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*always and everywhere to give thanks.*

# Faith and public morals



Bishop Paul Marshall

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It is my experience that, very often, people who want the Church to advocate for their position (on say, abortion or war) do not want the church to advocate for the other person's positions (on say, abortion or war) *That* is what they really mean by the Church staying out of politics.

Let's be a bit more specific. "Politics" is a term for the acquisition and maintenance of power by a particular group to accomplish its ends — more generally, organized behavior designed to achieve a goal.

What people are usually objecting to when they are concerned about "politics" is their fear that the church may become *partisan*, aligned with a party (or worse still, a party other than their own.)

In this regard, it was sad to see a bishop of this Church in full clerical rig on stage with Al Gore at the conclusion of the last Democratic convention. For a representative of the Church to endorse a political candidate remains problematic for me: we need to keep lines of communication with all parties so that we can speak with integrity to the issues before us to all persons.

That is not optional. The church has a duty to speak on moral issues. This was true in the time of the Old Testament prophets, and has remained true to our day.

Nonetheless, Anglican Christians who opposed slavery were accused of meddling in politics (the entire bench of bishops in the House of Lords voted against layperson William Wilberforce's abolition legislation). The Episcopal Church's endorsement of the civil rights movement was resented by some segregationists as advancing a merely political agenda, when it was in fact advancing a moral agenda.

Similarly, we have acted through our

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lobbyist in Washington to pressure government to halt the killing and enslavement of Christians in the Sudan, an issue in which the Clinton administration publicly declared itself (through Madeline Albright) as not interested, and in which the present administration has taken only a bit more interest.

It is interesting, in this regard, to observe the historic pastoral letter of Pennsylvania bishops regarding Good Schools.

Among the Pennsylvania bishops there are many political points of view and a range of theological perspectives. Anyone who reads the newspapers knows that the bishops of Pittsburgh and Pennsylvania are at the extreme opposite ends of the theological spectrum, yet they agreed on this. The bishop of Northwestern Pennsylvania is a lawyer

who is very, very careful about inappropriate church/state behavior. The bishop of Central Pennsylvania (Harrisburg) is a profoundly good person without a partisan bone in his body. Of the assisting bishops, one is a British subject and one is married to a widely respected educator. That leaves me as the only crank.

*For the seven of us to agree that the inequities of funding public education is a moral rather than political issue is therefore a rather remarkable event.* It comes from concern for the children themselves, and for the future workforce of the Commonwealth. We believe that giving each child a desk, text books, paper, and pencil is a matter of fairness, not politics, and one that has important implications for Pennsylvania as a whole.

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The letter read to Episcopalians throughout the state was not written for the advantage of either political party; in fact, members of both parties support the movement.

It was as clear a statement as we could make of what we believe is our moral obligation to speak against an injustice that hurts individuals and threatens the future of our economy.

We have no desire or means to require people to accept our view as doctrine, but we do ask those who are persuaded by our statement to take appropriate action. I hope you will help reinforce the distinction as you discuss the Good Schools movement with your neighbors.

**The letter of the Pennsylvania bishops, Seeking Justice in Funding Public Education, may be read at [www.diobeth.org](http://www.diobeth.org).**

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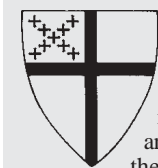


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PARISH NURSING AT ST. ANNE'S CHURCH, TREXLERTOWN BY NANCY DALPEZZO, MSN, RN

# Our health care delivery system is in trouble

*We need to develop innovative models that focus on health promotion*

The current health care delivery system in the United States is in trouble. Rising costs, declining reimbursements, uninsured patients, difficulty accessing primary care, and an expanding elderly population are among the myriad of problems facing the system. Clearly, in order to meet these challenges, new models of health care delivery that focus on health promotion and disease prevention are needed. One such innovative model is that of parish nursing.

The parish nursing movement began in the 1980's, but has ancient historical roots. For more than 2000 years, Christian churches have been facilitators of health, healing, and wholeness.

The mandate for this role comes from Jesus himself, as noted in Luke 9:1-2: *He called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal.*

Parish nurses attempt to live out this mandate by providing wholistic care – physical, emotional, and spiritual – to the faith community, and by promoting an understanding of the relationship between lifestyle, attitude, faith and well-being.

At St. Anne's in Trexlertown, a parish nurse program has been in place for about a year. Program development began in the fall of 2001 when three nurses from the congregation decided to enroll in the Parish Nursing Arts Certification Program sponsored by Sacred Heart Hospital and Gwynedd-Mercy College. Upon completing the course, the next six months were spent defining the program, writing job descriptions and procedures, getting clergy and vestry approval, and conducting a parish needs assessment.

