

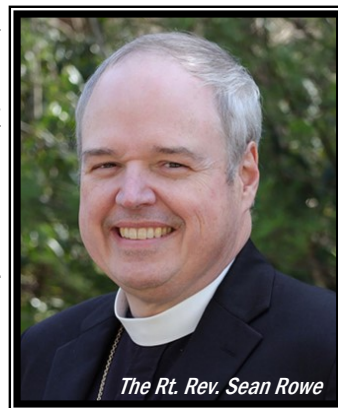
St. John's Journal

July 2024



28th Presiding Bishop Elected

At the Episcopal Church's 81st General Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of Northwest Pennsylvania and bishop provisional of Western New York, was elected by the House of Bishops, and confirmed by the House of Deputies on June 26th to serve as our 28th presiding bishop. His nine-year term begins Nov. 1 and he will be installed Nov. 2 at Washington National Cathedral, traditional seat of the presiding bishop.



The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe

Rowe was elected on the first ballot from a slate of five nominees. (The others were Nebraska Bishop J. Scott Barker, Central New York Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, Pennsylvania Bishop Daniel G.P. Gutiérrez and Atlanta Bishop Robert Wright.)

Bishop Rowe, 49, has led the Erie-based Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2007, and also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York. He 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.

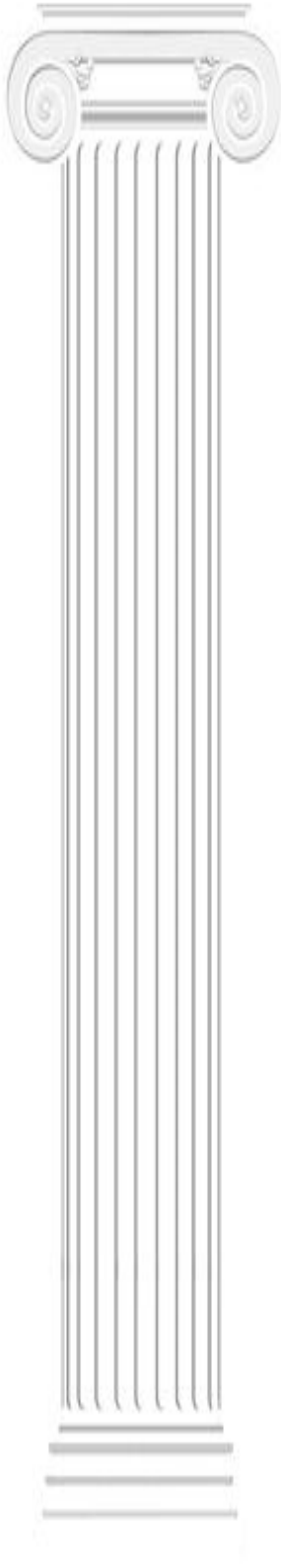
Rowe is the youngest bishop ever elected to serve as the church's presiding bishop. He also was the youngest Episcopal priest in the U.S. when he was ordained, at age 24, and he was the youngest member of the House of Bishops when he was ordained and consecrated at age 32. He is married to Carly Rowe, a Christian educator, and they have a daughter named Lauren.

His predecessor, The Most Rev. Michael Curry, will conclude his nine-year term on Oct. 31. Curry was elected in 2015 as the church's first Black presiding bishop, following the Most Rev. Katharine Jefferts Schori, elected in 2006 as the church's first female presiding bishop.

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Fr. Doug's Iconic Column

(about an iconic person)



Ginger passed away on June 12th. Her health had been failing for quite some time and we saw less and less of her. And yet, she continued to contribute to the life of our church up until the last few weeks of her life.

There were obvious ways that Ginger made an impact on our life together. Prior to my becoming the Vicar for St. John, She was clearly present in our worship life. She sang in the choir. She would often lead Morning Prayer and preach when there was no priest available. She would also, from time to time, read the lessons during the Holy Eucharist or offer the Prayers of the People. Those are the more obvious parts she played.

Ginger also wore a lot of hats that might have gone unnoticed. In fact, she liked it that way, working behind the scenes when no one was around.

Ginger was key to making our Sunday morning worship happen. She **prepared the Worship Bulletin** each week, both formatting it on the computer and then printing and assembling the parts. Using the current prayer requests, she **prepared the Prayers of the People**. She **scheduled the Lay Ministries** each month, inviting people to sign up for the parts they wanted to play.

