

PLAN AHEAD

March 1 – The Diocesan Training Day, St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre.

March 2 – New Hope Renewal Sunday

Visitation of Bishop Paul to St. Clement's/St. Peter's Church, Wilkes-Barre

Visitation of Bishop Croneberger to Good Shepherd Church, Scranton

March 7 – God and Human Flourishing Miroslav Volf, Moravian Seminary, 9:30-2:30

March 8 – Bishop's School

March 13 – Chrism Mass Cathedral, Bethlehem, 11:00 a.m.

March 15 – Bishop's School

March 16 – Palm Sunday

March 20 – Maundy Thursday

March 21 – Good Friday

March 22 – Easter Vigil Bishop Paul, St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre

Bishop Croneberger at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

March 23 – Easter Sunday Bishop Paul at the Cathedral

March 27 – Diocesan Council Grace Kingston, 6:30 p.m.

April 6 – Visitation of Bishop Croneberger to Good Shepherd Church, Scranton

April 10 – Unbinding the Gospel: Real-Life Evangelism Martha Grace Reese, 9:30 to 2:30, at Moravian Seminary, Bethlehem

April 19 – Bishop's School Evangelism Consultant Training, Trinity, Mt. Pocono

April 20 – Visitation of Bishop Paul to Trinity Easton

Visitation of Bishop Croneberger to St. Mary's Wind Gap

April 22 – Clergy Bible Study 1 Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 a.m.

April 23 – Clergy Bible Study 3 St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, 10:00 a.m.

Clergy Bible Study 2 St. Stephen's, Whitehall, 2:00 p.m.

April 24 – Clergy Bible Study 8 Christ Church, Towanda, 10:00 a.m.

April 25-27 – Christophany

April 27 – Visitation of Bishop Paul to St. Gabriel's, Douglassville

April 26 – Bishop's School

April 30 – Clergy Bible Study 6 Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre, 9:30 a.m.

Clergy Bible Study 7 St. Mark's, Moscow, 2:00 p.m.

May 2-4 – Retreat for Christian Educators/Youth Workers at Kirby House

May 3 – Bishop's School

May 4 – St. Matthew Society Sunday Bishop's Appreciation Reception

May 6 – Clergy Bible Study 1 Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 a.m.

May 7 – Clergy Bible Study 2 St. Stephen's, Whitehall, 2:00 p.m.

May 13 – Clergy Day

May 14 – ECW Annual Meeting At Kirby House. Bishop Paul will preside and preach at Eucharist. Jo Trepagnier will make a presentation on the mission trip she, Father Earl Trygar and Char Horst made to Kajo Keji.

May 17 – Safeguarding God's Children An educational program for preventing child abuse. Cathedral, Bethlehem, and St. Luke's, Scranton. Both, 9:30 to 3:30. Please see www.diobethkids.org.

Bishop's School

May 18 – Jazz Eucharist, Cathedral, 10:30 a.m., The Cathedral Jazz Band

May 21 – Clergy Bible Study 6 Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre, 9:30 a.m.

Clergy Bible Study 7 St. Mark's, Moscow, 2:00 p.m.

May 27 – Clergy Bible Study 8 Christ Church, Towanda, 10:00 a.m.

June 8 – Clergy&Spouse/Guest Dinner St. Mary's Center, Scranton, 5:00 p.m.

June 10 – Reception of RC priests as priests of the Episcopal Church

June 17-20 – Jr High Mission Trip Please see page A5.

July 8-13 – EYE 2008

Aug. 15 – Ordination of Priests Cathedral, Bethlehem, 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 10-11 – Diocesan Convention

PRAY FOR

In the Diocese of Bethlehem

www.diobeth.org

Mar. 2: St. George's Church, Hellertown, The Rev. Raymond Harbort, rector, www.stgeorgeshellertown.org.

Mar. 9: Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, The Rev. Hazel Hunt, deacon, www.redeemersayre.org.

Mar. 16: Calvary Church, Tamaqua, Suzanne Shapcott, senior warden; The Rev. Robert K. Gildersleeve, supply priest.

Mar. 23: St. James & St. George's Church, Jermy, Janice Black, senior warden, The Rev. John Gamble, priest-in-charge, www.ssjandg.org.

Mar. 30: St. Mark's Church, Moscow – The Rev. Earl P. Trygar, rector, www.smarksmoscow.org.

Anglicans Around the World

Mar. 2: Pray for the clergy and people of Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America.

Mar. 9: Pray for the clergy and people of Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Mar. 16: Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Mar. 23: Pray for the Communion of Anglican provinces throughout the world.

