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Out in our neighborhoods

Diocese of Albany

2016 Parish Leadership Conferences Focus on Ministry to Those with Addictions

Addiction is epidemic in our nation. Deaths from heroin overdoses increased 28% in 2014 over 2013¹. Gambling addiction plagues between 2% and 4% of adults in the US, meaning between 7 and 12 million adults suffer in this way, and as many as 750,000 young people, ages 14 to 21 have a gambling addiction². It is estimated that in 2013, 16.6 million adults ages 18 and older and 697,000 adolescents ages 12–17 suffered from some kind of alcohol use disorder³. Nearly 12 million people suffer from sexual addiction in the United States, and that number is rising⁴. As these statistics suggest, none of us is isolated from addictions. Those who don't struggle with an addiction of one kind or another themselves very likely have someone close to them who does, whether they are aware of it or not.



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Send your stories for the **In Prov 2** by the 10th of the month and they will appear!

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Every year the Diocese of Albany presents Parish Leadership Conferences regionally in the diocese. These conferences are designed to provide clergy and lay people with the tools and skills needed to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to our communities and to show God's love for all people. This year's Parish Leadership Conferences, entitled Ministry in Our Community Today: Addiction – Parish Mission and Ministry will focus on helping all those in a parish, clergy and laity, in ministering to those who struggle with addictions. The

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conference leaders include Mother Kathy Alonge-Coons, Fr. David Haig, and Mother Anne Curtin. Each of these conference leaders have a tremendous amount of experience working with people who struggle with various addictions, including drugs, alcohol, pornography, and gambling.

Through times of teaching, sharing, and discussion, conference participants will learn about the scope of addictions, the impact of addictions on individuals and society as a whole, and the ministry experiences of parish clergy in dealing with addictions. They will hear the stories of those who struggle with addiction. They will also be given information about local resources for those who suffer from addiction to get help, and how to make a referral to one of these resources. They will be given the opportunity to discuss what they have heard and how it applies to their own lives and communities.

As Bishop Love, Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Albany, stated in his invitation letter, “If we as the Church and individual members of the Body of Christ are to be a channel of God’s love and mercy and healing grace to those struggling with these various addictions, we need to be better equipped. This year’s Parish Leadership Conferences are designed to help us do just that.”

The locations and dates for these conferences, along with a little more information and registration, are available from the Diocese of Albany’s website at <http://www.albanyepiscopaldiocese.org/>.

1. http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/health_policy/AADR_drug_poisoning_involving_OA_Heroin_US_2000-2014.pdf
2. <http://www.addictions.com/gambling/5-alarming-gambling-addiction-statistics/>
3. <http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/overview-alcohol-consumption/alcohol-facts-and-statistics>
4. https://www.aamft.org/iMIS15/AAMFT/Content/consumer_updates/sexual_addiction.aspx

Diocese of Central New York

Greetings To Central New York from Haiti

Central New Yorkers Dr. Janet and the Rev. Donnel O'Flynn are serving as Volunteers in Mission with The Episcopal Church in Leogane, Haiti. Their goal is to start a department of Rehabilitation Science at the Episcopal University of Haiti.

Below, the Rev. Donnel O'Flynn reflects on a recent conversation with the Rev. Sonley Joseph (Père Sonley), a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti.



2: Acolytes in St. Nicolas Parish



1: St. Nicolas Parish gathers for worship

Photographs of St. Nicolas parishioners and acolytes, courtesy the Rev. Sonley Joseph.

“I can’t ask you to go there... it is too far,” Père Sonley told us. He was speaking about St. Nicolas parish, which has the most difficult situation of the nine congregations in his care. We had hoped to visit with him on the third Sunday of Advent, but, he told us, “It is a four-hour walk up a mountain.” So we stayed behind at sea-level while he and four acolytes set off on their overnight adventure.

The first thing Monday morning we asked how it went. “It was good,” he told us, “but the climb really was difficult for some of the acolytes. They had to stop three times to rest. The people were happy to see us. They had a feast for us after the service. They had to send a donkey to get the water for our showers on Saturday night. The water was too cold for the acolytes to have a shower, but they had fun.”

“Afterwards the parish leaders told me, ‘Père Sonley, we are glad to see you. But we need a school! There is no school for our children. The older ones can walk down to Gressier, but it is too far for the small children to walk three hours each way, every day. What can we do?’”