Ginger was our master communicator. She was our **Newsletter editor**, pulling together the articles, formatting the newsletter and then sending it out via email or printing and putting it in the mail to those who wanted a physical copy. She went by the post office to **retrieve the church's mail**. She **monitored the church's email** account and responded to emails or referred them to others as needed. She even **monitored that old-fashioned office landline phone**, receiving calls and responding to messages.

Once a year she **pulled together all the reports for our Annual Meeting** and produced the bundle of reports for all to read.

Finally, Ginger had her hand on the physical things in the office and around the building. She **purchased supplies** for the office, bathrooms, and kitchen. She **communicated with Xerox** to keep our copier running. She **kept the office organized** and maintained the bulletin boards.

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... About Ginger

As you can see, even though Ginger was small in stature, her shoes were big. Filling those shoes would not be easy for one person to do. So, to keep things running well we are thinking that the best way forward is for several individuals to pick up one or two tasks. For the time being, BAC members have offered to pick up various tasks to keep us going, but we hope that others will step forward and offer to help in one way or another. If you would be willing to take on some of what Ginger did for us, please let Denise, who came up with this list of tasks, or myself know.

We will miss Ginger, her quirky sense of humor and the practical ways that she kept our congregation humming along. One of the ways we can show our love for her and each other is by picking up where she left off and making her proud of the work we do in her name.

Fr. Doug



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... 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.

Rowe said it was an honor to be elected to succeed Curry, "who has brought life to this church and a kind of energy and a focus on Jesus and the Gospel in a way that we've not seen in a generation." He looked forward to helping "usher this church into whatever it is being called into in this next phase and season of life."

The presiding bishop has a range of responsibilities, including presiding over the House of Bishops, chairing Executive Council, visiting every Episcopal diocese, participating in the ordination and consecration of bishops, dealing with 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.

– Condensed from a report by David Paulsen, a senior reporter and editor for Episcopal News Service based in Wisconsin.

In Memoriam "Ginger" 1936-2024



Virginia Anne MacCallum ("Ginger") was St. John's Mission Administrator for several years until a recent illness took her from us on June 12th, at the age of 88.

Pictured here in red, her favorite color with an elaborate hat at a Victorian Tea we hosted in 2017, Ginger wore many hats while she attended St. John's. She was in our choir a few years ago, and served as Senior Warden, Lay Preacher, Lector, Intercessor, and Newsletter Editor. She also managed the office, prepared the service bulletins, scheduled all lay ministers, purchased supplies and did countless behind-the-scenes task we have yet to discover.

We will miss Ginger's broad smile, her charity, engaging stories, and genuine compassion.

A memorial service will be announced at a later time.

SOUTH COAST CONVOCATION EVENTS



St. Christopher's, Port Orford is selling hot dogs on July 4th as a fundraiser during that city's annual parade. Support our sister church as you celebrate our Independence Day. Port Orford pulls out all the stops for this holiday.

On Saturday, July 6th A Memorial Service begins 1:30 p.m. **Remembering Timothy "Frank" Pettis**

Join with people of good will at Sunset Memorial Park—south of Coos Bay, Oregon— on Saturday, July 6th for a memorial service at 1:30 p.m. to remember Timothy Pettis, a Black man whose brutal murder in Marshfield (Coos Bay) a century ago has never been solved.

Timothy Pettis was a World War I Army veteran working as janitor for the Bank of Southwestern Oregon. He grew up in Florida, where his father was a Baptist preacher and his mother and sisters were teachers. His marriage at the Coos County Courthouse to a local woman of color was remarkable enough to warrant mention in the Coquille Valley Sentinel on April 4, 1924.

On the night of July 6, he played pool with some friends, including a white man with whom he had served overseas in the war. He later crossed Front Street to the Right Café, a 24-hour restaurant that was filled with sailors off the USS Shirk, a destroyer which had just docked that day. Despite prohibition laws, many of the young men had been drinking. A sailor named "Slim" suddenly cried out that Timothy Pettis had a knife (a claim that his companions denied). A local taxi driver who was passing outside the door of the café heard the claim and reported it to the police. When Timothy—who had already exited the café with a friend—saw the police running towards him, he ran to the back of the bank building where he worked, and then down the train tracks on Front Street. He was last seen alive being chased by the police. On the morning of July 12, a tugboat operator for the local lumber mill found his body floating in Isthmus Slough with no marks of violence on it...except that he had been castrated. Despite state-wide attention after an appeal to the governor from local citizens, the murder has never been solved, and Mr. Pettis's story slipped into obscurity for a century.

