

**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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Feb 23 - 29, 2020 Upcoming Events

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

- Sun. Feb 23 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- Tue. Feb 25 Pancake Supper 5:30pm
- Ash Wed. Service at St. Marks 10:00am
- Ashes Drive through with Bag Lunch at
St Paul's at 12:00pm
- Sat. Feb 29 Holy Eucharist at 5:00pm
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Tom Undercoffler & David Calby

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Lynne Graham

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: Stephanie Calby & Scott Price

Hospitality: Marsha & Sandy

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm: 99

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

**Altar Flowers this week are from Lynne &
Dan Graham In Memory of Robert W. Blye.**

**PANCAKE SUPPER AT ST. PAUL'S
CHURCH TUE., FEB. 25th**



Lent is fast approaching! St. Paul's Church is having its free annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tue., Feb. 25th, 2020, beginning at 5:30pm. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, homemade desserts and beverages. Please come and join us and bring your friends. Mardi Gras costumes welcome! SEE YOU THERE!

Vestry Highlights February 13, 2020

- We welcomed John Warriner as our new Vestry member.
- We elected Vickie Calby as Junior Warden, John Finlon as Treasurer, and Karen Blye-McAbee as Clerk of the Vestry. Fr. Arthur appointed Lynne Graham as Senior Warden with her consent.
- We read Romans 12:9-21 where it was laid out very specifically how we should treat our neighbors as ourselves in love and how we should repay evil with good.

- Dan Graham visited Christ Church and was impressed with the improvements made on the building. He requested that we offer \$250 to them to buy supplies and materials such as paint to continue their work. The Vestry unanimously agreed.
- Fr. Arthur reported that he has engaged a company in California to start work on a logo for St. Paul's and thereafter one for Christ Church, one for St. Mark's, and one for the Episcopal Parishes of Upper Susquehanna County. He reads the daily offices and has been livestreaming them on Facebook. The livestreaming of the services has been well attended by people from numerous states.
- On Ash Wednesday we will offer "drive-by" ashes and a bag lunch. The Ash Wednesday service will be held at St. Mark's at 10:00 a.m.. We will have our Palm Sunday service at 1 p.m. on Sunday rather than our first weekend of the month Saturday service. Easter Vigil will be at St. Mark's and St. Paul's will have our regular Easter service at 10 a.m.
- We will hold our annual service at St. Matthew's on Sunday, August 23 at 11:00 a.m. followed by an ice cream social.
- We accepted the Treasurer's Report and authorized an audit of 2019 financials to be done by William Owens during the summer. We finalized and signed the Parochial Report to be submitted to the Diocese.

Looking ahead:

Pancake Supper on Tuesday, February 25 at 5:30 p.m.

Ash Wednesday service at St. Mark's at 10:00 a.m. followed by "drive by ashes" and a bag lunch to be offered to participants.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2020

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

Sleeping Bags Ministry

Sleeping Bags plus soaps, shampoos and socks were delivered to Keystone Rescue Mission in Scranton, Pa. and were received with over whelming gratitude and friendship. It was truly a humble experience to see and experience the workings of an inner city Mission that helps and serves the Gravely Disabled and Homeless in so many various ways. Please visit their website to know the mission's widespread work.

At this time blankets are still needed along with flat sheets. Socks in good condition or new are an immediate need. Everyone's participation is most appreciated and we still need "hands to tie knots."

We meet the second Saturday and Wednesday of every month at 1:00 in Room #1 downstairs. Your contributions can be placed on the stage marked Sleeping Bags. Thank you All.

Bible Study

A small but enthusiastic group met on Tuesday for Bible study led by Fr. Arthur of the readings and lessons for the following Sunday. We shared supper at 5:30 and finished our study by 7:00. A light dinner will be provided on a volunteer rotating basis.

Each week's study is independent so please join us for any or all as we delve further into the words of Scripture to find meaning for our daily lives. This is a wonderful opportunity to become more familiar with your Bible while enjoying the fellowship of your church family.

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.

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.

St. Paul's Church History for Sale

The 150 page *A History of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Pennsylvania 1831-2019* is for sale in the office for \$20.00. All proceeds will go to St. Paul's. It presents the history of the of Episcopalian beginnings in Montrose in the early 1800s and the establishment and growth of St. Paul's parish and ends with the calling of Fr, Arthur in 2019. If you would like a copy please let Betty know.



Mobile Food Pantry

As you know, St. Paul's supplies the money for bread through our weekly collections in the "bread basket." Mar. 13 will be the next distribution, which is at the Methodist Church, it is run by volunteers and can always use some help.

St. Paul's Service Schedule

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

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Charlotte Ellis; John & Nancy Finlon; Scott, Mari, Emma & Cora Finlon; Patrick Gallagher

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

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency

Contact: you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Arthur Jones at 570-665-1707 or email him at JonesAL0@sewanee.com

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for Carol Lasher and Nancy Finlon who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Carol & Nancy 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.*

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!

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

4 Photos this week.

Epiphany 6

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days

Meet Your New Vestry



Meet your new Vestry! Lynne Graham, Sr. Warden, Vickie Calby, Jr. Warden, Karen Blye-McAbee, Clerk of the Vestry, John Finlon, Treasurer, Sean Eckert, Stephanie Calby, Martha Kupscznk, and John Warriner. Thanks to Maggie Sock who recently came off. Presiding is Fr. Arthur. If you see them in church, give them a big thank you.

Don't Forget - Pancake Supper Coming Up



Quite a Crew – March 5th, 2019

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Old Postcard of Church Street Rectory



EBay remains a fruitful place for old St. Paul's items. This was a hand-colored postcard mailed 1920 of our old rectory on Church St. The picture was taken about 1908. Currently numbered 264 Church St., the rectory was purchased by the Vestry in 1906 and sold in 2000 after Fr. Pease retired. Twelve of our rectors and their families lived in it.

Mobile Food Pantry was Friday



Last Friday, February 14th, the Mobile Food Pantry had its monthly distribution. It's not certain if Karen is smiling or grimacing but it was 16 degrees out and the wind was blowing when the produce was unloaded and bagged. Food was distributed to 274 households with more than 300 portions of food given out including 140 children, 288 adults and 200 seniors. Thanks to Arthur, Karen, Elaine, Stephanie and Nancy.