

**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

Office 570-278-2954, Mon. to Thu. 8:15am to 1:00pm

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Mar 8 - 14, 2020 Upcoming Events

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

- Daylight Savings Time Clocks go ahead
1 hour on Sun. Mar. 8th



- Sun. Mar 8 Holy Eucharist at 10:00am
with Fr. Arthur L. Jones, III
- Lent Bible Study & Supper Tue. Mar 10,
Mar 17, Mar 24 & Mar 31 at 5:30pm
- DOK Meeting Sat. Mar. 14 at 10:00am
- Sleeping Bags Wed. Mar. 11 & Sat.
Mar. 14 at 1:00pm
- Vestry Meeting Thu. Mar. 12 at 5:30pm
- Order of St. Luke Thursdays at 2:00pm

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn, Karen Blye-McAbee &
Carol Lasher

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: Mary Zalewski

Intercessor: Nancy Dooling

Greeter/Usher: Vickie Calby & Martha
Kupscznk

Readings for Sunday

First Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm: 121

Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

Gospel: John 3:1-17

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



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.

Acolyte Training and Thurifer Training

The Rev. Jennifer "Jenny" Scott -- Priest in
Charge at Grace Episcopal Church in Elmira,
NY -- will be offering Acolyte Training and
Thurifer Training on Thursday, March 26th at
4:00pm at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New
Milford. Anyone interested in either being
trained as an Acolyte or as a Thurifer should
plan to come and take part. The training
session is FREE; and should only last between
60 to 90 minutes. Interested persons are asked
to RSVP by speaking to either Father Arthur or
the Senior Warden at their parish.

Baptism and/or 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.



Mobile Food Pantry

As you know, St. Paul's supplies the money for bread through our weekly collections in the "bread basket." Mar. 13 will be the next distribution, which is at the Methodist Church, it is run by volunteers and can always use some help.

Social Night

Social Night will be at Cathy Hammons residence on Friday, March 13 starting at 6:30pm.

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 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.

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.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for John Finlon and others who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, look with favor, we pray, as John & others 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 Cycle of Prayer: Lynne & Dan Graham; Cathy Hammons; Marsha Jones; Glen & Ann Kiefer

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

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!

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.”

1 Photo this week.

First Sunday of Lent

“If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Since it was the first weekend of the month, St. Paul's had its 5:00 Saturday service on the 29th. This week was the first Sunday of the Lenten season. Lent is the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It started as a Christian commemoration of Jesus' sacrifice during his 40 days of fasting in the desert leading up to his crucifixion.

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'ful hand.**

St. Paul's Altar Cross



When closing up and turning off the lights in the church after the Saturday night service, an interesting scene unfolded. When all the lights are out, the cross on the altar reflects the light from the Rose window creating a dramatic image. One worth taking a peak at if you ever get a chance.