

**Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love
by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.**

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

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Click on link to go to our Website: <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

Click on link to go to our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose>

Jan 19 - 25, 2020 Upcoming Events

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

- Sat. Jan 18 Workshop in Guild Room
9:00am to 12:00pm for Safeguarding
God's Children
- Sun. Jan 19 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- Tue. Jan 28 Bible Study 5:30pm
- 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: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy
Seeger

Chalice Bearer: Vickie Calby

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Intercessor: Vickie Calby

Greeter/Usher: Nancy Dooling & Karen Blye-
McAbee

Hospitality: John & Gabby

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm: 40:1-12

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

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

**Vestry Highlights,
January 9, 2020**

- We read John 8:12-19 and discussed how Jesus spoke to the Pharisees with confidence that he had the testimony of himself and God.
- Fr. Arthur reported that he is working with community leadership, the Chamber of Commerce, the Diocese and social media to get St. Paul's name out there. He reads the daily offices and has been livestreaming them on his Facebook page. These will also be coordinated with St. Paul's Facebook page.
- The Vestry worked on the Easter schedule in coordination with St. Mark's. On Ash Wednesday we will offer "drive-by" ashes and a bag lunch. The Ash Wednesday service will be held at St. Mark's. 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 we will have our regular Easter service at 10 a.m.
- The Episcopal Parishes of Upper Susquehanna County received a grant of \$7500 from the Eli Lilly Foundation. This was matched by the Diocese. We have submitted a second grant proposal for Congregational Development.

- We will establish a Mutual Ministry Council at St. Paul's with Arthur and 3 parish members.
- The Vestry nominated John Warriner to replace Maggie Sock as a Vestry member. This will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.
- The Vestry authorized Arthur to begin working with a company on creating a logo for St. Paul's and the EPUSC.
- The Vestry voted to distribute the Country Store proceeds to the Lunch Box Program (an extension of the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry) and to Interfaith to help with heat bills.
- We approved our 2020 budget including the full assessment and acceptance to the Diocese. The budget includes a salary for a Director of Communications position for about 4 hours/week. We reviewed and accepted the Treasurer's Report.

Looking ahead:

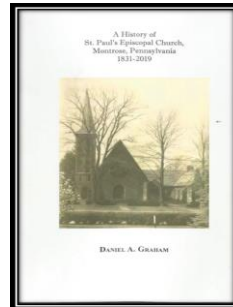
Workshop to complete Safe Church clearances
Saturday, January 18, 9-1

Annual Meeting after the service on January 19

Next meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2020

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 101st 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.

St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer: Katherine Warriner; Joe & Esther Welden; Alice Wood; Mary & Ben Zalewski

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



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.

SLEEPING BAG MINISTRY

We were most blessed to have Joyce Burman with us to teach a faster way of completing a sleeping bag faster and easier. Joyce comes from serving many years at Holy Name of Mary sleeping bags ministry where they are able to produce many sleeping bags in one session. Needless to say, we welcomed her and needed her skills!! Thank you so much, Joyce. Another wonderful addition is the added donated sewing machine which is saving us time and "knots". !!!

Our supply inventory indicates that we are still in need of warm blankets plus help would be greatly appreciated.

Please remember they need not be perfect but only clean.

We continue to meet the second Wednesday and second Saturday of each month at 1:00 downstairs in Rm. #1. You need not stay the entire two hours if not possible but any time given is greatly appreciated.

Thank you All.

You only need to tie a knot!

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.

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 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 Nathaniel Syle and David Calby who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Nathaniel and David 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!

6 Photos this week.

Epiphany 1, January 12th, 2020

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, “I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?” But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness.”



Recently completed sleeping bags were blessed during the service. St. Paul's sleeping bag ministry is in full swing and can always use some volunteers. As they say, “if you can tie a knot, you can make sleeping bags.” Talk to Carol Marker for more information on how to help.

The Rev. Jenny Scott shared officiating the service on Sunday with Fr. Arthur. Rev. Scott is Fr. Arthur's fiancée and was in town with his parents and her parents for a visit.





Mobile Food Pantry



January 10th was the second Friday of the month and it was the Mobile Food Pantry's day to give out food at the Methodist Church. The trucks came about 9:30 and everything had to be unloaded and then separated into bags for about 300 families. The morning was fairly cold, but it warmed up as the day went on. St. Paul's was well represented and it looks like they were having a good time.

Photos From Years Past

Christmas Store 2009

