

PLAN AHEAD

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

Dec. 31 – Bishop Paul's visitation to Grace Church, Honesdale (morning)

Bishop Paul's visitation to St. Gabriel's, Douglassville (afternoon)

Jan. 3 – Archdeacon's visit to St. Martin's, Mountaintop, 6:00 pm

Jan. 4-15 – Mission Trip to Kajo Keji See page A4.

Jan. 7 – Bishop Paul's visitation to St. Margaret's, Emmaus

Jan. 9 – Clergy Bible Study 1 Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 am

Jan. 10 – Clergy Bible Study 2 St. Stephen's, Whitehall, 2:00 pm

Jan. 11 – Diocesan Standing Committee Diocesan House, 5:00 pm

Jan. 14 – Bishop Paul's visitation to St. Martin's, Mountaintop

Jan. 15 – Martin Luther King Day Diocesan House closed

Jan. 16 – Clergy Bible Study 3 St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, 10:00 am

Jan. 17 – Clergy Bible Study 6 Boscov's, Wilkes-Barre, 9:00 am

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

Jan. 18 – Diocesan Council Grace Church, Kingston 6:00 brown bag, 6:30 meeting

Jan. 19 – Incorporated Trustees Cathedral, 10:00 am

Jan. 21 – Bishop Paul's visitation to St. Luke's, Lebanon

Jan. 22 – Archdeacon's visit to All Saints, Lehigh, 6:00 pm

Jan. 22/24 – Trinity Institute Theme: *God's Unfinished Future: Why It Matters Now*. Speakers: Jurgen Moltmann, Barbara Rossing, Peter Gomes and James Carroll. Explore the personal, political and environmental impact of "ultimate visions." This will be webcast. Find more info at www.trinitywallstreet.org/institute/?2007.

Jan. 23 – Clergy Bible Study 8 Christ Church, Towanda, 6:00 pm

Archdeacon's visit to St. John's, Palmerton, 6:00 pm

Jan. 24 – Archdeacon's visit to St. Luke's, Lebanon, 6:00 pm

Jan. 25 – Bishop Paul's visitation to Trinity, Easton, 7:00 pm

Jan. 27 – Bishop's Day with Youth For 7th to 12th graders. See page A4.

Jan. 28 – Bishop Paul's visitation to All Saints, Lehigh

Jan. 30 – Archdeacon's visit to Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre, 6:00 pm

Feb. 2 – Bishop Paul's visitation to Trinity, Mt. Pocono Feast of the Presentation

Feb. 3 – Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

Feb. 4 – Bishop Paul's visitation to St. John's, Palmerton

Feb. 6 – Clergy Bible Study 1 Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 am

Clergy Bible Study 8 Christ Church, Towanda, 6:00 pm

Archdeacon's visit to Good Shepherd, Scranton, 6:00 pm

Feb. 7 – Clergy Bible Study 2 St. Stephen's, Whitehall, 2:00 pm

Feb. 10 – Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

Feb. 11 – Bishop Paul's visitation to Holy Cross, Wilkes-Barre

Feb. 13 – Clergy Bible Study 3 St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, 10:00 am

Archdeacon's visit to St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, 6:00 pm

Feb. 14 – Clergy Bible Study 6 Boscov's, Wilkes-Barre, 9:00 am

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

Feb. 17 – Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

Feb. 18 – Bishop Paul's visitation to Good Shepherd Church, Scranton

World Mission Sunday You may find many resources at www.episcopalchurch.org/agr/wmsunday.

Feb. 24 – Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

Feb. 25 – Bishop Paul's visitation to St. Alban's, Sinking Spring

Feb. 25-28 – Clergy Retreat Mary Immaculate Center, Northampton

Feb. 28 – Archdeacon's visit to Calvary, Tamaqua, 6:00 pm

March 3 – Diocesan Training Day St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre

March 10 – Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

March 17 – *Safeguarding God's Children* Christ Church, Reading, 9:30 to 3:30

Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

March 23-24 – Christian Educators Retreat At Kirby House

March 24 – Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

March 25 – Ordination of Deacons Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 7:00 pm

March 29 – Chrism Mass Cathedral Church of the Nativity, 11:00 am

April 13-15 – Christophany Springtime Spruce Lake Retreat, Canadensis

April 14 – *Safeguarding God's Children* St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre, 9:30 to 3:30

Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

April 21 – Walk a Mile in Their Shoes Walk-a-Thon. Location, TBA, likely Hamilton Mall Allentown. Time TBA.

