

**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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**Mar 22 - 28, 2020 Upcoming Events**

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

- Sun. Mar 22 Morning Prayer with Homily at 10:00am **Livestream Only** from St Paul's with Fr. Arthur Jones III
- Sun. Mar 29 Morning Prayer with Homily at 10:00am **Livestream Only** from St. Paul's with Fr. Arthur Jones III
- **Zoom Conference** Bible Study Tue. Mar 24 & Mar 31 from 6:00 to 7:00pm call Lynne to see how it works

**This Week's Lay Ministers: Only Fr. Arthur and one Camera/Broadcast person will be present due to Coronavirus.**

**Readings for Sunday Livestream**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Psalm: 23

Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel: John 9:1-41



**Envelopes for Easter Flowers** are available at the back of the church. Easter Lilies are \$21.00. I will need all envelopes to the office by **Sun. April 5th** for Memorials to be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin. (Pending Bishop Decision for services on Fri. March 27)

**Acolyte and Thurifer Training CANCELED**

**Baptism and Confirmation**

Anyone who is interested in either being baptized or being confirmed are asked to RSVP by speaking to either Father Arthur or the Senior Warden at their parish. Ideal times for either Baptism and/or Confirmation to the Church are rapidly approaching: Holy Week, Pentecost, and Bishop Kevin Nichols' visit in late June. Inquirer's classes -- designed to teach people what it means to be an Episcopalian -- will be offered for six weeks prior to Confirmation and Baptism.

**Bishop Visits**

The Rt. Rev. Kevin Nichols -- the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem PA -- will be visiting St. Mark's Episcopal Church on Saturday, June 20th at 5pm; and visiting Christ Episcopal Church on Sunday, June 21st at 11:00am. Please make plans to attend one of those services as we love Bishop Kevin and he loves us. Come and be a part of the family, food, fun, and affirmation of our faith with our Bishop!

**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 see Betty.

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Joe Welden, Naomi Bennett, Justin, Rita Leigh, Fr. John Wagner & Eric.

**St. Paul's Cycle of Prayer:** Al & Rita Leigh; George & Mary Beth Manns; Richard & Carol Marker; Joel & Suzi Maxey

**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.



#### **Mobile Food Pantry**

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

**Our thanksgivings:** We give thanks for Elaine Petrzala and Robert Kuhn who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as Elaine & Robert 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.*

**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](mailto:JonesAL0@sewanee.com)

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

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

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

**4 Photos this week.**

## Lent 4

### Bishop Nichols Suspends Services Until March 27



Bishop Nichols suspended all church related activities until March 27. Groups using the church can decide individually whether or not to meet. On Sunday, our dedicated team of videographers, Al and Andrew, and our Priest in Charge live streamed the service. And will continue to do so each Sunday. Arthur and the Bible Study group also met virtually via Zoom and it worked very well for our trial run. Our Sunday services can be accessed by going to St. Paul's website and clicking on Live Stream. See you at 10:00.

## Springtime Arrives at St. Paul's



*Blossom by blossom Spring begins.* Despite the disruption to our normal routines during the next couple of weeks, spring, as always, will still arrive. Bulbs will bloom, trees will bud, and songbirds will nest reminding us that God's still in his heaven, all is right with the world. A snowdrop, our first flower, bloomed in a sunny nook in the Memorial Garden. It was a welcome sight.