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

**Nov. 8 - 14, 2020**

**Holy Eucharist Sun. Nov. 8 at 10:00 am with  
Fr. Charles Cesaretti**

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: May & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Counters: Dan Graham & Patrick Gallagher

Greeter/Usher: Sandy Seeger & Karen Blye-McAbee

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm: 78:1-7

Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

**Altar Flowers this week are from Robert &  
Vera Dunn for Our Congregation.**

### **The Cab Driver**

As he arrived at the address he was given by the dispatcher, he honked the horn. After waiting a few minutes he blew the horn again. Thinking this was his last ride of the evening, if they didn't come soon he would just drive away. Instead he decided to go knock on the door. Just a minute answered a fragile elderly voice. The door opened and a small woman in her 90's stood before him dressed like someone out of a 1940's movie. By her side was a small suitcase. The apartment looked as if no one had lived in it for years. All the furniture was covered with sheets, there were no decorations on the walls and just cardboard boxes on the floor, one box filled with old pictures from years past. Would you carry my bag to the cab she asked. He took the bag to the cab and then went back to her. She

grabbed his arm and as they walked slowly to the cab, she kept thanking him for his kindness. It is nothing he said, I like to treat my passengers the same way I would want someone to treat me or my mother. You are such a good man she replied.

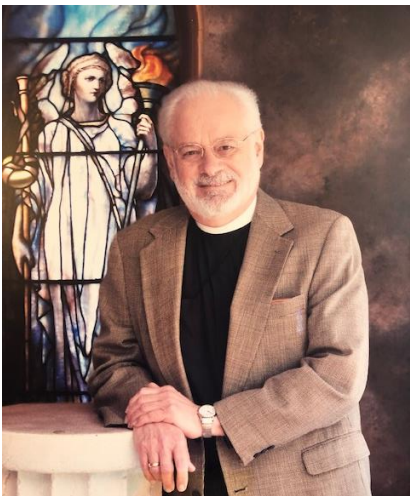
When they got in the cab she gave him an address and asked if they could drive through downtown on their way. He told her that it was out of the way and would cost her more. She responded I am in no hurry, I am on my way to hospice. He looked into the rear view mirror and saw tears in her eyes. I don't have any family left she said in a soft voice and I don't have long. Just then he reached over to the meter that was running and turned it off. What route would you like to take he asked, and so for the next several hours he took her thru town. She showed him the building where she had worked for many years as an elevator operator. They drove through the neighborhood where she and her husband had lived as newlyweds. They drove past an old furniture store that once was a ballroom where she had gone dancing as a young girl. Time passed and she told him that she was getting tired and she was ready to go.

They drove in silence to the address she had given him. As they drove up to the door, two gentleman came out and opened the door of the cab and welcomed her. The cab driver opened the trunk and took out the small suitcase and took it to the door. She asked him how much she owed him and he replied nothing and without thinking he gave her a big hug. She held him tightly and told him that he had given an old lady so much joy. As she walked in and the door closed behind her it sounded like the closing of a life. He drove

away aimlessly, lost in thought. What if she had gotten an angry driver, or an impatient one? What if he had driven away after the second honk of the horn? He felt he had done the most meaningful thing in his life.

We're conditioned to think that our lives revolve around great moments. But great moments often catch us unaware beautifully wrapped in what others may consider a small one. During these trying times we each need to care for each other and reach out with love and kindness. You could make a huge difference in someone's life. God Bless you all.

Sandy Seeger



For everything, there is a season, and in the midst of this pandemic, we have something to celebrate! Thursday, November 6 (today as you read this weekly update), is the anniversary of Fr. Charles Cesaretti's ordination 55 years ago! Words cannot express our deep appreciation for his steadfast care and concern for us over the past many years. Fr. Charles has been our priest, mentor, and guide. His pastoral care for our parishioners and those of St. Mark's and Christ Church has been a huge comfort to those in need and we are grateful for his ministry among us.

