

**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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Nov 17 - 23, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Thu. Nov 14 Vestry Mtg. 5:30pm
- Sun. Nov. 10 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Malachi 4:1-2a

Psalm: 98

Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Richard Marker &

Chalice Bearer: Esther Welden

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher:

Hospitality: Barb & Tom Undercoffler

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



Christmas Toy Tags

Starting mid-November toy tags will be available. We will be doing 20 tags. Gifts should be valued between \$25 and \$30. Gifts are to be unwrapped with the tag securely attached. If batteries are required, please include them with the gift. All Gifts must be brought to the Church by **December 8th**.



Interfaith Christmas Dinner

We will be collecting 50 boxes of Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner. We need all stuffing donations by **December 15th**.



Mobile Food Pantry

St. Paul's does two collections during the offering. The standard one is made in the brass collection plates; the second is made in a wicker bread basket. We donate the money in the wicker basket to the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry to be used to purchase the bread included in their monthly distribution.

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

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: David, Vickie & Stephanie Calby; Evelyn & Emile Constantine; Sandra Darde; Mary Ann DeWitt

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

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

A recent inventory of our supplies shows that we are still in need of clean blankets and also the **SMALL SAMPLE SIZE OF TOOTHPASTE**. Thank you for all your past contributions and help. Come join us soon. Second Wednesday and second Saturday of the month!

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 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.

New Feature

We thought we would try an experiment for the Weekly Updates. If anyone wants to submit a short story, a picture of some St. Paul activity, a memorial to someone or something of general interest, please send it to me for inclusion in an upcoming Update. To start it off, I am including something I did for our kids about their Grandpa. I hope it sparks some of your own memories of times past. Dan

Social Night

Dave and Vickie will host Social Night Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. It will be at their home. Vickie will provide Boozy Beef, (shredded beef served on a roll). Please bring a dish and the beverage of your choice. It will be a fun night and an informal meeting with Father Arthur! We look forward to seeing everyone!

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

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

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

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.

The Eagle Has Landed



On Monday morning, the Rev. Arthur L. Jones, III arrived at St. Paul’s and began his ministry among the three churches of the Susquehanna Country Episcopal Ministries – SCEM. We are currently renovating the office upstairs, which should be ready next week. Rev. Jones made the trip from sunny Houston just in time for a Susquehanna County snowstorm. Please welcome him into our parish and community.

Fr. John's Last Sunday

Last Sunday was Fr. John Wagner's last Sunday with us as a long-term supply priest. An after-service special coffee hour was held in his honor. Fr. John has been with us since January 2018 and his participatory homilies with their "Please be seated folks," will be missed. Well done good and faithful servant.



Let There Be Light

The parish hall just got brighter. The lights in the parish hall ceilings have been replaced and the wall lights rewired, re-soldered and cleaned. All the 1926 wiring has been removed and new fans have replaced the 1970s ones. They look great, take a look.



Waiting for St. Nicholas

St. Paul's special chair has made its annual trip to the Susquehanna Historical Society. It is used by St. Nicholas when he comes there to find out what all the children are asking for this Christmas. It's a Montrose Christmas tradition!



Getting Ready for Winter

Well, it's that time of year. Bret Hagstrom of BH Lawn Care and Snow Removal will be keeping our walks and parking lot clear again this year. If you see him working, say hello and buy him a hot chocolate. But, he only appears when it snows!

