

**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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Apr 1 - 7, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Maundy Thursday Service Mar. 29 at 6:00pm with Rev. Charles Cesaretti
- Good Friday Cross Walk Mar. 30 at noon starting at Holy Name of Mary Catholic Church
- Good Friday Service Mar. 30 at 6:00pm with Rev. Charles Cesaretti
- Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist April 1st at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- DOK Retreat at Camp Lackawanna will be on June 1, 2 & 3

Readings for this week

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Epistle: Corinthians 15:1-11

Gospel: John 20:1-18

Bible Study

There will be no Tues Bible study next week (Holy Week) and none on April 3. We will resume on April 10.

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.



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.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Esther Welden, Barb Undercoffler,

Carol Lasher, Betty Smith & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Carol Marker & Sandy Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Stephanie

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Hospitality: Everyone will bring something

Walkabouts

St. Paul's is honored to host a walkabout for the two candidates for the IX Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem. On Thursday, April 19, starting at 7:00pm the Rev. Canon Ruth Woodliff-Stanley and the Rev. Canon Kevin D. Nichols will be present at St. Paul's as we host the northern region to meet the candidates, hear them speak, and answer questions. Please submit any questions for the Bishop Nominees in advance to bishoptransitiondiobeth@gmail.com.

It is my understanding that the nominee's introductory remarks will be live-streamed in the sanctuary and then we will break into groups to speak with the candidates individually. The above website is a great place to learn more about the candidates before the walkabouts.

Following the sessions, we will serve refreshments. As we approach the walkabout date, we will ask volunteers to provide finger foods for that time. Before the election of the new bishop on April 28, we will come together as a parish and decide whom we wish our delegate, Maggie Sock, to vote for. Please plan to attend one of the scheduled walkabouts that are listed on the diocesan website or in the bulletin inserts if you are unable to attend at St. Paul's. This election is a significant occasion for our Diocese and every parish in it.

Centering Prayer Wednesdays from 12 Noon to 12:20

The heart and soul of Centering Prayer is consenting to God's presence and action within.

Book Group

It has been suggested we should consider starting a Book Group at St. Paul's. If you are interested please let Lynne or Vickie know. We would meet once a month to discuss the book we have been reading.

Some Easter Customs

The Great Fifty Days begins with Easter Day and concludes on the Day of Pentecost.

The seven weeks that span the time between Jesus' resurrection and the sending of the Spirit are sometimes called "a week of weeks." Historically this was also the time when all the mysteries of the Christian faith were revealed to the newly baptized. During this time the lectionary texts help us explore the mysteries of faith expressed in sacrament, word, and life lived for others.

The Paschal Candle symbolizing the light of the Risen Christ burns at all services through the Day of Pentecost.

Standing for Prayer was the universal position for prayer until late in the Middle Ages. The Council of Nicea (*AD 325*) forbade kneeling for prayer on Sundays and during the Great Fifty Days of Easter.

The Easter Joke reflects the ancient church's understanding of the Resurrection as the supreme "joke" played on the devil by God.

From Prayers of the People –Trinity Episcopal Church

Friday Night Social

Due to this being Holy Week, we will not have Social Night this Friday.

We will resume next week.
Details to come.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Rick Arrowsmith, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, Kyle, Patti, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Jean Williams, Charlotte Ellis & Ryan Hayes.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Christopher Maxey and others who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Christopher & others 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: Robert & Patty Aiken; Carol Arnold; Dorothy Arrowsmith; James & Elizabeth Bailey

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

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.

2 Photos this week

Palm Sunday

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday, with a dusting of snow and a cold wind. Since it was so cold, we processed from the Parish Hall into the church rather than down the ramp and through the front door. "All glory laud and honor..."



Easter 1949

This picture was taken of St. Paul's on Easter, 1949 - sixty nine years ago. Easter was late that year, It fell on April 17th and Spring began March 20th. It appears through that winter had left Montrose by that date. Although the trees in front of the church had not leafed out yet, what looks like a magnolia or dogwood is blossoming on the Montrose Inn's yard. A welcomed harbinger to be sure. Did they still have snow on the lawn on April 1st like we do this year? We will probably never know.

