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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.

Oct. 25 - 31, 2020

Morning Prayer Sun. Oct. 25 at 10:00 am

Daylight Savings Time Ends Nov. 1, turn clocks back 1 hour.



This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Officiant: Tom Undercoffler
Counters: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandy Seeger
Greeter/Usher: Vickie Calby & Martha Kupscznk

Readings for this week

First Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12
Psalm: 90:1-6, 13-17
Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 22:34-46

Altar Flowers this week are from Lynne & Dan Graham In Memory of Robert W. Blye.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency

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

Autumn, a season of God's Glory

What a beautiful autumn we have had this year! The weather has been perfect for being outdoors. Earlier, the Sundays we were able to worship in the garden together meant so very much to all of us, connecting us through the miraculous beauty of nature with our one true God through Jesus Christ. Even during a few cloudy days, the bright colors of the leaves still prevail to provide our souls with happiness and warmth.

Sometimes we are currently frustrated and troubled. The covid-19 pandemic has taken a severe turn for the worse. So many have suffered and even died from contracting this illness. National politics has begun to drive us crazy. We have become tired of all the accusations, insults, lying, denials, and repetitive TV ads. Where are we going? In what directions are we headed? How safe are we from illnesses, crime, terrorism, and other upheaving forces in our society?

Do not be afraid. Look at the beautiful leaves. Bathe yourself in the beautiful light of our sunrises and sunsets. Look at all those stars in the night sky. Breathe in that Montrose area fresh country air. Feel the warm sunlight on a clear, sunny, brisk day. Listen to all those birds. Listen to the children playing outdoors with carefree joy. Pray to the Lord with thankfulness in your heart for all we have.

Smile. It's Autumn, a season of God's glory.
Tom Undercoffler

I do believe that signing up on the link below will allow you to receive the daily prayers by email, but hard copies will be available with the Sunday bulletin. Lynne

—★☆☆A☆☆— ★SEASON★ OF PRAYER: FOR AN ELECTION

Forward Movement and The Episcopal Church Office of Government Relations are calling Episcopalians and all others to join in A Season of Prayer: For an Election.

Join us October 27-November 4. Sign up for email updates below.

We come together, asking God for courage and wisdom, thanking God for love and joy. As we move toward the election of leaders for the United States, may we all join in a season of prayer, committing to offer to God our fears and frustrations, our hopes and dreams.

A novena is an ancient tradition of nine days of devotional prayers, often with a specific intention. In this case, we pray for discernment in voting and for the well-being of our nation.

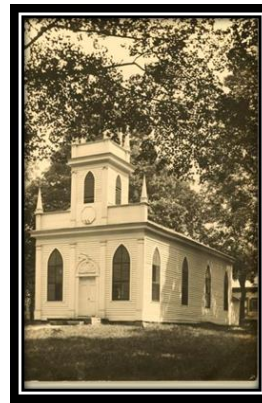
Starting October 27 and continuing through the day after the election, we invite you to pray for the election of leaders in the United States. Materials are available below in English and Spanish for use at home or to share with you congregation. These prayers, drawn from *The Book of Common Prayer*, can be printed out and tucked in a Bible or prayer journal.

The prayers will also be posted daily on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#), #seasonofprayer.

<https://holycrossmonastery.us17.list-manage.com/track/click?u=efb097b8ecec363e3a548b999&id=5b4fed8fbf&e=27ca7de5bc>

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.



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

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



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.

Coats for the Community Coat Distribution Schedule:

Christ Episcopal Church, Susquehanna

Oct. 23-24 from 10am to 4pm

Christ Episcopal Church, Forest City

Oct. 29-30 from 3pm to 6pm and Oct 31 from 10am to 2pm

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, New Milford

Nov. 5-6

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 distribution at St. Paul's.

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Justin, Rita Leigh, Fr. Arthur, Charlotte Ellis, Cathy Hammons, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon & Patrick Gallagher.

Birthdays for October: Rachel Bartron 10/22, Robert Smith 10/23 & Carol Marker 10/31.

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.

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Paying the Imperial Tax to Caesar

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away. (*Matthew 22: 1-14*)

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

In this Sunday morning, a Sabbath day, we pray to you Lord Jesus Christ. The day has begun dark, and we striving to follow you once more, ask for your blessing on this day and week.

The Pharisees and Scribes attempted to trick you with the question: "Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?" And you replied that we should give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God!---We owe everything to God and there comes an age when we realize that all else is dust. All that we are, all that remains, is spirit. In one hundred years it would be difficult to even trace that we existed at all.

Paul writing to the Thessalonians tells them that he has heard 'good things' of them. Neighbors all around have seen with their own eyes how these Christians of Thessalonica treat each other and welcome with kindness the stranger. "This is what we left you, that you would follow our example in taking up the teaching of Jesus Christ and making him the center of your lives. Following him gives purpose and meaning and brings us all closer to the God of goodness and creation".

In our first reading today Moses talks with God. In a frank exchange. They acknowledge that without knowing each other there could be no relationship. But now that they do, now that they have exchanged names, they are committed to one another and Moses' people will forever be God's people and they will hold him up as their one and only God.

Dedicating this day to you Lord, we ask that we borrow your name, know your Father, and disown what belongs to this world. Accept us into the fellowship of your Spirit, that we may truly, belong to you and the Kingdom that you taught. No words are needed over our grave save the one that you have given us: "here lies the soul of a Christian." 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.

Susquehanna County Autumn

What a fall it's been this year. The trees have been breathtaking. With all the weather-related problems elsewhere in the country, we have been blessed here with a spectacular fall. Let's hope for a mild winter.



Joyce's Sunday Prelude

**All things bright and beautiful All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful The Lord God made them all**

**Each little flower that opens Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colors He made their tiny wings**

**The purple-headed mountain The river running by
The sunset and the morning That brightens up the sky**

**The cold wind in the winter The pleasant summer sun
The ripe fruits in the garden He made them every one**

Sunday, October 16th

Lynne led the service on Sunday. We had two special visitors, old friends – Maggie and Jerry. Jerry, along with Sean and Carol Marker, did the readings. It was good to hear his voice at the lectern. Joyce Printz did the prelude, All Things Bright and Beautiful, the piano meditation and the postlude.



Remember When?

There's something about our Parish Hall fireplace that makes coffee hours and gatherings special. The good news is the fire is just waiting to be lighted again to add warmth and ambiance to our gatherings. And we are waiting for it!



Coats for the Community Goes on the Road

Coats are collected and stored at St. Paul's in readiness for the guys from Montrose's American Legion Gardner Warner Post 154 to deliver them to the various churches and schools where they are distributed. The coats were taken on Monday to Christ Church in Susquehanna Depot. Christ Church in Forest City and St. Mark's in New Milford are also distribution locations this year. This is the 14th year for the program. The coats, which are purchased and collected throughout the year, will return to St. Paul's in November for a final two-day distribution that coincides with Interfaith's Christmas distribution of food and toys on December 16th and 17th.



Birthday Girls Vickie and Carol

Received the Altar Flowers



Happy Birthday Vicki and Carol!