CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER Eblast April 11, 2024



It's Almost Here!!

Please join us this Sunday, April 14, 2024 in celebrating the restoration of our Stained Glass Windows. There will be an open house to view the windows from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Beginning at 6:00 p.m. we are please to bring you "Tribute Ouartet"

https://www.tributequartet.com

A Gospel group out of Tennessee. You do not want to miss this group and their wonderful music. The event is free, although we will gratefully accept a free will offering.



Slate of 4 bishops announced for 28th presiding bishop of the Episcopal Church.

Nominees are bishops Barker, Gutiérrez, Rowe and Wright

BY DAVID PAULSEN Posted Apr 2, 2024



From left, Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York, and Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright.

[Episcopal News Service] The Episcopal Church's next presiding bishop will be chosen this June from a slate of four nominees, whose names were released April 2: Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez, Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright and Northwestern Pennsylvania Bishop Sean Rowe, who also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York.

Those four bishops – and any additional candidates nominated by petition – will be presented for election at the 81st General Convention, which convenes June 23-28 in Louisville, Kentucky. The nominees' names will be formally submitted June 25 during a joint session of the House of Bishops and House of Deputies. On June 26, the bishops will elect, and deputies will be asked to confirm, the church's 28th presiding bishop, who will succeed Presiding Bishop Michael Curry beginning Nov. 1. "We appreciate the many Episcopalians who prayerfully set us on our way to discerning this slate of nominees," Alaska Bishop Mark Lattime said in a news release announcing the slate. Lat-

time and Steve Nishibayashi, a lay leader in the Diocese of Los Angeles, are co-chairs of the <u>Joint Nominating Committee for the Election of the Presiding Bishop</u>. The committee began its work in the fall of 2021.

The committee's slate is marked by geographical and racial diversity, though it includes no women or LGBTQ+ nominees. The nominee bishops also draw on a range of experiences in seeking to become presiding bishop for the office's next nine-year term.

Barker, 60, has <u>led the Omaha-based Diocese of Nebraska since 2011</u>. The diocese's 53 worshipping communities span the full state, where Barker was born and raised. A graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, Barker was ordained to the priesthood in 1992 and served for 10 years in Omaha and 10 more years in the Diocese of New York before returning to Nebraska as bishop. Gutiérrez, 59, has <u>led the Philadelphia-based Diocese of Pennsylvania since 2016</u>. It is one of five dioceses in the state. A native of New Mexico, Gutiérrez earned a diocesan certificate in Anglican Studies through the Trinity School for Ministry and has a master's degree in theological studies from St. Norbert College. He was ordained to the priesthood in 2008 in the Albuquerque-based Diocese of the Rio Grande and served there as canon to the ordinary, chief operating officer and chief of staff before he was elected bishop of Pennsylvania.

Rowe, 49, has <u>led the Erie-based Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2007</u>, and he also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York through a partnership the dioceses established in 2019. He previously served as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 2014 to 2018. Originally from western Pennsylvania, Rowe is a Virginia Theological Seminary graduate and was ordained to the priesthood in 2000 in Northwestern Pennsylvania, where he served in congregational ministry until his election as bishop. He currently serves as parliamentarian of the House of Bishops and Executive Council.

Wright, 60, has <u>led the Diocese of Atlanta since 2012</u>. The diocese, based in Georgia's capital city, has 120 worshipping communities across the northern half of the state. A Navy veteran and graduate of Virginia Theological Seminary, Wright was ordained to the priesthood in 1999 in the Diocese of New York. At the time of his election as bishop, he had served the previous 10 years as rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Atlanta. Since 2020, he also has hosted the popular podcast "For People" on faith and life.

"We look forward to presenting these bishops to the convention for its consideration," Nishibayashi said in the news release.

Under the petition process, any bishop or deputy to the 81st General Convention may petition to add a name to the committee's slate after it is released. Those additional nominations <u>must be</u> <u>made April 3-15</u> with the consent of the bishop being nominated by petition.

The nominees will not make themselves available for news interviews, consistent with past practice in presiding bishop elections, the nominating committee said in its news release. They are sched-

uled to address bishops and deputies in person June 21 at a two-hour session in Louisville that also will be livestreamed. In addition, the committee has released videos of each nominee "discussing a biblical image or metaphor that resonates with this moment in the life of the church and the role of the presiding bishop."

View each nominee's videos on the General Convention Office website.

General Convention, the triennial churchwide gathering, splits its authority between the House of Bishops and House of Deputies, and each house has a distinct role in the selection of a new presiding bishop. In Louisville, the House of Bishops will gather in a closed session June 26 at Christ Church Cathedral for the election and then ask the House of Deputies to vote to confirm the result.

