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Cathedral Connections

Barbara C. Harris: A True Saint



We look to the saints of the ancient past to teach us how to life faithfully today. Yet God speaks to us through the saints of our times as well, so as a church we continue to listen to

the witness of those saints recently in our midst.

Our church doesn't canonize saints per se; remember that as a curious hybrid between Protestant and Catholic, Episcopalians draw inspiration from the witness of particular faithful folk yet we don't seek a list of specific miracles to prove to us that someone was, in fact, a saint.

We remain rooted in common prayer, which means that we let worship and liturgy guide our conversation about sainthood. There are some guidelines for "making a saint" which include a grassroots direction for recognizing them: if a person is celebrated widely in church and diocesan gatherings, then The Episcopal Church takes note and leans towards including them in the sanctoral calendar.

On Saturday, February 11, we will celebrate the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, a bishop of blessed memory who many regard as already being a saint of the church. On this day when we also celebrate the Rev. Absalom Jones, we'll remember Bishop Harris, whose inclusion in the sanctoral

calendar is supported widely across the church.

Bishop Harris led a remarkable life. Throughout her life she was committed to civil rights, women's rights and gay rights, participating in the Freedom Rides in the 1960's, including the Selma to Montgomery marches led by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Thirty years later she spoke out against the continuing racism and sexism of The Episcopal Church.

A corporate executive for an oil company prior to her ordination as a priest, Harris attended the Church of The Advocate in Philadelphia for many years. There, she witnessed history when she served as an acolyte when the first women priests were ordained in The Episcopal Church – known as the "Philadelphia Eleven." She went on to make history herself in 1988 when she became the first woman consecrated as a bishop in the worldwide Anglican Communion, as she became the suffragan bishop of the Diocese of Massachusetts.

Bishop Harris was respected across the church for her wisdom, her straightforward manner and her capacity to lead from her unique vantage point. She once said, "I certainly don't want to be one of the boys. I want to offer my peculiar gifts as a black woman ... a sensitivity and an awareness that comes out of more than a passing acquaintance with oppression."

Bishop Harris died in 2020. Though



PREACHING SCHEDULE

- February 5
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- February 12
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens
- February 19
The Rev. Adrienne Koch
- February 26
The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

our church doesn't canonize or venerate saints, we do look to their witness and we believe that their prayers for us continue after they have died. The saints intercede for us, which gives me great comfort as well as encouragement. As we celebrate the faithful witness of a true saint, we do so in a spirit of faithful supplication:

Bishop Barbara Harris, child of God, leader of the church and witness to oppression:

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens

Celebrating Each Child's Strengths

by Eric Travis, Director of Children's and Youth Ministries

Raising kids is hard. There are so many things that pull at our lives that make this a true statement. The Children's and Youth ministry at Trinity is here to help you with prayer, support, care, programming, and tips. I came across this helpful approach from Uplift Kids (upliftkids.org) on how to celebrate each child's strengths.

Every kid is worthwhile exactly for who they are.

This is the core of strengths-based parenting, which encourages kids to know themselves and develop their unique gifts.

But how do you do this in practice? Here are a few tips.

First, ask yourself:

- What does my child love to do and will choose to spend their free time on?
- What do they do that enlivens and energizes them?
- What activities are they naturally good at or quick to learn?
- When is my child the happiest?



Second, ask your child:

- "What do you enjoy creating?"
- "What kind of person do you want to become?"
- "How do you want the world to be different?"

Third, name strengths when you see them in action. Tell your child the strengths you see in them.

- Does your child get along well with others? This is the strength of social intelligence.
- Are they quick to say thank you? This is the strength of gratitude.
- Do they ask lots of questions? This is the strength of curiosity.

There are hundreds of unique strengths deserving of praise.

This is the core of strengths-based parenting, which encourages kids to know themselves and develop their unique gifts. I pray that this is helpful, and please know that you can always contact me at etravis@trinitycleveland.org if you have any questions.

Middle School Pilgrimage to Trinity Cathedral

Youth in grades 6-8 from around the diocese are invited to an overnight retreat at Trinity Saturday and Sunday March 18-19. Arrival is at 1 p.m. Saturday, and families are invited to the 9 a.m. service on Sunday morning after which is departure. This retreat is centered on story-telling and identity. We will be inspired by the art exhibit in Trinity's gallery to gain insight and confidence into who we are and who we are called to be. Expect games, friends, and other fun activities!

