

**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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Mar 18- 24, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Mar. 18 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner, Lenten Bible Study after service
- Tue. Mar. 20 - Stations of the Cross at 5:00PM, Soup & Salad at 5:30PM, Bible Study at 6:00PM
- Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist Mar. 25 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner. Lenten Bible Study after service
- 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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalms: 51:1-13

Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Esther Welden, Barb Undercoffler & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Vickie Calby

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling



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.

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.

Fr. John to Bless Kitchen Next Week

After church on Sunday, before coffee hour, Fr. John will bless our new completed kitchen. Thank you for your patience during the long renovation. Our new kitchen will be a source of blessing to many as we begin to use it for community service.

ALTAR GUILD MEETING - SATURDAY MARCH 24th, 10:00AM in the Guild Room

ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS will meet on Saturday March 24th, at 10:00AM in the Guild Room to prepare the Palms for Sunday morning.

When finished preparing the palms we will all meet for a shared discussion holding many needed questions and answers for everyone.

It is very important that we have a full attendance. RSVP Carol Marker at carolmarker2@gmail.com (570-465-7230)

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.

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.

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.

Friday Night Social

There will be no Social this Friday. Next week we will meet at the Calby's.

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.

Lenten Organ Meditations at the First Presbyterian Church 367 Church St., Montrose. Come! Refresh! Renew! First Organ Mediation on Wed. March 21st at noon organist Jean Henssler. The Grace of Forgiveness Second Organ Mediation on Wed. March 28th at noon organist Johanna Masters, musicians Cathy Hammons & Lee Roseboom, speaker Cheryl Coleman. Both Mediations followed by a free soup luncheon.

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, Roselyn Bell, Charlotte Eckert, Warren Morgan, Alice Wood, Jean Williams & Charlotte Ellis.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Thomas & Brenda Syle; Thomas & Barbara Undercoffler; Ralph & Marlene Very; Edgar Warriner

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.

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.

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 Jane Chandler, Gregory Maxey, Edgar Warriner, Katherine Warriner, Elaine Petrzala and Robert Kuhn who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Jane, Gregory, Edgar, Katherine, Elaine & Robert 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.*

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

5 Photos this week

Sunday's Eucharistic Team

Last Sunday was the 4th Sunday of Lent. Fr. John, Ben, Sean and Vickie were our Eucharistic team. We asked Carol Marker of the Altar Guild why purple is used on the altar during Lent and she provided the following: "Violet, symbolic of penitence and expectation, is used in the seasons of Lent and Advent; for Votives penitential in nature or for the gift of healing; for Penance and Unction; and may be used for the offices and Masses for the dead, and on Ember and Rogation Days. The violet color for Advent moves into a darker shade of indigo or blue, all in the same color field but varies in shade and tone."



Pew Numbers

Did you ever wonder why most of our pews have numbers on them? Before the Episcopal Church and St. Paul's moved to its current envelope collection system, the pews used to be rented. The numbers were put on in 1856 when the church was built to identify individual pews. Once a year, parishioners paid the church rent for a pew. Ushers would seat parishioners when they came into church. The envelope system came into being in the Episcopal church about 1910. It was first used at St. Paul's in 1911. At that time it was called the "Duplex Envelope System" because parishioners received two envelopes each week for the collection basket. The first was to support St. Paul's, the second for the Diocesan Missionary Program. Collections were also made at various times for specific items such as a new organ or new choir robes. The next time you come to church, take a look at your pew and check out your number and know at one time in the past, a family rented it.



Friday's Food Distribution

Last Friday's distribution from the Mobile Food Pantry at the Methodist Church served 209 needy households which included 106 children, 208 adults and 174 senior citizens. About 70 volunteers showed up to help unload and sort including a number of St. Paul's parishioners. As you know, we at St. Paul's do a special collection each Sunday for the bread that is distributed. Our bread topped off the bags.

