

**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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Sept 2 - 8, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Sept. 2 at 10:00am
with Rev. John Wagner
- Labor Day Mon. Sept. 3 – Office is
Closed

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Jane

Chandler

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Stephanie

Calby

Readings for this week

First Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Psalm: 15

Epistle: James 1:17-27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

**International Overdose Awareness Day
August 31, 2018 @6:00pm until**

The Village Green – Montrose, PA

STOP THE STIGMA

Our group's purpose is to reach out and offer support to those touched by addiction. We will offer fellowship, share our stories, laugh in remembrance and cry in grief.

At dusk we will remember and honor our departed loved ones. We will toll the bell and announce each person requested. We will light candles and reflect or sing.

Our Speakers will share from the heart and answer your questions. We will have REAL people speaking who are coping with this pain daily!

Hot dogs, hamburgers, water & non-alcoholic drinks available.

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.

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



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.

Flooding? Interfaith Can Help!

Our hearts go out to those who have faced loss during the recent heavy rains. If you know of someone that faced the floodwaters and lost, WE CAN HELP. There are lots of ways that we can assist people - help replace lost medical equipment, personal furniture, rental assistance, energy assistance (we know some of you lost your furnace, or hot water heater). OR maybe you just got done cleaning up and realized that you have no money left to get your kids ready for school. Please call Interfaith, WE CAN HELP! 570-278-1776

Bishop's Consecration and Ordination on Saturday, Sept 15.

RSVP is requested. God willing and the people consenting, the Rev. Canon Kevin D. Nichols will be ordained and consecrated bishop in the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, and IX bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem. The service will take place at First Presbyterian Church of Allentown on Saturday, September 15 at 11am. A reception and luncheon will follow. The service will also be live-streamed on the diocesan Facebook page for those who are unable to attend.

Limited room blocks have been secured at Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Allentown-Dorneyville and Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Allentown West for any who wish to book overnight accommodations. Use the code DOB when booking online or mention the Diocese of Bethlehem when booking over the phone to receive the group rate.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Rick Arrowsmith, Sarah Bertsch, Becky Stasko, Kyle, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Janice, K'ann, Pat, Charles, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Jean Williams, Charlotte Ellis, Esther McLaughlin, Susan Kamarauskas, Jeanette, Jeanne & Bart Conklin.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Joel & Suzy Maxi; Karen Miller; Glynis Morgan; William Newlin Jr.

The Book of Remembrance is a book in which are written, each year, the names of faithful members of each parish who entered into life eternal and for whom a memorial thank offering has been made. The Book of Remembrance was established in 1938 in loving memory of Ruth May Linderman, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 1913 until 1938. The Book of Remembrance is placed on the altar for the noon time service on the last day of the Annual Diocesan Convention, and all the names that are entered for the current year are read aloud. The income from this Trust Fund is given to the United Thank Offering and the Diocesan Scholarship Fund, which is used to support mission and ministry through educational programs and conferences. Checks for these memorial offerings should be made out to "The Diocese of Bethlehem – BoR (Book of Remembrance)" and sent to the: Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

333 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Deadline for entries for the 2017/2018 Book of Remembrance is September 21st. All names submitted after that date will be placed in the 2018/2019 book.

There will be Lay Eucharistic Visitor Training on Saturday, September 29 from 9-12 led by Fr. Ed Erb in Honesdale.

Training for laypeople interested in becoming Eucharistic visitors will be offered Saturday, September 29 from 9a.m. to noon at Grace Episcopal Church in Honesdale. Anyone may take the training, with their priest's endorsement. Eucharistic visitors are authorized to take consecrated elements to members of their congregations who are too ill or infirm to attend church. The training is required to be licensed by the bishop for this ministry. The Rev. Ed Erb, rector at Grace, will lead the training. He can be contacted via email.

Centering Prayer Wed. 12 Noon to 12:20

Prayer is not asking. Prayer is putting oneself in the hands of God, at God's disposition, and listening for Love's voice in the depths of our hearts. Mother Teresa

A St. Paul's History Class Scheduled

On Thursday, October 11th at six o'clock, Dan Graham will present a discussion on the 180 year history of St. Paul's Church. The presentation will be through the Montrose Area Adult School and the cost is \$5.00. Registration will be handled through the Adult School. The discussion will be at St. Paul's.

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

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY REQUESTS:

NEEDED items are: warm hats, gloves and scarves. Fabric yardage, 1 yard minimum blankets and flat sheets (no fitted sheets please) sample size soaps, shampoo, tooth paste mini size tissues Items need not be perfect, only Clean. We are OVER STOCKED with toothbrushes, socks, and neckties. Thank you to everyone who works to make this ministry possible and all are welcome to join us on the second Wednesday and second Saturday of each month downstairs in Rm. #1. No sewing, ' only need to tie a knot !!!!!

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 Margaret Burgh, James Earley & Patty Aiken who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Margaret, James & Patty 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.*

St. Paul's Altar Flowers: If you wish to reserve, a Sunday please sign-up on the sheet at the back of the church. Then fill out an Altar Flower Card. Please use one card for each request, enclose your check for \$36.00 with the card in the envelope provided, and place it in the offering plate or send it to the parish office prior to the week that you are doing flowers. For those wishing to supply your own flowers please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church and fill out an altar flower card indicating you will do your own flowers. Thank you!

CHURCH CLOSURES please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

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St. Paul's Bell

A climb up two sets of long ladders, one fairly rickety, in St. Paul's bell tower brings you to where our bell sits - not a trip for the timid. There are no foundry marks on it but church papers infer it was cast in Scranton. It does have a patent date of 1858. It rings in two ways, operated by ropes that hang down to the bell tower entrance: the first, operated by a large wheel, is used for joyous occasions - one pull will ring it several times; the other pulls a hammer that sits inside the bell and only rings once and is used for more somber occasions.

St. Paul's did not obtain the bell until two years after the present 1857 church was built. Although construction of a bell tower was specified in the contract for the original 1832 church at Chestnut and Cedar Streets, the church still had no bell by 1851. The Presbyterian Meeting House obtained its bell that year and the *Susquehanna Register* in mentioning its acquisition noted that the Episcopal, Methodist and Universalist meeting houses were "as yet still destitute."

Rev. William F. Halsey, who served as St. Paul's 10th rector from 1858 to 1866, noted the bell's acquisition at the May 1860 Episcopal Convention in Philadelphia: "since the last Convention, a new bell has been procured and suspended in the tower of the Church." The new bell was discussed in the December 29, 1859 *Montrose Independent Republican*. The article noted that St. Paul's "has been without that useful appendage" and that it weighed over 1,000 pounds. It was first rung Christmas Eve 1859.

Although almost 160 years old, it is still rung at weddings, funerals and to start our church service.

