
❖ News and Views From St. Paul's ❖

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November 2007

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 1: 6 PM, Daughters of the King
Nov. 3: 9 AM – Noon, Saturday
Fun with Rakes & Hoes
Nov. 4: Sunday, XXIII Pentecost
Remembrance Sunday
9 AM, Worship
10:15 AM, Church School & Adult Forum
Nov. 7: 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship, Willibrord
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 11: Sunday, XXIV Pentecost
Loyalty Sunday
9 AM, Worship
10:15 AM, Church School & Confirmation
Class
Nov. 14: 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship, Samuel
Seabury
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 18: Sunday, XXV Pentecost
9 AM, Worship
10:15 AM, Church School, Confirmation
Class and Daughters of the King
4 PM, Community Thanksgiving Service
Nov. 21: 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
Nov. 25: Sunday, Last Pentecost
9 AM, Worship & Baptism
10:15 AM, Brunch in Parish House
Nov. 28: 5:30 PM, Wednesday Worship, Kame
hameha & Emma
7 PM, Choir Rehearsal
Dec. 2: Sunday, I Advent
9 AM, Worship –Visit of Bishop Paul
Baptism and Confirmation
10:30 AM, Reception in Parish House.

Looking Ahead:

- Dec. 9: Budget Brunch
Dec. 16: Christmas at St. Matthew's

Remembrance Sunday ~ November 4

On Sunday, November 4, St. Paul's will observe Remembrance Sunday. On this Sunday, which follows All Saints' Day, November 1, the parish will remember and celebrate those who died this past year, and those of past generations whose life and ministry founded, built, and nurtured St. Paul's. The memories of some of our recently departed parishioners are fresh in our minds; others are memorialized by windows and plaques in the church. However, we are ever mindful of the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us in our worship and our ministry. We are deeply indebted to them for their faithfulness, their inspiration, and their generosity. They rest from their labors, but their legacy lives on encouraging and supporting us. On Sunday, November 4, at the 9 AM service we will remember our forbearers and loved ones with a special service of remembrance. Names of those you wish to remember will be accepted until Noon on Friday, November 2.

**A FULL SCHEDULE OF EVENTS MAY
BE FOUND AT :stpaulschurchmontrose.org*

Loyalty Sunday ~ November 11

A special day to celebrate the mission and ministry of Historic St. Paul's will be held on Sunday, November 11, beginning with worship at 9 AM. On this day the whole parish family will join for worship, rededication, and fellowship. The day will begin with our thanksgiving to God for the many blessings bestowed upon us during the past year. We will join for an extended coffee hour in the Parish House. Then, we will hear from the Vestry on the proposed plans and budget for the coming year. Please mark this day on your calendar, and plan to attend.



November 2007

[Dear Friends of St. Paul's, on October 18, I sent the letter below to Bishop Paul, and want to share it with all of you.]

My dear Bishop Paul,

Enclosed is a check for \$1,500 for the New Hope Campaign in thanksgiving for the people of St. Paul's, Montrose. This is in addition to my five-year pledge to the campaign.

This thank offering is the result of my reflection on the report given at the recent diocesan convention. I was deeply moved by the fact that less than 1% of the parishioners of our diocese have contributed to the campaign, although the campaign is well over 60% towards reaching its goal.

There is no doubt in my mind that the diocese will achieve its goal, and our sisters and brothers in both Kajo Keji and northeast Pennsylvania, who live with great needs, will be the beneficiaries.

At first I was saddened by the low participation of the parishioners. However, as I reflected on the many attending reasons some may not be able to participate, I also became aware of the many ways in which they generously support the mission of the church. I also began to realize that I had been the recipient of their generosity. Never has this been more so than my time at St. Paul's, Montrose.

In the time I have been at St. Paul's, I have been blessed with the warm hospitality of every parishioner. They have opened their hearts and homes to me. They have been supportive and encouraging in the face of the many challenges we face as a small congregation in a small, rural community. They all have richly blessed me.

I firmly believe that our giving is in direct proportion to the blessings received. Therefore, I have decided on this thank offering for the 150 family units of St. Paul's. There is no better way to express my thankfulness for the blessings they have bestowed upon me than by honoring them with this offering to the campaign.

There is no doubt in my mind that over the five-year term of the campaign, St. Paul's will be a major participant to the efforts to benefit the diocese of Kajo Keji, our partner parish – Pomoju Parish – and our sisters and brothers in northeast Pennsylvania.