It was determined that the Parish Nursing Program would become a part of the Pastoral Care Team. By late summer of 2002, the program was ready to begin.

From the onset, the program has been much busier than expected. Although parish nurses do not provide routine physician ordered care, church members seek out the nurses for assistance with such things as adjusting to disease, coping with chronic illness, learning self-care, modifying lifestyles, addressing health concerns, accessing community resources, understanding health insurance, and health advocacy. Blood pressure screenings are held on the first Sunday of every month, and nurses are available for consultations after each service and as necessary.

The nurses have found that the needs of St. Anne's community are varied and span the generations. To date, they have provided services to sick children, new mothers, the acutely ill, the homebound elderly, and the dying. They have counseled and educated members concerning diseases and medications, made referrals to physicians and community agencies, arranged home care services for the elderly, visited the

sick, and participated in community health fairs. In the near future, the nurses will be providing stroke assessments and educational programs on how to care for an elderly parent or relative.

As the delivery of health care in America continues to change, parish nursing can make a significant contribution to maintaining the physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being of individuals. The opportunities that exist for helping the faith community are vast, and are limited only by the number of hours that parish nurses can commit to the program, since most are volunteers.

If anyone reading this would like more information regarding parish nurse programs, please contact parish nurse Nancy DalPezzo, Janet Whitehill, or Peg Dolan of St. Anne's at 610-398-3321, or Diana Marshall (chair of the Diocese of Bethlehem Health Advocacy Committee) at 610-807-9281 or [dmarsh@fast.net](mailto:dmarsh@fast.net).

## SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

*The diocesan camping and conference committee sent following information to all rectors and parish youth leaders.*

The Camping and Conference Committee has been working with our neighbors, the Northeastern and Southeastern Synods of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America, toward building partnerships for both camping and conferencing. We are inviting the youth of our diocese to take advantage of the camping opportunities that are already available at nearby Bear Creek Camp in Bear Creek, PA.

Located just a few miles South of the Wilkes-Barre exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike, Bear Creek Camp is situated on 3000 acres of land, surrounded by 25,000 acres of State Game Lands.

Members of the committee have visited the camp and are impressed with the facilities, the staff, and the programs that the camp has to offer.

Camp sessions begin on June 22 and run through to August 10. Classic camping is open to campers who have completed grades 2 through 11. There are also

four day Try Camp sessions available for campers in grades one and two. The Camp also offers specialty camps throughout the Summer. They include Bike Trip Camp and Lehigh River Float Camp for grades 7-11 and Vocal Music Camp for grades 5-8. Staffing opportunities are also available by contacting the camp directly.

A cost schedule and other details about the camp are included in the Camp brochure.

For further information about Bear Creek Camp, contact Father Earl Trygar, [tryac@epix.net](mailto:tryac@epix.net) or (570) 842-2494.

Camp brochures are available from Father Trygar or by contacting the camp directly, [bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org](mailto:bccamp@bearcreekcamp.org), or on the web, [www.bearcreekcamp.org](http://www.bearcreekcamp.org). Phone (570) 472-3741.

This is a new opportunity for youth of our diocese to "experience spiritual growth through recreation and reflection through encounter with God's Word and world" (Camp Mission Statement) and to get to know and work in communion with our Lutheran brothers and sisters.

## KATHERINE'S LEGACY BY GEORGE MANIATTY AND DON COLLINS

Katherine Anderson joined St. Anne's Church, Trexlertown, in our early years. A member of the vestry, Katherine hosted our meetings which were eagerly anticipated, especially for the refreshment served at meeting's end. As the *Grand Dame* of St. Anne's, she brought a touch of class to everything she was involved with.

Katherine left another legacy to St. Anne's, a sizable portion of her estate. In 1993, with Father Ron Molrine's guidance, St. Anne's used Katherine's bequest as seed money to fund the calling of Linda Moggio as director for

Christian formation for children and youth. Under Linda's care, St. Anne's now has *Catechesis of the Good Shepherd*, a vibrant program for preschool children, an oversubscribed Vacation Bible School, a lively Sunday school program and *Journey to Adulthood*, an effective youth program.

These ministries have attracted many new families to St. Anne's and have given young people a firm grounding in our Christian faith. Katherine's bequest funded these program until we grew enough to provide full support from our own pledges. Her gift is a living and lasting legacy.

