



The E-pistle

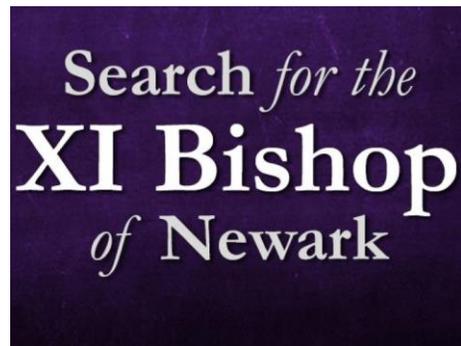
Bringing you news of St. Paul's, Morris Plains

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To submit announcements and news for the next edition on September 1, simply send your copy no later than August 30 to Rosemary Halstead in the Parish Office at stpaulsmp@optonline.net. For periodic updates between these monthly newsletters, visit our parish website www.stpaulsmp.org or check out and like our new Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Church-in-Morris-Plains-295565470823334/>

FROM THE BISHOP SEARCH/NOMINATING COMMITTEE

It seems that this is the summer of surveys. Now that we've completed the parish's Feasibility Study survey process (a big thank you to everyone who participated!), the diocese is asking all of us to weigh in with our thoughts on the next Bishop of Newark. In order to assess life in the Diocese of Newark and develop a diocesan profile for the search process, all Episcopalians are invited to take the survey. Here's the Committee's invitation:



To gather this data from you and your congregation, a sub-committee of the Search/Nominating Committee has developed an on-line survey. This survey was made available on Wednesday, July 12 and will be active until **Wednesday, August 16, 2017**, at which point we will continue to host Listening Meetings (more information to follow on this soon) through September. The survey may be accessed at the diocesan website link www.dioceseofnewark.org/bishop-search/bishop-search-survey. The online survey completion and the attendance at Listening Meetings is not an either/or. Rather, much like our Anglican heritage, it is a both/and. We hope that anyone who wishes to provide their input via a survey does, and anyone who wants to attend a Listening Meeting does so also.

In August and September 2017, the Bishop Search/Nominating Committee will hold Listening Meetings as opportunities for all members of the diocese to meet for respectful, responsible dialogue and for an interchange of thoughts and ideas in response to the questions in the Search/Nominating Survey. The information gathered from both the Survey and the Listening Meetings will help the Search/Nominating Committee develop an accurate profile of our diocese based on information provided by the laity, the clergy and the diocesan staff.

We hope you can attend one of these Listening Meetings. Several are scheduled on a variety of days and in various locations; most are wheelchair accessible. Please note that some meetings are for targeted audiences (i.e., Lay only or Clergy only). Your participation in one of the Listening Meetings will help those writing the diocesan profile see what God is up to in the Diocese of Newark. Mark your calendar for the date and location that works best for you.

Full Schedule of Listening Meetings

Date/Time	Who's Invited	Location
WED, 8/9, 6:30-8:30 pm	Lay only	St. Peter's, Morristown (<i>wheelchair accessible</i>)
WED, 8/16, 6:30-8:30 pm	Clergy & Lay	St. Dunstan's, Succasunna
SAT, 9/9, 1-3 pm	Lay only	Christ Church, Bloomfield/Glen Ridge (<i>wheelchair accessible</i>)
TUE, 9/12, 9 am-2 pm	Clergy only	Location TBD (Clergy Day led by Thad & Kim Jackson)
WED, 9/13, 6:30-8:30 pm	Clergy & Lay	St. George's, Maplewood (<i>wheelchair accessible</i>)

NEW FROM OUR OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



Habitat for Humanity – Great Success! A big “Thank You” to the members of Saint Paul’s who participated in the Habitat for Humanity build day on July 29 (see group picture). Luis (shown in the photograph with Jamie Greenlees) is looking forward to moving into his portion of the duplex we worked on next spring. Recipients of Habitat housing go through a qualification process, then enter a lottery for a chance to buy into a low interest mortgage to own a Habitat home. See more pictures on our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Church-in-Morris-Plains-295565470823334/>. If you missed the chance to participate in the build day, it’s not too late to make a meaningful contribution and you might consider taking your unwanted household items to **ReStore** at 274 S Salem St, in Randolph, run by Morris County Habitat for Humanity.



Green Vision, Inc. collection Sunday, September 10. We are planning to have Tim Butler visit with us on Sunday, September 10th at the 10:00am service. Tim is president of GreenVision Inc., which is a local organization (8 Emery Ave, Randolph, NJ 07869) dedicated to providing students and adults with developmental disabilities, the opportunity to work and to earn. They focus on electronics recycling and provide both a laboratory for the clientele and funds to help support the programs.

