

**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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May 20 - 26, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. May 20 at 10:00am
with Rev. John Wagner
- Community Conversation about
Addiction Thu. May 24 at 7:00pm in the
Parish Hall
- DOK Women's Retreat at Camp
Lackawanna will be on June 1 starting
at 3:00pm, June 2 starting at 9:00am &
June 3 starting at 10:00am. Choose all 3
days for \$60. or 1day Sat. for \$30. All
women are welcome.

Readings for this week

First Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Psalm: 104:25-35, 37

Epistle: Romans 8:22-27

Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: Vera Dunn

**Altar Flowers this week are from Robert &
Vera Dunn In Memory of Mother – Anna.**

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.

History of St. Paul's

As many of you know, Dan Graham is writing a
history of St. Paul's. Entitled *The History of St.
Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose 1831-2018*,
he hopes to get it published this summer. If
you have any pictures or stories you would like
to share, please let Dan know.

Vestry Highlights, May 10, 2018

- Sean Eckert, , Vickie and Dave Calby, Al Leigh, Lynne Graham, Karen Blye-McAbee, and Nancy Dooling attended the first planning meeting for a Community Conversation about Addiction. Also in attendance was Lance Benedict, Sheriff; Mary Mushala, Director of Nursing, EMHS; and Ellen Ely. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 24. We hope to host the community for this important event in September.
- The Standing Committee and Bishop Sean gave permission for St. Paul's to sign a gas lease with Cabot for our .71 acres. Bishop Sean will send a letter of approval.
- We agreed to go on the fuel budget plan with Leatherstocking for our natural gas.
- The Vestry approved a request from the Discretionary Fund.
- The Vestry approved the purchase of 20 new padded chairs for the Celtic Room.

Lynne Graham

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, Esther McLaughlin & Susan Kamarauskas.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Al & Rita Leigh; George & Mary Beth Manns; Richard & Carol Marker; Joel & Suzi Maxey

Friday Night Social

This week we will meet at the Calby's at 6:00 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. Vickie will make Chili.

Please bring your own beverage.

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.

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

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

4 Photos this week

Sunday's Said Service

Cathy Hammons was out of town on Sunday and Fr. John presided over what is known as a said service, which means there is no singing and no organ accompaniment. We missed our music. It makes us appreciate our choir and our organist all the more and what they bring to our worship. We look forward to having both back this week at Pentecost.



Bishop Sean's Farewell Reception

On Saturday, May 12th, church members gathered to celebrate the Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe's ministry to the Diocese of Bethlehem. After he officiated the Eucharist at St. Stephen's in Wilkes-Barre, there was a reception at the Best Western Hotel. Bishop Sean will remain with us until September to ensure a smooth transition with Bishop-elect Kevin Nichols. He was presented with a Moravian star sculpted by Ty Welles of St. Peter's Church in Tunkhannock as a remembrance of his four years at Bethlehem.



