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~ Upcoming Events ~

Welcome Alexis Guszick

We are pleased and excited to announce that Alexis Guszick will be joining the Diocesan Staff on January 30th as the Canon for Communications and Events. Some of you may already know Alexis as the Cathedral Administrator at St. Stephen's Cathedral. Alexis will join our team on a part-time basis for the month of February, to assist with a smooth transition of staff at the Cathedral, and will then be on board full time as of March 1st. We are very grateful to Dean

January - February

- Jan 10** Harrisburg Clericus Meeting
- Jan 21** Reimagining Faith Formation with John Roberto
- Feb 4** Bishop Scanlan visits All Saints, Hanover
- Feb 24** Stevenson School for Ministry

Churchill Pinder, the Cathedral Vestry and the whole parish family for their support of Alexis as she expands her ministry in our diocese. The job posting for the Cathedral Administrator position is available [here](#). If you or someone you know are interested in this position, please direct your inquiries to hrststephens@gmail.com.

Spring semester begins

View the calendar of upcoming parish events [here](#).

If you have an event of interest to the Diocese that you would like to have listed on the Diocesan website calendar, please contact the Diocese at officemailbox@diocesepa.org or 888-236-5959

Refugee Support Effort - Highlight from our Youth

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Reflections from the Recent Diocesan Refugee Service Project Experience

By Victoria and Veronica Douglas

Being a part of this service project opened our eyes to the impact people can make when they come together to support a cause. The kindness of strangers was heartwarming and inspirational. The donations we received included bedding, pillows, and pocket change and a few more substantial gifts. The members in our church believed in the change this project would make in the lives of the refugees here in our Diocese. These acts of kindness made the experience special for us. In contrast to the often negative messages we hear about Syrian refugees and their culture, it has been truly inspirational to know that so many people want to spread a message of love and to welcome these people into our country with compassion and respect. It was a blessing to be a part of this project and to see all the wonderful people working in this area. We are grateful to have been involved in such an amazing experience. Thank you to everyone who donated and who pray for the refugees in this very difficult time in their lives.

Victoria and Veronica Douglas, high school seniors, are the daughters of Tom Douglas of St. Stephen's Cathedral in Harrisburg. They headed up the recent Diocesan appeal at their congregation. This appeal was in collaboration with the Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program.

To read the thank you letter from Catholic Charities click [here](#).

If you would like to know ways you can help, contact Deacon Loretta Collins at lorettacollins209@gmail.com

Spring Convocation Dates - All Invited

Lancaster - May 2

Harrisburg - May 3

Southern - May 4

Susquehanna - May 9

Altoona - May 11

Northern Tier & West Branch - May 16

Diocesan Youth Events 2017 - Save the Dates

Registration open for 2017 **Happening "Revealing the Mystery"**

All youth grades 9-12 are invited to sign up now [CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Jan. 20-22 Happening Planning meeting

Feb. 17-20 Happening Sr. High Youth

March 17-19 Diocesan Jr. High Retreat

June 16-23 Summer Retreat Sr. High Youth

July 10-14 **EYE Oklahoma Sr. High Youth**

Aug. 5 Knoebels Reunion All ages

All youth from across the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania are invited and encouraged to attend any or all of the above events.

Please contact Mrs. Mary Ellen Kilp at mekilp@yahoo.com for more information.

Regional Confirmation Dates

Feb. 4, 2017 - Southern - All Saints, Hanover

March 4, 2017 - Susquehanna - St. Andrew's, Lewisburg

Apr. 15, 2017 - Harrisburg - St. Stephen's Cathedral, Harrisburg

June 3, 2017 - Lancaster - St. Edward's, Lancaster

July 22, 2017 - Northern Tier - Christ Church, Coudersport

Sept. 30, 2017 - Altoona - St. John's, Huntingdon

Oct. 21, 2017 - West Branch, Trinity, Williamsport

Celebrate Christian Education Sunday with The Stevenson School for Ministry

in February

A day for prayers and thanksgiving for all laity and clergy whose ministry is Christian education, wherever that ministry happens—in the home, preschool programs, parishes, colleges, universities, and seminaries. Established in 1999 by the Church, one Sunday in February on the church calendar is an occasion for all parishioners to focus on education as a key aspect of mission.

