

PLAN AHEAD

During the spring, Confirmation will be celebrated regionally. We will return to the pattern of celebrating these rites in parishes in the fall.

April 27 – Diocesan Council Hearing on the Policies for the Protection of Children & Youth from Abuse

St. Luke's, Scranton, 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Open to all concerned members of the diocesan community, clergy and lay, to learn about the theological rationale for and history of child protection in the church as well as to dialogue about questions and concerns regarding the official policies. See page A6.

April 28-30 – Christophany

Spruce Lake Retreat, Canadensis

April 29 – Safeguarding God's Children

Church of the Redeemer, Sayre. See page A5.

Regional Evangelism Training

Trinity Church, Mt. Pocono. See page A5.

Regional Evangelism Training

St. Peter's, Tunkhannock. See page A5.

Recovery Retreat

St. George's, Hellertown. Info: mllr1959@aol.com or 610-868-0239

May 4 – Diocesan Council Hearing on the Policies for the Protection of Children & Youth from Abuse

Cathedral, Bethlehem, 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Open to all concerned members of the diocesan community, clergy and lay, to learn about the theological rationale for and history of child protection in the church as well as to dialogue about questions and concerns regarding the official policies. See page A6.

May 6 – Regional Evangelism Training

Trinity Church, Pottsville. See page A5.

Regional Evangelism Training

Grace Church, Kingston. See page A5.

Regional Evangelism Training

Christ Church, Towanda. See page A5.

Eucharistic Visitors

Training session at Trinity, Mt. Pocono. More information and registration forms at our diocesan blog. * Look for "Eucharistic Visitors" in the February archives

May 7 – Regional Confirmation, 4 pm

Christ Church, Towanda

May 7 – Safe Harbor Celebration

Simultaneous diocesan-wide celebrations at Trinity, Bethlehem, and St. Luke's, Scranton, 4:00 pm, to conclude our *Cruising to Equity* campaign for children at risk. For more information, see the April archives at our diocesan blog.*

May 9 – Pre-Gen Conv Mtg (south)

St. Anne's, Trexlertown, 7:00 pm. General Convention deputies will introduce the issues before the 2006 General Convention which meets in June.

May 10 – ECW Annual Meeting

At Kirby House. ECW will name Diana Marshall outstanding woman of diocese. Guest speaker, Canon Charles Cesaretti. For more information, see the April archives at our diocesan blog.*

Regional Confirmation, 7 pm

Church of the Mediator, Allentown

May 11 – Pre-Gen Conv Mtg (north)

Prince of Peace, Dallas, 7:00 pm. General Convention deputies will introduce the

issues before the 2006 General Convention which meets in June.

May 12 – Movie Night

Cathedral, Bethlehem, and St. Luke's, Scranton, 6:00 pm. For families and kids. Find out what *The Lion, the Bishop and the Wardrobe* (see July 22 and 29) will be about. Registration deadline for Movie Night is May 1. See page A4.

May 13 – Safeguarding God's Children

St. Margaret's, Emmaus. See page A5.

Regional Evangelism Training

St. Peter's Church, Hazleton. See page A5.

May 16 – Clergy Day

May 17 – Ordinations, Cathedral, 7 pm

May 19 – Incorporated Trustees

May 20 – Safeguarding God's Children

Christ Church, Stroudsburg. See page A5.

May 20 – Regional Evangelism Training

St. Stephen's, Whitehall. See page A5.

Regional Evangelism Training

St. John's Church, Hamlin. See page A5.

May 21 – Confirmation, North Parish, 10 am

Regional Confirmation

St. Luke's, Lebanon, 4:00 pm

May 24 – Ecumenical Dialogue Day

Dr. Thomas Ferguson, the Episcopal Church's associate deputy for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations will present *Baptism, Eucharist and Ministry: Are We Any Closer?* at the Christian Gathering of Northeastern PA at Marywood University, Scranton, 9:00 to 3:30. The focus will be on the 1982 BEM document. Sponsored by the RC Diocese of Scranton. See page A6.

Regional Confirmation, 7 pm

St. Peter's Church, Hazleton

May 25 – Confirmation, 7 pm

St. Stephen's Church, Whitehall

June 4 – Confirmation, 10:00 am

Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem

Regional Confirmation, 4:00 pm

Trinity Church, Carbondale

June 9 – Clergy & Spouse Dinner

St. Mary's Center, Scranton, 6 pm

June 13-21 – General Convention of the Episcopal Church USA

Columbus, Ohio

June 15 – Corpus Christi

Regional celebration, Holy Cross, W-B, 7 pm

June 17 – St. Brigid's Golf Outing

Second annual. Cherry Valley Golf Course in Stroudsburg. To benefit the Building and Maintenance Fund of St. Brigid's, Nazareth. To register or for more info: the church office at 610-746-3910 or Jack Jones at 610-759-7016. See the April archives at our diocesan blog.*

June 25 – Regional Confirmation, 4 pm

Christ Church, Reading

July 1 – Bishop's Day with Adults

Fatima Renewal Center, Dalton, near Clarks Summit. See *Meeting God: Living an Everyday Faith*. See page A5.

