

**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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Feb 24 – Mar 2, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Holy Eucharist Sun. Feb. 24 at 10:00am
with Rev. John Wagner
- Pancake Supper Tue. Mar. 5 at 5:30pm
- Ash Wed. Service at St. Mark's in New
Milford with Rev. Elizabeth Moulton at
6:00pm
- DOK Mtg. Sat. Mar. 9 at 10:0am
- Sleeping Bags Sat. Mar 9 at 1:00pm
- Women's Retreat at Camp Lackawanna
May 31, June 1 & 2

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Karen Blye-McAbee

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Hospitality: Sandy & Marsha

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalm: 37:1-12, 41-42

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Gospel: Luke 6:27-38

**Altar Flowers this week are In Memory of
Loved Ones.**

**PANCAKE SUPPER AT ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH**

Tuesday, March 5th



**Lent is fast approaching! St. Paul's Church
will have its annual free Shrove Tuesday
pancake supper on Tuesday, March 5, 2019,
beginning at 5:30. The menu includes
pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce,
homemade desserts and beverages.
Please come and join us and bring your
friends. Mardi Gras costumes welcome!**

SEE YOU THERE!

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

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

Vestry Highlights, January 10, 2019

- We read John 6:60-71 and discussed how Jesus was received when He told the people and apostles that he was the bread of life.
- We welcomed Karen Blye-McAbee and Stephanie Calby as new members to the Vestry. Karen was elected as Clerk of the Vestry; John Finlon was elected as Treasurer; Vickie Calby was elected as Jr. Warden; and Lynne Graham was elected as Sr. Warden.
- Lynne reported on the Wardens' meetings of St. Paul's; Christ Church, Susquehanna; and St. Mark's, New Milford. We are discussing how the three churches can collaborate in ministry, and how we might possibly share resources and clergy.
- We revisited the idea of a Communications position. We will put together a task force to narrow down the job description previously developed.
- We discussed finding out if there is interest in an in-depth Bible study.
- We reconsidered our decision to move \$55K from our checking account into a savings account. The very low interest on a saving account pushed us to decide to move the funds back into the DIT where we will have access to it if necessary.
- We voted to put a generous donation from the Rev. Janet Watrous into the Stop the Stigma fund to use for future events.
- Upcoming events:
March 5 Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper
March 6 Ash Wednesday service at St. Mark's, New Milford at 6 p.m.

March 12 Tuesday Stations of the Cross @ 5 p.m. followed by soup and salad supper at 5:30 p.m. and lay-led Lenten Bible study

March 24 Sunday Visitation with Confirmation and Reception by Bishop Kevin Nichols followed by a coffee hour luncheon

April 7 Joint service at St. Mark's followed by lunch and group discussion with Canon Anne Kitch

April 18 Maundy Thursday service 6 p.m. with Fr. Charles officiating

April 19 Good Friday Cross Walk at noon and service at 6 p.m. with Fr. Charles

April 21 Easter Eucharist at 10 a.m.

April 27 Worship Leader Training 9 a.m.-noon at St. Paul's

April 27 Dinner Party 5 p.m. at St. Paul's to celebrate Fr. Charles' ministry

Next meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2019

Mark Your Calendars



On Sunday, March 24th, the Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols, Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, will be visiting St. Paul's. We are one of 19 churches the Bishop plans to visit in 2019. Join us and meet Bishop Kevin.

Lenten Bible Study

We have three more Sundays in the season of Epiphany, the last one being March 3. The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. St. Paul's will hold a joint service with Christ Church and St. Mark's in New Milford at 6 p.m. The following Tuesday, March 12, we will begin our Lenten series of Bible study.

Please join us for any or all parts of each Tuesday evening in Lent. We begin our evening with reading the Stations of the Cross in the sanctuary at 5 p.m. This is a beautiful tradition of reading, quiet reflection, and prayer as we use the carved images of Christ's passion on the church walls to focus our thoughts. At 5:30 p.m we sit down to a simple supper of soup, salad and bread which is provided by volunteers on a rotating basis. The fellowship is fun and it's a great opportunity to taste some new and different soups.

After our meal, we begin a Bible study, again, led by volunteers on a rotating basis. The lessons are printed out in advance and they offer guidance in leading the study and questions for the group to discuss. You may bring a Bible or use one from the shelves in the Guild Room. The study is not too academic or intimidating, but offers us a chance to discuss how our lives relate to the scripture verses. There are no right or wrong comments and, if you are new to reading the Bible, this session is a great introduction with friends you can trust.

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: Marsha Jones; Glen & Ann Kiefer; Robert & Renee Kimmell; Robert & Janet Kuhn

Final Call!!

Bishop Kevin Nichols will visit St. Paul's on Sunday, March 24. We are honored to be one of the first churches on the Bishop's list of visitations.

We have two candidates for confirmation. If anyone is interested in confirmation or being received into the Episcopal Church by the Bishop on that date, please let Lynne know ASAP so that Fr. John can arrange for training in preparation for the event. Any questions? Please contact Fr. John at frjohn@ptd.net .



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.

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They are a way off yet but mark your calendars! Two St. Paul's parishioners will be doing classes through the Montrose Area Adult School this spring. At 6:30 on April 9, 2019, Dan Graham, who writes about and speaks on the Colonial Pennsylvania iron industry, will be discussing the history of cast iron stoves in Pennsylvania including Ben Franklin's famous stove. Additionally, at 6:00 on May 2, 2019, Master Gardner Nancy Dooling will present "What Kind of Butterfly is That" at the Penn State Extension Office on Chenango Street. Plan to come and enjoy the evening. You have to register through the Adult School.

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 Carol Lasher and Nancy Finlon who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Carol and Nancy 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.*

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Brad Darde, Kathy Warriner, Joe & Esther Welden, Charlotte Eckert, Alice Wood, Charlotte Ellis, Esther McLaughlin, Jeanette, Jeanne & Bart Conklin, Steve Kupscznk, Kristina, Richard Marker, Martha Kupscznk, Andrew, Gaby Warriner & Carol Marker.

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!

Send Communications: minutes, special events etc. to the office, for the parish office to disperse.

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

2 Photos this week.

February - A single green sprouting thing would restore me...



It's been a Montrose winter this year. It's been cold. We have had the parking lot plowed five times since that first November storm. Our walks have been shoveled or salted 21 times. But our church is warm inside for the body and the fellowship warms our souls.

Wise men still seek him - no GPS required