To register, visit dohio.org/calendar/2023/03/18/middle-

HEY STUDENTS IN GRADES 7 - 12!

Don't think the Youth Group meets on Feb 12?

YOU BETTER BOWL-IVE IT!

FEBRUARY 12, 2023 - 1:30-3:30PM
SPINS BOWL - 5619 BRECKSVILLE RD.
INDEPENDENCE, OH

PRE-REGISTER AT WWW.BIT.LY/YGOUTING



TRINITY CATHEDRAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth Group AC

Youth Bowling

Join Trinity's Youth Group AC (after church) for a bowling outing on Sunday, February 12 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at Spins Bowl, 5619 Brecksville Rd., Independence. A \$10 fee covers bowling, shoe rental, snacks and drinks. Preregister at bit.ly/YGOuting.

Fund Helps Future Priests, Medical Workers

Trinity Cathedral's Wise, Warmeling, Way Fund was established by a gift from Margaret Warmeling Langton in 1959 as a memorial to Laura Wise, Ethel Way, and Karl Warmeling. The fund assists deserving students who desire to devote their lives to ordained ministry or the practice of medicine by covering a portion of the student's academic cost of attendance. Seminarians, nursing school students and medical school students are [eligible to apply](#).



The deadline for applications to be submitted for the 2023-2024 academic year is February 28. Award decisions will be communicated by email by April 15.

Celebrate Mardi Gras on Shrove Tuesday

Come join the pre-Lenten fun on Shrove Tuesday (Tuesday, February 21), when we gather for a New Orleans-style jambalaya meal (with vegetarian option and kids' meal). The festivities run from 6-8 p.m. The event will be highlighted by Mardi Gras beads, masks, crafts, games and music. There will be activities for all ages and at the conclusion of the evening, we will bury our "Alleluias" for the season of Lent in the columbarium. [Please register if you plan to attend.](#)



Suggested donation is \$13 which includes chicken and sausage jambalaya (or vegetarian jambalaya), tossed salad, cornbread, dessert and beverage. The suggested donation for the children's meal is \$5, which includes pancakes (gluten-free available), sausage and applesauce. You can pay at the time of registration or you can pay at the door.

LGBTQ+ Outreach Team Activities

The LGBTQ+ outreach team is holding dinner at Dan McGuire's house, located in Bratenahl, on Saturday, February 25.

Members, allies and friends are invited. The event is limited to 15 people, so please RSVP to Dan at dmcguirenyc@gmail.com as soon as possible.

The group will also attend a concert Sunday, March 19 featuring the North Coast Men's Chorus singing the songs of ABBA at the Mimi Ohio Theatre in Playhouse Square (3 p.m.). Dubbed *ABBAPalooza*, it features the music of one of the



most popular and successful musical groups of all time. *ABBAPalooza* is packed with the songs you love and you'll

be singing along to your favorites.

For more information and a complete 2023 LGBTQ+ calendar, contact Dan (dmcguirenyc@gmail.com) or Matthew Jaroszewicz (matthew.j.jaroszewicz@gmail.com).



Ash Wednesday Services

Trinity will hold three services on Ash Wednesday, February 22. They will be at 7:30 a.m. (in the chapel), noon and 6 p.m. All services will include Eucharist and the imposition of ashes. The 6 p.m. service will feature the Cathedral Choir singing music by Gregorio Allegri, Ned Rorem, and Richard Farrant.

Wanted: Church Musicians, No Music Ability Required

by Beth Billings

There are many aspects of our participation at church we take for granted: The lights are on and the floors are clean, the heat or sound system works, the service will start on time and not go on too long. We take our places in the congregation, the choir, as usher or reader or acolyte, knowing our part in how it all works. Moments of transcendence happen during worship when a preacher reaches us, or the light streams in and touches us, when the music moves us. The building itself, empty or full, is a place where personal reflection and prayer happens.

The mission team for Worship, Art and Music is here to support and enrich those moments where we are moved and renewed and, if possible, to plan for more ways for the Spirit to find us. One aspect on which we would like to build is Trinity's strong legacy of Anglican music-making. We propose to commission

music for use in our services with a particular intention of creating works of lasting merit that can be shared beyond our walls.



