



The Diocese of Springfield

E-NEWSLETTER

July 2025 - The Week of III Pentecost

Separation of Saints Peter and Paul, Giovanni Lanfranco

Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat 2026

Bishop Burgess is pleased to share the preliminary plans for the 2026 Pre-Lenten Clergy Retreat. Due to Kings House Conference and Retreat Center at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Snows in Belleville already being booked when the retreat is typically hosted, the 2026 retreat will be held Wednesday, Feb. 11 through Friday, Feb. 13, 2026 for all priests and deacons of our Diocese and invited clergy guests. This year's reflections will be entitled *Searching for Sacred Space* offered by Episcopal priest and architect Fr. John Ander Runkle. The one-time Conservator of the Cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul (The Washington National Cathedral) in Washington, D.C., Fr. Runkle now lives in Sewanee, Tennessee with his wife where he offers his expertise to churches and Diocese near and far in the face of design challenges, preservation priorities, and the proper maintenance or expansion of sacred space.



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UPCOMING:

- 7/05 - Independence Day
- 7/08 - The Feast of Saints Priscilla and Aquila
- 7/11 - The Feast of Saint Benedict of Nursia
- 7/22 - The Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene
- 7/23 - The Feast of Saint John Cassian
- 7/25 - The Feast of Saint James the Apostle
- 7/26 - The Feast of the Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 7/29 - The Feast of Saints Mary and Martha of Bethany
- 7/31 - The Feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola

Three reflections will invite deeper explorations into the physical and structural in order to confront the Presence of the incarnational and the transcendent.

Meditation 1: Building Blocks

Meditation 2: From Blocks to Spaces

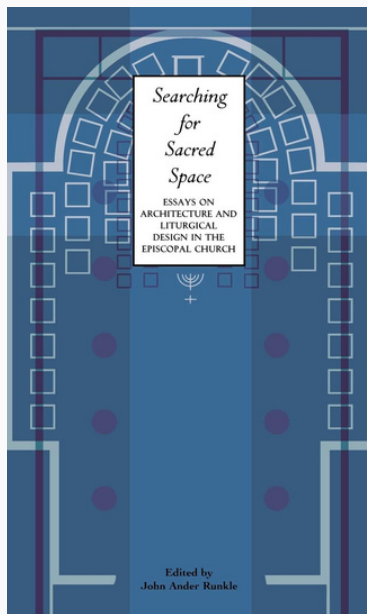
Meditation 3: Spaces Shaping Liturgies and Beyond

The retreat meditations are intended to provoke continued reflections that lead us as a Diocesan Clericus to the book, *Pray, Love, Remember* by Michael Mayne, who upon invitation of Queen Elizabeth II served as Dean of Westminster Abbey from 1986 until 1996.

From serving as an architect on staff with the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation to surveying archaeological sites of medieval Islamic settlements in the Sahara Desert of North Africa, to preserving, restoring, and revitalizing historic worship space in the Anglican tradition, his architectural experience spans over twenty-five years. He consults with a number of churches, chapels, and dioceses in the care of their buildings, including the Episcopal Church Center, who retains him as the Consulting



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Project Manager guiding the efforts to reconstruct Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. From 2005 to 2010, Fr. Runkle served as the Cathedral Conservator at Washington National Cathedral, where he was responsible for the care of the Cathedral's building fabric, along with managing its fine arts collections. From 2010 to 2013, he also served as the Canon for Architecture and the Arts in the Diocese of Washington.

Fr. Runkle's book *Searching for Sacred Space: Essays on Architecture and Liturgical Design in the Episcopal Church* is a collection of thought-provoking essays that focus on liturgical space and its proper support of common worship. A popular speaker at lectures, conferences, and retreats, he also teaches at Virginia Theological Seminary and Wesley Theological Seminary on the theology of sacred space and the history of religious architecture.

In 1999, Fr. Runkle received his Master of Divinity from The University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee; preceded in 1984 by a Bachelor of Architecture, with honors, from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelor of Art, magna cum laude, from Mary Baldwin College.

