



Parish Notes

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The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe elected 28th Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected and confirmed the 28th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church on June 26 for a nine-year term beginning Nov 1.

Rowe was chosen from among five nominees on the first ballot. Following his election by the House of Bishops, the House of Deputies confirmed the election.

Rowe, 49, was ordained bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania in 2007 and became bishop provisional of Western New York in 2019. From 2014 to 2018, he served as bishop provisional of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem.

Born in Sharon, Pennsylvania, Rowe earned a bachelor's degree in history from Grove City College, a master of divinity from Virginia Theological Seminary, and a doctorate in organizational learning and leadership from Gannon University.

Rowe was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained in 2000 at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32.

Known for his research and work on organizational learning and adaptive performance in the church, Rowe serves as parliamentarian for the House of Bishops and the Episcopal Church Executive Council; chair of the Episcopal Church Building Fund; and

as a member of the Standing Commission on Structure, Governance, and Constitution and Canons. He also serves on the Greater Buffalo Racial Equity Roundtable. In 2018, he became the first bishop to serve on the House of Deputies Committee on the State of the Church.

Rowe is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator; they have a daughter named Lauren.

The presiding bishop takes office on Nov. 1. Details about the transition and celebration will be announced after General Convention.

Offices closed on July 4th

The Cathedral offices will be closed on the 4th of July in observance of the Independence Day holiday. We will reopen with normal office hours on Friday, July 5.

Articles for *Parish Notes* must be sent to amanda@christchurchlouky.org by NOON on TUESDAY.

School Supplies Drive!



We hope to supply 40 full backpacks to our neighbors!

We need 40:

- o 10-packs pencils
- o Boxes of 24 crayons
- o Packs of colored pencils
- o Packs of at least 8 washable markers
- o 3-packs of highlighters
- o Packs dry-erase markers
- o Dry-erase student boards
- o Packs of post-it notes
- o Packs of loose-leaf filler paper
- o 3-packs glue sticks
- o Scissors
- o Spiral notebooks
- o Primary lined composition notebooks
- o Two-pocket folders
- o Chart paper

**Please drop off at the CLCM offices M-Th between 9:30 and
1:00 BEFORE Wednesday, July 24. Thank you!**

Central Louisville Community Ministries

It's that time of the year again when we collect school supplies for children in our downtown neighborhood. We're looking for 10 packs of pencils, Boxes of 24 crayons, Packs of colored pencils, Packs of at least 8 washable markers, 3 packs of highlighters, Packs of dry-erase markers, Dry-erase student boards, Packs of post-it notes, Packs of loose-leaf filler paper, 3-packs glue sticks, Scissors, Spiral notebooks, Primary lined composition notebooks, Two-pocket folders, Chart paper. Your donations can be dropped off at the CLCM office, 809 S 4th St, on Monday-Thursday, 9:30 am-1 pm EXCEPT FOR July 3 & 4. Must be received BEFORE Wednesday, July 24.

Visit “God at ‘I’ Level” Art Exhibit

By Amber Noel, The Living Church
Christ Church Cathedral is pleased to host the “God at ‘I’ Level” gallery by photographer Azher Imtiaz.

Since 2016, Asher Imtiaz has been telling stories of recent immigrants to the United States, mainly refugees and asylum seekers, through photography. This calling has only become clearer against the backdrop of anti-immigration rhetoric and the politics of fear. “The only way to



combat ‘the other’ mentality is to share stories,” says Imtiaz. “Immigration has been a major divisive issue among Americans in the last few years and has created fear among many. We sometimes forget that behind every issue is a person we can get to know and honor and love. That God is at eye level.

“Ansel Adams once said that a good photograph is ‘knowing where to stand.’ While this is often interpreted as finding the perfect geographic location to capture light, I choose to make it political. Fitting my contemporary work into the history of photography, ‘knowing where to stand’ becomes a statement of conviction in our contemporary society. We need to live a life of sustained attention. And awareness should move toward responsibility and action.”

“God at ‘I’ Level” takes similar themes and subjects and focuses specifically on confronting the all-powerful “I” in individualistic culture, engaging human eyes to get beyond the alienating self-absorption that leads to unjust

attitudes and practices: “God is looking back at us. God is at eye level. Looking in human eyes is an opportunity to love God. Christians in the U.S. need this reminder—especially when some leaders say and do things that are dehumanizing.”

Copies of the gallery program are available throughout the nave.

Midweek worship at the Cathedral

Major Feasts (in **bold**) are live streamed with services held in the nave. All other services are held in the chapel.