We plan to begin with celebrating the consecration of our new Bishop-elect, Anne Jolly. We have commissioned a hymn to be sung at her consecration, to be composed by Sarah MacDonald, director of music, Selwyn College, Cambridge University, U.K. Both Bishop-elect Jolly and Ms. MacDonald hold many qualifications and commendations and are the first women in their respective positions. Ms. MacDonald is an experienced composer with over 50 highly regarded published works.

The hymn will be shared throughout the churches of the Diocese of Ohio as Trinity's gift to commemorate the occasion. As a diocese we can be joined not only in communion but also in song as we sing it together in Bishop Jolly's honor. The hymn will have lasting value in our repertoire, even possibly in future editions of our hymnal. The cost is \$2,500, an amount that in a lump may seem a burden, but shared may be light. We on the mission team hope that it can be shared by all who wish to participate in its creation.

Contributions in any amount are welcome. [You can give online](#) or send a check to the cathedral with "Bishop-elect Jolly Hymn" in the subject line or "Cathedral music commission" generally. We hope the support shown for this project will help us bring about more music in the future, perhaps commissioned for no reason at all but Soli Deo Gloria (glory to God alone).

Urban Farm Spring Potluck Kicks Off the 2023 Growing Season

Join Trinity's urban farmers as they kick off the 2023 growing season with their annual potluck supper. This event, held Thursday, February 23 at 6 p.m., is for new and existing volunteers to come together and enjoy a shared meal in conference room C/D.



A presentation will be shown detailing the farm's accomplishments in 2022 plus a look forward to 2023. Please bring a dish to share if you're able, but please attend regardless – there's always plenty of food. If you have questions, please contact Scott Blanchard at

sblanchard@trinitycleveland.org.

Diocese Anti-Racism Training

The Commission for Racial Justice will offer a two-day training on March 23 and 24 (Thursday and Friday) at Trinity Commons. This anti-racism training is required for all individuals in elected and appointed diocesan positions, and it is also open to all members of the diocese. Space is limited. The cost of the training materials and food is covered by the Diocese of Ohio. [Registration is required](#). For additional training information, please email Deborah Likins-Fowler at dlikinsfowler@gmail.com. For questions about online registration, please email Antoinette Taylor at ataylor@dohio.org.

Treblefest

On Saturday, February 25, Trinity will host *Treblefest*, a day-long festival for youth sopranos and altos from around the Diocese of Ohio.

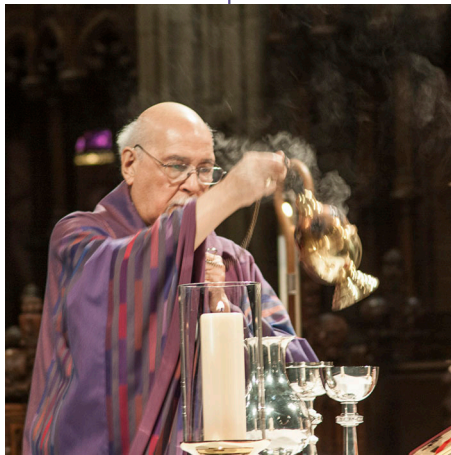


The groups will practice throughout

the day, then hold a Choral Evensong service at 3 p.m. Evensong is open to the public, and Bishop Hollingsworth will be the officiant. Kevin Kwan, director of music at Christ & St. Luke's in Norfolk, Virginia will be guest director.

Solemn Eucharists 2023

Solemn Eucharist returns to the cathedral on February 5 at 5 p.m. Solemn Eucharist is a formal service that includes incense, bells, plainsong and the ceremonies of an Anglican high church service. The Rev. R.J. Johnson, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal in Canton will celebrate. The Rev. Rosalind Hughes, rector of Church of the Epiphany in Euclid will preach and the Rev. Bryan



Gillooly will serve as deacon. Music will include Charles Wood's *Mass in the Phrygian Mode* and motets by James MacMillan and Thomas Tallis.

Next month, Solemn Eucharist will be celebrated on March 5, again at 5 p.m. The Rev. John Drymon, rector of Trinity

Episcopal Church, Findlay will celebrate and the Rev. Lisa O'Rear, rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Mentor, will preach. The deacon will be the Rev. Dan Hinde.

