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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.

Jan 17 - 23, 2021

Morning Prayer Sun. Jan 17 at 10:00am
online <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>



This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements & Lector:

Officiant:

Readings for this week

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10(11-20)

Psalm: 139:1-5, 12-17

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

Good Morning and welcome to Flight 2021. As we prepare to take off into the New Year, please make sure your Positive Attitude and Gratitude are secured and locked in the upright position. All self-destruct devices; i.e. pity, anger, selfishness and resentment should be turned off at this time. All negativity, hurt and discouragement should be put away. Should you lose your positive Attitude under pressure during this flight, reach up and pull down a prayer. Prayers will automatically be activated by Faith. Once your Faith is activated, you can assist other passengers who are of little faith. There will BE NO BAGGAGE allowed on this flight. God, our

Captain has cleared us for take-off. Destination – GREATNESS!

No matter what your election outcome was, we need to be strong in our beliefs with GOD and our Country. Hating is not in the Bible. We should love our neighbors and friends as we love ourselves and our families.

Wishing you a New Year filled with new HOPE, new JOY and new BEGINNINGS!
Stay SAFE & BLESSED...
And WELCOME 2021!!!

Regards, Bob and Vera Dunn

MONTHLY FOOD DISTRIBUTION
SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

First Wednesday of the Month: Free Soup
Dinner St. Paul's Episcopal Church 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Second Friday of the Month: Montrose
Mobile Food Pantry South Montrose
Community Church 11:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
Registration required by calling 570-533-3980

Third Monday of the Month: Free Soup
Dinner South Montrose Community Church
4:30-6:30 p.m.

Fourth Friday of the Month: Food Distribution
Endless Mountains Health Care

2:00-4:00 p.m. Registration required by calling
570-278-5529 or email at
panderson@Endlesscare.org

****Please note** that the Free Soup Dinners are
take-out only during the pandemic**

It's Winter Time

It's winter time in Montrose and with it comes snow and ice. If you are at church and the walks could use some salt, we have a broom and salt bucket at each door.



Reminder with winter comes winter weather! If there is ice or snow and there is a question about church being canceled, listen to WPEL at 96.5 FM.



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Ellis, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Patrick Gallagher, Johanna Masters & Jeannine Ball.

First Sunday after Epiphany

The Gospel

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Birthdays for January: Molly Brunner 1/16, Anne Shafer 1/16, Bill Rathbone 1/18, Nathaniel Syle 1/20, David Calby 1/24 & Marsha Jones 1/26.

Our thanksgivings: We give thanks for those who celebrate their birthdays this week. *O God, our times are in your hand: look with favor, we pray, on your servants 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 lives. 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.*

Your tithes and pledges can be mailed to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801.

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

5 Photos this week.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." (*Mark 1: 4-11*)

**What star is this with beams so bright, More lovely than the noonday light?
'Tis sent to announce a newborn king, Glad tidings of our God to bring.**

**'Tis now fulfilled what God decreed, "From Jacob shall a star proceed";
And lo! the eastern sages stand, To read in heav'n the Lord's command.**

**O Jesus, while the star of grace, Impels us on to seek your face,
Let not our slothful hearts refuse, The guidance of your light to use.**

**To God Creator, heav'nly light, To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Spirit blest we raise, An endless song of thankful praise!**

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

It is the Feast of the Epiphany. A funny word Epiphany-----meaning a revelation, a discovery, a revealing. Even that never quite captures the true meaning of Epiphany. -- 'Epiphany is a moment in time when you have a realization, or understanding of the truth.' -- - We all have Epiphanies from time to time. The moment you realize that you are in love with another person is an Epiphany. Today was designated as the day Christians truly came to the realization of Jesus as the Son of God, come into the world.

Lord we pray on this cold January morning: -- "Thank you Father for your intervention in sending your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ into the World. The Promise that began with Abraham is fulfilled by you in the town of Bethlehem. Wise Men came from the East, we are told, a King is born, who is to be the Messiah and Savior of the World."

What is happening? Where are we at? We grasp at understanding this Stargate Moment, when the divine entered the human. We know all physical matter is finite, even the rocks 'don't live forever'. Was this an Epiphany that told us there was a 'life of the Spirit' that was at its heart the essence of the Universe? ---Was this a teachable moment, an Epiphany of the mind, that injected love, understanding and a host of divine virtues into the chaotic mix of the primordial soup that we call existence?

So, how paradoxical was it that you, the meaning of life, came to us as a totally defenseless baby born into the humblest of circumstances? And to be heralded by Kings and Wise Men would seem to highlight a Cosmic event. Did it tell us a simple truth that every birth, of every child, in every time, is an incarnation of the love of a Creator God and Father? O if only, for that would mean that all lives matter and that we, are all simply children of a loving God. How changing would that be? Black, white, brown, yellow, east, west we are all brothers and sisters born in separate stables.

Is that Messiahship? The one who carries a message of Epiphany? Am I truly Christ's brother born into a different time? If I am then, I am not worthy! If I am your brother Lord,

there are a few things that I need change! I need a new gown, garment, for I am not dressed for this! I need to throw off selfishness, greed, hate, resentment, anger, frustration, envy, jealousy, despair and put on a new garment woven and sewed with love, peace, joy, understanding, prudence, patience, compassion and forgiving kindness! ---This is entering a new world.

Today, Lord, give us Epiphany, the realization that we too are born for something else. We are born to be more like you. Strip away the tarnish armor that we surround ourselves with and dress us in the white robe of your love. Empty our pockets of all we do not need and give us voices to sing your praise. For now we see, our eyes have been opened for truly:

'You are the Way, the Truth and the Light.' 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.

January 10th Service Live-Streamed

The January 10th live-streamed Morning Prayer service was led by Cathy Hammons. It was the first Sunday after Epiphany and the Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ. The readings were done by Lynne. Mary Ann played the organ Prelude, *Break Forth into Joy*, the Organ Meditation, *What Star is This*, and Postlude. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube. You can tell by the picture below that everyone looked a little cold. That's because the heat in the church wasn't working and it was 42 degrees during the service. Everyone bundled up and carried on.



January 6th Soup Night

Vegetable Beef and Cream of Potato were the soups du jour on last Wednesday's Free Soup night at church. It's the first Wednesday of the month. Thanks to all the cooks and helpers who made the night a success. February 3rd will be the next distribution and we are told by

the cooks that it's going to be Minestrone and Split Pea with Ham. Once Covid restrictions have been loosened, we plan on serving the meal in the parish hall. Additionally, we are going to make a special effort next month to serve soup at the Square.



Montrose Mobile Food Pantry

Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor freezing weather stays these volunteers from the swift completion of distributing food to our neighbors. Friday the 8th, the second Friday of the month, was frigid but about 250 families were served. If you look hard you can see the bread that St. Paul's donates sticking out of the distribution bags. Volunteers are always welcome.



Epiphany Sunday

Epiphany, also called Three Kings' Day, was observed on Wednesday, January 6th, and last Sunday, January 10th, was the first Sunday after Epiphany. Western Churches celebrate Epiphany with a feast that commemorates the visit of the Magi (Three Kings, or Three Wise Men) to baby Jesus, signifying Jesus's physical revealing to the Gentiles.