## ST. ALBAN'S – MAKING A DIFFERENCE YEAR AFTER YEAR

Even a modest endowment can make a difference in the world. At St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, endowment principal is \$42,000. Recently, using only income, five grants were made locally and abroad to help provide medical and dental services in India and El Salvador, aid to Sudanese children, shelter assistance, and clergy transportation expense.

Over the years, St. Alban's has given away \$14,000 to various ministries, using income from its endowment while keeping principal intact. With careful planning and investment, the fund continues to grow. As additional planned gifts and bequests are added to it, St. Alban's will make even more of a difference through its outreach, year after year.

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Gifts of life insurance have enabled many to make substantial contributions to the mission of the church.

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# Swaziland deals with HIV-AIDS, poverty, political problems

By David Howell

Bishop Meshack Mabuza was not serious when he said he wished the United States would turn its attention to Swaziland after it was through with Iraq.

He made it clear, however, during his talk at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, after the Chrism Mass, April 10, that intervention is needed for his country where 20,000 people of a population of one million die of AIDS each year.

Swaziland is the smallest country in southern Africa, smaller than New Jersey.

The country faces troubles beyond AIDS. This year threatens to be the worst of three years of drought. The monarchy does not permit political parties, so there are problems with social justice and corruption. The population is 65 per cent impoverished and 31 per cent unemployed.

Anglican Bishop of Swaziland since November, Bishop Mabuza is prepared to fight. He has well defined goals for each of the overwhelming problems. People know him say he is a man who listens to many people before making up a plan of action.

He brings some unique qualifications to the tasks. He has a B.A. with honors in Theology, an M.A. in Management from Atlanta University and an advanced diploma in Labor Law from Rand Afrikaans University. He has also been the headmaster of three schools, vice-principal of a teachers' college,

Photo by Barbara Loeffler



Bishop Meshack Mabuza of Swaziland makes a point during his presentation at lunch after the Chrism Mass.

and has worked for the Swaziland Railway as head of human resources.

Problems the church in Swaziland is experiencing, he reports, include low morale, a lack of contributions, and no growth in membership. Many individuals form their own churches with a messianic zeal that quickly draws many followers, for a time.

Bishop Mabuza hopes to help people experience Christ as an exciting new discovery. He plans to train churchgoers in person-to-person skills to draw in new members, to introduce revivals and revive healing ministries, and to bring in people with new thoughts and insights.

The U.S. State Department reported in 2002 that Swaziland generally has freedom of religion, but there are other political problems.

# Diocese of Bethlehem clergy renewed their ordination



Photo by Barbara Loeffler

A few years after the country was granted independence in 1968, King Sobhuza II repealed the Constitution and banned political parties. A later royal decree would have allowed the present king, Mswati III, to ban newspapers and overturn court decisions. He revoked the decree, however, when the United States threatened to take away preferential trade benefits.

Bishop Mabuza has spoken out against injustice in Swaziland, despite possible repercussions. "If you do not speak out, who will?" he asked.

Among his interests is "a strong passion for justice." He "would like to see the people of God treated as beings created in the image of God."

A recent story in the Swaziland Times quotes him as follows: "God is not happy with what is happening in the country. There is no rule of law and no justice. God did not create us to be objects to be used and abused. We are subjects to be respected." He told people gathered for a national prayer service that those who oppress

widows and orphans were doing nothing less than poking a finger in God's eye.

The following are some of the facts and statistics he presented during his talk:

- 38% of Swaziland men are HIV+. Some 20,000 people die of AIDS each year. There are 2,000 hospital beds.
- Thousands of families are headed by orphans. Negative population growth is expected by next year. By 2010, life expectancy will drop from 62 to 27.
- 65% of the people of live below the poverty line, defined as \$8 a month for rural areas, and \$8.50 a month for urban areas. Unemployment is at 31%.
- The Diocese of Swaziland has 13,000 Anglicans, 10 parishes, 13 stipendiary and 10 non-stipendiary clergy.

"Do you here, in the presence of Christ and his Church, renew your commitment to reaffirm your promise to give yourself to prayer and study, reaffirm your commitment to the New Covenant that the reconciling love of Christ may be known and received, and be committed to your care, patterning your life in accordance with the teaching of the Holy Spirit."



Left to right: Bishop Clarence Coleridge, Bishop Paul Marshall, Diana Marshall, Lucy Mabuza, and Bishop Meshack Mabuza



Bishop Clarence Coleridge, retired bishop of Connecticut, preached at the Chrism Mass.