On Sunday, we will celebrate the Holy Eucharist with Fr. Charles officiating. This is our opportunity to show him how much his faithful presence has meant to us. Please join us for this special celebration. Lynne



Esther Welden graciously donated Joe's wheelchair. It will be stored in the bell tower in case of an emergency during church.

### **Coats for the Community Distribution Dates:**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford

Nov. 5-6 from 10:00am to 2pm

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose

Dec. 16-17 from 9am to 1pm

So again, check your closets for any warm, gently used coats you no longer need. Ask your grandchildren for their outgrown coats, too. We are accepting donations. Just leave them at church. Talk to John or Dan if you can help with the distribution at St. Paul's Church.



### **Trehab Thanksgiving Feed A Friend**

Due to the Covid pandemic, the program is still going on but being totally restructured without the food drives. They are taking monetary donations. They will not have a designated giveaway day. Their staff will hand out Thanksgiving Food throughout the month of November and recipients will utilize vouchers at the local grocery stores to pick up their turkeys.

Trehab/Feed a Friend  
PO Box 366  
Montrose, PA 18801



### Interfaith Christmas Dinner

We will be collecting 50 boxes of Stuffing Mix for the Christmas Dinner. We need all stuffing donations no later than **Dec. 3rd**.



### Christmas Toy Tags

Starting early-November toy tags will be available. We will have 20 tags. Gifts should be valued between \$25 and \$30. Gifts are to be unwrapped with the tag securely attached. If batteries are required, please include them with the gift. All Gifts must be brought to the Church by Dec 1st.

### An Advent of Anticipation

Advent is the season that begins the new church year. This year Advent begins on Sunday, November 29 and continues through Christmas Eve. Advent is an anticipatory season as we prepare for Christmas by readying our hearts for the newborn Jesus. During this time of expectancy, we not only remember the birth of Jesus, we call to mind the promise of the second coming.

Along with Christ Church, Susquehanna, and St. Mark's, New Milford, I invite us to consider several components that will help us focus on the season: our spiritual development, community involvement, pastoral care for shut-ins, and, finally, our Christmas Eve service.

On the first Sunday of Advent, each parishioner will be offered a devotional booklet that will include the Collect for the week, a scripture reading for each day taken from the Daily Office in the BCP, a meditation which uses Lectio Divina (which will be explained in the booklet), and a time for silence and personal prayer.

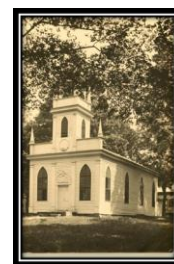
Because baby Jesus is the reason for the season, we will respond to a need in the community by donating baby clothes, diapers, formula, and baby food to Interfaith and the Women's Resource Center. These items will be collected during Advent and blessed in a liturgy on Sunday, December 13.

We will reach out to our shut-ins in a way that allows them to feel included and special. Please give some thought as to what this might be for our parish.

On Sunday, December 20, the three churches and anyone who cares to join us are invited to gather at 3:30 p.m. at St. Mark's for an outside caroling service. We will light candles and have a good old-fashioned sing-a-long with accompaniment.

Finally, we are delighted that Fr. Charles will officiate at our Christmas Eve services. Because of Covid restrictions and probable larger attendance at each church, we will hold services at Christ Church at 4 p.m.; St Mark's at 6 p.m.; and at St. Paul's at 8 p.m.

We hope that the season of Advent will be what each of us needs, not only to wait patiently for Christmas, but to use the four weeks to ponder the gift of the Christ child and how we can respond in love. Lynne



### Church Histories on Sale

Betty still has some St. Paul's histories for sale in the office. They are now \$15 for St. Paul's parishioners. Just contact her if you want one. Additionally, during lockdown, Dan has written another book, this time on St. Mark's in New Milford. Entitled *St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford, Pennsylvania 1817-2020*, it also

provides a history of Grace Episcopal Church that was located in Great Bend from 1852 to 1954. It will be printed in November. St. Mark's was one of the first Episcopal churches in Northeast Pennsylvania.

**Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency**

**Contact:** you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham 570-934-1160.

**For those who are ill or have requested our**

**prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Fr. Arthur, Charlotte Ellis, Cathy Hammons, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon & Patrick Gallagher.

