

**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 9 - 15, 2020 Upcoming Events

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

- Sat. Feb 8 DOK 10:00am
- Sat. Feb 9 and Wed Feb 12 Sleeping Bags at 1:00pm
- Sun. Feb 9 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- Tue. Feb. 11 & Feb 18 Bible Study 5:30pm
- Thu. Feb. 13 Mutual Ministry Council at 4:30pm
- Thu. Feb 13 Vestry Meeting 5:30pm
- Tue. Feb 25 Pancake Supper 5:30pm

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: Steve Kupscznk & Richard Marker

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Vickie Calby

Intercessor: Carol Marker

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Ann Kiefer

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a, [9b-12]

Psalm: 112:1-9, (10)

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12, [13-16]

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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

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.



Mobile Food Pantry

As you know, St. Paul's supplies the money for bread through our weekly collections in the "bread basket." Feb 14 will be the next distribution, which is held at the Methodist Church, is run by volunteers and can always use some help.

Bible Study Has Begun

A small but enthusiastic group met on Tuesday to begin a 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.

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.

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.

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 Cycle of Prayer: Margaret Burgh; David, Vickie & Stephanie Calby; Evelyn & Emile Constantine; Sandra Darde

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 those and 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.*

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.”

3 Photos this week.

Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple Sunday – Epiphany 4

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.

Saturday Night Service



Last week was the first Sunday of the month and our service was at 5:00 Saturday night. Although cold, the weather co-operated and it didn't snow. The walk lights looked pretty on the snow that was there.

Post Service Social Night

After the service Saturday Night, a social gathering was held at the Montrose Inn where we had a late dinner. About twenty parishioners showed up. Good fellowship and a good time was had by all



Don't Forget - Pancake Supper Coming Up



Quite a Crew – February 2017

Lent is fast approaching! St. Paul's Church is having its annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 25th, 2020, beginning at 5:30. 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!