

**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. 6- 12, 2017 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. Aug. 6 Holy Eucharist 9:00AM with Rev. Lou Divis
- Wed. Aug. 9 1:00PM Sleeping Bags
- Sat. Aug. 12 DOK 10:00AM
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- Sun. Aug. 13 Holy Eucharist 9:00AM with Rev. Lou Divis
- Sun. Aug. 13 Parish Meeting after Church

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Marker & Vera Dunn

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckerd

Counters: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker

Eucharist Minister: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Dan Graham

Intercessor: Maggie Sock

Greeter/Usher: Elaine Petrzala & Stephanie Calby

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: 99:5-9

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:13-21

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

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.

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 16** 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.

The Gifts of Silence: the Fifth

Patience: As silence works through the muscles and bones of our personality, patience grows.

A note from The Rev. Ladd K. Harris

I noticed on the website that the altar has been moved forward, along with the altar rail, with the choir down in the nave. My father, the Rev. Chester Harris, who was rector of St. Paul's for sixteen years during the 50's, 60's and early 70's, proposed, even before liturgical renewal, to do what now has taken place. For some reason the plan didn't fly with the leadership. A wooden cross was also to be suspended above the altar. I am mentioning this because while this has now taken place, there was the same idea years ago with my dad. So glad this has happened as the old altar area was very crowded, even when the altar wasn't moved out. St. Paul's continues to have a fond place in my heart, as those years in Montrose were good times. We moved to Montrose from Wilkes-Barre when I entered the tenth grade. A few years ago we were in Montrose, and when I celebrated my 50th high school reunion I celebrated and preach at St. Paul's. This was a time when you were between priests. Back then we lived in the rectory at 72 Church Street. The side porch provided a great place to watch the parades. Sometime during my dad's tenure he also became the Mayor of Montrose. Anyway, just a few notes of history.

God bless . . .

The Rev. Ladd K. Harris

PS. Following retirement Judy and I live in Florida but spend the months of July and August camping at Promised Land State Park off of Route I-84. This year we didn't make it as I had some serious surgery. Next year, though.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Glynis Morgan; Warren Morgan; William Newlin Jr; Greg O'Connell & Dorothy Lehman

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.

Pub Night Friday: This Friday, Pub Night will be held at the Calby's. Come at 6:00. Bring chairs; hopefully the weather will allow for outdoor seating!

Hamburger, Hot Dogs, and buns will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass.

If you have time please let Vickie know you are coming so she can make sure there is enough meat and buns!

See you Friday, rain or shine.



Picnic in August at

Lackawanna State Park with our "sister church" of St. Mark's, Moscow, and St. Peter's and their sister church, Christ Church, Susquehanna on **August 20** at 10:30AM. There will be Eucharist at the picnic. We will not have a service at St. Paul's.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as they 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.*

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 Kupscznk, Patti, Kimberly, Karen April, Kathy Warriner & Alice.

A Busy Weekend for St. Paul's

Thank you to Cmdr. Holiman for celebrating Eucharist at St. Matthew's on Saturday evening. This yearly service allows St. Paul's to fulfill its lease and gives us the opportunity to visit the lovely historic church. Bob Kimmell does an amazing job of organizing this service for us and maintaining St. Matthew's.

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!

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.

2 Photos this week.



Joint Service at St. Mark's

On Sunday, St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and Christ Church joined with St. Mark's who hosted all four churches for a Eucharist celebrated by the Rev. Lou, and a luncheon. Todd Moffett, Sr. Warden at Christ Church coordinated the day with speakers who updated us on the Bishop search and progress made in the efforts to help those in addiction recovery.

St. Paul's Shawn Eckert served as the acolyte at St. Mark's at the combined service.