July 8 – Ordination to priesthood

The Rev. Trula Hollywood at the Church of the Redeemer, Sayre, 11:00 am



The Lion, the Bishop and the Wardrobe

May 12 – Movie Night Bethlehem and Scranton

July 22 – Bishop's Day with Kids At the Cathedral, Bethlehem

July 29 – Bishop's Day with Kids At St. Luke's Scranton

July 10 – Post-Gen Conv Mtg (north)

Prince of Peace, Dallas, 7:00 pm. General Convention deputies will report on the actions of the 2006 General Convention.

July 12 – Post-Gen Conv Mtg (south)

St. Anne's, Trexlertown, 7:00 pm. General Convention deputies will report on the actions of the 2006 General Convention.

July 15 – Bishop's Day with Youth

Grades 7-12 – youth entering 7th grade in the fall, as well as 2006 graduates are welcome – Spruce Lake Retreat, Canadensis. 10 to 3:30.

July 22 – Bishop's Day with Kids

The Lion, the Bishop and the Wardrobe. Grades 1-6. Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, 9 to 3:30. See page A4.

July 29 – Bishop's Day with Kids

The Lion, the Bishop and the Wardrobe. Grades 1-6. St. Luke's Church, Scranton, 9 to 3:30. See page A4

Sept. 16 – Safeguarding God's Children

St. Brigid's, Nazareth. See page A5.

Sept. 22 – Incorporated Trustees

Sept. 23 – *Safeguarding God's Children*
St. Mark's, Moscow, See page A5

Safeguarding God's Children

St. Gabriel's, Douglassville. See page A5.

Sept. 28 – Clergy Day

Oct. 3 – Pre-Convention meeting
Epiphany, Clarks Summit, 7 pm

Oct. 5 – Pre-Convention meeting
Christ Church, Reading, 7 pm

Oct. 10 – Pre-Convention meeting
Mediator, Allentown, 7 pm

Oct. 13-14 – Diocesan Convention
Cathedral, Bethlehem, 7 pm

Nov. 4 – *Safeguarding God's Children*
Prince of Peace, Dallas. See page A5.

Safeguarding God's Children

St. Thomas, Morgantown. See page A5.

Nov. 10-12 – Happening #16

Grades 9 to 12. Kirby House, Mountaintop

Nov. 11 – *Safeguarding God's Children*
Cathedral, Bethlehem. See page A4.

PRAY FOR...

In the Diocese of Bethlehem

www.diobeth.org

Holy God, your Son called us to wrap the whole world in your saving embrace. By your Holy Spirit, give us compassion, purpose and energy to invite into your Church *those who do not yet know the transforming power of your love*. We ask this through him who has brought us from darkness to light, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

May 7: Trinity & St. Philips, Lansford

The Rev. Robert Wellner

Stella Pispcky, Treasurer

May 14: Christ Church, Forest City

The Rev. Elizabeth W. Myers

Jack DeMark, senior warden

www.candchurches.org

Trinity Church, Carbondale

The Rev. Elizabeth W. Myers

Jaki Sheare, senior warden

www.candchurches.org

May 21: St. Alban's, Sinking Spring

The Rev. Karl Kern, rector

www.stalbanepiscopalchurch.org

May 28: Good Shepherd, Scranton

The Rev. William Warne, interim

www.goodshepherdsScranton.org

Anytime – Pray for our diocesan community of 66 congregations in 14 counties and our Bishop, Paul, www.diobeth.org. Pray for repentance, renewal and mission in all our parishes. Pray that the Lord will bless us in our lives and ministry.

O God, by your grace you have called us in our Diocese of Bethlehem to a goodly fellowship of faith. Bless our Bishop, Paul, and other clergy, and all our people. Grant that your Word may be truly preached and truly heard, your Sacraments faithfully administered and faithfully received. By your Spirit, fashion our lives according to the example of your Son, and grant that we may show the power of your love to all among whom we live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anglicans Around the World

www.anglicancommunion.org

May 7: Pray for the primate, clergy and people of The Anglican Church of Kenya.

May 14: Pray for the primate, clergy and people of The Anglican Church of Korea.

May 21: Pray for the primate, clergy and people of The Church of the Province of Melanesia.

May 28: Pray for the bishops and deputies of the Episcopal Church who will meet in General Convention in June, and for all the churches of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

The Diocese of Kajo Keji in the Episcopal Church of the Sudan

Pray for our companion Diocese of Kajo Keji in the Episcopal Church of the Sudan. Manasseh Binyi Dawidi, Bishop.

May 7: The congregation at Bamure

May 14: The congregation at Koiba

May 21: The congregation at Pomojo

May 28: The congregation at Sarajale

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

*Diocesan Blog – www.diobeth.typepad.com/diobeth_newspn