Yours in Christ,

Charles

(The Rev. Canon) Charles A. Cesaretti



From Your Senior Warden

Amidst the flurry of activities at St. Paul's, the vestry has been very intensely focused on the coming year; we are eagerly anticipating the visit of Archdeacon Stringfellow (10/28) and Bishop Paul (12/2). Though we are consistently accountable for the daily/weekly/monthly events within our church, we also have a larger, more abstract, commitment to the growth and development of Historic St. Paul's.

As mentioned in the October newsletter, we set several benchmarks for the 2007 year. As the end of the year approaches, we are proud that our parish is an active and welcomed participant in community activities and that our congregation has grown and embraced the spiritual journey we are on together. We are proud that together, we are faithful stewards, warm greeters, and active participants in the many aspects of our church. We are proud to have hosted the Under One Roof assembly and pleased to be leaders in our community and our diocese.

But, as the year ends, we must hold true to our desire for a comprehensive vision/mission statement—one that embraces and lifts up the mission and vision of each of our groups/teams/committees. How, might you ask, can we possibly hold true to each one? The vestry answers that you, each and every one of you, in each and every group/team/committee, must be our guiding voice. You must be the ones to identify, internalize and verbalize who you are, where you are, and where you want to go.

Daunting task you may think...but we ask you to dig a little, read a little and think deeply. It's all there—our investment and commitment is clear. How can we put it into words? We aspire to do this by asking each and every group/team/ and committee to ask the following: in what biblical story do we see ourselves and how would we like to grow into this story or another.

Where might this vision/mission statement lead? Well, interestingly enough, it will lead us clearly into a search process and clearly into the future. A future that is true to each of us and true to the larger one that we recognize as our parish, our church and our future. What an amazing spiritually grounding and theologically sound way to redefine our search process!

Please, when you are asked to come forward and delve deeply, please say yes. Please join hands with others at St. Paul's to recognize our many blessings and vocalize how we continue these.

Come and grow,
Rachel



FUN WITH RAKES AND HOES **Saturday, November 3**



Our Jr. Warden, John Finlon, and the Property Committee invite you to join in a morning of fun with rakes, hoes, paper towels, and Windex on Saturday, November 3 from 9 to 12 Noon. This is our annual clean-up day – outside and inside! Hot coffee and goodies will be available all morning.

“...He came to them, walking on the sea”

Matthew 14:25

In the United Kingdom November 11th is Remembrance Day, corresponding to our Veterans' Day. Some years ago during a vacation in London, we attended Morning Prayer at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on the Sunday before November 11th.

The sermon was preached by a man who had survived a number of trips on the “Murmansk Run” during World War II. Vital supplies needed by the Soviet Union in the defeat of Nazi forces were delivered through a gauntlet of fierce weather, bombers, battleships and submarines. Eighty-five merchant ships and sixteen Royal Navy escorts and their crews were lost on that Run and the sermon at St. Giles vividly recounted the ordeal faced by those crews as they crossed the Barents Sea.

A passage from the Gospel of Matthew was the text for the sermon. Matthew described the desperation of the disciples as they found themselves storm-tossed on the sea in the middle of the night. Jesus had sent them away after the feeding of the five thousand, staying on the mountain by himself to pray.

As they reached the middle of the lake, a storm threatened to overturn the boat, and the disciples felt extremely vulnerable and very much alone, but as the storm blew its hardest, “...*He came to them, walking on the sea*”.

We all know that Jesus is with us in good times and bad, but the ex-sailor who preached this sermon had learned, and knew in his heart and in his soul what Jesus meant when he said, “...lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age”. He knew what the crews of those ships experienced as He led them, and as He had led the disciples, into a new life, with Him.

What have you done for your Church today?

2007 Feed a Friend Program

Last year the Annual Feed a Friend Campaign fed 753 households, totaling 2,251 people, in Susquehanna County with your help.

St. Paul's joins the effort again this year. Along with your monetary donations, which help purchase the turkeys, **we have been asked to contribute the dessert fixings:** canned pie fillings; boxes of piecrust, boxes of cake mixes, and canned icings. These items will be included in the Thanksgiving baskets for individuals, families, the elderly, and the housebound. Please leave your donation in the receptacle at the rear of the church or your monetary contribution in the offering plate clearly marked “Feed A Friend” in the memo line.

