

**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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Apr 21 - 27, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- April 18 Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00pm with Fr. Charles Cesaretti officiating
- April 19 Good Friday Cross Walk at noon starts at Holy Name of Mary
- April 19 Good Friday Service at 6:00pm with Fr. Charles Cesaretti
- Sun. April 21 Easter Eucharist at 10:00am with Rev. Charles Cesaretti and Rev. John Wagner
- Sat. April 27 Worship Leader Training 9 a.m.-noon at St. Paul's
- Sat. April 27 Dinner Party 5 p.m. at St. Paul's to celebrate Fr. Charles' ministry

Readings for Easter Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24

Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barbara Undercoffler, Carol Lasher & Carol Marker

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski & Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Dan Graham

Intercessor: Maggie Sock

Greeter/Usher: Maggie Sock & Nancy Dooling



Everyone Have a Good Easter

Readings for Maundy Thursday

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14

Psalm: 116:1, 10-17

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Readings for Good Friday

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm: 22

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

**Members of Christ Church, St. Mark's,
and St. Paul's**

**are cordially invited to celebrate the
ministry of Fr. Charles Cesaretti among us
on Saturday, April 27, 2019.**

5:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Parish Hall

Pot Luck Dinner

**A photograph of Fr. Charles surrounded by
the congregants of all three churches will
be taken and presented to him as a gift.**

Vestry Highlights, January 10, 2019

- We read Mark 10:17-31 and discussed sacrificial giving. Jesus told the rich man to sell all he owned, give to the poor and then follow him.
- We voted to match the proceeds of the pancake supper and make a \$400 donation to Matt Blaisure. Matt had done construction work for us at church in the past and recently had a serious injury.
- In relation to Camp Spirit Song, a week-long camp for children with a parent or close loved one affected by addiction, we agreed to sponsor a Stop the Stigma float on the 4th of July and raise funds for the camp by selling ice cream in the memorial garden.
- We agreed to postpone transferring the excess in our checking account to the DIT until after we have completed some necessary property projects--fixing the handicapped access to the church sidewalks which accumulate ice and street runoff, and improving the lighting in the parish hall.
- The audits for 2013-2018 have begun by William Owens Company.
- We decided to continue Tuesday supper and Bible study from April 30- May 28.
- Upcoming events:
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 - April 19 Good Friday Cross Walk at noon and service at 6 p.m. with Fr. Charles
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Next meeting: Thursday, May 10, 2019



Bread Collection Update

As you know, St. Paul's does two collections during the service. The second collection is made in a bread basket and is used to purchase the bread that is given out during the monthly food distribution at the Methodist Church. The bread is always put at the top of the bags.

Mark Your Calendars

At 6:00pm 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.

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

Centering Prayer is Alive and Well

Be still and know that I am God. Psalm 46:10
In the fall we made the conscious decision to re-think our practice of holding Centering Prayer in the sanctuary at noon on Wednesdays. Now, in the penitential season of Lent, we hope to encourage folks to join us in prayer at noon on Wednesdays in their homes or places of work. We will come together in the church for prayer at noon on the Wednesday of Holy Week and thereafter on the last Wednesday of the month. The following are four guidelines to Centering Prayer:

1. Choose a sacred word as the symbol of your intention to consent to God's presence

and action within.

2. Sitting comfortably with eyes close, settle briefly and silently introduce the sacred word as the symbol of your consent to God's presence and action within.

3. When engaged with your thoughts (including body sensations, feelings, images, and reflections) return ever so gently to the sacred word.

4. At the end of the prayer period (20 minutes is suggested), remain in silence with eyes closed for a couple of minutes.

During your prayer time, think of each "thought interruption" as an opportunity to return to God. On Ash Wednesday, we are invited to the observance of a Holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word. Centering Prayer offers quiet time to sit with God.

Adapted from Cynthia Bourgeault, The Heart of Centering Prayer: Nondual Christianity in Theory and Practice (Shambhala: 2016)



Bible Study Continues

Please join us as we continue our Tuesday evening supper and Bible study series. We begin with a supper of soup, salad, and bread at 5:30 then study the gospel lesson that we will hear the following Sunday in church. We finish by around 7 p.m.

Our next session will begin on Tuesday, April 30 and we will end for the season on May 28.

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

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 Cycle of Prayer: Naomi Bennett; Karen Blye-McAbee; John, Else & Molly Brunner; Margaret Burgh

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 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 Naomi Bennett and those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we*

pray, as Naomi & 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!

6 Photos this week.

Palm Sunday

Last Sunday was Palm Sunday and of course, palms were distributed. Unlike last year when it snowed, the weather cooperated. Holding our palms high, we were able to follow the choir outside singing "Glory, Laud and Honor" and enter the church through the front door. In lieu of a homily, the traditional passage from Luke of the trial and cruxifixction of Jesus was read by parishioners.





Benefit for Matt Blaisure

A Benefit was held for Matt Blaisure on Sunday in Meshoppen. Matt cut off his hand while working about a month ago and the money will be used to defray medical expenses. Matt has done several projects at St. Paul's and we donated the profits from the Pancake Supper which were rounded up to \$400.



St. Paul's Bread Donation

As you know, St. Paul's pays for the bread and rolls that are distributed at the Methodist Church on the second Friday. Last Friday, 274 households, including 164 children, 254 adults, and 208 seniors received food. Of the 274 households receiving food, 31 households of five people or more received double portions. The picture above shows the bread in the bags, which is put in last, so that it doesn't get squished!



Card Making

St. Paul's is host to a number of classes through the Montrose Area Adult School. There was a class on Monday in the Celtic Room on making cards. Easter cards seemed to be the popular choice.



St. Paul's History Sent to the Publishers

The history of St. Paul's Church by Dan Graham, entitled *A History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose, Pennsylvania, 1831-2018*, has been sent to the publishers. The cost will be around \$15 a book and the money donated to the church. Although still four months away from the final product. It's not too early to start looking where it will fit on your bookshelf.

