

**Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love by word and example
and to seek Christ in one another.**

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May 1 - 7, 2016 Upcoming Events

(All events are at St. Paul's
unless specified otherwise)

- **Sun. May 1 Holy Eucharist 10:00AM
with The Rev. Ginny Day**
- **Sun. May 1 St. Paul's Annual Meeting
after Church**
- **Upcoming Dates for making Sleeping
Bags for the Homeless:
May 11th, Wednesday at 1:15
June 8th, Wednesday at 1:15
June 11th, Saturday at 12:15**



**Altar Flowers this week are from
Elaine Petrzala in Memory of Bessie Mann,
Happy Birthday Mom April 30!**

St. Paul's Outreach Ministry: The first
Sunday of each month has been designated as
St. Paul's Outreach Sunday. At this time
donations can be made to the Food Bank, The
Women's Resource Center, and the Rector's
Discretionary Fund. May we share with others
who need our help.

Food Bank

It's time to let Joan Hamilton know how much
we have appreciated her dedication for getting
all the food to the Food Bank and the other
items to the Women's Resource Center these
many years. Joan has earned a well-deserved
retirement. Our thoughts, prayers and thanks
are with her.

Al & I will be making the deliveries from May on
... Without parking by the ramp; we continue to
appreciate help getting bags of food to our car,
which usually is parked just behind the side
entrance. One alternative is to take the rolling
cart from the kitchen to the food bags in church
and then roll it through the church to the top of
the side stairs. Once bags are at the bottom of
the stairs we can easily move them to our car.

Our Readings this Sunday:

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 5:1-9

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Elaine Petrzala & Vera Dunn

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski

Counters: Dan Graham & Tom Undercoffler

Eucharist Minister: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Intercessor: Rita Leigh

Usher: Elaine Petrzala & Stephanie Calby

Greeter: Volunteer Needed

Hospitality: Marsha & Sandy

We will of course be sending out subtle and not so subtle reminders to save for our Food Bank collection on the first Sunday of each month. Please consider having a special container (bag or box) labeled "Food Bank" in your kitchen or the back of your car. As you pick up food for donation each week place them in the marked container. *If it is in the back of your car you won't have to worry about forgetting it. Whatever works.

This is a very special "Outreach Mission" for all members of St. Paul's. Remember all the parts make a whole.

Your loving servants in Christ,
Rita & Al Leigh

Sleeping Bags for the Homeless

Remember, one does NOT need to be seamstress – only know to tie a knot and thread a needle.

Two days a month are scheduled to gather and work. Please plan to join on whatever day is available to your schedule. We have been given room # 4 downstairs for storage and will work in the adjacent room #1 (newly finished room). These rooms are located beyond the Celtic room and a bathroom is on the same level. Following is a temporary schedule through June. Please feel free to bring a friend. Bag Lunch is suggested!!

Wednesday, May 11th - 1:15

Wednesday, June 8th - 12:15

Saturday, June 11th, 1:15

Thank you all for bringing in the needed materials such as sheets, blankets, quilts, wool cloth of any kind. Please continue to place your donations on the stage or carry to room #4 downstairs if you are able. The project is also in need of men's neckties, SMALL samples of soap, toothpaste, combs, shampoo, wash clothes. Anything needed for hygiene that could be useful to place inside the finished sleeping bags.

If any questions, please feel free to phone or email.
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"Lord, take the work of our hands and bless it; and in Thy Name let the person that receives this gift know that they are loved. Amen"

Stewardship Reflections: Psalm 67 says in part: *"The earth has brought forth her increase; may God, our own God give us his blessing."* And surely we have been blessed with untold riches and blessings; may we covenant to return generously to God and to serve others in his name as a sign of our heartfelt gratitude.

Thanksgivings: *Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us, especially during this past week. Amen.*

Remember the following throughout the week in your daily prayers:

Diocese of Bethlehem: The Diocesan Staff & Youth and Young Adult Ministries

Anglican: The Anglican Church of Kenya
The Most Revd Dr Eliud Wabukala Primate and Archbishop of All Kenya

Kajo Keji: Lukura & Rural Dean Lukura

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Glen & Ann Kiefer; Robert & Renee Kimmell; Robert & Janet Kuhn; Steve, Martha & Kyle Kupscznk

St. Paul's Website

<http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

You can click on to Live Stream @10:00am on Sunday to watch the service live.

Or later it is posted on YouTube, select the upload of the service you wish to view.

You can also go to Latest News and select the Sunday Bulletin to see the Bulletin for this week.

Latest News also has the Weekly Updates.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Charlotte Ellis, Sandra Lathrop, Bob Riley, William Shaal Jr., Jerry Stahl, Jean Williams, Al Leigh, Christopher Yoder, Alma Shingler, Joe Welden, Rita Leigh, George Manns, Julian Shingler, Rick Arrowsmith, Gary Baker, Dr. Ellis Rucker & all those at Endless Mountains Health Systems.



Choir Practice is on
Wednesdays @ 7:00pm

CHURCH CLOSURES please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

SEND COMMUNICATIONS: minutes, special events etc. to the office, for the parish office to disperse.

Pastoral Emergency: call the parish office during office hours. After hours, you may call Lynne Graham at her home 570-934-1160.

The Episcopal Church Page:

http://diobeth.typepad.com/diobeth_newspin/2012/02/newspin-120227.html go to Episcopal News Weekly Bulletin Inserts, click on download inserts here, go to date, full page.

St. Paul's Altar Flowers: There is a sign-up chart for 2016 in the back of the Church on the table. If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please sign-up on the chart. Then fill out an Altar Flower Card. Please use one card for each request, enclose your check for \$35.00 with the

card in the envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the parish office before your week that you are doing flowers. Thank you! The Parish Office number is 570-278-2954. Hours are: 8:15am to 1:00pm Mon. through Thursday.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Bob Kimmell, Trent Caine, Catherine McAleer and Dawn Brewster who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Bob, Trent, Catherine and Dawn begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life. Amen.*

We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. *Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with them this day and forever. Amen.*

Office Hours are 8:15am to 1:00pm Monday through Thursday. The phone number is 570-278-2954.

2 PHOTOS THIS WEEK. PLEASE SCROLL ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM.

A Group Selfie

Ginny, Susan, Sandy and Lynne represented St. Paul's at the Diocesan Regional Gathering on Pilgrimage last Sunday at St. Peter's in Tunkhannock. Twenty-one parishes were represented. Bishop Sean helped open the meeting and Fr. Cesaretti was one of the facilitators.



Gas Logs Added to Fireplace

Better late than never! We started talking about this project two years ago. The insert was placed in the fireplace in the parish hall last week by Steve Wilcox. No toasting of marshmallows allowed! Directions and rules on use of the gas logs will be available in the Fall.