The First Sunday of Each Month

Remember those who have less than you. Bring in a few jars of food to share with them, be it tuna fish, peanut butter, rice, toilet paper, baby food, cereal, or other household items.



The Women's Resource Center Needs Items

The Susquehanna County Women's Resource Center in Montrose operates under the umbrella of the Lackawanna Facility. Our county does not have overnight accommodations, but there are women who contact the Montrose office to get help. We at St. Paul's have collected items for these women, and sometimes their children, who are in need of help. They sometimes leave their home with very little.

A basket has been placed in the back of the church to collect necessity items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes for an adult and children, and hand creams. It is also nice to give the children items that may keep them busy because they are confused by what is happening. For a more comprehensive list of ongoing needs visit www.wrcnepa.org/community/wishlist.php

Adult Forum

The Adult Forum is currently exploring different ways of "doing theology". We are considering how knowledge of God is acquired through observation and through discernment. This sort of work is shared by all who seek to know the nature of humankind and the world. At the time of Christ a certain program of education was being developed. Here's a brief characterization of the philosophical method, taken from *What is Ancient Philosophy?* by Pierre Hadot (Harvard University Press, 2002) pp. 247-48.

"Ancient philosophers did not withdraw into the desert or into a cloister; on the contrary, they lived in the world, where they often took part in political activity. If they were genuine philosophers, however, they must have been converted—that is, they had to profess philosophy, and make a choice of life which obliged them to change all aspects of their behavior in the world, and which in a certain sense separated them from the world. They entered into a community, under the direction of a spiritual master, in which they venerated the school's founder and often took meals in common with the other members of the school. They examined their conscience and perhaps even confessed their misdeeds.... They lived an ascetic life.... They followed a vegetarian diet and devoted themselves to contemplation, seeking mystical union."

The ancient Christian communities and the early Fathers and Mothers practiced this sort of philosophy as well, and developed the theology that we are attempting to do today. We welcome your participation.

Submitted by David Plank

Thank you for giving to St. Paul's!



BISHOP PAUL TO VISIT ST. PAUL'S SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

The Rt. Rev. Paul Marshall, Bishop of the Diocese of Bethlehem, will make his Episcopal visitation to St. Paul's on Sunday, December 2. The bishop will lead the worship and preach. At the 9 AM worship service, the bishop will baptize and confirm those who wish to enter the Episcopal Church. Those interested in confirmation or reception, please contact Father Charles, or the parish office (278-2954). The bishop will meet with the vestry and the congregation to receive an update on the parish's ministry and outreach, as well as hear the needs of the congregation.

Hurry up; Slow down.

(Festina lente ... make haste slowly)

Well, October was a busy month! Crafters' corner got started. We held the church bazaar. Did I forget to do anything? **Pray!!** (Yea, I do that daily. Read, reflect, respond, rest...lectio divina.)

Maybe I should **study** something. (Just ordered a book on the spirituality of the early church Fathers.)

What about **service**? (There's "Fun with rakes and hoes" coming up Saturday, November 3. the day after the second Crafters' Corner Store.)

Those three topics sound like something to start an organization with...study, prayer, service. Only one problem. In 1866 the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was started to help bring men and boys to Christ using study, prayer, and service. It already exists. I don't have to invent it; the group is here.

If you are interested in joining with a group of men who meet once a month and want to help each other to grow spiritually, contact Dave Calby 278-2009.

Submitted by Al Leigh



Crafters Corner Store

The Grand Opening of the Crafters Corner Store was a huge success. Eleven local crafters offered up a variety of hand made items which were enthusiastically received by the shoppers taking advantage of this unique opportunity, many of whom were getting an early start on their Christmas shopping. The busy day culminated with the "Church Street Singers" stepping out of retirement for a fun filled program of Broadway favorites. The energy of the singers was contagious and it didn't take much coaxing for the crowd to join in. Special thanks to the Church Street Singers, as well as all of you who donated food, time, and support for this event.

Crafters are busily preparing items for the November 2nd opening of the store, with many new items being available. Don't forget to come back again to see what unique items are available. The chill in the air means hot soup, so stop by for some refreshments. This month we are adding two demonstrations to the format. At 1:00 p.m., Sandy Schwab will give a demonstration on machine embroidery. At 3:00 p.m. Esther Welden will give a felting demonstration. At 6:00 p.m. our stage will once again come alive with music, as David and Bonnie Ingerson entertain the crowds with Scottish, Irish and contemporary ballads.

