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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. 14 - 20, 2021**

In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org> and click this red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.

**Bible Study on Nov. 11** - We will start with a light supper at 5:00 provided on a rotating basis by one of the members of the group.

### **This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski  
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski  
Announcements: Lynne Graham  
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth  
Lector: Tom Undercoffler

### **Readings for this week**

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm: 16  
Epistle: Hebrews 10:11-14 (15-18) 19-25  
Gospel: Mark 13:1-8

## **View from the Pew**

### **Old Age Perks**

Aging does have its disadvantages, none upon which I wish to elaborate. Most people my age have had experiences that strangely have turned into blessed results and successful outcomes and cures. So being old also has so many benefits.

Guess what? Retirement is also a blessing that we too often take for granted. We can sit back and watch the world go by us,

ignoring the problems of others around us. We can be as lazy as we want and watch TV all day, sleep late into the afternoon, or play with whatever toys we have. We can do this and be lazy-bodies to our hearts content.

Also, onto a different set of goals in our lives, we can get out there and get a job to our liking to be around others in our community. We can choose to help others by doing work in our church, volunteering service for others in our community, and being there for our friends, family, and neighbors. We can donate our time for others, put to use and share our talents for the benefit of everyone around us, and share our treasures. All these things can be done at any age.

Soon after I retired many people asked me that standard simple question: "Now that you are retired, what are you doing with all that time you have on your hands?" (No one ever asked me what I was doing with my talents or treasure. Maybe they thought that was none of their business). Time, a gift from the Lord that is here now but gone tomorrow. We need to use time given to us to do so many things that we can share with others. If you are retired, you've got it! Use it to do for others as well as yourself. Continue to grow.

Old age (and I am) and retirement has lots for us to give and receive. Love your children. Go ahead and spoil your grandchildren. Enjoy being around your friends and neighbors. Pray to the Lord for all you

have to give and share with others. Enjoy your life.

Blessings, Tom U.

### **Advent—New Beginnings and Old Traditions**

As is the case every year, Advent, which begins on Sunday, November 28 is a time of contradictions. On one hand, we know that this season is an opportunity for quiet time and reflection as we anticipate the birth of our Savior and ready our hearts to receive Him. On the other hand, it is a time of hustle and bustle as we make preparations to celebrate Christmas. This year we have opportunities to address both.

Deacon Liz has suggested two resources for Advent which will be available the Sunday before Advent. One is a calendar which walks us through the days leading up to Christmas. The other is a booklet of meditations for daily use put out by the Church following the Way of Love. Each day offers one short idea on how to walk in love. As you wish, please take these aids and schedule a few minutes of quiet time each day to read and reflect. For those of you on the more “techy” side, there is *Advent Word* which is one word for each day received by email with a meditation.

In the weeks leading up to Christmas, several events dot the calendar. On Saturday, December 4 from 9-3, the **Country Store at St. Paul’s** showcases a bake table, raffle baskets, and the North Pole Kitchen serving hot soup, hotdogs, chili, and walking tacos. This fun day of fellowship provides a day for the community to come into our church and the all the profits go to a local ministry. No need to be invited to help; we can use everyone in some capacity or another.

Our **Annual Memory Luncheon** takes place on Sunday, December 12 at noon following the

service. A free lunch sponsored by Stop the Stigma gathers friends to remember and honor any loved ones in recovery or lost to addiction and those grieving any loss during the holidays. Come be with those who understand what you feel. No registration required. If St. Paul’s parishioners will each bring a “brunchy” potluck dish for the meal, we will have a feast.

**Coats for Our Community** has a final distribution of free, warm winter coats on Wednesday, December 14 and Thursday, December 15 from 9-6 at St. Paul’s. We need someone in the Parish Hall during those hours while people choose coats. If you have a spare hour or two, please contact Dan Graham or John Finlon to spell the chiefs.

And finally, our Advent will culminate with our **candlelight Christmas Eve Service** at 5:00. All are welcome. Ask your friends and neighbors to join us for this beautiful, moving remembrance of Jesus’ birth.



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

Last year the program provided “turkey and all the trimmings” to 831 families (2,826 individuals) in Susquehanna County. As the pandemic continues, they are asking for monetary donations this year. All donations can be mailed to:

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



### **Interfaith Christmas Dinner**

Interfaith is asking for donations of stuffing mix for the Christmas Dinner give away. We have been asked for 50 boxes. All donations will need to be at the church by Dec. 1.



### Interfaith Christmas Toy Tags

We have 4 tags left. Gifts should be valued at \$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 5th**.

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Johanna Masters, Jeannine Ball, Sandy Nagy, Ray Arcario & Addie Evans.

**As we continue to pray for those at Christ Church and St. Mark's, please remember Adeleigh (Addie) Evans in your daily prayers.** She is the 6-year-old great-granddaughter of Nina Robinson of St. Mark's. She has been diagnosed with cancer. It would be lovely if we could send encouraging cards now and throughout the year. Her address is 3 James Way, Archbald, PA 18403. Thank you.

