

**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 4 - 10, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- St. Brigid Dinner Sat Feb. 3 at 5:00PM
- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Feb. 4 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalm: 147:1-12, 21c

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Richard Marker

Intercessor: Brenda Syle

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Stephanie Calby

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.

St Brigid Dinner

There will be the St Brigid Dinner on Saturday February 3 at 5:00PM. The dinner is open to the community, we will be selling tickets \$5.00 each. The ticket money, as well as a free will offering, will be given to the employees of OIP that were affected by the fire.

We are asking DOK and St. Paul's parishioners to provide side dishes to go with the corned beef. It is expected that we may have 50-100 people attending the dinner.

A sign-up sheet for food dishes has been posted in the parish hall. This is what we have so far:

Corned beef with potatoes, cabbage & carrots.

Kale potatoes - Vickie & Nancy

Desserts - Carol Marker & Carol Lasher

Irish soda bread, hot cross buns - Brenda

Cole slaw - Rita

Any Questions call Brenda Syle 570-278-9302 or Vickie Calby 570-432-4009.

Tickets are available from Vickie Calby and can be picked up at Leatherstocking.

You can also call the office at 570-278-2954 and reserve tickets I will need your name and how many tickets you want.



Bread Collection

The Vestry has started a Sunday collection to provide bread for the Montrose Mobile Food Bank once a month. We expect that the cost would be around \$250 per month to provide bread for the monthly distribution which is the 2nd Friday of each month.

The Montrose Mobile Pantry will hold its free, monthly food distribution from 3 to 5:30 pm on Feb. 9 at the Montrose United Methodist Church, 526 Church St., Montrose.

The deadline to pre-register is Feb. 1. To pre-register, call us at 571-214-2184. The distribution is open to ALL Susquehanna County residents. In January, we distributed food to 205 households, the most since starting our monthly food distributions last June.

Each month, the Montrose Mobile Pantry, in partnership with the Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank, distributes at least 12 different food items to families in need. The pantry pays for peanut butter with donations. Cabot Oil & Gas donates milk and St. Paul's Episcopal Church of Montrose pays for bread for our families.

We are looking for other businesses, groups or individuals to help us pay for other staples such as pasta each month.

You are also welcome Feb. 9 to help us unload, package and distribute food. The food truck generally arrives at 10 a.m.

To donate or for more information, call 571-214-2184. You can also email us at montrosemobilepantry@gmail.com or visit us on facebook at www.facebook.com/Montrose-Mobile-Pantry-PA.

Centering Prayer Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 12:20

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

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

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

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Charlotte Ellis; John & Nancy Finlon; Scott, Mari, Emma & Cora Finlon; Lynne & Dan Graham

Scripture study for Lent and Easter-tide

Forward Movement (a publishing arm of The Episcopal Church), has developed an on-line study of the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. The suggested schedule for reading the Gospel of Luke runs from next Sunday (February 11th), through and including Holy Saturday. During the season of Easter-tide, the readings will be from the Acts of the Apostles. Please do visit www.goodbookclub.org for a more complete description of the program.

I do wish that distance didn't at all influence the amount of time I'm able to spend in Montrose but, realistically, it does. One way to increase out time together is for me to spend some additional time following the Coffee Hour; in discussion and general conversation with members of the community. During the Lenten and Easter-tide Seasons, I'd like to suggest that that time be spent in discussing that which we'll be learning through our reading of Luke and Acts.

So, if you are interested, please do visit www.goodbookclub.org, download the reading schedule, and then plan on spending an hour or so following the Sunday Coffee Hours discussing the Scripture which we will have just read.

Should you have any questions, please do feel free to contact me. The easiest way to do that is by e-mail at frjohn@ptd.net. I do try to respond to e-mail quickly.

Pax!!!
Fr. John

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

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for John Brunner and Warren Morgan who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as John and Warren 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.*

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.

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!