Once again, the Crafters Corner Store will offer a fun filled atmosphere, so be sure to stop by, and to urge your friends and family to join us. It's a great place to shop, to eat, to learn how the crafts are made, and to visit with friends. The store will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

REMEMBER, ONLY TWO MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL CHRISTMAS AT THE CRAFTERS CORNER STORE!

PS...All the crafters present for our Grand Opening event send their thanks and appreciation for all the time and effort extended on their behalf.

Committees at St. Paul's

St. Paul's has various committees that one can join. Your vestry members are involved with one or more of the committees. We are not a silent vestry, but are actively involved. Each group is looking for people who can help the church grow and progress into the 21st century. Which group are you helping or wish to help?

Communication Team: Newsletter, postcard project, local publicity, sunshine mailings, Web page, phone calls, emails, writing articles and so much more.

Education Team: Acolyte training, Adult forum, church school, children's choir, Journey to Adulthood, Calendar of events.

Finance Committee: Propose annual budget, assist with financial oversight, prepare monthly summary of income and expenditure for newsletter.

Pastoral and Parish Nursing Team: Casserole coordinators, lay Eucharist visitors, transportation for parishioners, evangelism.

Personnel Committee: Annual evaluations, job descriptions, human resources.

Property Committee: Memorial garden, Columbarium, outside maintenance, inside repair and maintenance.

Funding our Ministries: Friends of Historic St. Paul's, Historic designation, Stewardship, Tiffany Windows, St. Matthew's Society.

Strategic Planning committee: Parish Hall use and renovation, search for full time rector, Review of job descriptions.

Your help is needed. Speak to any vestry member and he or she will help you become a more involved member of St. Paul's. Together, St. Paul's will become a stronger and more active Church - a Church that you are happy to say you are a member of. Feel the excitement of doing so many great things at St. Paul's, in the community, and with our fellow Churches.

Submitted by Maggie McGee Sock

Sunday, November 11th

This is a day that we not only remember the many veterans, but it is the day that we at St. Paul's come together to hear from vestry the proposed plans and budget for the coming year. We hope to see many of our parish family there. Join us.

Youth Page

This page is to be about the young people of St. Paul's, so please remember to contribute any news about them by the 20th of each month and we will try to get it in the next newsletter. Children love to see their name in print.. Our youth are invited to write to me also. *MMS*



Church School Update

The Church School scholars are off and running on another year of questing for deeper spiritual understanding, knowledge and resilience! The children rehearse their songs under the careful guidance of Dawn Washo at the beginning of each Sunday school session. The children will perform on the following dates:

November 11th at 9 am for Loyalty Sunday

November 18th at 4 pm for the Montrose Ecumenical Thanksgiving service (at St. Paul's)

December 2nd at 9 am for Bishops Paul's visit

December 16th at 2 pm at St. Matthew's

During the rest of our time together, we are working through a careful study of the Episcopal faith by examining baptism, the Eucharist, and prayer. Other lessons have focused on how a strong faith and belief system are essential to decision making and problem solving.

In November, we will hone in on prayer and thanksgiving; Advent and Christmas preparation will be the central theme for December.

Many thanks to the parents for their continued support and involvement! !

Submitted by Rachel Bartron

All parishioners should be receiving *Diocesan Life* by snail mail, monthly, at no cost to the recipient. If you are not receiving this Newspaper, call Brenda at St. Paul's 570-278-2954. Know what is happening in our Episcopal life.

Bishop's Day with Youth

In New York City. January 25-26, 2008. For 6-12 graders. An overnight of fun, discovery and worship at *Nightwatch*, a program of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine which includes singing, games, exploration of the beautifully restored historic cathedral, time with Bishop Paul, a chance to be with other diocesan youth and to meet youth from other places and different denominations, and a candlelight meditation and midnight Eucharist. On Saturday, they will have lunch in Times Square at the Hard Rock Café! If interested, talk to Father Charles for cost and registration form.

St. Paul's Joins the Diocesan Youth Council

On Sunday, the 21st of October, Matthew and Ryan Ochse met with teens from parishes throughout the diocese at Christ Church, Stroudsburg. The Youth Council, led by Demery Bader-Saye, meets throughout the year to discuss and plan upcoming events for youth. Occasions such as Happening, Christophany and Bishop's Day are on the agenda for discussion in order to plan for well thought out and meaningful experiences for all who participate.