## ion vows at the annual Chrism Mass



commitment to your ministry under the pastoral direction of your bishop, your promise so to minister the Word of God and the Sacraments of the received, reaffirm your promise to be a faithful servant of all those things of Christ so that you may be a wholesome example to his people?"

Some 90 clergy and more than 100 lay persons gathered at the Cathedral Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem on April 10 for the annual Chrism Mass during which Bishop Paul blessed the oils to be used in congregations of the 14-county Diocese of Bethlehem at baptism, confirmation, anointing of the sick, and healing services.

During this service wherein priests, deacons and bishops reaffirm their ordination vows, thus renewing their commitment of service, and receive the prayers and support of the people, Bishop

Paul was joined at the altar by Bishop Clarence Coleridge, retired bishop of Connecticut, and Bishop Meshack Mabuza, recently consecrated for the Diocese of Swaziland in Southern Africa.

Because the bishop is the only minister in the diocese who may consecrate chrism, this liturgy highlights his ministry across the diocese and the union of clergy and lay persons with him.

Bishop Coleridge preached the sermon. During lunch, Bishop Mabuza made a presentation about the current situation in Swaziland.

## Jesus: I am among you as one who serves

**Bishop Clarence Coleridge**  
From the sermon at the Chrism Mass

When James and John had asked Jesus if they could sit near him when he came into his glory, the other disciples were displeased with them. They too were wondering how high each would be — they just didn't ask. Jesus came at it in an unexpected way: "If you want to be the greatest, be a slave."

You could hear them whispering: "He's got to be kidding. Whoever heard of leading from the bottom?" With all the insight and hindsight we have had over the centuries, that would sort of be our reaction still. Servanthood does not immediately commend itself to us as something desirable... Stereotypes of servanthood have given it a bad name...

"I am among you as one who serves," Jesus said. Yet Jesus was not a shuffling, obsequious, fawning, scared individual... He was always in charge because he was in charge of himself — and close to that source of all human dignity, God the Father. He demonstrated in the essence of his servanthood the very essence of dignity: true respect for himself and others as human beings, regardless of status...

In spite of Roman Catholic scandals, be assured that your authority as clergy persons hasn't gone anywhere — weakened perhaps but still there. The bottom line, however, is your prayer life and your diligent pastoral care: you are trusted because you are trustworthy, authentic, for real.

## In Stroudsburg — 18 youth confirmed



Diocesan Life editor to Christ Church, Stroudsburg, rector Beth Haynes: "I don't need the names of all the people on this photo; there are too many; but could you put the photo in context? I don't suppose it's the confirmation class — or is it?" Haynes to Lewellis: "Yes, that is our confirmation class. We had 18 youngsters, a fabulous group of kids who want to continue to meet after Easter so we can finish our book." Photo by George Loeffler

## In New Milford — confirmed to be wed



Gordon Patterson and Glennis Flint, members of St. Mark's, New Milford, were confirmed by Bishop Paul on March 16 and will be married on August 23. The Rev. Carol Horton is rector of St. Mark's, one of the two churches of Susquehanna Country Ministry. The other is Christ Church, Susquehanna. Photo by George Loeffler

## In Montrose — Bishop Paul's visitation



With Bishop Paul, after his visitation at St. Paul's, Montrose, are St. Paul's rector Elizabeth Moulton, Rachel Bartron and Sarah Warriner. Photo by George Loeffler

## The Editor's Letter *By Bill Lewellis*

### NEWS AND INFORMATION WITH SOME COMMENTARY

**Canon Robert C. Wilkins** will serve on the 12-member Investment Committee of the Episcopal Church USA. The group is responsible for all trust funds of the Episcopal Church. They meet four times a year for a full day, reporting to Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

A lay canon of the Diocese of Bethlehem and a member of the Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Wilkins has served the diocese, his parish and New Bethany Ministries in various leadership roles for many years. A retired Bethlehem Steel vice president for finance, he served also as administrator for the City of Bethlehem and diocesan treasurer.

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After the funeral of her husband, Russel, Betty Speicher, a member of Trinity Church, Mt. Pocono, wrote about **another kind of planned giving:**

I believe the most wonderful gift you can give your loved ones is your funeral. I have just been there, and want to share my story.

Russel Speicher, beloved husband, father and friend of many, died in September. He had discussed and planned his service long before he got sick. He made a minor change or two when talking with our rector. There was no deciding for us to do.

