

**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 5 - 11, 2020 Upcoming Events

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

- Sat. Jan. 4 Holy Eucharist at 5:00pm
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- Wed. Jan 8 and Sat Jan 11 Sleeping
Bags at 1:00pm
- Thu. Jan 9 Vestry Meeting at 5:30pm
- Sat. Jan 11 DOK at 10:00am
- Sun. Jan 12 Meeting after Church for
Acolytes, Altar Guild & Chalcists
- Sat. Jan 18 Workshop in Guild Room
9:00am to 12:00pm for Safeguarding
God's Children
- Sun. Jan 19 Annual Meeting after
Church

Readings for Saturday Jan. 4

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalm: 72:1-7, 10-14

Epistle: Ephesians 3:1-12

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

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: Dan Graham & Patrick Gallagher

Chalice Bearer: Lynne Graham

Lector: Dan Graham

Intercessor:

Greeter/Usher: John Finlon & Ann Kiefer

Hospitality: Sandy & Marsha

**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



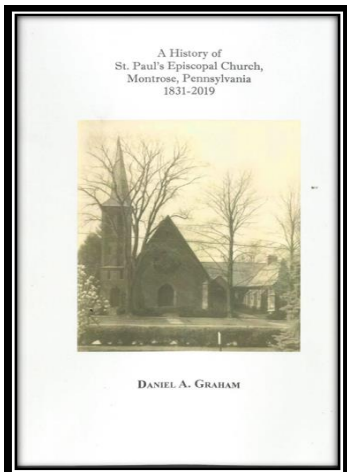
Mobile Food Pantry

As you know, St. Paul's supplies the money for
the 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.

**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* 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.



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, of which there are 4 in 2020, 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: Anne Shafer; Robert & Elizabeth Smith; Jerry & Maggie Sock; Thomas & Brenda Syle

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 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.*

"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.

1st Sunday After Christmas

*Go, tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and everywhere
Go, tell it on the mountain, That Jesus Christ is born!*



As expected, Mary, Joseph and Jesus did arrive to the Crèche with all the shepherds, cattle, sheep and donkeys. The wise men are still on their way!

Christmas Past - 2018



Chestnut Street Lock Changed



Door Will Stay Unlocked



Door Will Stay Locked

The lock on the Chestnut Street door had to be replaced. The new one works a little differently than the old one. Getting in is the same – key in the code and turn the handle. When closing however, **ON THE INSIDE**, the knob above the handle must be horizontal for the door to lock **OUTSIDE**. If the knob is vertical, the door will stay unlocked outside. Check that the door is locked when you leave.

What is that Mess?



We have two older Bradford Pears on Chestnut Street across from the HoMart that make a mess each year. The pears, the size of cherries, usually fall off with the leaves. But this year, they waited until December. The trees are beautiful in the spring but messy in the fall. The newer varieties still have the flowers but have eliminated the fruit.