

**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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Dec 1 - 7, 2019 Upcoming Events

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

- **Thu. Nov 29 Thanksgiving Dinner
1:00 to 3:00pm at St. Paul's questions
contact Martha Kupscznk 570-965-
3064**
- Sat. Nov. 30 Holy Eucharist at 5:00pm
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- NO Service on Sun. Dec 1
- Country Store Sat. Dec. 7, 9:00AM to
3:00PM
- Memory Luncheon Sunday, December
15 at 12:30 following the service



Christmas Toy Tags

Toy tags are available. Gifts should be valued between \$25 and \$30. 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**.



Christmas Flowers The cost of Poinsettias will be 22.00 per flower. Please remit your check to the office as soon as possible or place in the offering plate on Sunday. Envelopes are available at the back of the church. You may designate in memory of or in honor of someone if your wish. I must have envelopes by **Dec. 22.**

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm: 122

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

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

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher, Carol Marker & Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Ann Kiefer



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.

THE COUNTRY STORE IS COMING SOON



Get 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.

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, Rita Leigh & Fr. John Wagner.

Rita Leigh is now at Meadowview recovering.

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: John & Nancy Finlon; Scott, Mari, Emma & Cora Finlon; Patrick Gallagher; Lynne & Dan Graham

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!

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.

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 Dan Graham & those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Dan & 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.*

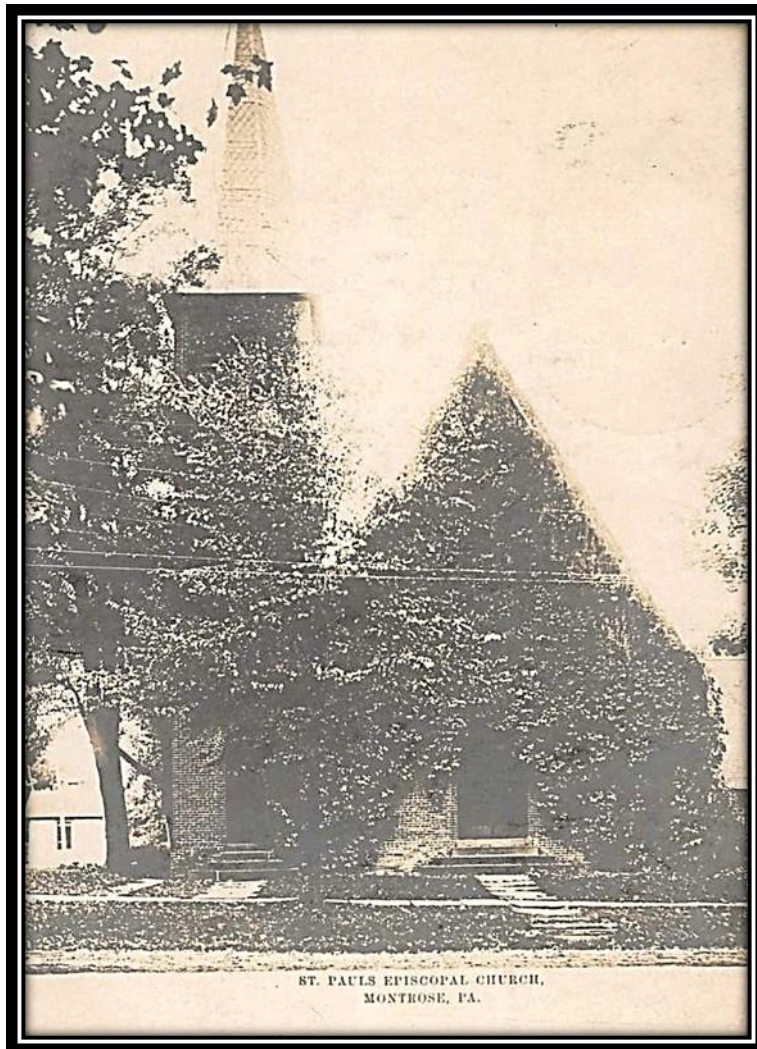
We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. *Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys which you have 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!

1 Photo this week.

Early Post Card Found of St. Paul's



An old Post Card of St. Paul's Church recently turned up on Ebay. Sent to Clarks Summit and posted from Nicholson, it is dated April 24, 1913. While it is a little faded, you can see the electric wires going across the front of the church which is completely covered, along with the bell tower, in ivy. Electricity came to Montrose in 1898 and in 1901, the church had electricity added. Maybe parishioners carried hedge trimmers in those days!