That's not the end of the story. This is what made it so great. Our four children loved their Daddy and all had ideas: a favorite hymn, prayer, anecdote. They all wanted to say a few words. And friends — well meaning and with love — offered to speak, to play, to sing. I didn't have to say no. I don't know if I could have said no.

When your soul has been wrenched in two, when half of you is gone, you cannot think properly — and you should not have to. To be able to say that Daddy's/Russel's service was planned by him and filed at church was absolutely the best gift the man left me — and I thank God for the beautiful, glorious send off that required no effort or tact or thought on my part.

In this precious world where we worry about insurance and providing for families, have you provided the intangible gift of love by planning your service? *[Betty Speicher]*

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**Operation Starfish**, the exploratory visit seven people from the Bethlehem community expected to make to Swaziland to assess the impact of the AIDS epidemic there and find ways to respond, had been delayed because of war. It has been tentatively rescheduled for mid-November when the Diocese of Swaziland expects to ordain its first woman deacon. The story of the intended visit was carried in the February edition of *Diocesan Life*. See the story at [www.diobeth.org](http://www.diobeth.org).

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*Bishop Paul with the Rev. Paul Cochran, rector of St. Peter's, Hazleton, and St. James, Drifton, after the recent celebration of new ministry of those congregations with their rector.*

**The visit to Israel/Palestine** that Dean Lane and Archdeacon Cluett hoped to make as representatives of our diocese, had to be postponed because of war. It has been rescheduled for November 4-17. The goal for this two-week visit of education and familiarization, according to Cluett, is "to learn as much as we can about the state of the Christian community in Israel/Palestine, the role of the church in the current situation, and what support the church in the U.S. might provide." The story appeared in the March edition of *Diocesan Life* and is accessible at [www.diobeth.org](http://www.diobeth.org).

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So excited is one parishioner about **growth in our parish**, wrote Ed Erb, rector of St. John's, Hamlin, on our diocesan internet list, "he bought a case of champagne for us to have at coffee hour when we consistently top 100 in attendance. Small potatoes for some, but not here where the seating capacity is comfortably 85."

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Pamela Stewart, national president of Episcopal Church Women, will speak on *Using Your Gifts to Make a Difference* at the annual meeting of the diocesan ECW, Wed., May 7, Kirby House, 9:30 to 3:00. Registration of \$10 includes coffee, program and lunch. Send to Catherine Jeffery, 1839 Ulster Road, Allentown 18109, 610-868-6682. Diocesan ECW president and secretary will be elected. Anyone interested in either of these positions may contact Margot Bradbury, 610-398-1828, Annie Rayman, 570-674-5240, or Mary Jane Syle, 570-278-1367 for more information. Parishes are **invited to share their programs, history, activities and interest by making 8 1/2 by 11 posters to be displayed at the meeting**. Use text, pictures, drawings. Be creative. Send your finished product to Marlene Hartshorne, 1628 Butz Road, Breinigsville 18031.

## To help the people of Kajo Keji

"The people of Kajo Keji have lost sight of the talents given them by God," according to Jack Moulton, one of four Diocese of Bethlehem representatives who visited our partner Diocese of Kajo Keji in the Episcopal Church of the Sudan last summer. "They have become victims of 20 years of civil war. They have lost their ability to determine how to do things for themselves. Their lives have become focused on survival. They live from day to day in a fragile and dangerous environment of refugee camps in northern Uganda."

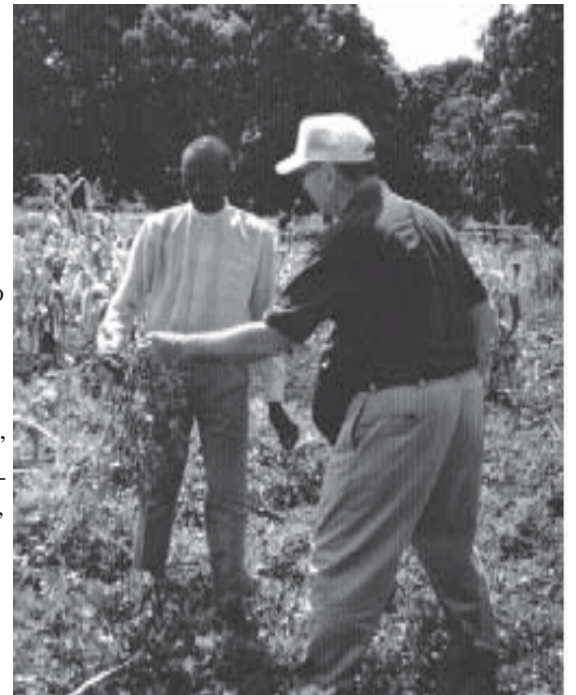
Recently retired from the Northampton County Department of Agriculture, Moulton, an agricultural specialist with experience in Africa, is in Kajo Keji once again to assist in redevelopment on a parish level by teaching, training the trainer and developing agricultural cooperatives based within the parish. He hopes that, through this effort and through prayer, "a few people of Kajo Keji will rediscover their five talents and then be able to use these talents to rebuild their lives, families, towns and nation."

