

# PLAN AHEAD

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## July 27 to Aug. 4 – Diocesan Youth Mission Trip to New Orleans

Twenty-three adults and senior high youth will serve in whatever capacity needed, including demolition, rebuilding and the support of health ministries, soup kitchens, and supply centers, under the direction of local leadership. More information at [www.lifeistasty.org](http://www.lifeistasty.org).

## Aug. 4 – Godly Play

A Day of Godly Play at the Cathedral, with Dawn Stewart, 9:00 to 4:00.

## Aug. 9 – Network of Biblical Storytellers

Meeting at Christ Church, Towanda, 9:00 to 11:00. Call 570-836-4961 or email Lou Divis, [Ldivis@epix.net](mailto:Ldivis@epix.net).

## Aug. 15 – ECW Summer Picnic

At St. Matthew's, Stevensville. Meeting at 10:00, program on biblical storytelling at 10:30. Bring lunch and a lawn chair. Beverages and desserts will be provided. Archdeacon Stringfellow will preside at Eucharist.

## Sept. 4 – Clergy Bible Study 1

Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 a.m.

## Sept. 5 – Clergy Bible Study 2

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

## Sept. 6 – Clergy Bible Study 8

Christ Church, Towanda, 7:00 p.m.

## Sept. 7/8 – COM Overnight

Mary Immaculate Center, Northampton

## Sept. 7 to 9 – Fall Festival of the Arts (Continued, Sept. 14-16)

23rd annual. Presented by the downtown Reading congregations of Trinity Lutheran and Christ Episcopal as one expression of their covenant relationship. Featuring art, music and theatre. Call 610-796-9001 to order tickets. Visit [www.fallfestivalofthearts.homestead.com/](http://www.fallfestivalofthearts.homestead.com/)

## Sept. 9 – Visitation of Bishop Paul to St. Mark/St. John, Jim Thorpe, 9:30 a.m.

**Bishop Paul will ordain Donna Jean Kiessling to priesthood, St. Gabriel's, Douglassville, 5:00 p.m.**

## Sept. 12 – Clergy Bible Study 6

Bosco's, Wilkes-Barre, 9:00 a.m.

## Clergy Bible Study 7

St. Mark's, Moscow, 2:00 pm

## Sept. 13 – Clergy Day

St. Stephen's, Wilkes-Barre. With RC Diocese of Scranton.

## Are all parishioners and newcomers receiving *Diocesan Life*?

All parishioners should be receiving *Diocesan Life* by snail mail, monthly, at no cost to the recipient. The mailing list is to be kept current by parish offices.

Though hard copy of the current list is sent annually to parish offices for wholesale updating – parish offices should have received one during May – anyone (parish offices or individuals) may indicate additions, deletions and changes to the list at any time by sending those to [elife@aflwebprinting.com](mailto:elife@aflwebprinting.com). In doing this, please indicate that your list revisions are for “the *Diocesan Life* edition of *Episcopal Life*.”

Changes, if they are few, may be called in to 800-374-9510. Email, however, is preferable. Revisions may be sent also by snail mail to: Episcopal Life Circulation Department, PO BOX 2050, Voorhees, NJ 08043-8000. Parish offices that would like to receive an electronic list may request an Excel copy of their current list from Bill Lewellis, [blewellis@diobeth.org](mailto:blewellis@diobeth.org).

## Sept. 14 to 16 – Fall Festival of the Arts

See above, Sept. 7-9.

## Sept. 15 – Bishop's School

**Sept. 16 – Celebration of New Ministry**  
The people of Trinity Church, Pottsville, with the Rev. James Rinehart, 4:00 p.m.

## Sept. 18 – Clergy Bible Study 3

St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, 10:00 am

## Sept. 20-25 – House of Bishops Meeting

## Sept. 22 – Bishop's School

## Worship Leader Training

At Trinity, Mt. Pocono, 9:00 to 4:00 for anyone interested in becoming licensed as a Worship Leader (formerly Lay Reader). Offered by the diocesan Commission on Ministry. Facilitator: Father Ed Erb.

## Sept. 24 – Family Day

Sponsored by the Recovery Commission, endorsed by Bishop Paul. More info at the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse, [www.casafamilyday.org](http://www.casafamilyday.org), and from John W. Miller, [mllr1959@aol.com](mailto:mllr1959@aol.com) or Donna Jean Kiessling, [djkiessling@djazzd.com](mailto:djkiessling@djazzd.com).

## Sept. 29 – Ordination of Deacons

Cathedral, Bethlehem, 11:00 a.m. Marion Meiss (St. Peter's, Hazleton), Dolores Evans (North Parish, Schuylkill County) and Sarah “Sally” Bosler (St. Gabriel's, Douglassville).

## Sept. 30 – Visitation of Bishop Paul to All Saints, Lehigh, 4:00 p.m.

## Oct. 2 – Pre-Convention Meeting

St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, 7:00 p.m. Bring your copy of the Preprint.

## Oct. 4 – Pre-Convention Meeting

Epiphany, Clarks Summit, 7:00 p.m. Bring your copy of the Preprint.

## Oct. 6 – Bishop's School

## Oct. 7 – Visitation of Bishop Paul to Christ Church, Reading, 10:15 a.m.

## Oct. 9 – Pre-Convention Meeting

St. Anne's, Trexlertown, 7:00 p.m. Bring your copy of the Preprint.

## Oct. 12-13 – Diocesan Convention

The 136<sup>th</sup> annual Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem will be at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem. Dinner at the nearby Masonic Temple.