Tuesday, July 2: St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles
(Transferred)

Chapel Leader: Tom Thill
Celebrant: Edgar Wallace

**Thursday, July 4: INDEPENDENCE DAY -
ONLINE ONLY**

Weekly Sunday Bible Study

Please join us for Bible Study at 9:00 on Sundays. We meet in the Chapter room on the second floor of the Diocesan House, and also via Zoom using the invitation below. Just click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/3RSozqS>

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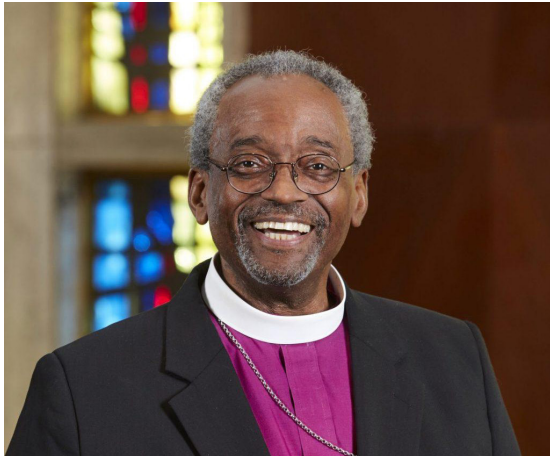
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Christians view themselves differently than others view them. It's time to change that gap.

Our commitment to being an inclusive church is not based on a social theory or capitulation to the ways of the culture.

The Most Rev. Michael Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate of the Episcopal Church
Opinion Contributor
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If you are near the Kentucky International Convention Center this week, you might spot a few thousand Episcopalians walking around as we come together for worship, prayer, and a fair bit of business at our triennial churchwide gathering. You may hear us chatting about resolutions, budgets, and elections. But my biggest hope and prayer is that Episcopalians — or the Episcopal branch of the Jesus Movement, as I like to call us — will make you feel the love of neighbor modeled in the life and teaching of Jesus of Nazareth.

This kind of love is not always easy. It takes patience and sacrifice, particularly as we face

major transitions as a church. On Wednesday, around 200 bishops of The Episcopal Church will head to Christ Church Cathedral here in Louisville for some important business: the election of our denomination's next presiding bishop. The bishop elected will serve as the 28th person in that role, and, in collaborative leadership with other clergy and laypeople, they will serve for nine years as our church's chief pastor and spokesperson.

Leadership is critical to the Episcopal Church

Leadership is critical in any organization, and ours is no exception. Our next presiding bishop will shepherd us at a pivotal juncture in the life of our church. We will need to be especially agile and attuned to the shape-shifting needs of our communities as we live out our call to protect the dignity of all people and advocate for justice.

We are a U.S.-based church of 1.4 million members across 22 countries or territories. Like most bodies of organized religion, we face a contracting membership, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. It would be easy to wring our hands and worry about what will become of us as attendance declines. But we are called not to be a people of fear, but a people of hope and a people who look, live and love like Jesus.

Two years ago, we undertook a national research project to ask Americans about their beliefs about Jesus — and their attitudes toward church. We found that while 84% of Americans polled believe Jesus was an

important spiritual figure and want equality in society, they believe Christians often fall short of Jesus' teachings, and they feel judged when talking about their own beliefs.

Folks are down with Jesus, but they take issue with his followers

In other words: folks are down with Jesus, but they take issue with his followers. We also learned there is a perceptual gap between how Christians view themselves and how others view them. Christians describe themselves as being giving (57%), compassionate (56%), loving (55%), respectful (50%) and friendly (49%) while non-Christians associate Christians with characteristics like hypocrisy (50%), being judgmental (49%), self-righteousness (46%), and arrogance (32%).

Our real work, I believe, is to close that perceptual gap, and to do so in ways that make sense in each of our contexts.

What is true on a national level is often seen most clearly in daily, locally lived experience. After Breonna Taylor was killed, Bishop Terry White and the people of the Episcopal Diocese of Kentucky helped to find a nonviolent way for people to respond to yet another innocent human life being taken. The cathedral church where we will elect our next presiding bishop was transformed into a station house for nonviolent training. It was a place where everybody was welcome, and everybody was God's somebody in the struggle for racial justice.

Since the beginning of 2023, the people of Christ Church have mounted placards on the interior cathedral walls documenting every mass shooting location along with the counts of people killed and injured. There are 656 placards. This number is shocking, and it should be. This week, our deputations from around the church will be presented with those placards based on the locations of their dioceses. While mass shootings have become routine and disappear quickly in the news cycle, these placards cry out and bear permanent witness to the fact that every human child of God matters, and we cannot rest until this nightmarish reality is replaced by God's dream for us as a human family.