**Birthdays for November:** Brenda Syle 11/23.

**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 \$46.00 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!



### Donations

You can scan the QR Code. Or go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving. You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801

### First Wednesday of the Month on Dec. 1st:

Free Soup Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 4:30-6:00 p.m. **Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only.

### Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency

**Contact:** you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Deacon Liz 212-222-8109.

**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.*

### 10 Photos this week.

**24<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, November 7<sup>th</sup> All Saint's Day**

**I sing a song of the saints of God,**

patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died

for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,

and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,

God helping, to be one too.

### **THE GOSPEL- Take away the stone**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go." (*John 11:32-44*)

### **Deacon Liz's Weekly**

Last night we had a close call. We thought our space heater needed to be replaced because Saturday night we smelled an electrical smell so we went to the hardware store and bought a replacement. No sooner that we plugged it in and turned it on, there was a spark at the outlet and it caught fire.

Rebecca quickly unplugged the surge protector and I got the fire extinguisher. Then I called 911 and we vacated the house. Within minutes the fire department, police, and ambulance were at our house. The firemen went in and confirmed that the fire started because of the surge protector and recommended that we have the electrician rewire the outlets. We have nob and tube wiring. We love our old house but it sure requires upkeep.

The firemen, police and EMTs were wonderful. I am forever grateful for their timely response and expertise. I am grateful for Rebecca's quick thinking in unplugging the surge protector. I'm grateful that the fire was contained and that it did not spread up the wall. I am grateful that we are safe as are our cats.

This brief story is a reminder to be grateful for all that you have, most especially for your loved ones. We know not when tragedy will strike. So, as it says in the prayer by Henri-Frederic Amiel,



*Life is short and we have too little time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind....and may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you now and always.*

Let these words guide you as you move through the world. Fill the world with love and kindness and gladden the hearts of others and know of God's blessings in your life. One final note, please replace old surge protectors, they have a life span!

## **THIS WEEK**

### **November 7th Service**

The November 7<sup>th</sup> live-streamed 10:00 Deacon's Mass was led by Deacon Liz. Lynne Graham made announcements, Vickie Calby was the lector and Joyce Printz played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with four hymns. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it live or any time on YouTube.



### **St. Paul's Gets New Welcome Sign**

If you are coming up Rt. 29 and get near town, keep a lookout for St. Paul's new welcome sign. Thanks to Kenny De Phillips and the Borough guys for putting it up.



## Coats for Our Community in the Weekender

A picture and write-up about the men from the American Legion Gardner-Warner Post 154 who deliver coats appeared with a thank you in this week's Weekender. These are the guys who load the tubs of coats and racks and take them from one site in the county to the next. We couldn't do it without them.



## Early November in Susquehanna County

*"The wild November come at last beneath a veil of frost."* We've had crisp, clear nights, a star gazer's delight, with winter-like sunrises and sunsets different than summer ones. Fall is here. We had four hard frosts in a row. That should stop grass. Smoke started appearing from chimneys for the first time reminding us of how many folks here burn wood for supplemental or main heat. Thanksgiving is in two weeks.



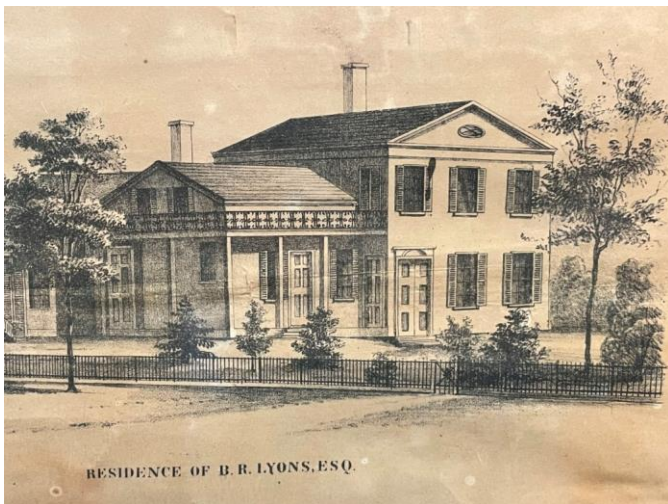




## Old Picture of Early Rectory Found

In 1906, St. Paul's sold their rectory on South Main St. (Regan's Funeral Home) and purchased the old Benjamin R. Lyons house directly east of the church on Church St. across from the Presbyterian Church. St. Paul's rectors for the next 90 years would live in it while at St. Paul's. It was sold in 2000 to Greg and Eileen Myer, who still reside there. This early lithograph was found on a map of Montrose at the Historical Society.

## Rectory as it looked in 1854



## Rectory as it looks today