3 Photos this week

Jennie A. Bowen

April 18, 1925 – January 20, 2018

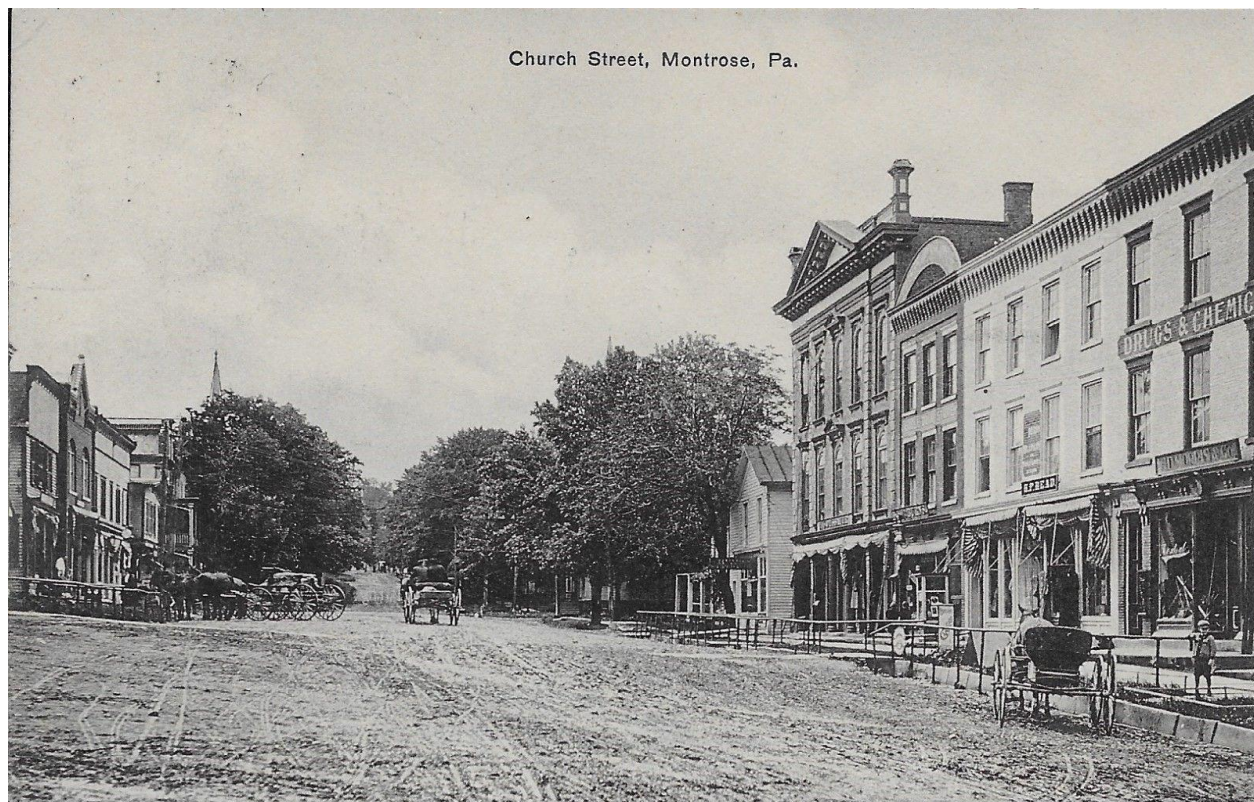
A Memorial Service will be on April 14 at St. Paul's in Montrose, PA.

To share memories go to

www.chadwickmckinney.com



Continuing on our history theme, attached is a photo of Church St. looking east from where the traffic light is now. Dated 1908, the trees block out St. Paul's on the right. But if you look close, you can see the steeple above the trees. It made me wonder, where you tied up you horse and buggy if you lived further than walking distance.



Back Splash Added

The tile backsplash for the kitchen was added last week. Our final task is to purchase the new refrigerator. Thanks for being patient but we think it paid off.

