

**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 25- 31, 2018 Upcoming Events**

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

- 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 1 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: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47



**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.

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**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](mailto:carolmarker2@gmail.com) (570-465-7230)

**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: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

Lector: Carol Marker

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

## **Vestry Highlights March 15, 2018**

- The Vestry discussed and agreed to partner with BPW (Business and Professional Women) to hold a Community Conversation about Addiction in May.
- We will continue to work on Position Descriptions for our staff.
- In order to accommodate Bible study on Tuesday evenings, Vestry will meet on the second Thursday of the month.
- The Vestry agreed by email to accept the Parochial Report with the addition of our capital funds and savings in the financial report. The report was forwarded to the Diocese.
- We are seeking permission from the Diocese to sign a gas lease with Cabot for our .71 acres. Lynne will present the lease to the Standing Committee at their meeting on March 21.
- We would like to purchase round tables for the parish hall, but need to verify size vs. cost as we have a wide discrepancy in our estimates.
- The altar silver has been refurbished and returned to church. We approved spending \$1105 from the memorial fund to send brass pieces (offering plates, cover for baptismal font, and several more) to Charles and Mary in Duryea for repair and refurbishing after Easter.
- We agreed to hold a luncheon on the Sunday of Artists' Tour Weekend as a fundraiser for bread for the Mobile Food Pantry.

- We will ask Kurt Sussman to discuss with the Vestry the idea of a promotional video of St. Paul's.

Lynne Graham

## **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](mailto: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.

## **Bible Study**

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



## **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.

## **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**

Social Night is cancelled this week. Vickie's friend's son passed away this week and the funeral is Friday evening.

We were going to meet in the Parish Hall and watch "The Passion" on Friday. We have moved this to Tuesday evening beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Bring a dish to pass and please bring one of your comfortable carry along fold out chairs (like you bring to the backyard social nights). "The Passion" is 2 1/2 hours long and the chairs in the Parish Hall will become uncomfortable.

Feel free to bring friends or family.

There will be no Bible Study this week and no Stations of the Cross on Tuesday.

Questions please call Vickie or Lynne.

**Lenten Organ Meditations** at the First Presbyterian Church 367 Church St., Montrose. The Grace of Forgiveness Organ Mediation on Wed. March 28<sup>th</sup> 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, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Jean Williams, Charlotte Ellis & Ryan Hayes.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Katherine Warriner; Joe & Esther Welden; Alice Wood; Mary & Ben Zalewski

**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 thanksgivings:** We give thanks for Thomas Undercoffler and others who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Thomas & 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.*

**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.

**3 Photos this week**

**Pastoral Emergency:** call the parish office during office hours. After hours, you may call Lynne Graham at her home 570-934-1160.

### Remember When

This picture is up on St. Paul's Facebook page but it should bring back some memories. It's a good picture of our choir back in the day. Can you recognize any of these young folks?



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## The Peace of the Lord

Well, no one can say we don't like our Peace at St. Paul's. We get ready after we say the Prayers of the People, we get set after we receive Absolution from our Confession, and we go when The Peace of the Lord is mentioned by Fr John, everyone heads for the aisle with a smile on their face! We all love our time of Peace.