The committee chose the nominees from a list of names submitted by 111 Episcopalians during a two-month window last year. Some names were submitted multiple times, and though bishops were invited to nominate themselves, none did.

Bishops named during the two-month window were asked to enter the discernment process. Those who agreed to be considered were asked to provide biographical information, references and responses to the committee's questions. They also were interviewed on Zoom. From those candidates, the committee invited a smaller number of bishops to a March 18-23 retreat at the Lake Logan Conference Center in the Diocese of Western North Carolina, after which the committee finalized its slate of nominees.

The 28th presiding bishop is <u>scheduled to take office on Nov. 1</u>, and an installation is scheduled for Nov. 2 at Washington National Cathedral, the traditional seat of the presiding bishop. When the nominating committee released its <u>presiding bishop profile in March 2023</u>, it identified via survey several qualities needed in "a presiding bishop for our time." Among the most important characteristics are strong leadership, a love of communicating and faithfulness.

Curry, formerly the bishop of North Carolina, is well known for his rousing sermons, and his successor must be "someone who loves to preach" and "who longs to bring a word to The Episcopal Church and to the world," the committee said. Nominees for presiding bishop should have demonstrated diocesan leadership that is "strategic, articulate, collaborative, committed and gracious" while also "building up the body of Christ."

The committee also cited faithfulness as a quality frequently identified by survey respondents and

interviewees as essential in a presiding bishop. "The next presiding bishop should be one who is deeply grounded in their faith and hope in Christ and steadfastly committed to the living tradition of The Episcopal Church. They should be fully authentic and a person of palpable integrity, always ready to offer 'an accounting for the hope that is in [them]" the committee said, quoting 1 Peter.

A history and timeline of Episcopal Church presiding bishops

Curry was elected in 2015 as the church's first Black presiding bishop. Before him, Presiding Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori, elected in 2006, was the church's first female presiding bishop. Her predecessor, Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold, was the first to serve a nine-year term, after the church shortened the presiding bishop's term from 12 years.

The presiding bishop has a range of responsibilities, as outlined by <u>The Episcopal Church Constitution and Canons</u>. Those include presiding over the House of Bishops, chairing Executive Council, visiting every Episcopal diocese, participating in the ordination and consecration of bishops, receiving and responding to disciplinary complaints against bishops, making appointments to the church's interim bodies, and "developing policies and strategies for the church and speaking for the church on the policies, strategies and programs of General Convention."

There are few canonical requirements for presiding bishop candidates. They must be members of the House of Bishops and cannot yet have reached the church's mandatory retirement age of 72. Nothing prohibits the election of a presiding bishop who would turn 72 during the nine-year term, though historically nominees have been able to complete the full nine years.

"We felt the Holy Spirit's presence during this process and are prayerfully thankful for the guidance we received," the Rev. Maureen-Elizabeth Hagan, a deacon on the committee who chairs its nominations subcommittee, said in the April 2 news release.

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Gather 24 - May 4, 2024

All are invited to attend this fun and interactive day of formation and fellowship. There are 21 sessions to choose from at Gather 24, and the day includes lunch, hearing from Bishops, worship, and lots more. The \$25 registration fee helps offset the event site cost, meals and snacks, prizes, and other event costs (scholarships are available for those with need).

Gather is the Diocese of Bethlehem's annual formation event. Gather 24 will be Saturday, May 4, 2024, at PNC Field (just south of Scranton), home of the <u>RailRiders</u>, a Triple-A baseball team.

(We suggest you preview the session descriptions before registering)

Session and descriptions: click here.

Register: click here.

Hotel Accomodations: click here.

Active Shooter Preparedness

This session will provide an overview of preparations to consider in your parish for an active shooter incident. You will learn about the basics of preparedness, discover resources available to help your parish prepare, and ask questions of an active shooter incident expert.

Facilitator: Tim Wagner

Ask the Bishop – Reunification Discernment Edition

Learn more about the efforts of the Reunification Discernment Committees and share your thoughts, hear from others, and ask questions about this important work.

Facilitator: The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols

Celtic Spirituality

This session introduces you to Celtic Spirituality, allows you to experience a variety of Celtic prayer forms, and provides you the opportunity to share your experiences with Celtic worship and prayer and ask questions. Facilitators: The Rev. Laura Thomas Howell, Obl.S.B., Brother Matthew-Luke, Anamchara Fellowship

Daughters of the King Information Session

In this session you will hear about The Order of the Daughters of the King from a few members in the Diocese of Bethlehem, their call to this ministry, and ask questions about how this organization can expand your ministry and your parish's ministry. Current and former members of the Daughters of the King are encouraged to attend this session to share their experiences. More information available: https://

www.doknational.org.