In celebration of Pride month, Calvary Episcopal Church is hosting "Drag Me to Church: A Gospel Drag Show" for a second year in a row. In addition to raising \$9,000 last year to support the church's food ministry, this event reinforces that every person is beloved and made in God's image, and all are welcome.

This good work inspires me and fills me with hope for the future, even and especially amidst uncertainty. Everyone counts. Everyone is loved. No exceptions.

As I have said before, our commitment to being an inclusive church is not based on a social theory or capitulation to the ways of the culture, but on our belief that the outstretched arms of Jesus on the cross are a sign of the very love of God reaching out to us all.

And if it's not about love — it's not about God.

We Pray . . .

Prayer is at the heart of Christian community. We use this space to bring before God and the community the needs of those we love. Please submit prayer requests for yourself and others to the church office: info@christchurchlouky.org. We will include those names here so that the community may join you in prayer..

. . . in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, for the Church of North India (United)

. . . in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, for Aaron McNeil Community Center

. . . for Cathedral members in need of healing

Jim & Dean, TJ, Betty Banton, Kitten Lawless, Robert Huffman, Nancy Otto,
Donna Pottinger, Joy Stultz

. . . for Cathedral members in our abiding prayers

Carol Brown, Dorothy Converse, Charles Cooksey, Michael L. Foster, Maurice Gordon,
John Kiesel, Norma Laufer, Ashley Pasteka, Hollis Real, Ginger Shackleton, John
Tederstrom, Tim Tice, Marcia Wilmet, Betty Lynn Williams

. . . for family and friends of Cathedral members

requested by

Judy Bradley, Clara Eskridge, Ruby Hyde, Rollins Rubsamen, Trish Tyre	William Kelly Beard, Ernest Ruppe	Rob Beard
	Marge Brown	Matt Bradley
	David Davies	Carol Brown
David Collett, Fonetta Collett, Kathleen Dina Betty Harrison	Janet Shedd & family, Savannah Wright	Jerry Brown
Alex, Debbie, Laura, Hannah, Ryan, Ellis	Bety Banton, Kelly Brown, Gail & Alex Ocana	Melinda Collett
Bety Banton, Kelly Brown, Gail & Alex Ocana	Tom & Andy Rochester	Jim & Becky Collings
Elizabeth Foster, Michael Foster	Ron Adams, Diane Flechler, Beth Fritton, Charlie Grubbs, Judy Horton, Phillip Koloff	Dorothy Converse
Ann & Bill Lentz, Byron & Leilani Sprinkle, Lindsay Tompkins, Neisja Yenawin	Forrest Cook, Mike Freund, Paul Fussenegger, Sr., David Hammer, Melissa Masterson	Page Curry
Karen Phillips, Morgan Phillips, Gibbs Reese, Alex Rohleder	Justin Gallahar	Mike Foster
	Rorie Guillen	Bobbie Fritton
	Betsy Vaughan	Vance Fritton
Shari & John, Eleanor Lucas Gregory	Ric Hovda	Lea Ann Garbrough
Eric Zoerb	Art, Nick & Sally, Judi, Gregg & Mary, Whitney, Elvin	Rob Guillen
John, Becky E., Paula Hamilton, Martha Hyatt, Dave Kalinowski, Peggy Kalinowski	Leisa, Kailey Caroline Potter, Kevin, Shay, Molly, Sammy, Noah	Angie Halliday
Foster care children in the Commonwealth of Kentucky	Patsy Cox, Judy Cummins	John Kiesel
	David Ellis, Yihong Liu	Diane Kyle
Faith Aielts, Mary Ann Johnson, Jim Trimpe, Katie	Mark, Ryan, Janice and Andy Carter	Sissy Lanier
Michael, James, Joey	Mike Reisdorf, Khem Tice	Terry Laun
Corbin Harris	Diana Bonifield	Kitten Lawless
Jared Stivers		Jan Margerum
		Jerry Marsh
		Randy Peters
		Mitzi Schatz
		Tom Thill
		Tim Tice
		Carolyn Van Zant
		Graham Whatley
		Kay Shields Wilkinson

. . . for those celebrating birthdays

Joe Tincher, Bill Shelton, Tara Durnil

. . . for those celebrating anniversaries

John & Marilyn Werst

Additions or deletions to the Prayer
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