ALSO OFFERED: an optional self-guided walking tour of Timothy Pettis's last night. Pick up brochures at Coos History Museum or the Coos Bay Visitor Center. An interpreter will be available in the Wells Fargo Bank block 10:00–11:30am on Saturday, July 6th.

FOR MORE INFORMATION see the Oregon Black Pioneers' archived YouTube presentation of the story at :<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pLLZQ3lep5U>

SPONSORED BY: Oregon Remembrance Project, Oregon Black Pioneers, Coos History Museum, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, and the Truth and Reconciliation Working Group of the Episcopal Diocese in Western Oregon.

Musings from Denise

Bless You!

When I was a child, every morning as soon as I awoke, I sneezed three times in rapid succession. When I moved to Oregon as an adult, I discovered I was allergic to many more plants and pollen than I had been in Southern California, but the morning sneezing actually diminished over time. That is, until I moved to Eugene. Oh, what miserable summers I had there, from spring pollination to grass seed harvesting to field burning! I sneezed all day, and it was exhausting. I feel for the folks living in Eugene right now, where reports are that pollen counts (especially grass pollen) are extremely high.

In college, I met a young man who stepped out of our dormitory every morning and squinted at the sun until he sneezed. He had a rare “photic sneezing reflex” triggered by bright light, and said this daily ritual refreshed him and set him up for a good day ahead. Failure to sneeze meant he’d have a tough time concentrating throughout the day. I thought he was just weird, but it turns out 10% to 35% of the population is genetically disposed to have this reflex.

The common response when someone sneezes is a variant of “bless you” in English-speaking parts of the world. In European countries the response is a version of “health,” such as “gesundheit” in German-speaking regions, “salud” in Spanish-speaking regions, and “salute” in Italy.

In 77 CE, Roman philosopher Pliny the Elder pondered these salutations in his work *Natural History*, which suggests the tradition had been around long enough by then for its origin to be lost. There was an ancient belief that a sneeze could momentarily expel the soul from the body, making it possible for evil spirits or illness to enter it. So “bless you” was a prayer to God to safeguard the sneezer’s soul and protect them from harm. It’s as good a reason as any to say a little prayer for each other’s well-being.

On the other hand, in most of East Asia, there is no response at all unless the sneezing is excessive, at which point the response is to enquire after someone’s health (so eventually, they get to the same point as Westerners, but not for the same reason).

For all you hay fever sufferers out there in this season of tall grass and gusty winds, “God bless you!”



On Sunday, **July 28th**, a special offering for the **Vicar's Discretionary Fund** is aimed to replenish Fr. Doug's means of making charitable donations to local individuals in need. All non-designated cash placed in the offering plate that day will be deposited in that fund. Checks may be written to St. John's with "**Vicar's Disc. Fund**" in the memo.

In addition, we continue to receive special offerings for relief work in **Ukraine**. You can contribute by placing money in the blue and yellow box in the narthex or writing a check to St. John's with "**Ukraine**" in the memo.

Bishop Recently Received New Church Members

During her official biennial visitation to St. John's on June 9th, the Rt. Rev. Diana Akiyama, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Western Oregon, welcomed three new members: Ann Montgomery, and Rick and Michelle Felkins. She was assisted by Deacon Allan Miles of Ashland. Here are a few pictures from that day, taken by the Bishop's husband, Michael Jackson:



So, Noted!

The Bishop's Advisory Committee met June 16, 2024.

Financial Report – May reconciliations have been completed for all the accounts except for the Money Market Fund. The Medical Loan Closet received \$140 in donations and paid \$750 towards its annual Facilities Use commitment. The Pentecost Offering total was \$275 which was mailed to the Diocese. \$500 was collected for the Bishop's Discretionary Fund.

Senior Warden Report—There was a meeting of the Fundraising Committee last week. We have concluded that the Pie Sale cannot move forward. We still have an opportunity to have a Rummage Sale later this Summer around the Cranberry Festival weekend. The Rainy-Day Book Sale is still set for December.

Junior Warden Report— We have an update on the Narthex, the front window has been repaired and the double door will now open on both sides. The new sump pump will be replaced this month. We still have not received a starting date for the roof replacement.

Vicar Report—Father shared a rendering of initial plans for the placement of memorials in the scatter garden. We are waiting to receive more information from Amy Marino on the overall design. We are still reeling from the loss of Ginger and the amazing number of jobs that she managed at St. John. More information on those duties will be forth coming. We also were given a handout on the possible location of a "Little Free Pantry" that may find residence on the St. John property. We are still gathering more information.