It was easy to see the villagers’ plight had moved him. Even in Haiti it is unusual for an entire village of five thousand people to have no school at all. The church of St. Nicolas has classroom space; all that is needed is a salary for a teacher. “Well, let me pray about it too,” I said. After doing so, I decided to make this the focus of our monthly e-update.

So if this little vignette catches the interest of anyone in Central New York, let me share that there is a very well-developed system for congregations in the U.S. to support outreach activities in Haiti. A partnership program run by the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti handles contributions, and provides for accounting and oversight. I’d be happy to share more information.

“Of all nine parishes you oversee, is St. Nicolas your priority?” we asked. “Yes,” he said, “it is.”

Those interested in learning more about the partnership program are encouraged to contact The Rev. Donnel O'Flynn by e-mail (mailto:donnel_oflynn@hotmail.com).

Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe

For the last three years, the Rev. Dorothee Hahn has been working as missionary in Husi, in the eastern part of Romania. A German citizen and lawyer, she went through the ordination process in the Convocation. She then served as vicar of two mission congregations in Bavaria, and as assisting priest at Church of the Ascension in Munich. Her current mission is to find ways to support the Romanian Orthodox Diocese of Husi. Read her story on the Convocation's website at <http://www.tec-europe.org/gods-mission/into-the-world/in-romania/>

Diocese of Haiti



Haiti Connection 2016 — Ready for Registration

Whether you are currently engaged in mission in Haiti, or want to learn more about how you can get involved, the Haiti Connection 2016 Conference is the place to be. The main event will be held at the

Montana Hotel in Port-au-Prince, Haiti beginning on Wednesday, April 6 continuing through Friday, April 8. For many years this event has brought together leaders of the Diocese of Haiti with partners and friends to share information, learn from one another, and become inspired about mission in Haiti.

Everyone is welcome.

Three pre-conference trips, led by experienced guides, are also scheduled – to Les Cayes and Points South, to the Central Plateau and Points East, and to Cap Haitien and Points North.

A guided tour of downtown diocesan institutions starts on Wednesday morning with a banquet and speaker opening the Conference on Wednesday evening. Special presentations and breakout sessions follow throughout the day on Thursday and Friday morning. A visit to Haitian art galleries and dinner can be scheduled for Thursday evening. The Conference closes with Eucharist just before noon on Friday.

Visit the website to find out more. <http://haitiepiscopalconnection.org/>

Read the Presiding Bishop's statement on the anniversary of the earthquake:

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens/2016/01/12/presiding-bishop-on-the-6th-anniversary-of-the-haiti-earthquake/>

Diocese of Long Island

Video News: Advocates speak out against ICE raids at Christ Church, Brentwood - read the story and see the video -

<http://longisland.news12.com/news/brentwood-rally-slams-push-for-central-american-deportations-by-ice-1.11305368>



Diocese of New Jersey

Becoming the Story We Tell

Here is a Lenten Series suggested for your use this year. Called ***Becoming the Story We Tell***, and developed by The Rev. Philip Carr-Jones, Rector of Church of the Holy Spirit, Lebanon, it adapts and enhances the excellent work originally done in the Anglican Church of Canada.

Becoming The Story We Tell is a Lenten series – and much more. It can be done at whatever level a congregation prefers – from a simple set of evening discussions in Lent, powerful in themselves, to a parish-wide series that extends all the way through Eastertide to Pentecost. The materials include everything you need, as well as links to further resources. (<http://www.dioceseofnj.org/lent/>)

As Fr. Carr-Jones puts it,

We need to learn how to be a community of discernment: people who can hear together, reflect together, and then respond together to God's word. And so the heart of this initiative is a practice of group reflection on scripture and sacrament, a practice that is shaped over many weeks by persistently asking the same important questions. As we come to own such questions, we will come to see more clearly how the gospel drama is really the drama of our own lives. Then we will be more truly shaped by this story, and better equipped to share it with others who are hungry to hear it and who may be ready to consider becoming disciples of Jesus themselves.

Becoming the Story We Tell has been carefully designed to do all this. We think it's really exciting, truly transformative, and hope you will, too. Should you have questions, please contact The Rev. Cn Dr. Rob Droste at rdroste@dioceseofnj.org or Fr. Carr-Jones at philip@churchholyspirit.net.

