

**2023 Bishop's Journal**  
**The Right Reverend William H. Stokes, D.D.**

This is not comprehensive and does not represent all of the Bishop's activities in 2023. It may also show meetings that were scheduled but the Bishop was unable to attend due to a conflict not listed. The Bishop's visitations are shown in Parochial Visitations.

Monday – Sabbath  
 Friday – Study Day

<b>January</b>	3	Funeral for David Welch; Executive Staff Coordination Zoom meeting
	4	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; In-person meetings at Diocesan House; Bishop to Bishop call; Parish leadership meeting
	5	Oversight meeting (continued); Clergy Town Hall Zoom meeting; Lay Leaders Town Hall Zoom meeting
	6	Phone call; Oversight meeting (continued)
	7	Phone call
	10	Executive Staff Zoom meeting; Campus Ministry Foundation Zoom meeting
	11	Phone call; Bishops' meeting; Parish Vestry Zoom
	12	Zoom meeting; phone call
	13	Zoom meeting; Merger process Zoom meeting
	14	COM, COP, COD Retreat
	16	Trinity Cathedral: MLK Service
	17	Interims and Transition Consultants Zoom meeting; Executive Staff Zoom meeting; Transition Teams, Consultants, and Coaches Zoom meeting
	18	Pre-Standing Committee Zoom meeting with President; Zoom meetings
	19	Clothing delivery at Trinity Cathedral; Deans Zoom meeting; DIT Trustees Zoom meeting; Standing Committee Zoom meeting
	20	Requiem Eucharist for Margaret A. Deacon; Phone call
	23	Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds Zoom meeting
	24	Diocesan Council Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting; Reparations Webinar
	25	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting with Bishop Nominees
	26	Oversight meeting (continued); EDNJ / CCS Weekly Operational Zoom meeting; Joint Zoom meeting with Parish Wardens
	27	Electing Convention run-through at Trinity Cathedral
	28	Bishop's Election Convention at Trinity Cathedral
	31	Province II Bishops' Virtual Gathering; Hispanic Ministry Zoom meeting; Executive Staff Zoom meeting
<b>February</b>	1	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sally French
	2	Clergy Town Hall Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting; Lay Leaders Town Hall Zoom Meeting
	3	Zoom meeting; Convention Planning Zoom meeting; Diocese of Newark Convention dinner
	7	Executive Staff Zoom meeting; Parish Clergy and Wardens Zoom meeting; Anti-Racism Training Session opening
	8	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sally French
	9	Executive Staff Retreat at St. David's Church, Cranbury; phone call; In-person Joint Parish Vestry members meeting
	10	Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sally French; Parish Clergy and Wardens Zoom meetings
	11	Parish Affiliation Town Hall meetings

<b>February</b>	14	Executive Staff Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting with Anti-Racism Commission Co-Chairs	
	15	Pre-Standing Committee Zoom meeting with President; Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sally French; Zoom meeting	
	16	Parish leadership Zoom meeting; Deans Zoom meeting; Standing Committee Zoom meeting; Parish Clergy and leadership Zoom meeting	
	17	In-person Clergy meeting; In-person Parish Vestry meeting	
	19	Trinity Cathedral: Absalom Jones Service of Witness	
	20	Consecration Zoom meeting	
	21	Executive Staff Zoom meeting; Interims and Transition Consultants Zoom meeting; Diocesan Council Zoom meeting; Transition Teams, Consultants, and Coaches Zoom meeting; Open Anti-Racism Zoom training session with prayer	
	22	Trenton Transit Station – Ashes to Go; Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Trinity Cathedral: Celebrate and preach at Ash Wednesday noon Service Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sally French; phone call	
	26	Parish Joint Wardens in-person meeting	
	28	Phone call; Zoom meeting with Bishops; Cathedra Chapter Zoom meeting	
	<b>March</b>	1	Oversight meeting; Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sally French;
		2	Zoom meeting
3		Convention run-through at Trinity Cathedral	
4		Diocesan Convention at Trinity Cathedral	
7-14		House of Bishops meeting at Camp McDowell, Nauvoo, Alabama	
15		Pre-Standing Committee Zoom meeting with President; Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Zoom meeting with Bishop-Elect Sally French; Zoom meeting with Anti-Racism Commission Co-Chairs; Shiloh Baptist Church, Trenton – Opening Night	
16		Archdeacons Zoom meeting; Deans Zoom meeting; Post-Convention Debrief Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting; Standing Committee Zoom meeting; Parish Vestry Zoom meeting	
17		Zoom meetings; lunch meeting	
19		Clergy meeting	
21		Executive Staff Zoom meeting; Interims and Transition Consultants Zoom meeting; Diocesan Council Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting	
22		Zoom meetings	
24		Zoom meetings	
25		St. Peter's Church, Freehold: Stations of Reparations; Zoom meeting	
28		Zoom meetings; Leadership Team Zoom meeting	
29		Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; in-person meetings at Diocesan House	
30	ECS Check-in Zoom meeting; Executive Staff Zoom meeting		
31	Lunch meeting		
<b>April</b>	1	In-person meeting with Clergy	
	4	Trinity Cathedral: Lenten Clergy Day and Chrism Mass	
	5	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Zoom meetings	
	6	Trinity Cathedral: Maundy Thursday Service	
	7	Trinity Cathedral: Good Friday Service	
	8	Trinity Cathedral: Easter Vigil	
	10-20	Vacation time in Florida (Zoom meetings as available)	
	12	Staff Check-in meeting	
	13	Clergy Town Hall Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting; Lay Leaders Town Hall Zoom meeting	
	18	Diocesan Council Zoom meeting	
19	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Pre-Standing Committee Zoom meeting with President		

