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News with some Spin
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Pray for the Dead, Friday, Nov. 2
Diocesan Requiem at the Cathedral

You are invited to a Diocesan Requiem at the Cathedral on Friday, Nov. 2, at 7:00 p.m. The music will be that of Maurice Durufle, under the baton of Canon Russell Jackson.

All Souls Day is the great democratic observance, when all the faithful departed are prayed for and remembered with grateful hearts, Bishop Paul wrote in last month's *Diocesan Life*. "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. 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. 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."

Cathedral Classics Concert Series 2007-2008

Download the brochure [here](#).

Evensong and Concerts at St. Luke's, Lebanon

Download the 2007-2008 schedule [here](#).

New Hope

[From Bishop Paul] Our *New Hope* Campaign commitments now stand at over \$2.4 million, and I am grateful to God and to you for getting us off to such a good start so early. The lay and clergy leadership core in the diocese have worked very hard to get us where we are, and I salute them. Please take a moment to recognize your own parish coordinators!

Bishop Jack

[From Bishop Paul] Bishop John Croneberger will be joining me as Assistant Bishop. Bishop Jack is a native of this diocese and served three of its parishes very ably. The most obvious effect of his joining us is that visitations and confirmations will be more frequent, and that there will be more episcopal presence in the various committees and agencies of the Diocese. Bishop Jack will also be at the helm when I am not in the diocese so that there will be no delay on matters that

require the ministry of a bishop. His presence is a great gift to us and I know that you will make him as welcome as you have made Diana and me feel.

San Diego Fire Relief

“To prepare for the long-term recovery work,” Bishop James Mathes of the Episcopal Diocese of San Diego wrote, “we have established a 2007 Fire Relief Fund. Individuals can make a gift to our fund. Please add: “Fire Relief” to the memo line. Please send gifts designated for that fund to: *The Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, 2728 6th Ave., San Diego, CA 92103*. You may also [Donate Online »](#) In addition, we are collecting gift cards to Target, K-Mart, Walmart, and JC Penney to be distributed to people who have lost property. These gift cards can be sent to the above address to the attention of Canon Howard F. Smith.” For updates, visit the [Diocese of San Diego website](#).

Donations may be made also through Episcopal Relief and Development's "Emergency Relief Fund" online [here](#), or by calling 1-800-334-7626, ext. 5129. Gifts can be mailed to: Episcopal Relief and Development "Emergency Relief Fund" P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058. Read more [here](#).

Bishop's Day with Youth in NYC

In New York City. January 25-26, 2008. For 6-12 graders. An overnight of fun, discovery and worship at *Nightwatch*, a program of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine which includes singing, games, exploration of the beautifully restored historic cathedral, time with Bishop Paul, a chance to be with other diocesan youth and to meet youth from other places and different denominations, and a candlelight meditation and midnight Eucharist. And on Saturday, we'll have lunch in Times Square at the Hard Rock Café. More info [here](#) and [here](#).

Second Sunday at Good Shepherd, Scranton

[From a note by Father Bill Warne to Mother Demery Bader-Saye] The Church of the Good Shepherd, Scranton, has designated the Second Sunday of each month as *New Hope* Youth Sunday. During worship, the children and youth will take up a "loose change" or "empty your pockets" offering for the *New Hope* Campaign. Also, on each Second Sunday, the youth choir will sing a special anthem. Additionally, the adult choir will sing John Lennon's *Imagine* during communion on each Second Sunday as Good Shepherd's *New Hope* Campaign theme song. This "Second Sunday" emphasis on the *New Hope* Campaign by the children and youth of Good Shepherd will continue through the end of the year.

Marking Bethlehem

Two groups forever marked Bethlehem and the area around it, according to a brief “History of Our Community” that was written for the 2005 parish profile of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity. The first group arrived in 1740, the Moravians. The second group, Nativity’s founding fathers, came 100 years later, Read it all [here](#).

When Hard Work Becomes Overwork

NYTimes, October 21 -- You put in 12 to 14 hours a day at the office and often work on weekends and at home. Some people have joked that you are a “workaholic,” and a few people close to you have even said that it’s a serious problem. Is it? How can you tell? [Read it all here](#).

Diocesan Convention

Find detailed information [here](#).

Diocesan Life.November

Download it [here](#). Find the Calendar and the Cycles of Prayer there on page A11.

Pray for *New Hope*

Ignite our hearts, O Holy Spirit, with the love of Jesus Let his compassion for the poor burn in us as we respond joyfully to his call to serve the least of his sisters and brothers. Let our participation in the work of *New Hope* transform us as individuals and as a community. May our unity of purpose and love for your creatures witness to the world the truth you have revealed to us in Christ. Receive our work as praise for our creation, redemption, and the call you have given us; receive it as our response to your eternal love.

Licenses

[From Canon Jane Teter] The date for renewal of licenses for chalice bearers, lay eucharistic visitors and lay readers has been extended from December 1, 2007, to March 1, 2008. Clergy who want new people licensed for these ministries should send an email with their request to [Bishop Paul](#).

Haunted Hall at Good Shepherd, Scranton

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Green Ridge, Scranton, will host *Haunted Hall...Here Comes the Bride* on October 30th and 31st from 7pm to 10pm; admission is \$5.00 per person. Patrons are invited to take a walk through the past as the church is haunted by the ghosts and ghouls who linger from a turn of the century wedding that went awry. Not for the faint of heart, the journey through the gothic structure takes you along as a loving bridegroom is overtaken by demonic forces and unleashes many untold evils. A portion of the proceeds from the two night event will go to aid the homeless and working poor of northeastern Pennsylvania. Event planners include Ethel Dougherty, Tom Dougherty, Kathy Elgaway, Judie Ferree, Charlene Jeffers, David Jeffers, Kim Kandel, Pam Shotto, and Warren Shotto. For more information contact the church at 570-347-1760. Download a poster [here](#).