Regional Evangelism Workshop Place TBA. 9:30 to 2:00. Led by members of the diocesan Evangelism Commission. See page A4.

Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

April 28 – *Safeguarding God's Children* Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 to 3:30.

Regional Evangelism Workshop Place TBA. 9:30 to 2:00. Led by members of the diocesan Evangelism Commission. See page A4.

May 5 – *Safeguarding God's Children* St. Luke's, Scranton, 9:30 to 3:30.

Regional Evangelism Workshop Place TBA. 9:30 to 2:00. Led by members of the diocesan Evangelism Commission. See page A4.

Bishop's School St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10-3:00

May 6 – St. Matthew Society Sunday

May 9 – ECW Annual Meeting Kirby House. Program: Women of the Bible. Speaker: Bishop Paul.

May 12 – Regional Evangelism Workshop Place TBA. 9:30 to 2:00. Led by members of the diocesan Evangelism Commission. See page A4.

May 15 – Clergy Day

May 19 – Diocesan Stewardship Conf. Trinity, West Pittston. Presenter, Tom Gossen. Time, TBA.

May 20 – Bishop's Appreciation Reception For St. Matthew Society members and future members. Plan to join Bishop Paul and one another. Afternoon, Lehigh Country Club, Cedar Crest Boulevard, between Allentown and Emmaus. Details TBA.

June 10 – Clergy/Spouse Dinner

June 15-16 – Ministry of Money Retreat for clergy couples Kirkridge Retreat Center. Dan Charney will provide more information.

June 27 – Bishop's Day for Kids *Narnia: The Lion, the Bishop and the Wardrobe*, Cathedral, Bethlehem, 10:15 to 3:30

July 27 to Aug. 4 – Diocesan Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans For youth to be in 9th to 12 grades, especially those over 16 years of age. More info on page A6.

Sept. 13 – Clergy Day St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre.

Oct. 12-13 – Diocesan Convention The 136th annual Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem will be at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem. Dinner at the nearby Masonic Temple.

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.

Jan. 7 – Church of the Epiphany, Clarks Summit, The Rev. Craig Sweeney, rector www.epiphanyglenburn.org

Jan 14 – St. Thomas Church, Morgantown The Rev. Eleanor Hart, rector www.stthomasmorgantown.org/

Jan 21 – St. Paul's Church, Troy, The Rev. Mary Kisner, rector

Jan. 28 – Church of the Mediator, Allentown The Rev. Maria Tjeltveit, rector www.episcopalmediator.org

Anytime — Pray for our diocesan community, 67 churches in 14 counties, and our Bishop, Paul. 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

Jan 7 – Pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Llandaff in the Church of Wales, www.churchinwales.org.uk.

Jan. 14 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Jan. 18 to 25. Let us pray: Creator of the universe, who made us different from one another in myriad ways we can see and in more ways we shall never know, yet made us all in your image; fill our hearts with your love and our minds with your wisdom, that we may truly become brothers and sisters of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen. (Lionel Deimel).

Jan. 21 – Pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Madhya Kerala (South India) www.csimkd.org.

Jan. 28 – Pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Makurdi in the Province of Abuja, Nigeria.

The Diocese of Kajo Keji (Episcopal Church of the Sudan)

Pray for our companion Diocese of Kajo Keji in the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, its leadership and its search for a new bishop. *God bless Africa. Guard her people. Guide her leaders. Give her peace.*

Jan. 7 – The Congregation of Kenyba

Jan. 14 – The Congregation of Leikor

Jan. 21 – The Congregation of Kiri

Jan. 28 – The Jolimo Orphanage

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.

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