

**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 9 - 15, 2018 Upcoming Events

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

- DOK Mtg. Sat Sept. 8 at 10:00am
- Sleeping Bags Sat. Sept. 8 and Wed. Sept. 12 at 1:00pm
- Deacon's Mass Sun. Sept. 9 at 10:00am with Rev. John W. Davis
- The Office will be Closed Wed. Sept. 12 & Thu. Sept. 13
- Vestry Mtg. Thu. Sept. 13 at 5:30pm

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.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler & Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Barbara Undercoffler

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Psalm: 146

Epistle: James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

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.

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

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

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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.

Training for laypeople interested in becoming Eucharistic visitors will be offered Sunday, September 23 from 2p.m. to 5p.m. 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](#).

I am trying to get a Bus trip organized to go to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster Pa. I need to know how many people are interested in going, so I can purchase the tickets. I am hoping for a Friday in the middle of October. If they are sold out, I will try for a Thursday. I need a number before I can begin, I will let you know the date as soon as I get it and then I will need a commitment. The tickets are 69.00 for Friday and 59.00 for Thursday. Please email me by Sept 6th if you are interested. The name of the show is Jesus, and if you have ever been to Sight and Sound you know how magnificent it is. God Bless

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No Social Night this week.

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.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Elaine Petrzala; Sandra Seeger; Anne Shafer; Robert & Elizabeth Smith

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Rick Arrowsmith, Becky Stasko, 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 & Steve Kupscznk.

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.

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 !!!!!

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

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!

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.

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

6 Photos this week.

An Evening of Awareness and Remembrance

Thanks to the many St. Paul's parishioners and leaders of the community, our first International Overdose Awareness Day event was a huge success. Our planning group, Stop the Stigma, met for months to initiate a community conversation that would bring the addiction crisis into the light. Our purpose was to offer support to anyone touched by addiction--people in recovery, family, friends, and community. Our candlelight vigil at the close of the evening named the departed and tolled a bell in remembrance.





