

*It is right and a good and joyful thing  
always and everywhere to give thanks.*

**ALWAYS AND EVERYWHERE** BY BISHOP PAUL V. MARSHALL

## Two Weddings and a Funeral



Bishop Paul Marshall

*I do not normally advertise liturgies in this space, but there are three opportunities in the next month or so that I would not want you to miss. I have listed them in reverse chronological order because the first one needs some discussion*

### **Pray for the Dead – Nov. 2 at the Cathedral, 7:00 p.m.**

On November 2 we shall again observe a Diocesan Requiem at the Cathedral at 7:00 p.m. The music will be that of Maurice Durufle, under the baton of Canon Russell Jackson.

November 2 is All Souls Day, the great democratic observance, when all the faithful departed are prayed for and remembered with grateful hearts. Some of the sentiment of this day has leaked into All Saints Day, but that day is really a triumphant celebration of the outstanding heroes of the Christian Faith, whose blood and teaching have inspired it on the communal or world level.

All Souls Day ministers to our more private experience of loss. It allows us to do the one thing we can do for those we love but see no more: hear ourselves placing them in the loving care of God. We also hear in return of God's love for them and us.

God has knit the living and the dead in one fellowship in Christ, and this is very clearly expressed in this day's liturgy. Just as we know that the departed pray for the Church on earth, so we bear them in our prayers as they go from strength to strength in their life in God.

### **Celebrate with Bishop Anthony**

**At St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre**

Bishop Anthony Poggo of Kajo Keji will preach and preside at the principal liturgy at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral on **Sunday, October 14 at 10:30 a.m.**

This will be a grand celebration and enable people in the northern tier of the diocese to celebrate our partnership with Kajo Keji and its vibrant young bishop.

Other churches in the Wilkes-Barre area are combining forces to make this celebration memorable, and I invite your participation.

*I hope to see you at one or more of these opportunities for the community to gather in the worship of God in the name of Jesus.*



Bishop Anthony Poggo

At every Eucharist we join "with all the company of heaven" as we sing "holy, holy, holy" – we enter into the reality of the eternal moment of praise at God's throne. On All Souls Day we may, perhaps because of the poignancy of the liturgy, experience that truth more fully.

We will pray for all the faithful departed. If you have names you would like to be remembered in particular at this liturgy, please mail or email my office (lshifter@diobeth.org).

The liturgical style of this liturgy has something to offer. The congregation is largely silent and the beautiful music and liturgical movement carry the event in a way that allows the worshiper an aesthetic and contemplative avenue to the Lord's presence. "Participation" in this liturgy is primarily interior, allowing us to enter into God's presence on an intimate level while gathered with God's church. As an experience of spiritual growth, this is an important opportunity.

### **Celebrate with Bishop Anthony and Bishop Jack at Convention**

It is my earnest prayer that some of you will get up early on **Saturday, October 13**, and flood the cathedral to standing room as we deepen our connection with two outstanding bishops at the Diocesan Convention Eucharist, 8:30 a.m.

Bishop Jack Croneberger, a native of the Schuylkill County, will be working with me in the years to come, and this liturgy will mark his first public celebration with us. Bishop Jack and Marilyn live outside of Reading. A wise and centered man, he has already given me a sense of comradeship and will be a great asset to the diocese.

Our preacher at this liturgy will be Bishop Anthony Poggo of Kajo Keji. He brings us both heat and light, and will provide a capstone for the first phase of the New Hope project. It will be a moment of celebration, gratitude, and hope.

There will be a break and coffee hour after this liturgy, and then the delegates to the convention must get back to work, but this moment should live in our memories for years.



Bishop Jack Croneberger

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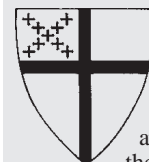
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OUR NEW HOPE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN BY CHARLIE BAREBO

## Make your father proud



Charlie Barebo

*Brothers and Sisters, I greet you with tidings of great joy! We have raised more than \$1,800,000, exceeding half of our goal for the New Hope Campaign. The Body of Christ known as the Diocese of Bethlehem has responded magnificently to Christ's call to care for our brothers and sisters in need. While we have come a long way, the job is not done yet. There is much heavy lifting yet to do.*

Since May, a dedicated team of individuals has worked hard developing leadership gifts. We have done this through one on one meetings and through a series of receptions strategically located throughout the Diocese. It has been hard, rewarding work. The Christian response of the members of our Diocese has been remarkable

One older woman has gone back to work, for the sole purpose of fulfilling her pledge.