To learn more click [here](#)

Video Resource – Completing your Parochial Report online

Don't forget to submit your Parochial Report! Our video guide to completing your Parochial Report is still available on the diocesan website and can be found here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ERrjniiCwpM&feature=youtu.be>

Save the Date

May 22-24, 2017 – **Clergy Conference** - The Ramada Inn & Conference Center and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, State College.

April 7-8 or June 2-3 - **Gather, Transform, Send: The Church's Core Purpose** featuring faculty of the College for Congregational Development
More info coming soon.

Please Send us your Parish Annual Meeting Information

Parish Annual Meeting season is upon us: annual meetings are usually held between November and April each year.

In order for the diocesan office to communicate with the lay leadership of each parish, we ask that you let us know the name and contact information for those you elect to your Vestry and as Lay Delegates to Convention.

Please be sure that your parish has completed and submitted:

Annual Meeting and Vestry Data Form and Certification of Lay Delegates to Convention
(due April 14, 2017) [Download the forms here](#)

Please use the email button on the forms or return your completed forms to:
The Diocese of Central Pennsylvania, PO Box 11937, Harrisburg, PA 17108
or officemailbox@diocesecpa.org

Bishop Scanlan Visitations - 2017

There has been some changes to Bishop Scanlan's 2017 Visitation Schedule.

- The Bishops letter click [here](#)
 - For the 2017 Visitation Schedule click [here](#)
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Stevenson School for Ministry

Time to register – Open to all interested participants - on line learning

Spring Semester Begins February 24th and ends May 14, 2017

Deepen faith and/or discover new ways to put faith into action. - To register click [here](#)

Spring Semester Opportunities:

Sample Courses for 10 week group study include:

- Celtic Spirituality led by The Rev. Canon Dr. Mark Scheneman - To Register Click [here](#)
- Prayer Book Studies I led by the Venerable Jane Miron and The Rev. Wanda Kloza - To Register Click [here](#)
- The Message of Mission led by The Rev. Dr. Duncan Johnston - To Register Click [here](#)

Click [here](#) for a list of the entire Spring 2017 Course catalog for continuing education and vocational development.

Featuring:

- **Synoptic Gospels II**
- **Ethics II**
- **Liturgical Theology**

Courses for Clergy include **Preach it Boldly** click [here](#)

Come and Join us and invite others to learn and grow in faith to engage in God's Mission

For a full list of courses and registration information, click [here](#) or contact Dean Robyn Szoke-Coolidge at rszoke@diocesecpa.org or 717-236-5959 ext. 1112

Clergy News

Clergy Transitions:

- The Rev Jennifer Mattson, is now Priest-in-Charge at St Thomas, Lancaster
 - The Rev Duncan Johnston has resigned from Mt. Calvary, Camp Hill
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Reimagining Faith Formation for the 21st Century with John Roberto

There is still time to sign up!

Registration is open for all who are considering new ideas and growth in Christian education, stewardship education, mission and justice ministry and so much more, learn more [here](#). Sign up now click [here](#), click [here](#) to explore the emerging vision and principles of 21st century learning and formation, including new use of technology for church and home and home and church relationships.

Eliminating Institutional Racism Task Force

The Eliminating Institutional Racism task force is entering a new phase in its work. We will be gathering on **January 28 from 10:00 am till 1:00 pm at St. Andrew's in the Valley** to evaluate the work we have done so far, and, in response to our bishop's focus on "Know your Story," to address the spiritual needs that must be met as we wrestle with racism in Central Pennsylvania. If you are interested in being a part of this next step in our diocese, please let us add you to our mailing list. If you have another person in mind, please give us their contact information. We will write to interested people soon with more details about our upcoming gathering.

Send your replies to Marion Schwartz kmarsch09@gmail.com.

Remember in Your Prayers

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Annie Bordlemay, 94, and Grace Gibble, 90, who died in recent days. Annie and Grace were the aunts of The Rev. Carole Mease, Deacon. Please pray, too, for Dorothy Uhrich, 92, Carole's mother, who is in hospital.

The complete diocesan prayer list is available [on the website](#).

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