Facilitators: Olivia Tramontana, Jodi Porterfield

Financial Resources Available Now!

There are financial resources available to your parish for a variety of situations. Learn about Mission Resources Grants, Assessment Adjustment, Colt Sterrett Loans, and the "Long Name Society" grants, as well as share your experiences with finding financial resources locally or nationally.

Facilitators: Canon Steve Baker and Paula Lapinski

The Gift of Community Engagement

At the heart of our faith lies a call to be actively involved in the world around us. In this session, you'll have the opportunity to hear from leaders who are making a difference in their communities and explore how you and your faith community can embrace and amplify the transformative power of community engagement. Facilitator: Canon Sandy Milien, Vincent Chrepta, Doreen Tobin, D. Ed.

Growing God's Garden

In this session you will be introduced to the Growing God's Garden program by Dr. Joshua Davis, a Creation Care effort based on permaculture design (building systems that connect rather than separate, reuse rather than consume, function broadly rather than specialize), and discover ways that parishes can incorporate these principles into their ministries.

Facilitators: The Rev. Andrew VanBuren, the Rev. Midge Pendergast

How Does Church Work?

Share your experiences serving on Vestry, hear from fellow Vestry members, and learn more about the insand-outs of Vestry leadership in this two-session presentation. This session is intended for current and hopeful Vestry members who have not yet participated in these sessions. *Vestry members who have not yet attended this training are encouraged to register. Note: Double session*

Facilitators: Canon Steve Baker, Sara Grady

Leaders & Liberators

"Leaders & Liberators" is a dramatic reenactment of the story inspired by observance of 111 years since the death of Harriet Tubman, famed Underground Rail conductor, who attended an imagined meeting in Cape May, New Jersey on Independence Day, 1872. Harriet Tubman met with Stephen Smith and William Whipper, courageous PA conductors and agents who led hundreds – possibly thousands — of formerly enslaved Africans to freedom through the network of the Underground Railroad, from the 1830s through the 1850s. They reflect on their experiences as abolitionists. The project, an outgrowth from the 2022 General Convention resolution encouraging every diocese to honor Tubman's 110th death anniversary resulted in this impactful production by members of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and funded by a grant from the Province III.

Facilitators: TBD

Life in the Age: Being Honest about Heaven and Hell

Our practical conversations about heaven and hell are often influenced by TV, movies, and literature. But what do Christians actually believe about what happens when we die? Join us for this workshop where we identify common tropes about heaven and hell and talk faithfully about the hope we have for life with God in the age to come.

Facilitator: The Very Rev. Dennis Reid, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho

Mental Health First Aid Information Session

Come and learn about Mental Health First Aid, a powerful training program in the diocese that your parish may want to consider presenting to enhance the impact of its ministry. *More information about this program available:* https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org/take-a-course/what-you-learn.

Facilitator: The Rev. Michele Causton **Parochial Report Mysteries Explained**

In this session you will learn more about The Episcopal Church's Parochial Report, a canonically required annual report from your parish to the wider church. You will hear from parish leaders about this details of this report as well as share with other parish leaders your experiences in completing this important work.

Facilitators: Jim Harding and Paula Lapinski

The Power of Storytelling

Storytelling is foundational to our faith as it enables us to share and bear witness to the work of the Divine in our lives. In this interactive session, you will learn and practice different story-sharing techniques and explore how to incorporate these into your faith communities.

Facilitator: Canon Sandy Milien

"Rootedness"

Join the Racial Justice and Reconciliation Task Force to delve beneath the surface of our lives and our church community to uncover the deep-rooted beliefs, biases, and systems that perpetuate racial injustice and hatred that divide us. Through thoughtful reflection and group discussions, we will discern what needs to be uprooted within ourselves and our communal spaces to pave the way for genuine reconciliation and building of the Beloved Community.

Facilitator: Judith "Judie" Dickerson, Racial Justice & Reconciliation Task Force Member

Reading Parish Financial Statements

No matter who you are or what role you're serving in at your parish, understanding parish financial statements is important and sometimes confusing. In this session you will learn what to look for in these statements through an interactive session and discussion of a parish case study that will leave you more informed about how these statements can be used.

Facilitator: Jim Harding

Safe Church Information Session

Seeking an overview of Safe Church? Confused by Safe Church details? Wondering who at your parish should complete Safe Church certification? This session will answer these and other questions as well as your own questions about the Safe Church program.

