

**Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love
by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

Office 570-278-2954, Mon. to Thu. 8:15am to 1:00pm

stpaulsmontrose@epix.net

<http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose>

Apr 8 - 14, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sunday April 8 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Bible Study Tue. April 10 at 6:00PM
- Sleeping Bags Wed. April 11 at 1:00pm
- Vestry Mtg. Tue. April 12 at 5:30PM
- DOK Mtg. Sat. April 14 at 10:00AM
- Jennie Bowen Memorial Service Sat. April 14 at 11:00AM with Rev. Charles Cesaretti
- Bishop Candidates Walkabout Thu. Apr. 19 at 7:00PM
- DOK Retreat at Camp Lackawanna will be on June 1, 2 & 3

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Jane Chandler

Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara Undercoffler

Hospitality: Lynne Graham & Karen Blye-McAbee



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.

Readings for this week

First Reading: Acts 4:32-35

Psalm: 133

Epistle: 1 John 1:1-2:2

Gospel: John 20:19-31

**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.

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.

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.

Friday Night Social

This Friday Social Night will be held at the Legion on the Elk Lake Road. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. Please let Vickie or Jane know if you plan on coming, so reservations can be made.

Concert Benefit

On Sunday, April 15, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., a program will be presented by former students and friends of the late Philippa Follert at the First Presbyterian Church of Montrose, 367 Church Street, Montrose, PA.

Included in the program are selections from "Music Man," 'Brigadoon', 'Carmen 'and the 'Sound of Music, including an audience sing along of 'Edelweiss'. The Chorus is directed by Jake Myers, a graduate of Montrose and a recent graduate of Mansfield University. There will also be a violin solo, Franz Schubert's Opus 137 for violin.

Admission is \$5.00 and the Montrose Mobile Pantry will be the recipient of all proceeds. Philippa's son commented "My Mom was always a big supporter of these things'.

Please join us for an afternoon of fine music with light refreshments.

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.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Margaret Baker; Benson, Rachel, Maximus & Lucas Bartron; Naomi Bennett; Karen Blye-McAbee

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.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Evelyn Constantine and Suzi Maxey who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Evelyn & Suzi 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.

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.

SEND COMMUNICATIONS: minutes, special events etc. to the office, for the parish office to disperse.

7 Photos this week

Easter 2018 -- Jesus Christ is risen today....

It was a busy week. Following Maundy Thursday Service and Good Friday Service, both celebrated by the Rev. Canon Charles A. Cesaretti and the Cross-Walk on Friday, Easter arrived on a cool but sunny Sunday. Fr. John Wagner celebrated the Eucharist and during the service, we got our Alleluias back. The Altar Guild had the altar adorned with Easter lilies and Carol Lasher baked a rabbit cake for coffee hour.

"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!





Cross-Walk

St. Paul's parishioners participated in Friday's annual ecumenical Cross-Walk. A Montrose tradition, participants walked behind the cross carried from the Holy Name of Mary, to St. Paul's, to the Methodist Church and finished at the Presbyterian Church. The walkers proceeded to each church for a prayer, a reading and a verse of: "Were you there when they crucified my Lord." There were many comments about what a meaningful experience it was.



In early December, the snow had been beautiful, but not so much now. Last Monday's snow seemed to be some delaying tactic by Mother Nature to keep us from spring. Its softness and sparkle were still lovely, but this time the storm occluded the sky, denying us the sun, stars and moon. As we shoveled, we knew it was only a brief setback. The snow was too wet to stay, the ground too warm to keep it. And this early April snow would melt and from it will come the spring flowers.



