

**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 4- 10, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist on Sun. Mar. 4 at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner, Lenten Bible Study after service
- Tue. Mar. 6 - Stations of the Cross at 5:00PM, Soup & Salad at 5:30PM, Bible Study at 6:00PM
- DOK Retreat at Camp Lackawanna will be on June 1, 2 & 3

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Esther Welden, Barb Undercoffler & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth & Amber Crawford

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Jane Chandler

Chalice Bearer: Brenda Syle

Lector: Sandy Darde

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Stephanie Calby

Hospitality: Maggie & Martha

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

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Psalm: 19

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Gospel: John 2:13-22



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.

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.

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, 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.

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

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

Friday Night Social

Due the predictions that we are going to get a fair amount of snow on Friday, Social Night is cancelled.

We will try for next Friday at the Calby's; beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Warren Morgan; William Newlin Jr.; Elaine Petrzala; Sandra Seeger

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

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.

5 Photos this week

Stations of the Cross

Every Tuesday at 5:00, during Lent, before the Tuesday Bible study at 5:30, Jerry and Maggie Sock lead the Stations of the Cross. They use the beautiful booklets that Richard Marker did which has a photograph of each Station with the prayers for each. Join us for this quiet time of meditation.



Two Peas in a Pod

Vicki and Marsha must have both gotten the dress code for the day memo.



Tuesday Night Bible Study

Every Tuesday during Lent, there is a lay led Bible study in the Guild Room. At 5:30, a light supper of homemade soup, salad and bread is served. Discussion centers around a portion of scripture and how it relates to our lives today. The food is excellent, the fellowship is warming and the discussion lively. Come and join us and add your thoughts to the discussion.



Made Sweet Hosannas Ring

Saint Paul's Choir was robed and singing last Sunday and the organ played by Choir Director Cathy Hammons..



Kitchen Has New Refrigerator

The new refrigerator came in this week. It has a double door and is stainless steel to match the other appliances. The water for the ice maker will be hooked up shortly.

