

**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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**Feb 25 – Mar 3, 2018 Upcoming
Events**

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

- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Feb. 25 at
10:00am with Rev. John Wagner,
Lenten Bible Study after service
- Stations of the Cross Tue. Feb. 27 at
5:00PM
- Soup & Salad Tue. Feb. 27 at 5:30PM
- Bible Study Tue. Feb. 27 at 6:00PM
- DOK Retreat at Camp Lackawanna will
be on June 1, 2 & 3

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

Psalm: 22:22-30

Epistle: Romans 4:13-25

Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



Envelopes for Easter Flowers

are available at the back of the church. Easter
Lilies are \$20.00. I will need all envelopes to
the office by Sun. March 25th for Memorials to
be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth & Amber Crawford

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Vicki Calby & Sandy Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Intercessor: Brenda Syle

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Hospitality: Barb Undercoffler & Nancy Dooling

Bread Collection Update

As you know, St. Paul's started a second
collection on Sundays to provide money to buy
bread for the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry
once a month. We expected the cost to be
about \$250 a month and that has been our
goal. The monthly distribution takes place on
the second Friday of each month. Thank you
for your generosity. The recipients of the Food
Pantry services are depending on us.

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

Scripture study for Lent and Easter-tide

I am ever so sorry to have missed being with you today (Sunday, February 18th) but the weather finally won. Except for the one Tuesday evening when I came to Montrose for Bible Study, I've had snow, rain, or fog each and every Sunday I've been able to celebrate with the community. Today, however, it just would have been unreasonable for me to have attempted the trip. Good news is that the long-range forecast for next Sunday (Feb. 25th) is warm ... so any precipitation will be liquid, and my windshield wipers do work, if need be ... :)

For those of you who were planning to tarry after the coffee hour (an age-old and very necessary Anglican tradition) for our "Good Book Club" conversation, please know that I did complete (and print) the hand-out for today. If you'll be so kind as to e-mail me (frjohn@ptd.net), I'll get that hand-out to you fairly quickly. Since the study is being done by TEC, it will be necessary for us to keep up with our daily readings. The assignments for the week of February 18th are as follow:

Sun., Feb. 18th (1 Lent) - Luke 4:14-44
Mon., Feb. 19th - Luke 5:1-16
Tue., Feb. 20th - Luke 5:17-39
Wed., Feb. 21st - Luke 6:1-26
Thu., Feb. 22nd - Luke 6:27-49
Fri., Feb. 23rd - Luke 7:1-35
Sat., Feb. 24th - Luke 7:36-50

Please do let me know if there is ever anything with which I might be able to assist you.

Pax!
John

Lenten Bible Study

A long honored tradition continued this Tuesday evening when our Lenten Bible Study kicked off. A light meal of soup, salad and bread started the evening. The lay-led study group (leadership rotates weekly) decided to meet in addition to the Sunday Bible Study. Supper at 5:30 and study at 6:00. Lessons are self contained, all welcome.

Vestry Highlights February 15, 2018

- The Vestry will confirm with the Diocese instructions for the Parochial Report before signing it and returning it. We have questions about including our capital funds in their requested information.
- Position descriptions for St. Paul's "staff" were distributed for review and approval at a later meeting.
- We are seeking permission from the Diocese to sign a gas lease with Cabot for our .71 acres.
- We would like to purchase round tables for the parish hall, but need to make sure we have storage space for them first.
- Vestry approved purchase of a flat screen TV for above the fireplace in the parish hall. This will be multi-functional and also have a rotating screen of our ministries.
- Vestry approved having the altar silver refurbished and the brass vases re-dipped at Charles and Mary in Duryea.
- We discussed outside lighting for the front door of the church.

Lynne Graham

Centering Prayer Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 12:20

God speaks in the silence of the heart.
Listening is the beginning of prayer.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Joe & Esther Welden, Rick Arrowsmith, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, Kyle, Kathy Warriner, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Roselyn Bell & Charlotte Eckert.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Richard & Carol Marker; Joel & Suzi Maxey; Karen Miller; Glynis Morgan

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

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Carol Lasher and Nancy Finlon who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Carol & Nancy 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.*

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

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!

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.

Friday Night Social

During the Lenten Season we will meet every other week.

This week we will not be together. Next week will be at the Calby's. More to come about that next week.

3 Photos this week

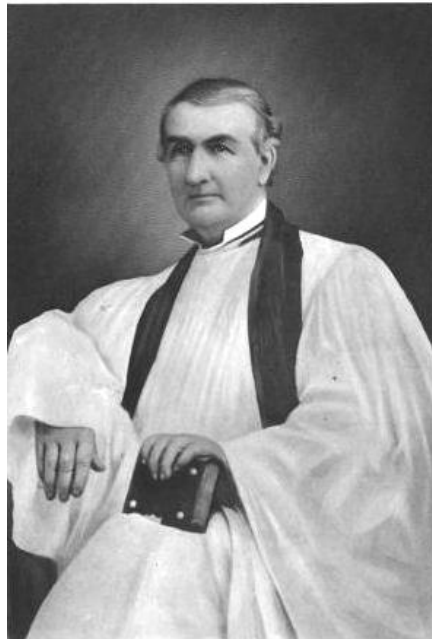
Pancake Supper on Tuesday

St. Paul's Church had its annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 13, 2018. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, homemade desserts and beverages. The men cooked and everybody helped clean up. A good time was had by all. Special thanks to John Finlon for donating the sausage and Martha Kupscznk and Ralph Very for the eggs.



Photograph of St. Paul's First Rector Obtained

St. Paul's first rector was Rev. Samuel Marks. He served at St. Paul's parish from 1831 to 1834. He was born in County Armagh, Northern Ireland in 1797. He was a missionary for the Society of the Protestant Episcopal Church for the Advancement of Christianity in Pennsylvania and was paid \$150 a year. After leaving St. Paul', he founded Christ Church in Huron, Ohio and died there in 1882. Rev. Mike Floyd, the current rector, sent us his photograph. It was taken in the late 1860's.



Morning Prayer

For the third of the last four Sundays, it snowed again this week. Fr. John Wagner wasn't able to make his two hour trip so we did Morning Prayer. Seven St. Paul's parishioners have been trained as worship leaders. We missed Fr. John's leadership but our training paid off.

