com. ■

Staying in Touch

Please contact Calvary’s Parish Administrator Kim Pieratt at the Church office if you have any questions about flower memorials, prayer list additions, or scheduling of events. Kim can be contacted at 412.661.0120, ext. 111 or send an email to kpieratt@calvarypgh.org. We ask that you keep us informed if you have a home address, phone or email change. ■

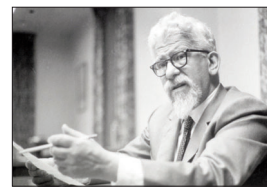
Home Communion

If you would like to have Communion (bread) brought to your home, the clergy are happy to do so. Please contact any member of the clergy or the church office to make arrangements. ■



Spiritual Reflection – Abraham Joshua Heschel

For Spring and early summer, we will use the writings of Abraham Joshua Heschel (1907–1972). Heschel was a Polish-born American rabbi, and leading 20th century Jewish theologian and philosopher. He escaped from Europe in 1938 while many of his family died in the holocaust. A professor of Jewish mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, Heschel wrote on many facets of Jewish thought, and was more interested in spirituality than in critical text study. He believed the teachings of the Hebrew prophets were a clarion call for social action in the United States and worked for African Americans’ civil rights and against the Vietnam War. His books include *Man Is Not Alone*, *God in Search of Man*, and *The Prophets*. According to one reviewer, “Abraham Heschel finds just the right words to startle the mind and delight the heart.” For our meetings, we will use the book, *I Asked for Wonder: A Spiritual Anthology*.



Meetings are held from 7–8 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday evening of each month. Email Matt Muldoon (mattmuldoon@msn.com) or Sondra Krimmel (sskrimmel@gmail.com) for information or to be added to the email list. Please feel welcome to join at any time. ■



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