

**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. 22 - 28, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. Sept 22 Sunday Eucharist at 10:00am with Rev. John Wagner
- Wed. Sept. 25 Centering Prayer 12:00pm
- Thu. Sept. 26 The Office will be Closed
- **Fri. Sept. 27 Service at St. Marks 6:00pm**

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: 113

Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barbara Undercoffler & Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Maggie Sock & Richard Marker

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Cathy Hammons

Intercessor: Maggie Sock

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Altar Flowers this week are from Nancy Dooling.

Get Ready the Hobo's are coming to Undercofflers Saturday Sept. 28th at 6:30pm. Please RSVP 570-278-7470.

Vestry Highlights, September 12, 2019

- We read Psalm 50 and were reminded that God wants sacrifices of thanksgiving.
- The Vestry was updated on our search for a Priest-in-Charge and advised that our three Vestries will meet with our candidate on Saturday, September 28. The congregations are invited to Evening Prayer led by our candidate on Friday evening, September 27 at 6 p.m. at St. Mark's.
- The Vestry and all who access the building by keypad are required to take the updated Safeguarding God's Children clearances. Clearances are good for 3 years.

Looking ahead:

- Evening Prayer service at St. Mark's, Friday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m.
- Vestries meet at St. Paul's with candidate, Saturday, September 28 at 9:00 a.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2019

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Joe Welden, Alice Wood, Naomi Bennett, Fr. John Wagner & John Jones.

Sustaining Prayer

As I am sure most of you know, the three churches (Christ Church, Susquehanna; St. Mark's, New Milford; and St. Paul's) submitted a Profile to the Office of Transition Ministry for the Diocese in March. We offered a full time clergy position as Priest-in-Charge to be shared among the three parishes. We named our 3-church group the Susquehanna County Episcopal Ministries and the "search committee" consisted of the three Sr. Wardens and Vickie Calby, our Jr. Warden.

In mid-July, Bishop Kevin presented two candidates for our consideration. We contacted them right away and arranged for Skype interviews as soon as our search committee had all returned from consecutive vacations. One candidate withdrew right before the interview as she had been called to a parish.

We are in the process of interviewing the remaining candidate and are very positive about his qualifications and skills. We have checked references and heard good things. Arrangements have been made to fly the candidate to visit with us in person. He will interview with Bishop Kevin and meet with the combined Vestries.

You will have an opportunity to meet with the candidate during his visit at an Evening Prayer service and homily led by him on Friday, September 27 at 6:00 pm at St. Mark's. All are welcome. This is not a time to pepper him with questions, but to meet and greet in our usual hospitable fashion. The Vestries will meet with him the following morning.

I need to stress that, at this point, no formal call has been made to the candidate. We are still in the interviewing process, but wanted to offer parishioners an opportunity to meet our candidate.

During our announcements before the service, more information will be forthcoming as we receive it. This is also a reminder that we need sustaining prayer for our candidate, Fr. Arthur, and for our search process. Pray, Pray, Pray.

Lynne and Vicki

Walk for ALS



Tom and Diane Lager from St. Mark's and St. John's Church in Jim Thrope – Fr. John's old church are asking for our participation in the "Lehigh ValleyWalk to Defeat ALS," which will be on Saturday, October 12th, at the Iron Pigs Stadium at Coca-Cola Park in Allentown. It is a two-mile walk. Donations could also be made from the web site.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: William Newlin Jr.; Elaine Petrzala; Sandra Seeger; Anne Shafer



Mobile Food Pantry

St. Paul's supplies the bread and many of our parishioners volunteer. The next distribution is on October 11th. Volunteers are always welcome.

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.

Centering Prayer Starts New Phase

Centering prayer has begun a new phase in May. We will “do” Centering Prayer at our own homes at noon on Wednesdays. On the last Wednesday of the month we will gather in the sanctuary at St. Paul’s Church in Montrose. If you haven’t tried meditation lately, this would be a splendid opportunity.



Feed a Friend

Trehab will be collecting desserts for the Thanksgiving Baskets. This is the 35th year. Last year 742 households were served in Susquehanna County. They are asking for Canned Pie Filling, Box Pie Crust, Box Cake Mixes and Prepared Canned Icing. All items must be brought in by Sunday November 10th.

“If you know anyone who wishes to receive the Weekly Update, please let Betty know.”

Ask you ye shall Receive

As you ready your closets for fall and winter please think of the needs listed below and your contributions can be left on the stage with a note stating Sleeping Bags.

Needed Items Are:

warm blankets

flat sheets

fabric yardage measuring at least 1 yard

warm gloves and hats / socks

Please know that small sample size shampoos and liquid soaps will soon be discontinued at hotels so if you can supply us with these small size health products we are most grateful. This is an environmental movement to eliminate plastics. Thank you all for your contributions and helping hands. Come tie knots with us !!!!!

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

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

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

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.

Some Painters Use Ladders

Some painters use ladders - but some don't! If St. Paul's railings look a little shinier, it's because they just got spruced up. The painter, Patrick Gallagher, obviously enjoys his work.



Card Making

St. Paul's hosted a Montrose Area Adult School class in Homemade Greeting Cards this week on Monday. The class, which goes for four Mondays, was being held in the Celtic Room. Most of the students were doing fall, Thanksgiving and Christmas cards. Take a look at the fall catalog to see what else is happening at St. Paul's.