One couple gave half of the money set aside for their children's college education.

One retired couple gave the equivalent of a year's living expenses.

One couple cancelled plans for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party and donated the money to the New Hope Campaign.

Our Bishop and his wife have given a large gift that means he will have to work two years longer than he planned. (I think this is great news.)

A child has pledged 25% of their allowance for the year.

These simple responses to Christ's call are the fabric of our faith. They are motivational to me, filled with awesome power, the power of the Holy Spirit. Each involves a sacrificial gift that is transformational. An act of love given at a sacrifice is always transformational. These are just a few of the stories. I will share more at another time.

The youth of our Diocese have responded magnificently. At their leadership meeting on August 25, they

crafted their own strategy. They decided they would give their gift as the youth of the diocese rather than through individual parishes. They set a goal of \$7,000. They decided to make sacrificial gifts. They vocalized this intent. Some of their sacrifices include giving up iPod downloads, video games, clothes, make up, soda, candy and fast food. Mother Demery Bader-Saye should be proud of her group. I sure am.

At our home dinner table, I asked my children what they would give up. What a lively discussion. My nine-year-old daughter started with her allowance for the rest of her life. She ended on all her "birthday money" and half of her allowance for three months.

For my eleven-year-old son the decision was more difficult because he has \$1,100 of his own money in a savings account. It was interesting to observe that parting with some of this money was more difficult for one who had more money. He had been as Christ taught in his parable a good and faithful steward of his resources. Eventually he asked what to do and we talked about tithing. Charlie decided to tithe a gift to *New Hope*.

The Holy Spirit was at our table. I was very proud of my children. What had started as a whim became a wonderful teaching and witness opportunity.

We each give our Christian witness through our response to Christ's call. Did the Samaritan walk past the injured Jew? He answered the call and tended to

The campaign began in all of our parishes during the last two Sundays of September, with talks on Kajo Keji and on the Needy of Pennsylvania.

The campaign will extend over a five-year period, from October 1, 2007, to December 31, 2012. Commitments may be fulfilled monthly, annually or paid in full at any time.

All of the money raised will be given away. The Diocese will receive none of the money.

The money raised will be disbursed in the following way. The Diocesan Trustees will publish a grant procedure and distribute it to the Diocese of Kajo Keji and the parishes of our diocesan community, in late 2007 or early 2008.

Each family or parishioner will have the opportunity to make a Faith Promise or sacrificial gift. Our generosity will determine the number of projects funded and the extent to which they will be funded.

his injured brother even though he was from a foreign land and a different ethnic group.

Think about your response to Christ's call through the *New Hope* Campaign. Would it make your father proud?

Charlie Barebo, CEO of Otterbine Barebo Inc., is chair of our *New Hope* capital campaign.

### NEWS WITH SPIN ... FIND MORE ABOUT THESE AND OTHER ITEMS AT THE NEWSPIN BLOG

#### Celebrate Bishop Paul Jones

The Peace Commission of the Diocese of Bethlehem is sponsoring a *Celebration of the Life of Bishop Paul Jones* at St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 27. Open to the public, the celebration will include speakers, Eucharist, a "Culture of Peace" workshop, and refreshments, including a celebration cake. A special guest will be David Jones, son of Paul Jones.

Paul Jones was born in the rectory of St. Stephen's Church, Wilkes-Barre in 1880 and became Bishop of Utah in 1914. Because he spoke out against World War I, he was forced to resign in 1918. After leaving the episcopate, Jones remained faithful to the cause of peace and nonviolence. In 1931, he was one of the founding members of what is now the Episcopal Peace Fellowship.

Bishop Paul Jones died in 1941. In 1997, the General Convention affirmed Bishop Paul Jones for the Calendar of the Episcopal Church, and his Feast Day is celebrated on September 4, the anniversary of his death. For more information, Jim Walton, 610-868-6878, jameswalton@rcn.com.