Music Director for *The Abundant Table*

Trinity has begun a formal search for a Music Director for *The Abundant Table* service. You can [read the job description here](#) and we hope you'll share it with musicians who might be a good fit. As we search, we will be guided not by an image of the right person but rather by our vision for the service itself, with an eye towards how a lead musician can help us build on this vision that:

- joyfully expands the tradition while remaining rooted in it, seeking creative ways to connect ancient faith to contemporary experience
- welcomes children, teenagers and adults of all ages and teaches the love of Jesus
- brings people at all stages of the journey of faith into mutual celebration
- moves with a strong rhythm, a full sound and robust congregational singing.

BrownBag Concerts

Held Wednesdays at 12 noon, Music & Art at Trinity Cathedral has presented these concerts free-of-charge since 1978.

February 16

Cleveland Institute of Music (CIM) Guitar Studio

Students from the CIM guitar studio, one of the world's finest programs of classical guitar studies.

March 1

Shaker Heights High School Chamber Orchestra

One of northeast Ohio's most talented string ensembles plays a preview of their upcoming New York City Trip.

March 15

The Choirs of Hathaway Brown (HB) School

These young singers offer an array of choral music, led by HB performing arts department chair Laura Webster.

Choral Evensong Wednesdays, 6 p.m.

There is Wednesday programming after Evensong services this year. The opening schedule is as follows:

Evensong 6 p.m. – Nave

Light Supper 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Conference Room C/D – Suggested donation \$8

Inquirers Class 7-8 p.m.

Conference Room A/B

February 8

Josephine Margaret Bakhita

The Rev. Adrienne Koch, homilist
Trinity Chamber Singers
Service: Byrd fauxbourdons

February 15

Thomas Bray

The Very Rev. Bernard J. Owens, homilist
Gentlemen of the Cathedral Choir
Service: Plainsong Canticles

Vestry met via Zoom on January 17. Dean Owens updated vestry on current worship attendance patterns.

The Christmas Eve services, consolidated from three services in 2021 to two services, had an increase in participation from the previous year. Also, there has been improvement every month in the regular Sunday services. There is currently a plan to return to Wednesday evening programming following a light supper and Evensong. You can read details on the previous page.

Treasurer Paul Herrgesell reported on 2022 end-of-year finances. The cathedral's annual expenses were lower than projected in the 2022 budget, and that resulted in a lower endowment draw. Since our diocesan assessment is based on actual operating expenses, that too was lower than anticipated.

Mark Biddlestone reported for the Property & Sustainability committee. Although there was a water line break in the second-floor men's bathroom on December



26, it was fortunately found very quickly which will help to contain the cost of repairs. An insurance claim was made for the damage, and repairs are taking place. Regarding the stained glass and masonry repairs, there are revised quotes from both vendors for the five designated windows. A formal proposal will be presented to vestry at the February meeting. Hearing loop installation in Conference Room A/B is complete.

Dean Owens reminded vestry of the upcoming Annual Meeting which will be held on February 12 between services at 10:10 a.m. The Nominating committee is charged with the balloting process for the election of new vestry members. The self-nomination deadline was January 29. Guidelines for balloting will be disseminated to the congregation prior to February 12. Dean Owens shared his thoughts on vestry transitions and the work done by vestry over the last three years, especially during the difficult years at the height of the COVID-19

pandemic. He acknowledged outgoing vestry members and those up for reelection, asking that they share their reflections on serving.

Vestry minutes are available at trinitycleveland.org/vestry. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 28 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom, a week later due to our Mardi Gras celebration and Ash Wednesday. As always, if you have any concerns you may send them to the wardens at yourvestry@trinitycleveland.org or contact any member of the vestry below.

Vestry Members

Gary Benjamin
Mark Biddlestone
Elizabeth Billings
Martin Hermes
Paul Herrgesell,
Treasurer
Diane Hexter

Audrey Hudak
Linda Lee
Dale Murphy
Cynthia Ries
Patricia Roberts,
Senior Warden
Jeff Spiess,
Junior Warden

Celebration of Bishop Barbara Harris and the Rev. Absalom Jones

This special service will commemorate the consecration of the Rt. Rev. Barbara C. Harris, the first woman consecrated in the Anglican Communion and the first Black woman bishop in The Episcopal Church, and observes the ministry of the Rev. Absalom Jones. The guest preacher is the Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris, Bishop Suffragan, Diocese of Massachusetts, elected to succeed Bishop Barbara (the first

woman bishop in The Episcopal Church selected to succeed a woman bishop). Holy Eucharist will be celebrated by the Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth, Jr. and concelebrants from across the diocese. The music director is T. Buckley McDaniel, director of chapel music, General Theological Seminary. The offering will be sent to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for the Episcopal Historically Black Colleges. This

is the first commemoration of Bishop Barbara in response to Resolution C023 of the 80th General Convention, recognizing her ministry on the anniversary of her consecration as bishop. This service will be livestreamed at facebook.com/trinitycleve and bit.ly/harris-jones-observance. A reception will be held at the conclusion of the service in the Trinity piazza.