All the youth of the diocese have decided to fully embrace the Bishop's *New Hope* campaign and have undertaken the responsibility to donate \$7000.00 as a group. Some will pledge part of their allowance while others will give up something they enjoy, such as their daily soda. Still others may hold bake sales in order to raise the necessary funds.

Our youth have decided, as a start, to follow Father Charles's example and "count their blessings." They each have pledged to write down the blessings of their everyday lives, and for each good thing they feel has touched their lives, they will donate a dime to the campaign.

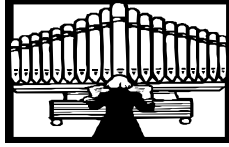
Please catch Ryan or Matt after church on Sunday to ask them their impressions of their first experience working with this dynamic group. I am sure they would love to share their thoughts!

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Warriner

Correction: organ

An item in the August 2007 Newsletter indicated that in 1866, Mr. William Oliver was authorized by Vestry to purchase a new organ for St. Paul's.



In fact the organ was purchased in Boston for \$1000 by Vestryman and Organist, Mr. William Cooper.

Life is too short to wake up with regrets. So love the people who treat you right. Forget about the ones who don't. Believe everything happens for a reason. If you get a chance, take it. If it changes your life, let it. Nobody said life would be easy, they just promised it would most likely be worth it.
(from the internet)

Crafters' Corner Needs Help

Our thanks to all who helped make our "Crafters' Corner Store" event a big success. We could not have done it with out you. We still need your help.

In planning for our next event we have become aware that a couple of more able bodies would be most helpful from 9 to 11 am when we are trying to help crafters bring in their crafts and park their cars. We have the same need of help from 7:30 to 8 pm getting crafters and their crafts from the Church to their cars. Please consider helping in this way if at all possible. Thanks. "RSVP" Please

Refreshment needs for our next event on Friday, November 2nd are:

- 1 lg pot of soup or 2 med sized pots
- 3 long loaves of Italian bread
- 2 dozen Cookies
- 1 gallon Diet Green Tea
- 50 heavy duty paper soup cups

If you can help in any way please let me know
Rita L 278-0205 or rita37@epix.net

FORWARD DAY BY DAY

The latest issue of Forward Day by Day is in the tract rack, along with a number of new brochures and pamphlets. Forward Day by Day is a very helpful resource for daily reflection and meditation. The short daily essays are grounded in the Bible readings of the day.

The tracts on the table at the rear of the church are changed regularly. They address items of interest about the Episcopal Church, or they raise issues that are a part of daily life.

All the tracts are free, and you are welcome to take them for yourself or to share.

Pray for New Hope

Ignite our hearts, O Holy Spirit, with the love of Jesus, Let his compassion for the poor burn in us as we respond joyfully to his call to serve the least of his sisters and brothers. Let our participation in the work of New Hope transform us as individuals and as a community. May our unity of purpose and love for your creatures witness to the world the truth you have revealed to us in Christ. Receive our work as praise for our creation, redemption, and the call you have given us; receive it as our response to your eternal love.

Crafters Corner Store

November 2
December 7
11 am—7:30 pm

Crafts, demonstrations, entertainment and refreshments.

Do your Christmas shopping at St. Paul's on the 1st Friday in November and December.

IT'S IN THE PRAYER BOOK

Have you noticed the names that often follow the listing of the Wednesday Worship? Just who are Richard Hooker, Willibrord, Samuel Seabury, Kamehameha and Emma? Well, of course, *It's in the Prayer Book!*

The Calendar of the Church Year is found beginning on page 15 of the Prayer Book. Listed are the Principle Feasts of the Christian Year, of which there are seven; then, there are Sundays – every Sunday is a feast of our Lord Jesus Christ; then, there are Holy Days, such as The Transfiguration (events or individuals found in the Bible); then, Days of Special Devotion, such as Ash Wednesday; and, then, Days of Optional Observance. The individuals, or events, you see listed on Wednesdays are the latter.

On these days of “observance,” we celebrate in the lives of humans the presence of Christ. We may not find in their lives perfection, but we find openness to the motions of the Holy Spirit. Many a holy life, when carefully examined, will reveal flaws or the bias of a particular moment in history. With both saintliness and flaws, we can realize that the saints, like us, are first and foremost redeemed sinners in whom the risen Christ’s words to St. Paul come to fulfillment, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (from the Preface to Lesser Feasts and Fasts).