Facilitator: Tim Wagner

Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross Information Session

In this session you will hear about The Society of the Companions of the Holy Cross from a few members, their call to this ministry, and ask questions about how this organization can expand your ministry and your parish's ministry. Current and former Companions are encouraged to attend this session to share their experiences. More information available: https://schccompanions.org/.

Facilitators: Pat Gaukler, Deb Baker **Treasurers Roundtable Discussion**

Join a conversation of peers to discuss the challenges and opportunities you face in your ministry as a Treasurer. Please note: This session is intended for participants serving currently as their parish's Treasurer.

Facilitators: Canon Steve Baker, Jim Harding

Wardens Roundtable Discussion

Join a conversation of peers to discuss the challenges and opportunities you face in your ministry as a Warden. Please note: This session is intended for participants serving currently as their parish's Senior or Junior Warden.

Facilitators: Canon Steve Baker, Wayne Harley

What Really Makes us Episcopalians?

From sacraments to culture, scripture to common life, what are the truly unique traits of the Episcopal Church and Anglicanism when it comes to belief, practice, and congregational life? Come explore the life and theology of our tradition and the things that make us distinctively Episcopalian.

Facilitator: The Very Rev. Dennis Reid, Episcopal Diocese of Idaho

When Life Throws you a Curveball

As we experience life along its path, what are some of the ways you cope? We will discuss our experiences in dealing with both physical and spiritual challenges and invite participants to respond.

Facilitators: The Rev. Barb Gessner, the Rev. Betsy Sentigar



EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Andrew Quattrini of our Boy Scout Troop 4019 is working toward his Eagle Scout badge. For his project in honor of Nancy Quattrini he has decided to collect items for cancer patient's that will make their time spent at appointments and treatments more comfortable. The box will be located in the church on Sunday's and downstairs on Monday & Wednesday. The box will be here through the end of April. Lets help him fill the box and complete his Eagle Scout Project.



Sunday School: The Sunday school class announced their Easter donations of \$300.00 will be used to purchase honeybees from Heifer International. They wish to thank everyone who donated.

Mothers Day Plant Sale

The annual Mothers Day plant Sale will be taking place during the month of April. There will be order forms in the Church and in the office. Please make checks payable to Roase Carpenter.





Miles of Pennies

Our annual Miles of Pennies Race will take place in the month of April. Please start saving your pennies. More information will follow in future eBlast. Thank you!

St. Mary's Guild is having a rummage sale on Friday, April 19th from 9-3 p.m. and Saturday, April 20th from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The set-up will be Thursday, April 18th at 9:00. Volunteers are needed to set-up, work during the sale, and clean up on Saturday. Please call Glenda (607) 738-2669, Rose (607) 221-6797, or Linda (607) 426-0604 if you will help. Thank you for all the donations that will help make the sale a great success.





Don't forget to file your taxes by April 15th!

Readings for April 14, 2024

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Scripture Reflection

Reflection on the Gospel by Nancy R Blakely from Daily Feast: Meditations from Feasting on the Word

Jesus suddenly appeared in the midst of his early followers. He brought change to their lives as they moved from (1) fright and alarm to (2) joy mixed with disbelief and puzzlement to (3) open and understanding minds and hearts. That marked shift in the core of their beings led them forth to take great risks, witnessing to the risen Christ. Jesus did not bring them security. Rather, they risked all in following his call. For they had come to understand that Jesus had conquered the ultimate threat, death itself, and their fears were groundless. Jesus' words "Peace be with you!" came to fruition in their hearts. The disciples experienced a triadic movement in response to meeting the resurrected Jesus. What risks are you willing to take as testimony to the risen Christ?



Serving in Worship at Redeemer

April 14 April 21
Reader: Diane Siebecker Margaret Cole

Usher: Walter Chaykosky Rick Rhodes

Greeter: Sherry Gabauer Mary Rhodes



Erica Cole 4/14
Brooke Sullivan 4/15
Marci Garrity 4/17
Diane Nobles 4/18
Paul Polzella 4/18
Eric Watson 4/19

The Wildcat closet continues to collect donations of Sweat pants, Sweat shirts, socks and toiletries. The box is located in the atrium. Linda Murrelle will pick up your donations and make sure they are delivered to the proper locations.





For the Month of **April** we will be collecting canned veggies for our local food pantries.

In- Person Safe Church Training



Safe Church classes are hitting the road and coming to YOU!

After hearing your feedback, we're thrilled to announce that in-person classes are back, alongside our trusted online option. Now you can choose what works best for you! Two sessions will be offered at Prince of Peace in Dallas (420 Main St, Dallas PA 18612). Remember, you only need to attend one of the days.