**Birthdays for November:** Matthew 11/18 & Brenda Syle 11/23.

**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.*

**7 Photos this week.**

**Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost, All Saints Sunday**

**November 1, 2020**

**The Beatitudes**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. (*Matthew 5:1-12*)

**Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer**

Good morning November! October has gone, with the leaves and the rest of the Summer. Welcome November, I hope you will be the best of months for all of us. It may be a little darker



Lord, till we begin to put up our lights. A little colder perhaps, but warm hearths, cozy blankets, will change all of that!

Our prayers arise on this day of days, All Saints Day, when we remember all who have gone before us. All Saints, Moms and Dads, Aunts and Uncles, grandparents too, who lived their lives with grace, toil, sweat and love. These are our saints and all our Faith, all our Hopes were built through their efforts, their labor, their prayer and example. Today we pray in praise of these are saints.

All of us can name them in our lives Lord. We can list them down the years at every fork in the road and every turn, they were there for us; John & Peggy, Liz, George, Hannah, Agnes, Mary, Willie & June, Rita, Bob, Joe, Bernard, Eric, Edwin, Mary & Ellen and so many more. These are our saints, we stand on their shoulders, our victories are their victories. They deserve our prayer.

Raise up our loved ones Lord, wash them in the blood of the Lamb, dress them in the white robe of salvation. They walked the way of salvation and followed you their Messiah and Savior. Now their earthly life is over, their labors done, come true with your promise of everlasting life and the reward of your heavenly kingdom. Allow us Lord to always be faithful to their example and the grace they left us, to follow in their ways. Amen.

*Fr. William McGinty (Fr. Bill) of Christ Church, Forest City, writes a daily Prayer that he sends out in Email. If you would like to be on Fr. Bill's list just let Dan know.*

### **St. Paul's To Distribute Soup Starting December**



The need for help with food has increased significantly during the pandemic. There was a meeting last week of parishioners to discuss how St. Paul's could help our neighbors. Fortunately, all our fabled soup makers -- Martha, Vickie, Karen, Gaby, Sandy and Lynne -- were there. It was decided that a new ministry involving a free dinner of soup will be started in December. The take-out dinner will include soup, applesauce, a roll, and cookies. The group is still working on the logistics but if you are interested in helping, contact one of the women.

### **Just Like Clockwork -- Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>**

We are back inside and we seem to have hit a rhythm with our Morning Prayer going off perfectly. From the ringing of the bell to the organ postlude, and the live streaming on YouTube, it's comfortable. Ellen Ely led the service on Sunday and Tom Undercoffler and Lynne did the

Readings. MaryAnn Dewitt, our organist, played the Prelude – *On Eagle's Wings*, the Organ Meditation - *O Mighty God*, and the Postlude - *When Morning Guilds the Skies*.



### Early Snow and a Blue Halloween Moon This Week

On Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, we woke up to a wet, one-inch snow. While the ground was wet and too warm yet to keep it, we were given a peek at what is coming in the following months. It had melted by Saturday, which was Halloween, so our Trick or Treaters were not subject to wet candy bags from setting them on the ground. Everyone that was out was treated to an infrequent sight -- a Blue Moon. It's the name given to the second full moon in the same month. While unique, it's even more rare to fall on Halloween. The last time it did it was in 2001. One can see and hear Vickie looking up at that moon, and doing her famous witch laugh -- terrifying some poor little goblins and probably their parents as well.



Monday was snowy all day with ice pellets and blowing. For the first time we had to salt St. Paul's sidewalks. The 5-gallon salt buckets were retrieved from storage in the basement, filled, and placed at both doors along with snow shovels, So it begins!

### **Remember When?**

This was taken in 2016. Sandy and Marsha were dressing the altar. What a great team!



Did you ever wonder where did our old kitchen stove go when we renovated the kitchen and got the new one? It found a good home. It went to Camp Corby where we are told, that the premier chief-cook, Jack Lasher, makes good breakfasts during hunting camp.