Our Lenten Resources from 2015 are also available online (<http://www.dioceseofnj.org/lent2015/>), and provide excellent additional exercises and meditations towards becoming a missional church.



Diocese of New York

The Rev. Chuck Kramer, rector of St. James', Hyde Park, gives a Fireside Chat on the topic of "Slavery, New York, and the Church" in the church's chapel, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt received baptism.

https://youtu.be/PPpT_OyPuZI

Diocese of Newark

Movement matters - "Senior Moments" column by Pat Moulton, photo by Jim Snodgrass

Someone once said, "Resting is rusting." As we mature, an active lifestyle is more important than ever. Staying active, both mentally and physically,



works wonders. It will help boost energy, maintain our independence, and manage symptoms of illness or pain. Staying active can even reverse some of the symptom of aging. Whether we are generally healthy, or are managing an illness, there are plenty of ways for us to get more active, improve confidence, and boost our fitness. Read the whole article here: <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/content/senior-moments-movement-matters>

Diocese of Rochester

Affordable Housing for Seniors

St. Mark's Terrace offers affordable housing for senior citizens in two locations in Yates County, New York. It was the vision and mission of the Rector and Vestry of St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Penn Yan, New York to establish decent, safe housing for low income seniors.

In 1972, St. Mark's Terrace opened a "high rise" building with over 100 apartments in a convenient location in the center of the Village of Penn Yan. The opportunity to be housed near amenities such as grocery stores, banks, churches, public library, post office, pharmacies, restaurants and shopping district attracts many seniors who may no longer desire to drive.



Individuals who are 62 years of age or older and are able to manage living in an independent setting are welcome to apply. Rental subsidy may be available for those who qualify. The buildings follow regulations established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

St. Mark's, Dundee opened with a 39 unit two story building in 1994. It is located on the edge of the Village of Dundee and is approximately one-half mile from the shopping district, where amenities such as grocery store, public library, bank, post office, restaurant and pharmacy are available. Convenient on-site delivery by the grocery store and pharmacy may be arranged by residents.

Visit their website to find out more: <http://stmarksterrace.net/home>

Diocese of the Virgin Islands



Rosalie Ballentine Appointed to the Board of Episcopal Relief and Development

It is now official! One of the five new members appointed to the Board of ER-D is Canon Rosalie Simmonds Ballentine, Esq.. She is also an attorney and serves as The Episcopal Church's lay representative to the Anglican Consultative Council, as well as the Vice President of Province II. Read the press release: <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-and-resources/press-releases/2016-press-releases/five-new-members-welcomed-to-episcopal-relief-and-development-board-of-directors>

Diocese of Western New York

Conversation with the Bishops

February 21, 2016 at 2 pm

Bishop R. William Franklin of the Episcopal Diocese of Western New York and Bishop Richard J. Malone of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo are asking members of their respective churches to do what they can to insure that the new economic growth and opportunity in Western New York is shared among all people. Two joint pastoral letters, co-written by both bishops, reveal a vision common to both denominations. Read the most recent letter to the *Buffalo News*: <http://www.buffalonews.com/opinion/another-voice/another-voice-we-must-all-work-to-alleviate-poverty-in-buffalo-20160115>

Find out more about the February 21 event: <http://episcopalwny.org/discover-sundays>

Episcopal Diocese of New York Young Adult Network Launches Digital Community

Encourages "Talking Church" conversations, connections and prayer through video interactions

New York, New York: The Episcopal Diocese of New York Young Adult Network (EDNY YA Network: <http://youngadults.diocesenyny.org/>) announces launch of digital community, entitled "Talking Church" (<http://youngadults.diocesenyny.org/talking-church-online-retreat/>), to serve as a communication tool to engage and connect young adults in conversation about faith in Jesus Christ and Christian community from a contemporary online perspective.

