

**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 8 - 14, 2019 Upcoming Events**

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

- **Country Store Sat. Dec. 7, 9:00AM to 3:00PM**
- **Toy Tags Gifts by Sun Dec. 8**
- Sun. Dec. 8 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- Memory Luncheon Sunday, December 15 at 12:30 following the service
- Stuffing Mix by Sun Dec 15
- Christmas Flowers by Sun Dec 22

**Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13

Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

**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: Dan Graham & Steve Kupscznk

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Stephanie Calby

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones



**THE COUNTRY STORE IS THIS SATURDAY**

Get ready, because we need your help! It's Country Store time again. It will be Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> 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. Volunteers needed for set up on Thursday at 4:30pm December 5<sup>th</sup>. Come join the fun, help at a table or just browse and buy.



**Christmas Toy Tag Gifts**

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 8<sup>th</sup>**.



### Interfaith Christmas Dinner

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



**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 you wish. I must have envelopes by **Dec. 22**.



### 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.

**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.

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. Lynne

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Cathy Hammons; Marsha Jones; Glen & Ann Kiefer; Robert & Renee Kimmell

**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 Sandra Seeger & James Cain who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Sandra & James 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!

**10 Photos this week.**

## First Saturday Service at St. Paul’s



Last Saturday, we had our first Saturday night service at St. Paul’s. Because we share Fr. Arthur with St. Mark’s New Milford and Christ Church Susquehanna, on the first Sunday of the month, Pt. Paul’s has a Saturday evening service. On the second, third and fourth Sundays, we have our traditional 10:00 service. And on the fifth Sunday (of which there are four in the year), we have a combined service at New Milford with St. Mark’s and Christ Church.





Actually, the Saturday Service worked to our advantage because on Sunday morning, there was a serious ice storm and everything was ice covered. It was a mess!

## O Come O Come Emmanuel

*O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel*  
*That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel*  
*Shall come to thee, O Israel*

Last Sunday was the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent wreaths are up on the doors and the traditional lighting of the Advent candle took place. Another tradition, we also sang the first verse of that 12<sup>th</sup> century Christmas carol O Come Emmanuel.





## Welcome to NEPA Fr Arthur



An ice storm last Saturday night and the snowstorm on Sunday morning was our first real taste of winter. Our Memorial Garden, like the rest of Montrose, was covered in a white blanket and our sidewalks were a sheet of ice. The ice was treacherous and the snow was beautiful and our poor new priest from Georgia/ Texas got a crash course in driving (or not) in the snow. Welcome to North East Pennsylvania Fr. Arthur!