ANNUAL MEETING

Trinity's annual meeting takes place Sunday, February 12 at 10:10



a.m. There will be elections held for vestry and 2023 nominating committee. Members who are communicants in good standing are eligible to cast a ballot. (If you're not sure if you are eligible to vote, contact Ginger Bitikofer, gbitikofer@trinitycleveland.org, 216.774.0407). Seven vestry seats are on the ballot as well as two nominating committee positions. Please go to trinitycleveland.org/candidates-for-vestry-and-2023-nominating-committee for the full slate of candidates.

Knowing God Bible Study Continues

Knowing God Bible study is a hit! Join those that have participated in this class in its first two weeks. Some of our largest groups in recent memory have learned about questions such as: What is God's true nature? Can we trust God to be loving, fair, and just? How can we know the unknowable God?



This study explores these and other questions which shape our faith today.

The remaining dates for the class are February 5, 12, 19 and 26 and March 5. You don't need to have attended previous sessions to participate. Classes are held in the conference rooms: check your *Trinity Weekly* for class location in either conference room A/B or C/D.

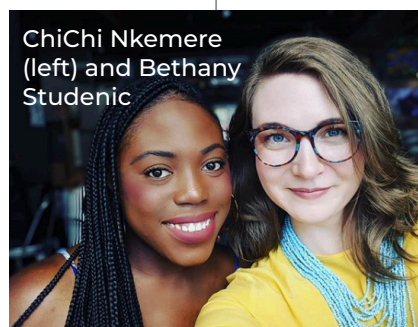
EPISCOPAL HISTORY

When the Civil War began in 1861, Episcopalians in the south formed their own Protestant Episcopal Church (of the Confederate States of America). In the north the separation was never officially recognized. After the war, the Presiding Bishop, John Henry Hopkins, formerly Bishop of Vermont and classical music composer, wrote to every southern bishop to attend the convocation in Philadelphia in October 1865 to pull the church back together again. Only Thomas Atkinson of North Carolina and Henry C. Lay of Arkansas attended from the south. But Hopkins played a large role in reuniting the bishops and churches of the south by inviting the southern bishops and delegates to resume their seats in the Episcopal General Convention.

Sunday Programs

Project Noir Sunday, February 26 at 10:10 a.m.

Just before the pandemic began in 2020, Cleveland was reported in one study as the very worst place in America for Black women to live. Soon after its release, Bethany Studenic and ChiChi Nkemere of the local firm *Enlightened Solutions* began Project Noir to address that report and the realities to which it points. They believe that "because Cleveland is an epicenter of inequality in America, this is the best place to create solutions." Bethany and ChiChi will join the dean for this forum.



ChiChi Nkemere (left) and Bethany Studenic



Patrick Shepherd

Cleveland International Film Festival 47 (CIFF 47) Sunday, March 19 at 10:10 a.m.

CIFF 47 is coming soon! Festival Associate Director Patrick Shepherd will join Dean Owens on Sunday March 19 to talk about the festival and give us a flavor for some of the films that are coming this year. Each year the CIFF schedule includes great films that touch on justice and equality and spirituality in its many forms, so don't miss this curated preview from the festival staff.

The Ordination & Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly

The Ordination and Consecration of the Rev. Anne B. Jolly as Bishop Coadjutor of the Diocese of Ohio will take place on Saturday morning, April 29 at 11 a.m. at Public Auditorium in downtown Cleveland. The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry, presiding bishop of The Episcopal Church will preside and preach. A celebration will follow the service.

Rev. Anne will succeed Bishop Hollingsworth later this year, becoming the 12th Bishop of Ohio.

She was elected as Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio during the



206th annual convention on November 19, 2022. She was elected on the second ballot after receiving a majority of both clergy and lay votes.

Jolly is the first woman to be elected bishop in the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio. She was one of three woman nominees. For upcoming details on the service, visit dohio.org.

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