

**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 24 - 30, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. Nov. 24 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III



- The Office will be closed Thu. Nov. 28th



Christmas Toy Tags

Toy tags are 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**.

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, Kathy Warriner, Joe Welden, Alice Wood, Naomi Bennett, Justin & Fr. John Wagner.

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Jeremiah 23:1-6

Psalm: 46

Epistle: Colossians 1:11-20

Gospel: Luke 23:33-43

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

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Vickie Calby

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy

Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Jerry Sock

Lector: Patrick Gallagher

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Nancy Dooling & Karen Blye-
McAbee

Vestry Highlights, October 10, 2019

- We welcomed Fr. Arthur Jones as our Priest-in-Charge to St. Paul's and the tri-parish partnership.
- We read Maccabees 1:1-28 and discussed how easily we turn from God to our own devices and the consequences of that.
- Fr. Arthur reported that he is very happy to be with us. He wants to help us grow in ministry with St. Mark's and Christ Church so that we all can serve our communities in faith.
- Safeguarding God's Children clearances are good for 3 years. The Vestry needs to renew their clearances by taking the new updated version of the program by January 1.
- We voted to give Christmas gifts to St. Paul's staff.
- We accepted the audit reports from 2013-2018. We reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Looking ahead:

Country Store Saturday, December 7
Memory Luncheon Sunday, December 15
at 12:30 following the service

Next meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2019



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.

St. Paul's New Service Schedule

St. Paul's has entered into a tri-parish partnership with St. Mark's and Christ Church called the Episcopal Parishes of Upper Susquehanna County—EPUSC. In order for this to work as we share Fr. Arthur, we all need to make adjustments. When we're happy with how things are, change can be difficult, but a little give and take lets each parish receive what it needs.

St. Paul's will have a Saturday evening service at 5 p.m. on the FIRST weekend of every month and no Sunday service that weekend. We will hold our regular service at 10 a.m. on the SECOND, THIRD, and FOURTH Sundays. Any FIFTH Sundays, of which there are 4 in 2020, we will gather with Christ Church at St. Mark's in New Milford at 10 a.m.

December 1 is the first Sunday next month. Therefore we will have our first Saturday service at St. Paul's on November 30 at 5:00 p.m.

Please post this schedule where it is handy and do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions. We will make every effort to highlight Saturday services as they approach and any fifth Sunday services in advance. I hope this schedule will become second nature in short order.

Thanks for your patience as we worked this out.

Lynne

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Nancy Dooling; Robert & Vera Dunn; Sean Eckert; Charlotte Ellis

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

THE COUNTRY STORE IS COMING SOON



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t ready, because we need your help! It's Country Store time again. It will be on Saturday, December 7th this year from 9 to 3 as part of Christmas in Montrose. Our tables include bake sale, crafts, raffle baskets, new and nearly new table, and evergreen swags. Our North Pole kitchen will be in full swing. We need monetary donations to buy items for the raffle baskets and appropriate items for the basket of cheer. Volunteers needed for set up on Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, December 4th and 5th. Come join the fun, help at a table or just browse and buy.

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!

Our collections for the Trehab Food Bank & Women's Resource Center are the Evening Service on the First Saturday 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

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 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.*

“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!

5 Photos this week.

Request for Sign Sayings

As you know, we have been adding a new saying every month. If you know one you like, you can submit it to the Vestry.



It's Beginning to Look a Like Christmas



Last Saturday, Montrose was decorated for Christmas by volunteers. It was a cold morning but garlands were placed on the light poles and the fall flags were taken down. The lights in the garlands were turned on Monday along with the lights strung across Public Ave. Come and see the festive face of Montrose.

St. Paul's Hosts Seasonal Painting Class



St. Paul's hosted a painting class last Saturday that fit right into the season. When this picture was taken, all the attendees were getting ready to paint a Christmas Tree. It appears to be something of a NASCAR race as they couldn't start until the instructor said "go!" Everyone seems to have a great time in these classes given by the Montrose Area Adult School. Consider signing up for one next year.



Happy Birthday Wishes

We got to wish happy birthday to Matt Kinney on Sunday by singing the birthday song at coffee hour. He received the birthday blessing from Fr. Arthur during the church service. Many diets were stretched eating a piece of his birthday cake! Matt turned 13 and joined the teenage ranks. If you didn't get to sing wish him a happy birthday next time you see him.

Past Country Store's



In the process of moving, Maggie Sock found an old picture taken at the 2011 Country Store. It was quite a production in those days! Here's a good photo of the Zalewski family. If you have any old pictures of church, share them.