NEWSLETTER OF ASSOCIATION OF PITTSBURGH PRIESTS
AUGUST, 2023



THREE IMPORTANT EVENTS - Register TODAY on APP's Home Page!

APP Annual Meeting

Friday, August 25, 2023, 5:00 pm (rain of shine)



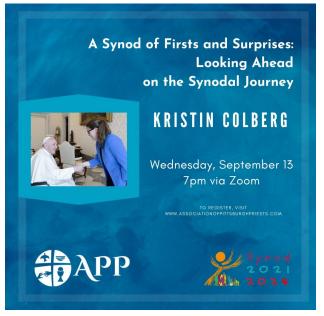
Chatham Hall

(formerly known as Bigham House)

655 Pennridge Road • Mount Washington (15211)

Dinner • Brief Business Meeting • Socializing • Info/tour of Historical Site

Bigham House is the only stop on the Underground Railroad in Allegheny County.



First Fall Speaker Event

October's Synod in Rome

September 13, 7 pm - Zoom

Kristin Colberg was part of the Vatican team that assembled the international synthesis of worldwide diocesan reports for continental discussions.

She has much to share!

Church Renewal Action Steps

Join Mary Queen of Peace Parish for the **Sunday Liturgy, honoring St. Phoebe and Women**

September 3, 11:00 am

St Mary of the Mount Church

403 Grandview Avenue (Mt. Washington)

Participate with CCOC in their Liturgy

Celebrating Women's Roles in Our Church

September 10, 1:00 pm

Kearns Spirituality Center

9000 Babcock Blvd., Allison Park

Action Step for Peace

Join the **Stop Banking the Bomb** group's demonstration urging PNC Bank to divest investments in the nuclear weapons industry.

PNC Bank, 4031 Fifth Avenue, Oakland Saturday, August 26, 11:00—Noon



Bishop Zubik's New Pastoral Letter

"The Church Forward," penned on the occasion of the 180th anniversary of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, Bishop David Zubik reflects on the diocese's past, present, and future. (Issued on August 11, 2023.)

He then turns to "The Forward," or where we as the Church need to go next. With an eye towards welcoming, he exhorts each of us to embody Christ to each person we meet.

From the Letter:

"I am entrusting each of our 61 parishes with a mandate to engage in additional synodal discussions to explore how each parish can become more welcoming."

Download a copy:

https://diopitt.org/the-church-forward

An Afternoon with Thomas Merton and Molly Rush

Sunday, September 17 - Pittsburgh Theological Seminary

Come! Connect! Remember! Celebrate!



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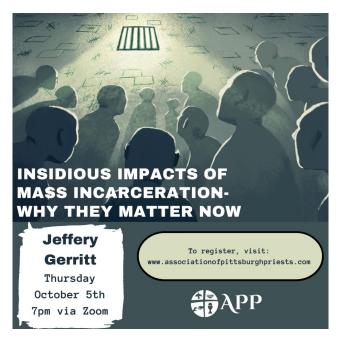


OCTOBER 4, 2023

(Feast of St. Francis of Assisi)

The Synod begins! (see below) Laudato Sí+ expected!

Thursday, October 5 - Register today!



Jeffery Gerritt, former Editorial Page Editor of Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, will explore the devastating impact of mass incarceration.

"When I was in prison..."

Join us to explore how our criminal justice system has affected this largely overlooked population.

A Synod of Firsts and Surprises: Looking Ahead on the Synodal Journey KRISTIN COLBERG Wednesday, September 13 7pm via Zoom TO SEQUETE, VISTI WITH ASSOCIATION OF PRISE COM 2021

Significance of the Synod

Kristin Colberg was part of the Vatican team that assembled the international synthesis of worldwide diocesan reports for continental discussions.

She has much to share! Link is on APP Home Page

- ♦ What is a Synod? What is its relationship to Vatican II?
- Who participated so far?
- ♦ What will happen beginning October 4?
- ♦ How is this Synod unique?
- ♦ How much are women involved?
- What will happen afterwards?
- ♦ What is the role for the Holy Spirit?
- ♦ How can the synodal style reshape our parishes?

This video will further your understanding – MUST SEE!