Mortality Strikes

[The first sentence of this essay suggests that many here have a similar story we might tell. Reading a story such as Lee Kelley's might short circuit the need for another personal experience. –Bill] NYTimes – October 22, 2007 – Most of us have thought about and feared our own deaths at some time or another, and many have faced it head on. My time in Iraq taught me a lot about the fragility of human life, and it served to remind me just how brittle these bones can be. Perhaps it's a lesson I needed to learn. I remember standing on a rooftop in the dark two years ago, working on a satellite dish, when four mortars exploded in a nearby field, filling the impenetrable night with blazing orange light and furious sound. And now, after sixteen months home, the powers that be have utilized a boulder to deliver a similar message. [Read it all here](#).

Pork and Sauerkraut at St. Andrew's

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1900 Pennsylvania Ave., Allentown (south of Catasauqua Rd.) is hosting a Pork and Sauerkraut dinner on November 10 from 5 to 7 p.m. The menu also includes gravy and mashed potatoes, applesauce, and homemade desserts. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. (Free for children under 3). The public is invited to attend. Reservations suggested: phone 610 865-3603. Proceeds benefit the mission and ministry of the church. See [here](#) for more information.

Sayre celebrates Children's Sabbath

The Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, celebrated the Children's Sabbath on Sunday, October 21, at

the 10:30 a.m. service, with children and youth participating. They greeted the congregants, read the lessons and brought the offerings to the altar. The Sunday School children sang "My Life is in You, Lord" and the Youth Group sang "Here I am to Worship." The Sunday School meets at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday with dedicated and enthusiastic teachers. The active and involved Youth Group meets on Sunday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parish hall with their caring and dedicated coordinators. See photo of Sunday School class [here](#).

Sleepless Nights Make for Grumpier Brains

Ever get a little testy after a bad night's sleep? Scientists may now know why. A new study finds that a lack of sleep causes the brain's emotional centers to dramatically overreact to negative experiences. An MRI study shows that the mind's emotion centers are less controlled when weary. The news item will be available [here](#) until Jan. 20. [Thanks to Diana Marshall for this pointer.]

Anglicans/Roman Catholics

October 24, 2007 [ARC-USA] Anglican and Roman Catholic leaders in the United States met October 18-20 in dialogue on the role of the Virgin Mary and the progress in ecumenical relations between the two churches. Read it all [here](#).

Maine elects Stephen Lane as bishop coadjutor

[Episcopal News Service] The Rev. Stephen Lane was elected October 26 as bishop coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of Maine. Lane, 58, canon for deployment and ministry development in the Diocese of Rochester, was elected on the first ballot out of a field of three nominees. Read it all [here](#).

Celebrate

This Women's Retreat, Feb. 29 to March 2, is open to all women of the Diocese of Bethlehem. The word *celebrate* means *to honor*. Not simply dealing with something that is done, as from the outside – rather it is giving a very special blessing to something. Women from the Diocese of Bethlehem are invited to join with the women of Nativity, Bethlehem, as we celebrate others, celebrate ourselves and celebrate God! The guest for the weekend will be Elsa Bakkum, M.Div., an EfM mentor trainer, professional organist, and creative retreat leader from Yorktown, VA. The retreat will be held at Hillside Inn Resort & Conference Center, East Stroudsburg. Registration for the weekend is \$190. This includes program, lodging, all meals, linens, activities and full use of the facilities. To receive a registration form, please contact Janet Kolepp 484-241-1252 or jkolepp@msn.com. Registration deadline is December 1.

News, Commentary, Information

To keep up with Episcopal Church news and commentary, to track how our church is faring in news coverage across the country, even around the world, and to find useful info about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion, you may find the following resources helpful: (1) [Episcopal Life Online](#) offers the most up-to-date info about the news, people, life and mission of the Episcopal Church. Updated daily, even hourly. (2) [epiScope](#), a news blog of the Episcopal Church's Communication Office, features the latest stories in the media about the Episcopal Church plus links to resources and comment from insiders. It provides us with the capacity to see ourselves as others see us. Updated daily. (3) [Episcopal Café](#) includes four blog sites. "The Lead," is devoted to breaking news about the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion. "Daily Episcopalian" is a blog of commentary. "Speaking to the Soul" features reflections, multimedia meditations, and excerpts from books on spirituality. The "Art Blog" comes from the Episcopal Church in the Visual Arts (ECVA). Read more about Episcopal Cafe [here](#). (4)

[Anglicans Online](#), a comprehensive site for news, info, commentary and archives, updated weekly, usually late Sunday evenings. (5) [NewsLine](#), serving media representatives reporting on the mission and ministries of the Episcopal Church. Links to statistics, bios, photos, background information, and other resources. NewsLine is a service of the Communication Office at the Episcopal Church Center. (6) [InfoLine](#), located at the Episcopal Church Center. InfoLine can help you make connections to churchwide ministries, events and activities. Got a question? Ask it by email or by phone. InfoLine staff members will do their best to answer your questions.

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Be attentive. Be intelligent. Be reasonable. Be responsible.
Be in Love. And, if necessary, change. --Bernard Lonergan