## Oct. 20 – Bishop's School

## Oct. 21 – Visitation of Bishop Paul to Trinity Church, Carbondale

## Visitation of Bishop Croneberger to Prince of Peace Church, Dallas

## Oct. 27 – Bishop's School

## Oct. 28 – Visitation of Bishop Paul to Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist Church, Milford

## Visitation of Bishop Croneberger to St. Martin in the Fields, Mountaintop

## Nov. 3 – Safeguarding God's Children

An educational program for preventing child abuse. Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 to 3:30. Please see [www.diobethkids.org](http://www.diobethkids.org).

## Nov. 9-10 – Planning for Tomorrow

Conference conducted by the Church Pension Fund, for individual clergy and couples of all ages up to retirement. Location TBA. More info: Canon Jane Teter, 610-691-5655 x228, at Diocesan House or Stokes Liles, 800-223-6602 x6278, at the Church Pension Fund.

## New Hope Campaign Training Sessions for Lay Coordinators

Every parish in our diocese has been asked to name two coordinators for the *New Hope* Capital Campaign to assist our sisters and brothers in Kajo Keji and Northeastern Pennsylvania. To date (July 13) 44 parishes have done so.

Coordinators will make arrangements for Kick-off Sunday and Commitment Sunday activities in their parish churches on September 23 and 30.

Each training session will be ninety minutes and will be conducted by Dale Bateman or Chas Slimowicz, advisors to the Campaign from Kirby-Smith & Associates. Coordinators need to attend only one of the 19 sessions that will be offered at nine locations.

### BETHEHEM, Cathedral

27 July at 9:00 am (Fri)

1 August at 7:00 pm (Wed)

7 August at 7:00 pm (Tue)

8 August at 9:00 am (Wed)

### CARBONDALE, Trinity Church

9 August at 9:00 am (Thu)

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### LEHIGHTON, All Saints' Church

26 July at 7:00 pm (Thu)

3 August at 9:00 am (Fri)

### NEWMILFORD, St. Mark's Church

8 August at 7:00 pm (Wed)

### POTTSVILLE, Trinity Church

2 August at 9:00 am (Thu)

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### READING, Christ Church

31 July at 7:00 pm (Tue)

1 August at 9:00 am (Wed)

### SCRANTON, St. Luke's Church

31 July at 7:00 pm (Tue)

10 August at 9:00 am (Fri)

### TOWANDA, Christ Church

7 August at 7:00 pm (Tue)

8 August at 9:00 am (Wed)

### WILKES-BARRE

#### St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral

1 August at 9:00 am (Wed)

1 August at 7:00 pm (Wed)

## Nov. 13 – Clergy Day

With Father Jim Turrell

## Nov. 10 – Bishop's School

## Nov. 17 – Bishop's School

## Dec. 1 – Bishop's School

## Dec. 1 – Daughters of the King

Advent Retreat, Trinity, Bethlehem, 9 to 3.

## Dec. 8 – Bishop's School

## Dec. 15 – Bishop's School

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## Feb. 2 – Ordination of Deacons

Cathedral, Bethlehem, 11:00 a.m.

## Feb. 17/19 – Clergy Retreat

## March 13 – Chrism Mass

## May 13 – Clergy Day

## June 8 – Clergy Dinner

## Aug. 15 – Ordination of Priests

Cathedral, Bethlehem, 7:00 p.m.

# PRAY FOR...

## In the Diocese of Bethlehem

[www.diobeth.org](http://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.

**Aug. 5** – Clergy canonically resident in our diocese, Clergy licensed to officiate in our diocese and Retired Clergy of our diocese.

**Aug. 12** – Trinity Church, Bethlehem  
The Rev. Richard C. Ditterline, interim,  
The Rev. Laura M. Howell, associate,  
The Rev. Elizabeth Miller, deacon and soup kitchen coordinator, Canon Clifford B. Carr and Canon Gwendolyn-Jane Romeril, assisting. [www.trinitybeth.org/](http://www.trinitybeth.org/)

**Aug. 19** – Trinity Church, Carbondale  
Jaki Sheare, senior warden

**Aug. 26** – Trinity Church, Easton  
The Rev. Andrew T. Gerns, rector  
[www.trinityeaston.org](http://www.trinityeaston.org)

**Anytime** — Pray for our diocesan community, 66 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.

Pray for Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury, Katharine, our Presiding Bishop, and Andrew, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada.

## Anglicans Around the World

[www.anglicancommunion.org](http://www.anglicancommunion.org)

**Aug. 5** – Pray for the clergy and people of Province II of the Episcopal Church: the dioceses of Albany, Central New York, Haiti, Long Island, New Jersey, New York, Newark, Rochester, Virgin Islands and Western New York.

**Aug. 12** – Pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ruwenzori in Uganda.

**Aug. 19** – Pray for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Santiago in Philippines.

**Aug. 26** – Pray for the clergy and people of the Anglican Church of Korea.

## 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 and Bishop Anthony Poggo.

*God bless Africa. Guard her people. Guide her leaders. Give her peace.*

**Aug. 5** – The Congregation of Liwolo

**Aug. 12** – The Congregation of Lorudang

**Aug. 19** – The Congregation of Mangaloti

**Aug. 26** – The Congregation of Sokare

## 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. Pray for the victims of natural disasters and terrorism and their families. Pray for grief counselors. Pray for the protection of children and for the many victims of abuse and their families.