Action Steps for Peace

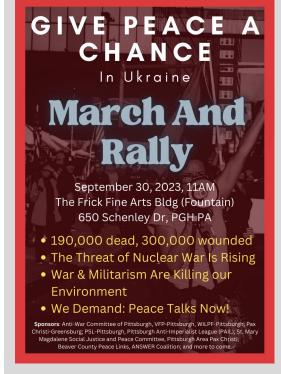
 Join the Stop Banking the Bomb group's demonstration urging
 PNC Bank to divest investments in the nuclear weapons industry.

PNC Bank, Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill Saturday, September 23, 11:00 –Noon

Participate at the September 30Prayer, March & Rally for Peace

9:30 – Noon: **Silent Prayer,** St. Paul Cathedral

11:00: March and Rally



Action Step for Church Renewal

Promote Synodality in your parish.

If interested in helping us develop resources for empowering the laity to speak with Pastors, contact APP:

assocpghpriests@gmail.com

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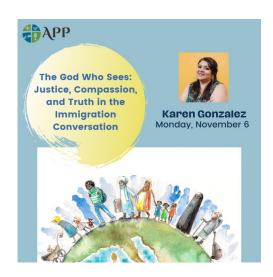
Bishop Zubik, The Church Forward

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~~IMMIGRATION~~

This spirited presentation featuring Karen Gonzalez with Sr. Janice Vandernec and Monica Ruiz of Casa San Jose is now available on our website's Home page.



Casa San Jose

2116 Broadway Avenue Beechview (15216) 412-343-3111 casasanjose.org

What you can do to support immigrants:

- 1. Watch the video for facts and perspective to dispel myths about immigrants.
- 2. Use the information to change the narrative in anti-immigrant pontifications in family/friend conversations.
- 3. Vote for supportive candidates.
- 4. Contact legislators about immigration. If shy or reluctant to engage with staff, call after 5 pm and leave a message!
- 5. Engage with Casa San Jose: donate, volunteer, and/or follow action steps from their newsletter and website.

Tragedy in Gaza

Join us on Wednesday, December 6 for perspective on Christians, Muslims, and Jews living together in the Holy Land.

Impact of the war on each group

An Advent Evening on the Holy Land today.

- Sign up today on our website. -



December 6 7pm via zoom

"Mountain Top" Meeting

November 13, 5-9 PM

~CANCELLED ~

This planning meeting was cancelled due to complications trying to sync the Zoom and inperson participants.

A Zoom only meeting will be held in January. Details will follow.



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2024 - Upcoming Events

UPCOMING APP EVENTS

FEB 5 JOHN CARR

Mobilizing Catholics to be involved in

the political process

MARCH 3 AUSTEN IVEREIGH

Pope Francis' vision for the world

APRIL 19 JOHN DEAR

Peace and nonviolence

MAY 7 CATHLEEN KAVANY

Ethics and law

JUNE 5 KARENNA GORE

Laudoto Sí& Laudate Deum

"Mountain Top" Meeting

January 8, 2024: 6:30 - 9:00 PM—Zoom



Discerning our mission for 2024 - a synodal listening session

In what ways will we work for Church Renewal (a synodal Church locally and beyond)?

How can we contribute to God's dream of justice and peace for God's people in Pittsburgh & the world?

If you want to participate, contact assocpghpriests@gmail.com by January 2.

Our Mission Statement

The Association of Pittsburgh Priests is a diocesan-wide organization of ordained and non-ordained women and men who act on our baptismal call to be priests and prophets. Our mission, rooted in the Gospel and the Spirit of Vatican II, is to carry out a ministry of justice and renewal in ourselves, the Church and the world.

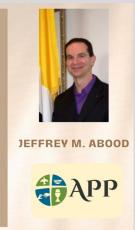
Tragedy in Gaza

One hour that will open your eyes to the Catholic Church in Gaza, the chronic unjust treatment of Palestinians, and the horrific suffering caused by this war.

View last week's presentation: www.associationofpittsburghpriests.com

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Christians,
Muslims, and
Jews in the Holy
Land: How are
they living? How
can we help
Palestinians be
free?





Early January



Our Winter Mailing

- Spring, 2024 Speaker Series informational brochure
- 2023 APP Impact
- 2024 Membership Renewal

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