Upcoming Events-

July 4th Convocation event at St. Christopher's in Port Orford

July 6th Timothy Pettis Memorial service at Sunset Memorial Park

July 7th Baptism of Lucy Cooper (Glunt)

Respectfully submitted by

Laurea Arnoldt, Bishop's Warden



JULY CELEBRATIONS



ANNIVERSARIES

Laurea and Roy Arnoldt — July 2

BIRTHDAYS

Tom Glunt — July 9

If your birthday or anniversary this month does not appear here, please contact the church office so we can add you to our list. Thank you!

<div>  <h1>July 2024</h1>  </div>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	2 9a-12p ADAPT 7:30p AA	3 Vicar's Office Hours 10a-4p 7:30p AA	4 Independence Day Office Closed; Choir practice moves to Saturday, 7/6.	5	6 10:30 am Choir 1:30 pm Memorial Service honoring Timothy Pettis (Coos Bay)
7 (7th Sunday after Pentecost) HE-II; Baptism	8 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	9 7:30p AA	10 7:30p AA	11 10:30 Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	12	13
14 (8th Sunday after Pentecost) HE-II; BAC	15 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	16 7:30p AA	17 7:30p AA	18 10:30 Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	19	20 DEADLINE for August Newsletter Articles
21 (9th Sunday after Pentecost) HE-II	22 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	23 7:30p AA	24 7:30p AA	25 10:30 Conversation Group 6:30p Choir	26	27
28 (10th Sunday after Pentecost) HE-II; Special Offering for Vicar's Disc. Fund	29 5:30p ACOA 7:30p AA	30 7:30p AA	31 7:30p AA			



SEVEN TYPES OF PRAYER

At the Diocesan Renewal Gathering in Salem (June 1st), the Rt. Rev. Robert Wright, Bishop of Atlanta, reminded us that our Book of Common Prayer lists seven principal types of prayer: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, penitence, oblation, intercession, and petition. He observed that we tend to pray most often for things we want for ourselves ("give us this day our daily bread") and for the healing and welfare of others (through Prayers of the People and private intercessions), and less for simply acknowledging the goodness of God.

He suggested that this Season after Pentecost should be a **Season of Adoration**, in which we ask for nothing, but appreciate all that God has given to us. Here is a summary from our catechism [BCP 856-857] of the seven types of Christian prayer:

ADORATION and **PRAISE** are similar. Adoration is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God, asking nothing but to enjoy God's presence. We praise God, not to obtain anything, but because God's Being draws praise from us.

THANKSGIVING is offered to God for all the blessings of this life, for our redemption, and for whatever draws us closer to God.

PENITENCE is when we confess our sins and make restitution where possible, with the intention to amend our lives.

OBLATION is an offering of ourselves, our lives, and labors, in union with Christ, for the purposes of God.

INTERCESSION and **PETITION** are similar. Intercession brings before God the needs of others; in petition, we present our own needs, that God's will may be done.

BANDON FEEDS THE HUNGRY

The ecumenical food pantry depends on each of us for our gifts of food each month. As you bring the non-perishable food items for this ongoing need, please remember, too, the family dog or cat. Since these items are not for human consumption, they cannot be obtained with food stamps.

Other items that cannot be obtained with food stamps include: deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, safety razors, soap (bath and laundry), and women's sanitary products.



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A Believe Out Loud

Congregation

**W H O W E A R E**

St. John Episcopal Church is a community where God leads us in healing, teaching, reaching out, and stewardship.

We are a community that sees Christ in all people and judges none. We believe in inclusion for all people regardless of race, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation. We aim to break down barriers that separate us from one another and to provide a home for anyone on their spiritual journey. Our work brings together people of faith who believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people on their journey.

BISHOP'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BAC)

Bishop's Warden: Laurea Arnoldt

Junior Warden: Sally Glunt

Treasurer: Denise Skillman

Clerk: Ginny Hall

Members at large: Michelle Felkins, Jennifer Mello,

Gail Pray & Kathy Webb

Convention Delegates: Laurea Arnoldt & Denise Skillman

Alternate: Kay Marino

CHURCH STAFF

Vicar: The Rev. Doug Hale

Music Director: Cynthia Mohorko

Administrator: (Position Vacant)

SPECIAL OFFICE HOURS

Our Vicar, Fr. Doug, is generally in his church office Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. until about 4:00 p.m., but will be in the office on Wednesday, July 3rd.
 The office will be CLOSED on July 4th.

"Love God, love our neighbor, and serve one another."