Opportunity in the Diocese of Newark

Episcopal House Staff Opening: Hispanic/Latino Missioner Episcopal House

This part-time position (25 hours/week) is responsible for advocacy and for oversight of Hispanic/Latino ministry in the Diocese of Newark. The Hispanic/Latino Missioner will work with the Bishop, diocesan staff, clergy, congregations and diocesan organizations to promote, encourage, create, enhance, and develop opportunities for ministry among people of Hispanic and Latino cultural backgrounds in their communities and unique missional contexts, and to initiate, promote, carry out, and maintain these mission/ministry initiatives. Applications must be received by March 15. Find out more:

<http://dioceseofnewark.org/content/episcopal-house-staff-opening-hispaniclatino-missioner-part-time>

Grant Opportunities

United Thank Offering (UTO) Grants Applications are now available for 2016 - Funding is available for new ministries or positions related to Mark Five of the Anglican Marks of Mission: To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth. Each Diocese may submit one grant application for a ministry within the Diocese, and one grant application in conjunction with a Companion Diocese. Check with your diocese for more specific information. The 2016 grant application forms and sample budgets for United Thank Offering grants are available at <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/uto-grants>. More information is available here: <http://www.episcopalchurch.org/posts/publicaffairs/2016-united-thank-offering-grant-applications-now-accepted>.

2016 UTO Young Adult & Seminarian Grants -The United Thank Offering is currently accepting applications for Young Adult and Seminarian Grants. The deadline for submission is January 29, 2016 at 5 pm Eastern standard time. Grant applications and endorsement forms are available at this link:

<https://uto2014.wordpress.com/granting/granting-powerpoint/>

2016 ECF Fellowship Application is Now Available! Innovative scholars and ministry leaders transform lives. Since 1964 the Episcopal Church Foundation (ECF) has supported over 200 scholars and ministry leaders throughout the Episcopal Church, fostering innovation in theological formation and ministerial leadership in challenging times. The 2016 Fellowship application is now available. The 2016 Fellowship

application deadline is March 11, 2016. To learn more and to apply:

<http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/programs/fellowship-partner-program/how-to-apply>

Ready for Lent?

- At Society of Saint John the Evangelist we pray for you a year filled with new beginnings and wonderful surprises. Our wish for you is that 2016 is a time of grace and a time to grow in faith and love. And to nurture that growth, this Lent we are offering ***Growing a Rule of Life***. This series focuses on God as the Chief Gardener of our souls, as we seek out ways to grow into the fullness he desires. Just as stakes and lattices nurture the growth of young plants, so too can spiritual disciplines support the flourishing of our whole being. This series uses a tool from monastic spirituality called a 'Rule of Life' to explore and cultivate our relationships with God, Self, Others, and Creation. This is an exciting opportunity to dig deep and dream big about ways to live into a more abundant life with Christ. To watch an introductory video by Brother David Vryhof, sign up or download the free workbook, simply visit ssje.org/growrule
- Looking for Lenten resources? **Forward Movement** has assembled a list of books and other materials that might help. Check out Forward Movement's website: <http://www.forwardmovement.org/Products/CategoryCenter/FMEAS/Lent--Easter.aspx>
- **“Walk the Path of Lent” with Episcopal Relief & Development’s 2016 Lenten Meditations:** Episcopal Relief & Development invites supporters to “Walk the Path of Lent” with this year’s Lenten Meditations series, featuring reflections on spiritual practices written by the organization’s staff, partners and friends from around The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. In these poignant meditations, program staff, disaster response volunteers, board members and others share the breadth of spiritual practices that give them strength for the journey. <http://www.episcopalrelief.org/press-and-resources/press-releases/2016-press-releases/walk-the-path-of-lent-with-episcopal-relief-and-developments-2016-lenten-meditations>



Coming Soon...



Register today for the 2016 Church Leadership Conference!

Join us for “Be Still and Grow” at the February 19-21, 2016

Conference as we explore how churches can refocus their energies and deepen the faith of their membership. What would it look like if there were a renewed focus on prayer and liturgy? What could the Church become if leadership were more concerned with spiritual well-being than physical or financial? For more information and to register: <http://www.kanuga.org/conference-calendar/conference-calendar-details/church-leadership-conference>

Episcopal Foundation Webinars

For the full calendar, information and registration, go to the website:

<http://www.episcopalfoundation.org/calendar/event/2015/07>

Trinity Institute: Listen for a Change-January 21-23, 2016



Racial justice is a matter of life or death; we can’t afford to stay silent and tacitly accept the (mostly) invisible systems that support inequalities, create suffering, and deny human dignity. Rather, we need to have an open dialogue—a process that starts with listening. Find out more: <https://www.trinitywallstreet.org/trinity-institute/2016/home>