

**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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**Aug. 20 - 26, 2017 Upcoming Events**

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

**PARISH PICNIC**

**(Note time change to 11:30AM)**

IT'S FINALLY HERE. Our PARISH PICNIC at Hilltop pavilion at Lackawanna State Park is this coming Sunday August 20th. Join St. Mark's Church, Moscow; St. Peter's Church, Tunkhannock; and Christ Church, Susquehanna for a day of fun and fellowship at the park beginning with Holy Eucharist on the lakefront at 11:30. Bring along a dish or dessert to share and a beverage for yourself if you want something other than iced tea or lemonade. Oven-fried chicken will be provided.

The park has a pool, walking and bike trails. The lake provides excellent fishing spots, boating and kayaking opportunities (licenses required). There is an open space for field games right in front of our pavilion.

Please join us in this wonderful opportunity to get to know our brother and sister Episcopalians from area churches. Please call Lynne at 570-934-1160 if you have not signed up yet.

**JOIN IN THE FUN !!**

**Directions to Lackawanna State Park**

Head South on I-81 towards Scranton. Take Exit 199, Scott. Turn right onto PA 524 West and travel 3 miles to PA 407 North. Turn right (the Blue Detour signs will also guide you right to the park). The park entrance is 500 ft. ahead on the left. Go to Lot 4, Hilltop Pavilion.

If you are using GPS, the park office address is 1839 Abington Rd. North Abington Township. The office is near the intersection of routes 524 & 407, follow the above directions from there.



**Gifts of Silence**

Seventh gift: Letting Go

Silence calls us to let go. In our ability to let go, we learn to receive deeply what life brings to us beyond just wanting or reacting.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Robert & Elizabeth Smith; Jerry & Maggie Sock; Edward Stark; Richard & Susan Stone

## St. Paul's Kitchen Renovation Project Update

Well, after five years of discussion, planning and dreaming, our kitchen is finally going to get renovated. We were originally only going to replace the ceiling, floor and counter tops but Vestry has given permission and funds to do a more extensive overhaul. We are now also getting new cabinets, a stove and dishwasher. The project will start in October. The walls will be taken down to the studs, insulated and new electric added. We are also going to brick-in a door to the left of the sink that was paneled over during the last upgrade. The cabinets are coming on August 24th and will be stored in the Parish Hall. We have not finalized where we will be storing all the "stuff" that is in the cabinets now. Also, we will try to construct some kind of temporary ability to continue to make coffee. There will be some temporary inconveniences but great rewards. If you have any questions, ask Dan, John, Martha, Steve or Lynne.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for Else Brunner, Melinda Quigg, Robert Aiken and Thomas Syle who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Else, Melinda, Robert & Thomas 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.*

## Vestry Highlights of August 16, 2017

- Starting in September, Vestry meetings will be held on the second TUESDAY of the month at 5:30 p.m.
- We had a short Bible study on Acts 10: 44-48. We talked about the early church's inclusion of the Gentiles.
- The Vestry would like to start a Sunday collection to buy bread for the Mobile Food Bank.
- The Vestry voted to retain Vicki L. Strock, a certified internal auditor, to audit the church's financial records from 2009-2016.
- Thanks to those parishioners who attended the Vestry meeting.

**The Vestry will meet** to prayerfully discern the qualities we are looking for in a new priest and why. We invite and encourage the parish to join us in this work. We will meet on Wednesday evenings at 5:30 in the Parish Hall. Due to the timing of these meetings, we will provide pizza and salad.

Our next meeting will be on **August 23** immediately following a brief Vestry meeting which **everyone is welcome to attend**. Thereafter we will meet on each Wednesday evening until we have completed our task.

The Vestry values your input. Please come share your insights as we work through the questions that will help us to submit a profile showing a prospective new priest what our parish has to offer and how much more we want to be able to offer in the future. The Diocese will then post this profile to various sites where prospective new priests will look.

The Vestry looks forward to your participation in this important process.

### **Pub Night Friday:**

This week we will meet at the American Legion on the Elk Lake Road.

6:00 p.m. as usual!

Hope to see you there.

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Joe Welden, Rick Arrowsmith, Jennie Bowen, Sarah Bertsch, Jerry Stahl, Becky Stasko, Sara, Klye, Patti, Kimberly, Karen April, Kathy Warriner & Alice.

**Pictures for the Website:** If you have any photos of St. Paul's Church or People you would like to have put on our website please give them to Dan Graham or Betty. We can scan them and give them back to you.

**The Book of Remembrance** is a book in which are written, each year, the names of faithful members of each parish who entered into life eternal and for whom a memorial thank offering has been made. The Book of Remembrance was established in 1938 in loving memory of Ruth May Linderman, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 1913 until 1938. The Book of Remembrance is placed on the altar for the noontime service on the last day of the Annual Diocesan Convention, and all the names that are entered for the current year are read aloud.

The income from this Trust Fund is given to the United Thank Offering and the Diocesan Scholarship Fund, which is used to support mission and ministry through educational programs and conferences.

Checks for these memorial offerings should be made out to "The Diocese of Bethlehem – BoR (Book of Remembrance)" and sent to the:  
Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem  
333 Wyandotte Street  
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Deadline for entries for the 2016/2017 Book of Remembrance is September 6th. All names submitted after that date will be placed in the 2017/2018 book.

**St. Paul's Altar Flowers:** If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church. Then fill out an Altar Flower Card. Please use one card for each request, enclose your check for \$36.00 with the card in the envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the parish office prior to the week that you are doing flowers. For those wishing to supply your own flowers please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and fill out an altar flower card indicating you will do your own flowers. Thank you!

**Our collections for the Food Bank & Women's Resource Center are the first Sunday of every month.** Blessings and thanks for your support and participation.

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

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

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

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

**3 Photos this week.**

## Fun with Sleeping Bags

On Wednesday, August 9th the children from the Learning Center along with their counselors returned to finish the sleeping bags they had begun three weeks earlier. During those three weeks, the Center sent out an appeal to the parents of the children and the response was overwhelming and so appreciated. (see pictures)

The appeal collected blankets, fabrics, warm socks, hats and gloves, soaps, deodorants, shampoos, toothbrushes and toothpaste - all so very much needed for the homeless.

The children completely finished the sleeping bag they had worked on previously and signed their first names inside the bag along with reading the prayer that is included in each sleeping bag.

Thank you so very much Matthew, Anthony, Logan, Phillip, Kierston, Jayden, Brayden, and Kalden. Also, counselors Donica, Mr. G(George) Megan and Kaitlyn and all the parents who were so very generous.

Carol Marker

Matthew 19:14