- Friday, May 10th, 1:00pm 5:00pm
- Saturday, May 11th, 9:00am 1:00pm

To register, contact Tim Wagner (tim@diobeth.org) or go online (link below). If you have questions or want to host a session in your area, please contact Tim.

Register online: https://forms.gle/kPStULto3io3fQkx9

Sight and Sound Show: Daniel July 10, 2024





COST: \$210 pp, \$155 per child (12 and under) includes motorcoach transportation, admission included with reserved seating to Daniel, also included family style dinner at the newly built Hershey Farms following show.

Wednesday, July 10th

5:45am – Depart Valley Shopping Plaza (Old Kmart) Sayre, PA

Comfort stop on the way

\$100 deposit due within 3 weeks of making reservation. Final payment due June 1⁴.



10:15am – Approximate arrival at Sight and Sound Theater, Ronks, PA.

11:00am - Included admission to Daniel (2.5 hours)

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- Taken from his people, Daniel is exiled far from home in the powerful kingdom of Babylon. Now this faithful servant must navigate his new life inside a palace filled with golden statues and shifting empires. As royal pressures mount, Daniel is faced with a dangerous choice. Will his trust in the one true God remain steadfast through every test of faith?
- From the fiery furnace to the infamous den of lions, DANIEL is a spectacular theatrical
 experience for the whole family. Witness one of the Bible's most hope-filled stories as it
 comes to life in this brand-new original stage production from Sight & Sound Theatres*.

1:30pm - Depart Sight and Sound Theater

2:00pm – Included Family style dinner at the newly built Hershey Farms. Time for shopping after your meal is included.

4:30pm - Depart for Sayre

Comfort stop on the way

9:00pm - Approximate arrival back in Sayre

To Book:

Call or Text: (570) 886-1544

Email: rollinwithrogers@gmail.com



Amazing Production! Live Animals!



Radio City Music Hall The Rockettes! December 15, 2024





COST: \$245 pp, includes motorcoach transportation, orchestra seating to see The Radio City Christmas Spectacular.

Sunday, December 15th

7:30am - Depart Valley Shopping Plaza

(Old Kmart) Sayre, PA

Comfort stop on the way

11:30am - Approximate arrival to Bryant Park, New York City!

11:30am - 2:30pm - enjoy free time in New York City, check out the sights and sounds of the holiday season in NYC! We need to be at the theater in line by 2:30pm. (Map will be provided)

- Rockefeller Christmas Tree will be lit! - 5th Avenue shopping

- St. Patrick's Cathedral

- Central Park

- Holiday window displays!

- Times Square

To Book:

Call or Text: (570) 886-1544

\$100 per person deposit due by May 10th.

Balance due by September 1st.

Email: rollinwithrogers@gmail.com

3:00pm -4:30pm - Orchestra seating for The Radio City Christmas Spectacular!

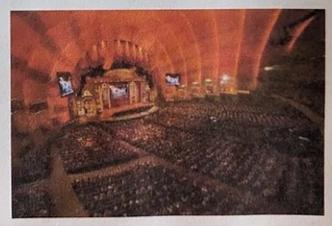
6:00pm - Depart from Bryant Park

Comfort stop on the way

10:00pm - Approximate arrival back in Sayre.







\$100 per person deposit due by May 10th. Balance due by September 1st.

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While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." (Luke 24:36)

Jesus Appears to the Disciples

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." Luke 24:36 (NIV)



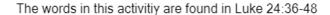
Complete the activity.

The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

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From the words provided for each clue, provide the letter of the word which best matches the clue.

- 1. ___ A dead person appearing in a bodily form
 - A.eat B.ghost C.fish D.rise
- 2. to handle or feel something with your fingers
 - A.suffer B.touch C.doubt D.bones
- 3. The soft outer parts of the body; skin
 - A.ghost B.touch C.flesh D.bones
- 4. To take in food through the mouth
 - A.bones B.eat C.fish D.touch
- 5. __ To return from death
 - A.bones B.rise C.eat D.flesh
- 6. What the skeleton is made of
 - A.touch B.bones C.doubt D.flesh
- 7. __ To feel pain
 - A.ghost B.touch C.flesh D.suffer
- 8. An animal that lives in the water
 - A.doubt B.ghost C.fish D.touch
- 9. __ To be unsure about something.
 - A.fish B.suffer C.doubt D.touch
- 10. A dead person appearing in a bodily form
 - A.ghost B.bones C.doubt D.suffer