

**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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**Sept. 3 - 9, 2017 Upcoming Events**

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

- Sun. Sept. 3 at 9:00AM Deacon's Mass with Deacon John Davis
- **Mon. Sept. 4 Labor Day office is closed**
- Wed. Sept. 6 at 5:30PM Vestry Work Session
- Sat. Sept. 9 DOK 10:00AM
- Sat. Sept. 9 Sleeping Bags 1:00PM

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Carol Marker, Vera Dunn & Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Eucharist Minister: Esther Welden

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: Elaine Petrzala & Stephanie Calby

Hospitality: Barb Undercoffler

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-15

Psalm: 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c

Epistle: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-28

**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 Wed. 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 **September 6 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.

**Gifts of Silence**

Ninth Gift: Offering

In Silence everything that is truly important is present, i.e. Peace and Quiet.

In the normal world of wanting and needing, suddenly there is something more. We want to offer. We want to offer what we carry in our hearts. We want to be free. Finding this place in the heart of offering is a wonderful gift.

Offering and Freedom are very good friends.

**Pub Night:** This week Sean Eckert is hosting Pub Night at the Original in Montrose. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. The Original allows a Bring Your Own Bottle policy.

**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.*

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Edgar Warriner; Katherine Warriner; Joe & Esther Welden; Alice Wood

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

**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.

**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.

**6 Photos this week.**

## Harford Fair

St. Paul's was well represented at the Harford Fair this week. Our own Master Gardner, Nancy Dooling, "manned" their booth and provided plant knowledge to the many inquiries. Carol Lasher's water color painting won a blue ribbon as did Else Bruner's flower arrangement. Good job ladies.





**The Rev. Hazel Hunt** officiated our Eucharistic service on Sunday. Hazel travels from Towanda and we enjoyed having her.



## United Thank Offering Season Starts

Maggie Sock kicked off our United Thank Offering Sunday which will be collected around Thanksgiving. Thank Offering boxes were passed out and are available at the rear of the church.



## Karen Holgate Memorial Tree Planted

A redbud tree was planted this week in the Memorial Garden in memory of Karen Holgate. Dedication will be in the fall.