Mar. 30: Pray for the Church of England and for Rowan Williams, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The Diocese of Kajo Keji

(Episcopal Church of the Sudan)

Mar. 2: Beliak Parish, The Rev. Elikana Ldu and The Rev. Fred Taban

Mar. 9: Ajira Parish, The Rev. Joseph Lomuja

Mar. 16: Akuboro Parish, The Rev. Stanley Rumba

Mar. 23: Andejo Sub Parish, The Rev. Neson Wolyan Adaria

Mar. 30: Andesire Parish, The Rev. Cosmas Lo'diong Kwoji

The Diocese of Swaziland

Pray for the Diocese of Swaziland in Africa, Bishop Meshack Mabuza and the Diocesan AIDS Ministry.

Pray for all places in conflict... the peacemakers and the peacekeepers, the victims of starvation, the victims of devastation along the Gulf Coast, and those dedicated to their relief.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem, Palestine, Afghanistan, Sudan, Northern Ireland and Iraq. Pray for peace in our hearts and throughout the world.

Pray for the victims of natural disasters, especially the people and churches of northeastern Nicaragua and the Moravian communities there.

Pray for the victims of terrorism and their families.

Pray for relief workers and grief counselors.

Pray for the protection of children and for the many victims of abuse, and their families.

Mother Maria Tjelteit

[From Bishop Paul] The Rev. Maria Tjelteit, rector of the Church of the Mediator, Allentown, has been appointed Assistant Ecumenical Officer and will represent us at the meeting of diocesan officers, as our Officer, Father Geoffrey Howson, cannot attend. She is already a member of the Moravian-Episcopal dialogue on the national level. Mother Tjelteit is very active in Jewish-Christian, and increasingly, Muslim-Christian dialogue; it seems wise then to create the position of Officer for Interfaith Relations so that she can keep us abreast of those opportunities we have to work together with others. I know you join me in thanking her, and with me look forward to the gifts we may receive through this ministry. ♦

Father Fred Mauger

[From Bishop Paul] Father Fred Mauger, who has served so well and so faithfully, is about to attain his 85th birthday. He has informed me that he will be retiring from active liturgical and preaching ministry. I have received this news with deep sadness because Father Fred is something of an institution in the diocese, and a loyal supporter of the church and your unworthy bishop. At the same time, I honor his discernment in this matter, and know I speak for many of you in thanking him here (as I will again in a more formal way) for his ministry to God's people and for the collegiality and comradeship he gives us so gently and sincerely. ♦

John Garber

John Garber, 52, of Reading died February 5 at his home. He was a member of St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church, Douglassville, where he was organist/choirmaster for 19 years. He was a member of the American Guild of Organists, the Association of Anglican Musicians and a founding member of the local chapter of Integrity in the Diocese of Bethlehem. He was a major participant in the redesign of the worship space at St. Gabriel's and the church's acquisition of a new Allen organ.

John grew up in Tamaqua and was a son of William A. Garber, Tamaqua, and the late Carol (Steidel) Garber. While residing in Tamaqua, he worked for Children and Youth Services of Schuylkill County. He was working for the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center at its Shillington office. John was a 1973 graduate of Tamaqua High School and received his master's degree from Gettysburg Seminary.

Surviving in addition to his father are a brother, William R. Garber and his wife, Carolanne, Tamaqua; nieces, TaraBeth and Karri; nephew, Billy; and grandfather, Maurice Garber, Tamaqua.. ♦

Gospel in action at Christophany, April 25-27

[From Demery Bader-Saye, missionary for youth, Diocese of Bethlehem] At Christophany, a diocesan youth retreat for DioBeth's 6-12 graders and their friends, participants

will raise money for New Hope Youth via The Great Diocesan Water Walk, and will package over 50,000 meals for Stop Hunger Now, a non-profit, international relief organization committed to ending hunger worldwide. Please encourage 6-12 graders in your parishes to come to Christophany to experience the gospel in action. Information and registration forms may be found at www.lifeistasty.org. ♦

Knit or Crochet for "Christmas at Sea"

[From Canon Jane Teter] Anytime is knitting time. Once again, at our Convention in October, we will collect knitted items for the Christmas at Sea project of Seamen's Church in New York City. The items are for sailors on the high seas who are far away from families at Christmas time. Items may be knitted or crocheted. The patterns they request for use may be found at www.seamenschurch.org. There are hats and scarves to be made as well as vests and socks. Items may be dropped off at Diocesan House anytime during the year. ♦

Anglican Films may be a scam

Anglican Films sent a mass solicitation by email last year, but allegedly did not fulfill orders that had been placed. They have surfaced once again, advertising Episcopal and Anglican DVDs with "special pricing for a limited time only." Be careful out there. ♦