"Now that a cease-fire has been established," he says, "the people are eager to go back to their Kajo Keji homes."

The Diocese of Bethlehem has a partnership relationship with the Diocese of Kajo Keji. One of the points of the formal relationship states: As circumstances allow, parishes and groups in Bethlehem would link with similar parishes and groups of Kajo Keji, e.g. congregations, clergy, clergy spouses, youth groups/organizations, Mother's Union, Episcopal Church Women, etc. It states also: Kajo Keji hopes to receive from Bethlehem support by parishes for specific points in Kajo Keji's development plan.

"Their journey will be hard and difficult," Moulton says. "They will stray from the path from time to time. But their zeal to succeed is great and through the grace of God they will persevere. They need our support through prayerful actions showing our caring for them by communicating with them one Christian to another, one parish to another."

Moulton is a member of the diocesan World Mission Committee and a parishioner at St. Paul's, Montrose.



*In a peanut field — Jack Moulton and a priest from Kajo Keji. Photo by Dr. Randall Fegley*

## Child sexual misconduct prevention training

A training session on **Child Sexual Misconduct Prevention** has been set for Saturday, June 14, at **St. Peter's Church, Route 6E, Tunkhannock** (570-836-2233) from 10 to 3. Twenty persons are required to register in order to run this event. The next offering will take place in the fall in the southern part of the diocese.

Most child sexual abuse is perpetrated by someone the child knows and trusts: a parent, teacher, coach, a church youth worker. "We are working to reduce the possibility of child sexual abuse occurring in our congregations," says the Rev. Debra Kissinger, diocesan missionary for children.

Training in child sexual misconduct prevention is required for all persons who work with children and youth either during off hours or off site events. This includes all clergy, employees of parishes, nursery workers, youth leaders and chaperones for diocesan and parish youth events. The requirement does *not* include Sunday school teachers, although the training is beneficial and is encouraged for all who work with children and youth. The training is open to all, not just those required to attend. Vestry members are encouraged to take this training.

Registration fee is \$15.00 per person, to

cover the cost of materials, checks payable to the Diocese of Bethlehem. Bring a bag lunch. For an additional fee, a luncheon tray can be ordered. Call or email Jessica Biondo at Diocesan House: 800-358-5655 or 610-691-5655 x 224, [jbiondo@diobeth.org](mailto:jbiondo@diobeth.org). Firm deadline: Wednesday, June 11, 2003.

Leaders for the training will be: **Christine (Chris) Sutton**, a Registered Nurse in the position of Health Specialist for the Luzerne & Wyoming Counties HeadStart Program. She is a graduate of the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing. While serving as Health Specialist for several years, Chris is also a CPR, First Aid, and Child Care Instructor for the American Red Cross. **The Rev. Edward Schultz**, rector of St. George's Church in Hellertown. He holds a Masters Degree in Pastor Counseling from Boston University. He also serves as Adjunct Professor at Northampton Community College and Lecturer at Lehigh Carbon Community College, teaching courses in helping children with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Father Schultz has also been a Lay Ministry Trainer for the Diocese of Ohio and has specialized training as an "After Pastor" — helping a parish deal with the aftermath of sexual misconduct in the parish.