#### Mommy Camp

*Mommy Camp*, October 5-7 (Friday 5:00 p.m. to Sunday 3:00 p.m.), an enjoyable weekend compliments of St. Peter's Church, Tunkhannock, is intended to give "Mommies" and "Grandmommies" a time for rest and respite. Bring your CDs. Sixties music is the choice of last year's campers. Those gifted with needle and thread are invited to show off (even model) an outfit they have made. Bring comfortable

shoes for a walk in the woods. The leaves should be gorgeous. To register, call the church office (570-836-2233) or Charlotte Mason (570-869-1402 or 570-553-4282). A \$10.00 non-refundable registration fee will insure a spot at Smyrl Lodge, Camp Lackawanna.

#### Safeguarding God's Children

The Safeguarding God's Children 2007-2008 schedule is now available for download at [www.diobethkids.org](http://www.diobethkids.org).

#### Prayer Bead Workshop

In response to numerous requests, Mother Laura Howell, Gaby Whittier and Sister Patricia Michael will present an Anglican Prayer Bead Program at Trinity, Bethlehem (44 E. Market Street on Saturday, October 27. "Though we believe all will benefit and enjoy this workshop," the presenters say, "it is being geared specifically to Middle/High School youth." For more info and a flyer, visit [www.trinitybeth.org/prayerbeads.html](http://www.trinitybeth.org/prayerbeads.html).

#### Montrose parish hosts crafters

St. Paul's, Montrose, is hosting a Crafters Corner Store the first Friday of every month in its parish house, beginning October 5. The initiative is to bring local crafters, who work at home, to a public place to display and sell their crafts. "This is what is often called a 'incubator' scheme," reports Rachel Warriner Barton, senior warden of St. Paul's. "It offers free space to local entrepreneurs to advance and enhance their ventures. We did this last year with a local person who wanted to establish a chocolate store in Montrose. He used our parish kitchen for several months, establishing and testing the local response and cliental. He has successfully opened a chocolate factory

in town. We hope that our space will offer our local creative and hard-working crafters, mostly women, the same opportunity."

Crafters Corner hours on first Fridays will be 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. in an effort to provide daytime access, as well as affording shoppers an entertaining option for after work and the early evening hours.

Musical entertainment from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. is being added to the program, with the intent of providing a free venue for local singers and musicians, including students, to share their talents. Refreshments and light meals will also be available for shoppers.

"We hope the success of the Crafters Corner Store will encourage other parishes to consider being incubators for local cottage industries. St. Paul's commends the diocese for the New Hope Campaign, which has the great potential to assist in such parish-based ventures," said Bartron.

#### Congregational Development

Congregational Development Grant applications have been sent to congregations now receiving grants. If you are considering a grant request, please contact Canon Jane Teter at Diocesan House to receive an application. Deadline: December 1.

#### ECW sponsorship of CCF

The diocesan board of Episcopal Church Women (ECW) has begun its 12<sup>th</sup> year of sponsoring students through the Christian Children's Fund (CCF), having given more than \$3,000 to support students and their families. The board has two notebooks filled with the families' correspondence, the children's drawings and their family pictures. ECW has sponsored two Colombian children and currently sponsors

Estrella Estefania Puco T, a nine-year-old girl from Ecuador. Over the previous eleven years, the children have received: primary and secondary education, developmental evaluations along with medical care; their parents gained skills on how to encourage their children's desire to learn; and, in some cases, the skills, supplies and equipment to increase their family's small farm productivity. In the past, the ECW received CCF's special recognition: its Patron award. Contributions to CCF represent only part of what the ECW offers in the name of all the women of the Diocese of Bethlehem.

#### Knitting for Mariners

[From Jane Teter] There's still time to do some knitting for those mariners on the high seas who cannot be home for Christmas. Knit a scarf, hat, socks, a vest – they will be appreciated. Bring or send the items to me to be gathered at our Convention in mid-October. Visit [www.seamenschurch.org](http://www.seamenschurch.org) for knitting and crochet patterns.

#### Holiday Gift Shop

The fourth annual St. Brigid's Holiday Gift Shop will be held on Saturday, December 1 (10:00 to 4:00) at the church, 310 Madison Avenue, Nazareth. It will include crafters, a Chinese auction, bake sale, and raffles.

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