

**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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**Jan 12 - 18, 2020 Upcoming Events**

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

- Thu. Jan 9 Vestry Meeting at 5:30pm
- Sat. Jan 11 DOK at 10:00am
- Sat. Jan 11 Sleeping Bags at 1:00pm
- Sun. Jan 12 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am  
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- Sun. Jan 12 Meeting after Church for  
Acolytes, Altar Guild & Chalicists
- Tue. Jan 14 Reports for the Annual  
Meeting are due to the Office
- Tue. Jan 14 & Jan 28 Bible Study  
5:30pm
- Sat. Jan 18 Workshop in Guild Room  
9:00am to 12:00pm for Safeguarding  
God's Children
- Sun. Jan 19 Annual Meeting after  
Church

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Al Leigh & Andrew  
Wurth

Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert

Counters: Steve Kupscznk & Richard Marker

Chalice Bearer: Nancy Dooling

Lector: Richard Marker

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones

Hospitality: Tom & Barbara Undercoffler

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

**Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalm: 29

Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

**"Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, St.  
Paul's family! As we begin 2020, I pray that**

God will bless each of us and our families and  
friends with joy, love, peace, and purpose.  
Ophthalmologically speaking, 20/20 is the ideal  
standard for excellent vision in terms of  
eyesight. It's my fervent hope that individually  
and collectively, we will designate the year  
2020 as a year of great vision in terms of  
evangelism, unity, and Christian concern for all  
of God's people. Since we know that God is  
with us, let's engage in bold acts and  
impossible dreams!"

Best,  
Arthur+

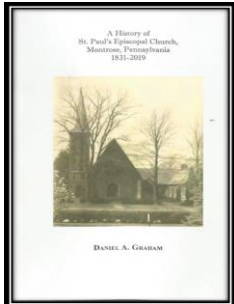


**Mobile Food Pantry**

As you know, St. Paul's supplies the money for  
bread through our weekly collections in the  
"bread basket." Jan 10 will be the next  
distribution, which is held at the Methodist  
Church, is run by volunteers and can always  
use some help.

## St. Paul's Church History for Sale

The 150 page *A History of St. Paul's Church, Montrose, Pennsylvania 1831-2019* has been published and 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.



## ANGELINA RITA VANNOZZI CESARETTI

Angelina Rita Vannozzi Cesaretti of New Milford died peacefully on January 3, 2020, six weeks short of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. She was born in Trenton, New Jersey on February 26, 1919. She was predeceased by her husband Charles Angelo Cesaretti.

She leaves behind four children and their spouses, Charles (John); Angela (George); Darleen (Michael); and Donald; as well as seven grandchildren; fifteen great-grandchildren; and, one great-great grandchild.

The Cesaretti Family wishes to express its deep appreciation and commendation to the entire staff of the Barnes Kasson Skilled Nursing Facility in Susquehanna. "Thank you for taking loving care of our mother."

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at St. Mark's Church, 1148 Main Street, New Milford, PA 18834. A luncheon will be served immediately after the service in the Parish Hall.

In lieu of flowers, kindly make donations into The Poor Clares, 150 White Pine Road, Chesterfield, NJ 08515. A donation envelope will be available at the service.

## Message from Bishop Kevin: Stand in Solidarity with Our Jewish Sisters and Brothers



Dear beloved of God,

The brutal stabbing at a Hanukkah party in Monsey, NY and the fatal shooting at a kosher supermarket in Jersey City, NJ are the most recent in an increasingly frequent string of attacks on Jewish people and congregations.

What has been exceptionally troubling in recent years is the escalation of violence against our Jewish sisters and brothers. Only a little more than a year ago, 11 people were killed at the Tree of Life Synagogue just 250 miles away in Pittsburgh. Though many of us hoped such hate-filled violence would cease, these violent acts continue with alarming frequency.

Let us stand in unity and solidarity with our Jewish sisters and brothers in a clear and unambiguous way. United with them, we will refuse to "let the light go out," as that beautiful Hanukkah song reminds us. [Along with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry](#), I invite you to make a visible sign of your support by getting involved with the #JewishandProud social media campaign. Read the stories our Jewish sisters and brothers are sharing and let them know we stand with them in calling for an end to these vicious acts.

May the loving bonds that unite us hold us more closely together during this fragile time.

In God's love,

The Rt. Rev. Kevin D. Nichols  
Bishop of Bethlehem

**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.

**Joe Welden** is at:

The Gardens of Tunkhannock  
30 Virginia Drive Room # 306  
Tunkhannock, PA 18657

Facility Phone Number is 570-836-5166

### **St. Paul's Service Schedule**

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, we will gather with Christ Church at St. Mark's in New Milford at 10 a.m.

**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 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!

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Tom & Barbara Undercoffler; Ralph Very; Edgar Warriner; John & Gaby Warriner

**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 Arthur Jones at 570-665-1707.

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for Molly Brunner, Anne Shafer and Bill Rathbone who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Molly, Anne and Bill 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.**

## Second Sunday of Christmas

*We Three Kings of Orient are, Bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
Field and fountain, Moor and mountain, Following yonder Star.*



It was the second Sunday of Christmas although because it was the first Sunday of the month, we had the service on Saturday night at 5 o'clock. The feast of Epiphany, January 6<sup>th</sup>, commemorates the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child. Our Wise Men arrived at the Crèche before the service.





## Photos From Years Past



**St. Paul's January 2016**

**Christmas Eve Service 2017**



**Montrose, Wednesday Morning, January 8, 7:30**



*"If you want to be reminded of the love of the Lord, just watch the sunrise."*