

**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 3 - 9, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. Mar. 3 at 10:00am Holy Eucharist with Rev. John Wagner
- Tue. Mar. 5 at 5:30pm Pancake Supper
- Mar. 6 Ash Wed. Service at St. Mark's in New Milford with Rev. Elizabeth Moulton at 6:00pm
- Sat. Mar. 9 at 10:00am DOK Mtg.
- Sat. Mar 9 at 1:00pm Sleeping Bags
- 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
- Women's Retreat at Camp Lackawanna May 31, June 1 & 2

Readings for this week

First Reading: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: 99

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36, [37-43a]

Altar Flowers this week are from Richard & Carol Marker to thank God for our loving friends in Christ.

PANCAKE SUPPER AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH



Lent is fast approaching! St. Paul's Church will have its annual free Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tue., 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!

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.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Esther Welden & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Intercessor: Rita Leigh

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Hospitality: Maggie Sock & Martha Kupscznk



Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for the birthday greetings you sent me for my 100th birthday. God has blessed me with many happy and fruitful years, and you have blessed me with your greetings and best wishes. May we all thank God for the grace He bestows upon us individually and as a community. Angelina Cesaretti



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.

Community Invited to Join Area Episcopalians for Ash Wednesday Worship at St. Mark's, New Milford

The Episcopal churches in New Milford, Montrose and Susquehanna invite all members of the community to join us at St. Mark's, New Milford (1148 Main Street, New Milford) for a service of Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes on March 6, 2017 at 6 pm.

This service begins the 40-day Lenten journey to Holy Week and Easter. All are welcome!

Ever Wondered What Lent Is or What Those Ashes Mean?

Lent is the six-week period leading up to Easter. It is one of the most important times of year for many Christians around the world. Lent is generally seen as a time of solemn preparation for the observance of the death of Jesus on Good Friday and His resurrection on Easter. From its start on Ash Wednesday until its end on Easter Sunday, Lent is a traditional time for fasting and prayer. Many follow a routine of giving something up or adding something positive (such as Bible reading) to their daily life. Just as we carefully prepare for events such as weddings or birthdays in our personal lives, Lent invites us to make our minds and hearts ready for remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection. Ashes imposed on the forehead (which is optional) symbolize human mortality and a call to repentance, i.e., to live according to God's ways.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Steve, Martha & Kyle Kupscznk; Carol & Jack Lasher; Al & Rita Leigh; George & Mary Beth Manns

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

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.

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.*



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.

Mark Your Calendars

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.

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.

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 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.*

Meet Your New Vestry Members



At the Annual Meeting, two new Vestry members were voted on to replace Tom Undercoffler and Sandy Seeger, whose terms were up. Welcome Stephanie Calby and Karen Blye-McAbee. If you see any of the four, thank them for their service.

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

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!

2 Photos this week.

Happy Birthday Kristina



Happy Birthday Kristina Kupscznk! Fr. John bestowed birthday blessings on Kristina this week. Don't forget to mention birthdays or anniversaries.