

# Trinity Times

A newsletter for the members and friends of Trinity Episcopal Church

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## Last Pentecost - November, 2013

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### A Time of Transition

*David M. O'Dell, Convention Delegate*

The 142nd Convention of the Diocese of Bethlehem was not filled with many resolutions (only 3), lengthy debates, or a flurry of activity. Rather, there was a serenity, a sense of quiet reflection among the lay delegates and clergy in attendance. The convention opened with an address by The Rev. Canon Andrew Gerns, chair of the Standing Committee, whose role it is to chair convention in the absence of the bishop. He said, "Indeed our Diocese is in a time of transition, one which requires great faith." With the formal end of The Rt. Rev. Paul V Marshall's Episcopate on December 31st 2013, our diocese as a whole, its leadership, and our own individual parishes each will play a crucial role in how we move forward as a faith community. There are four options for interim

episcopal care to consider as we move toward calling a new Bishop of Bethlehem. They all have pros and cons and I will gladly discuss them with you in more detail.

We were truly blessed to have The Rt. Rev. Anthony Dangasuk Poggo, Bishop of Kajo-Keji, give the sermon at The Holy Eucharist on Friday evening. He spoke of new stability in the region, the advances of education of so many deserving individuals, and how truly privileged he felt to be sharing in the breaking of the bread with us in Bethlehem. He spoke of how the Sudan had been in a state of transition, strife, and warfare for so many years. He said that through times of transition the faith within church families, faith in humanity, and most importantly, faith in God, are key to perseverance. He stressed the "3 E's" which I would encourage you all to practice: Evan-

gelism: "Tell what you have seen and heard!" Education: share knowledge with others around you, and Empowerment: realize the strength that you have within.

At the Convention dinner we celebrated the retirement of The Rt. Rev. John P. Croneberger. Many fond memories were shared, he gave a moving farewell address, and he was sent off with love.

I kept you all in my prayers, as I represented Trinity, which was a honor.

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**Church cleaning and brass polishing party: Saturday, 11/25** at 10 a.m.. which will include Senior Warden Dan Gerhart's home-made and far reaching duster (you won't want to miss that).

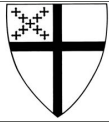
**November is Stewardship Month.** You'll receive a letter from the vestry in the next ten days.

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**November at Trinity**



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p><i>Trinity:</i> <b>11/3</b> Ben, Andrea and Theo Lentz. <b>11/10</b> Patricia and Heather Martin; Hildegard Mohr. <b>11/17</b> Jon, Wendy, Kim, Kate and Peg Murray. <b>11/24</b> Kelly Murray, McKenzie Elliott</p>		<p><i>Diocese of Bethlehem:</i> <b>11/3</b> Good Shepherd, Scranton. Provincial Synod. <b>11/10</b> St. Luke's, Scranton. Recovery Commission. <b>11/17</b> St. Alban's, Sinking Spring: The Rev. Karl L. Kern, Rector and The Rev. Charles L. Beem, Associate Priest. Social Ministries Committee. <b>11/24</b> Christ Church, Stroudsburg, The Rev. Douglas Moyer, Rector. Standing Committee.</p>			<p><b>1</b> All Saints' Day</p>	<p><b>2</b> All Souls' Day Fall Back DST ends</p> 	
<p><b>3</b> Pentecost 24 – All Saints' 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour  <b>ALL SAINTS DAY</b> 11/3: Heather Martin</p>	<p><b>4</b> AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Clergy Day</p>	<p><b>8</b> Happening Kirby House, through Sunday  Blake Draper</p>	<p><b>9</b>  Matthew Hollywood</p>	
<p><b>10</b> Pentecost 25 P-27 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour  Jim &amp; Mary Patterson</p>	<p><b>11</b> AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>  Carol Reed</p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	
<p><b>17</b> Pentecost 26 P-28 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Vestry Meets  Kent Stanley</p>	<p><b>18</b> AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b> Clergy Bible Study 8, 3 p.m., Christ Church, Towanda</p>	<p><b>20</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  John &amp; Carol Reed</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Regional Confirmation, Grace, Kingston 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>23</b> Brass Polishing and Cleaning Party 10:00 a.m.</p>	
<p><b>24</b> Last Pentecost - Christ the King Stewardship Sunday 9:00 Holy Eucharist II 10:00 Coffee Hour Joe Coston</p>	<p><b>25</b> AA 8:00 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> AA 7:30 pm AA/Alanon 7:30 pm  Elizabeth Maneval</p>	<p><b>28</b> Thanksgiving Day  </p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b> St. Andrew, the Apostle</p>	
<p><i>Anglicans Around the World:</i> <b>11/3</b> Udi - (Enugu, Nigeria) The Rt. Rev. Chjioke Augustine Aneke. <b>11/10</b> Diocese of Utah - (USA) The Rt. Rev. Scott Hayashi. <b>11/17</b> Virgin Islands - (The Episcopal Church) The Rt. Rev. Ambrose Gumbs. <b>11/24</b> Diocese of Washington - (USA) The Rt. Rev. Mariann Edgar Budde.</p>			<p><i>Diocese of Kajo Keji:</i> <b>11/3</b> Acting Rural Dean, Longira and Bajur Parish: The Rev. James Murye. Kajo Keji Partners. <b>11/10</b> St. Paul's Lito'ba Parish: The Rev. James Sekwat. Mangalotore Primary School. <b>11/17</b> Rural Dean and St. Paul's Böri Parish: The Rev. Jeneti A'diko. Interchurch Committee and Courses: The Rev. Pianilee Samuel. <b>11/24</b> St. Paul's Pamoju Parish: The Rev. Jeneti Poni. Bishop Anthony Poggo, Bishop of Kajo Keji.</p>			<p></p>	<p>Next week: The new church year begins with the First Sunday of Advent</p>