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- 2 Integrity/Bethlehem**  
Eucharist/potluck. Bishop Paul will be there. In Bethlehem, in the home of a member. Email gambaguy@mindspring.com or call 610-758-8642 for directions.
- 3 Bishop's School**  
St. Peter's, Hazleton, 10:00 to 3:30
- 4 Nazareth: St. Brigid's Church**  
**Bishop Paul's visitation — morning**  
**Allentown: Church of the Mediator**  
**Bishop Paul's visitation — 4:00 p. m.**
- 6 Clergy Bible Study 1**  
Cathedral, Bethlehem, 9:30 am  
**Organ Meditation, Noon to 12:30**  
Mark Laubach at the Berghaus Organ, St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre  
**Forest City, Christ Church**  
The archdeacon and the diocesan financial officer visit with parish leadership, to look together at ministry planning and review, and at parish finances including policy, practice and property.
- 7 ECW Annual Meeting, Kirby House**  
Please see page A6.
- 10 Sayre, Church of the Redeemer**  
125th Anniversary, 4 pm Eucharist, 6 pm dinner
- 11 Evensong & Organ Recital, 5 pm**  
At Trinity Church, Bethlehem. Peter Conte, organist and conductor, with the Trinity choir. Admission free. Conte is organist/choirmaster at St. Clement's, Philadelphia, and is Wanamaker Grand Court organist at Lord&Taylor, Philadelphia.
- 13 Organ Meditation, Noon to 12:30**  
Mark Laubach at the Berghaus Organ, St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre
- 14 Clergy Bible Study 6**  
Boscov's, Wilkes-Barre, 9:00 am  
**Clergy Bible Study 7**  
St. Luke's, Scranton, 12:30 pm
- 15 Clergy Bible Study 8**  
St. Peter's Church, Tunkhannock, noon  
**Celebration of New Ministry**  
St. Peter's Church, Tunkhannock, with their new rector, Cynthia Guthkelch. 7:00 p.m.
- 18 Douglassville: St. Gabriel's Church**  
**Bishop Paul's visitation — morning**  
**Sinking Spring: St. Alban's Church**  
**Bishop Paul's visitation — 4:00 p. m.**
- 20 Clergy Bible Study 3**  
St. Alban's, Sinking Spring, 10 am  
**Organ Meditation, Noon to 12:30**  
Mark Laubach at the Berghaus Organ, St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre  
**Wilkes-Barre, St. Stephen Pro Cathedral**  
The archdeacon and the diocesan financial officer visit with parish leadership. See May 6.
- 21 Clergy Bible Study 2 & 4**  
St. Stephen's Church, Whitehall, 2:00 pm
- 22 Clergy Day**  
St. Peter's, Hazleton, 9:00 to 3:00
- 24-25 Senior High Weekend**
- 27 Organ Meditation, Noon to 12:30**  
Mark Laubach at the Berghaus Organ, St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre  
**West Bangor, St. Joseph's Church**  
The archdeacon and the diocesan financial officer visit with parish leadership. See May 6.
- 29 Bethlehem: Cathedral, 7 p.m.**  
**Bishop Paul, Ascension Day Service**
- 30 Incorporated Trustees, Diocese of Bethlehem**  
Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, 11 am
- 31 Ordinations to Diaconate**  
Cathedral Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, 11:00 am. **Hemchand Gossai**, a member of the Church of the Mediator, Allentown, interning at Grace Church, Allentown. **Elizabeth Miller**, Trinity Church, Bethlehem. **Diane Zanetti**, a member of Christ Church, Reading, interning at St. Alban's, Sinking Spring.

*Holy God, your Son called us to wrap the whole world in your saving embrace. Give us, in your Spirit, 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 called us from darkness to light, your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen*

# plan ahead

- June 1 Retirement Recognition Dinner**  
Lincoln Plaza Hotel, Reading, 5 pm, for Canon Walter Krieger, retiring December 31, after 24 years as rector at Christ Church, Reading.
- June 1-3 Prov 3 Synod & Pre-GenConv Mtg**
- June 3 Organ Meditation, Noon to 12:30**  
Mark Laubach at the Berghaus Organ, St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre
- June 8 Organ Recital, 3 p.m.**  
A full recital by Mark Laubach, at St. Stephen's Pro Cathedral, Wilkes-Barre, to benefit the local Habitat for Humanity.
- June 24 Clergy Family Outing**  
Knoebels, Elysburg, 2 to 7, Dinner at 5.
- July 2 Bishop's Day with Youth**
- July 15 The Bishop's Beach Party**  
At Beltzville State Park. For children completing grades 1 through 6 this spring. Have fun while hearing some of the great stories of the bible. Can Bishop Paul walk on water? Find out. Deadline to register: June 15. Please see page A8.
- July 16 Episcopal House, Allentown**  
35th Anniversary
- July 28 to August 9 — General Convention**
- Sept 12 COM/Standing Committee**  
Overnight, Mary Immaculate Center, Northampton
- Sept 18 Clergy Day**  
Presentation by Ministry of Money
- Sept 27 Small Church Conference, 9 to 4**  
Trinity Episcopal Church, Williamsport  
Sponsored by the Episcopal dioceses of Central PA and Bethlehem and the ELCA synods of Upper Susquehanna, Allegheny and Northeastern PA.
- Oct. 4 Diocesan Stewardship Workshop**  
St. Anne's, Trexlertown
- Oct. 11 Diocesanwide Golf Tournament**
- Oct 17-18 Diocesan Convention**  
Cathedral, Bethlehem
- Nov 1 Diocesan Evangelism Day**  
Keynoter: The Rev. Charles Fulton
- Nov 7-9 Happening**  
Kirby Episcopal House