Clergy, please mark your calendars now in preparation to join us. Your presence completes us. Laity, please plan on supporting our clergy in this time of worship, prayer, collegial fellowship, reflection, rest, spiritual renewal, education, and discovery.

Genese's Thank You

Thank you to the volunteers of the Diocesan office—Mary Ellen Wells, Susan Beard, Denise Burgess, Nina Bartold and Ellen Burbage. While this role has been an adventure, these volunteers have smoothed the rough edges, allowing me to be more impactful during my time as an assistant to Bishop Burgess. I keep a quote in the office from the late Quincy Jones that says “I don’t look at problems as challenges, I look at them as puzzles, and puzzles can be solved”. Through their faithful work, we have been solving many “puzzles” over the last 4 months.

Whether it is picking up food for meetings, organizing decades’ worth of files, helping me navigate as an assistant or just a warm hug letting me know that everything will be okay—these volunteers have brought joy and excellence to this office that can be felt the moment you walk through the door. More than anything, they have reminded me that ministry is not a solo act. It is the collective, Spirit-filled work of many heads, hearts and hands (and sometimes a little humor).

To each volunteer who has shown up—thank you. You have brought glory to this office, and your impact will remain long after my interim season comes to an end.





Seating of New Rector



The Rev. Dr. Zachary Guiliano

Seating of Twelfth Rector at Emmanuel Memorial

The wardens and vestry of Emmanuel Memorial Episcopal Church invite you to the Reception and Institution of the Rev. Dr. Zachary Guiliano as the twelfth rector of their parish. The service will begin at 6:00 p.m. on the Feast of St. James, Friday, July 25 at Emmanuel (208 W. University Ave., Champaign, IL 61820).



All are invited to a reception afterwards with light hors d'oeuvres and beverages. Please RSVP by Tuesday, July 15 by [clicking here](#). You may also call the office at 217-352-9827. RSVPs are required for the caterer.

Clergy are invited to vest in cassock and surplice with red stoles. Please contact the office (office@emmanuelmemorialepiscopal.org) by July 15 if you plan to vest so plans can be made for seating and the procession. Clergy who plan to vest will receive a follow-up email with further information.

The main parking lot is located off of Park Street between Randolph and State Street; street parking around the church is also available.

Spring Hats Donation

When the Bishop sends out a call of participation into the Diocese, the people of Central and Southern Illinois never fail to respond. The Fourth Sunday of Easter, also celebrated as Mother's Day, saw a great multitude of hats adorning the heads of the wonderful women of our Diocese (and a handful of our male clergy as well).

Young and old joined together in support of Contact Ministries, a local non-profit, in hopes of exceeding last year's donation of \$250 (\$5 per photo-captured participant) from the Bishop's Discretionary Fund. Founded in 1978 by five Springfield churches, Contact Ministries is a faith-based social services organization that seeks to offer free, on-site programs and community resources to meet the needs of the poverty-level individuals and families in the area, with the ultimate hope of increasing their economic self-sufficiency and reducing their dependency on public assistance.

Thanks to the overwhelming participation across our parishes, the Bishop's donation reached a record \$300 this year and his generosity was returned by a thank you note from the mission. "Dear Episcopal Diocese, Thank you for your generous donation to the women and children in our shelter. We express our deepest gratitude. 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these, you did for me.' (Matt 25:40). Cindy Drum & Staff".



Please include those in our Diocese who are pursuing Holy Orders in your prayers:

Danny Shuler, Postulant, St. Thomas, Salem
Andrew Mead, Postulant, Trinity, Lincoln
Zach Buscher, Postulant, Trinity, Lincoln
Jeff Wenzel, Postulant, The Cathedral Church of St. Paul the Apostle, Springfield
Len Harris, Postulant, Church of the Redeemer, Cairo

You can visit our website to check out the most up-to-date prayer calendar ([click here](#)) or our diocesan calendar ([click here](#)) with feasts and other events listed for around the Diocese.



Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Jusepe de Ribera c. 1616



The Episcopal Church in Central and Southern Illinois