Saint Paul's gardens continue to deliver the fresh produce for the Food Pantry. We have delivered 420 lbs of fresh produce to the Food Pantry so far this summer! Green beans, beets, turnips, cucumbers and cabbage were donated this past week and we're looking forward to more squash, zucchini, beans and tomatoes. Special thanks to Karen and George Ross, Bob Diering and Paul Schuenzel who have planted, weeded, watered, and transported fresh veggies. **AWESOME!**

Saint Paul's is a busy place! Please have a look at our new and improved Saint Paul's calendar on our website <http://www.stpaulsmp.org/> Click on the calendar, in the top menu bar, and view current activities, group meetings and social events happening at Saint Paul's. Staying in touch is made easy with just a few clicks.



Interfaith Food Pantry

Serving Morris County

Help feed a neighbor

Staples, canned goods and dry goods are also needed in addition to our parish's contribution of fresh produce this summer. Donations often suffer in the summer as families go away for vacations and church attendance generally diminishes. Consider using the list below the next time you're out shopping and add a few of the critically needed items to your cart. Donations can always be dropped off at the church on weekends and when the church office is opened 10:30 am – 3:30 pm Wednesday thru Friday.

Items in red are most needed

FRUITS & VEGETABLES – Look for fruit canned in its own juice or with “no sugar added”. Look for vegetables with “low sodium” or “no salt added” - **Canned Fruit, 100% Fruit Juice** – 32 oz. preferred, **Canned Vegetables (Corn)**. Spaghetti / Pasta Sauce, Tomato Products (sauce, crushed, whole, diced, paste, puree, etc.) **FRESH PRODUCE** from your garden (uncooked)

GRAINS – Donate whole grains as often as you can - Cereal – low sugar, high fiber, Oatmeal, Pasta / Whole Wheat Pasta, White Rice / Brown Rice – 1 or 2 lb. sizes preferred

DAIRY – Donate shelf-stable low-fat (1%) or non-fat dairy products. **Parmalat** (shelf stable 32 oz size), **Dry Milk** (1-qt. package), **Evaporated milk, Calcium-fortified Milk alternatives such as soy, rice or almond milks**

PROTEIN – Look for “no salt added”, “low-sodium” and canned in water - **Canned Beans** – pork and beans, pinto, red or white kidney; NOT green beans, dried beans, **tuna fish**, salmon and other canned fish, Peanut Butter – 18 oz preferred, **Canned Meats and Meals** – ravioli, spaghetti & meatballs, hash, stew, canned chicken

SIDE DISHES - Rice-A-Roni, Pasta-Roni, etc., Hamburger Helper, Tuna Helper, etc, Instant/Dried Potatoes, Stuffing

SOUPS - condensed varieties, hearty varieties, low-sodium – condensed and hearty varieties

BABY ITEMS - **Enfamil Infant Formula**, Baby Food (Fruits, Vegetables, Meats & Meals) – Stage 1 (Vegetables, Fruits), Stage 2 (Meats & Meals), Stage 3, Diapers – Size N, Size 1, Size 2, Size 3, Size 4, Size 5, Size 6, Pull ups – Size 2T-3T, Size 3T-4T & Size 4T-5T, **Baby Wipes**

SPECIALTY ITEMS - Gluten Free products, **Boost or Ensure, regular, Boost Glucose Control or Glucerna**, Adult Depends, Tea (100 count boxes), Resealable (i.e. Ziploc) sandwich bags and quart sized plastic bags, Empty Copy Paper Boxes (8.5” x 11”) – we use these to sort and store the food donations in our warehouse

August Celebrations in the Parish

Birthdays

8/4 Penny Jones
8/6 Caleb Michael
8/7 Ron Mowder
8/10 Connor Poetsch
8/11 Amy Wenrich, Jackson Yeakel
8/13 Robin Muller
8/14 Ginny Davis-Lee
8/17 Kristen Conover
8/18 Ian Hassan, Rose Ann Stevens
8/19 Sophie Hassan, Noah Monteiro



8/24 Clemence Campbell

8/28 Tracy Hassan

8/30 Alethia Stone

9/1 Doris Stober

Wedding anniversaries

8/4 Mary Beth & Bill Wenrich

8/27 Steve & Linda Berry

8/31 Bob & Beverly Diering

9/4 Susan & Paul Fuller



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