# pray for...

- In the Diocese of Bethlehem/May**
- 4** Church of the Good Shepherd, Scranton  
The Rev. Eric Bergman, rector  
Good Shepherd and St. John the Evangelist Church, Milford  
Nancy Holleran, senior warden
- 11** Christ Church, Reading  
The Rev. Canon Walter Krieger, rector  
The Rev. R. Jane Williams, associate  
The Rev. Lois Bartlett, visitation minister  
St. Paul's Church, Montrose  
The Rev. Elizabeth Moulton, rector
- 18** Christ Church, Stroudsburg  
The Rev. Elizabeth Haynes, rector  
Christ Church, New Milford  
The Rev. Canon Carol Horton, rector
- 25** Christ Church, Towanda  
The Rev. Maureen Hipple, rector  
The Rev. Hazel Hunt, deacon  
The Church Seminaries and those preparing for the ordained ministry
- Anglicans Around the World/May**
- 4** Theological Education Sunday: Pray for seminaries and schools of theology that train clergy and laity in the Christian faith.
- 11** Give thanks for the Anglican Church of Korea: 3 dioceses (Pusan, Seoul, Taejon) in a geographical area of 81,000 square miles. There are 15,000 Anglicans among 13 million Christians in a total population of 65 million. 100 parishes; 120 clergy. Other faiths: Buddhism, Confucianism, Chun-do Kyo.
- 18** Give thanks for the Church of the Province of Uganda: 29 dioceses in a geographical area of 91,134 square miles. 6.7 million Anglicans; total population of 6.8 million. 1,731 parishes; 13,800 congregations; 28 active bishops; 2,630 priests; 13,000 lay readers and catechists. In the past ten year, the Anglican Church of Uganda has tripled in size.
- 25** Pray for the Anglican Communion throughout the world.
- The Diocese of Kajo Keji (Episcopal Church of the Sudan)**  
Give thanks and pray for the Episcopal Church of the Sudan, especially the people of our partnership Diocese of Kajo Keji in southern Sudan, one of 24 dioceses of the persecuted Episcopal Church of the Sudan. Manasseh Dawidi, Bishop. Visit [www.diobeth.org](http://www.diobeth.org) for more information about Kajo Keji.
- 4** The Congregation of Mondikolok
- 11** The Kiri Archdeaconry and The Congregation of Adire
- 18** The Congregation of Aire
- 25** The Congregation of Agire
- Pray for all places in conflict: the peacemakers and the peacekeepers, the victims of starvation 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. God our refuge and strength: we pray at this difficult time for all who find themselves touched by war and its consequences. We pray for servicemen and women and their families, for those who seek to support and to sustain them, for those who have died, the wounded and captives, for the people of Iraq and the region, and for all who suffer. Above all we pray that through your mercy and compassion, peace with justice may come swiftly. We pray in the name of Jesus, who is our Peace.*
- The Diocese of Meath and Kildare (Church of Ireland)**  
Give thanks and pray for the people of the Church of Ireland, especially those who minister within our partnership Diocese of Meath and Kildare, Richard Clarke, Bishop. Visit the web site of the Church of Ireland at [www.ireland.anglican.org/home.html](http://www.ireland.anglican.org/home.html) and the web site of Meath and Kildare at [www.meath.anglican.org/home.htm](http://www.meath.anglican.org/home.htm)
- 4** Castlepollard and Oldcastle Union
- 11** Clane Union
- 18** Donboyne and Rathmolyon Unions
- 25** Edenderry Union

Bishop's

Open to kids  
grades 1-6

# BEACH PARTY

2003

July 15, 2003  
10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Beltzville State Park

Conveniently located off Exit 34 of the  
Pennsylvania Turnpike Northeast Extension

Stories of Jesus, Games, Food, Fun  
and Swimming!

No Walk-Ins  
Registration Forms are available in your Parish Office  
Rain Date: July 17, 2003