<b>April</b>	20	Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds Zoom meeting; Parish leadership Zoom meeting
	25	St. Thomas' Church, Glassboro: Woodbury Clericus meeting; Leadership Team Zoom meeting
	26	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting
	27	Newly Retired Clergy Brunch
	29	Trinity Cathedral: Deacons Day with the Bishop
<b>May</b>	2	Executive Staff Retreat; St. Peter's Church, Freehold: Monmouth Clericus meeting; Van Duzer Scholarship Fund Trustees Zoom meeting
	3	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting
	4	Fresh Start meeting; Bishop to Bishop call; EDNJ/CCS Weekly Operational Zoom meeting; Parish leadership Zoom meeting; Lay Leaders Town Hall Zoom meeting
	5	Bishop to Bishop calls; Bishop's Residence: Conversation with Ordinands; open Anti-Racism Zoom session with prayer
	7	Trinity Cathedral: Reparations Liturgy
	8	Diocese of New Jersey GC2024 Deputation Zoom meeting
	9	St. Luke's Church, Metuchen: Northern Clericus meeting; St. John's Church, Somerville: Watchung Clericus meeting
	10	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Zoom meeting
	11	Christ Church, Bordentown: Burlington Clericus meeting; Parish Town Hall Zoom meeting; Parish Vestry Zoom meeting
	12	Lunch meeting; phone meeting
	13	Trinity Cathedral: Installation of Honorary Canons and Choir Camp Evensong
	16	Interims Zoom meeting; Diocesan Council Zoom meeting; Transition Team Consultants and Coaches Zoom meeting; Cathedral Chapter Zoom meeting
	17	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; Zoom meeting with Anti-Racism Co-Chairs; Pre-Standing Committee Zoom meeting with President
	18	Trustees of Diocesan Trust Funds Zoom meeting; Deans Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting; EDNJ/CCS Operational Zoom meeting; Standing Committee Zoom meeting
	20	Memorial Service for Jean Marden Cole
	21	Bishop's Farewell Gala
	24	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting; EDNJ/CCS Operational Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting; phone meeting
	25	Grace Church, Merchantville: Camden Clericus meeting; in-person Parish Vestry meeting
	26	Meeting with Bishop-Elect French; Reference Panel Zoom meeting
	30	Executive Staff Coordination Zoom meeting; Holy Spirit Church, Tuckerton: Atlantic Clericus meeting
31	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in ; Retired Clergy Luncheon; Bishop to Bishop call; in-person Parish Vestry meeting	
<b>June</b>	1	Clergy Town Hall Zoom meeting; Lay Leaders Town Hall Zoom meeting
	3	Trinity Cathedral: Baccalaureate Service
	8	New Jersey Coalition of Religious Leaders meeting
	8-19	St. John's-by-the-Sea Church, Avalon: Bishop in Residence
	10	Trinity Cathedral: School for Ministry Graduation Service
	11	St. John's-by-the-Sea Church, Avalon: celebrate and preach; St. George's-by-the-River, Rumson: Second-Annual Pride Eucharist
	14	Pre-Standing Committee Zoom meeting with President
	15	Deans Zoom meeting; Standing Committee Zoom meeting
	18	St. John's-by-the-Sea Church, Avalon: celebrate and preach
	19	St. Peter's Church, Perth Amboy: Juneteenth Rally

<b>June</b>	20	Executive Staff Coordination Zoom meeting; Zoom meeting; Diocesan Council Zoom meeting
	21	Oversight meeting; Staff Check-in meeting
	22	Trinity Cathedral: Consecration rehearsal; Bishop to Bishop call; Pre-Consecration Dinner with Bishop-elect and her spouse and Chief Consecrator
	23	Grace-St. Paul's Church, Mercerville: Clergy conversation and lunch with Bishop Mary Grave Reeves; The Westin, Princeton: Reception and Dinner
	24	Trinity Cathedral: Consecration of the 13 <sup>th</sup> Bishop of New Jersey: The Right Reverend Sally J. French
	26	Lunch with Bishops from Ecuador
<b>July</b>	2	St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Cape May Point: Guest preacher/celebrant
	26	Move date to St. Augustine, Florida