On November 28 we recall Kamehameha and Emma, King and Queen of Hawai'i (1864, 1885). The young monarchs eschewed the pomp and ceremony of royalty, and ministered to the people of Hawai'i. In 1860, they petitioned the Bishop of Oxford to send missionaries to establish the Anglican Church in Hawai'i. On November 28, 1862, the king and queen were confirmed. Thus, this is the date they are remembered in the Prayer Book Calendar.

After the death of the king, Emma declined the throne and dedicated herself to the establishment of hospitals, schools, and special efforts on behalf of the poor and sick. Among the people of Hawai'i, Emma is still referred to as “our beloved Queen.”

Submitted by Father Charles

Meeting Will Be of Value to Senior Citizens

At the Adult Forum on November 11 there will be a presentation of interest to all Senior Citizens. Harold Wegman from the Council for the Aging will talk about all of the services available to Seniors through the Council.

He will have valuable information for anyone over 65. Please plan to attend, and be ready with questions. (This date may be subject to change)



When you give thanks for all you have this Thanksgiving, remember to thank God for our Church, and the wonderful leadership of Father Charles, the Vestry, and all the members of our Church family who give so much to make St. Paul's such a great place to come and meet and worship.

**ST. PAUL'S HOSTS
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE
NOVEMBER 18, 4 PM**

On Sunday, November 18, St. Paul's will host the Annual Community Thanksgiving Worship at 4 PM. Every year our community gathers to offer thanks and praise to God for the innumerable blessings bestowed upon us as individuals and as a community. The Montrose area has been richly blessed this past year, and we offer this time as a special time for giving thanks to God.

The observance of a day of thanksgiving goes back to the early settlers of Plymouth Colony in Massachusetts. The first official Thanksgiving Proclamation was issued by the Continental Congress in 1777; and, in 1789, President George Washington issued this proclamation:

“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have show kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.



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Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3rd day of October, A.D. 1789.”

(signed) *G. Washington*

After 1815 there were no more Thanksgiving Proclamations until the Presidency of Abraham Lincoln. During the Civil War, Lincoln declared a “prayerful day of Thanksgiving” on the last Thursday in November. Since then every U. S. President has issued an official proclamation. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt set the date on the fourth Thursday of November, and Congress concurred.

Plenty to Do! Don't Forget to Participate in the Events at St. Paul's

Confirmation Classes to be held on Sunday, November 11 and Sunday, November 18th following the 9AM service.



Special Thanks to Brenda, our Church secretary for all the work she does, and for putting the October newsletter together for me in October. It was nice to know that all would be taken care of while we were on vacation. Thanks, Brenda!
Maggie

BENEFIT FOR JACKIE VITERITTO SCHOLARSHIP ~ NOVEMBER 10

On Saturday, November 10, a fund raising event for the Jackie Viteritto Scholarship will be held at the Montrose Area High School beginning at 8:30 AM. The event will be a 3 on 3 Basketball Game. The event will be a part of the Endless Mountains Children's Benefit Weekend - November 9 - 11. Members of St. Paul's can assist in two significant ways:

- 1/ Donations for the Basketball Tournament may be made payable to: Jacqueline Viteritto Memorial Fund; and/or,
- 2/ Baked goods are needed for the youngsters participating, especially cookies, brownies, cupcakes. Pies for the adults are welcome, too

Baked goods may be brought, and left, in the St. Paul's Guild Room on Friday, November 9, from 10 AM - 2 PM. Checks in appropriately marked envelopes may be placed in the Sunday offering plates, or mailed directly to EMCBW, POB 274, Montrose, PA, 18801.

St. Paul's will remember Jackie on Remembrance Sunday, November 4.

Thank You!

Dear Father Charles, Daughters of the King, and my St. Paul's family;

Thank you so much for your prayers, cards, food, and the many ways you touch my life. It meant so much to me.

Gods Blessings on each of you. Again, Thank you.

Margaret Burgh

November 2007 Lay Ministry Schedule

Altar Guild

- 4: Ellie McKeage
- 11: Betty Smith
- 18: Helen Viteritto
- 25: Esther Welden

Ushers

- 4: Vickie Calby
- 11: Scott Quigg
- 18: Al Leigh
- 25: Ed Stark

Lectors

- 4: Mary Jane Syle
- 11: Scott Finlon
- 18: Bernie Zalewski
- 25: Vickie Calby

Eucharist Ministers

- 4: Jane Chandler
- 11: Bernie Zalewski
- 18: Esther Welden
- 25: David Calby

Coffee Hour

- 4: Kathy Warriner
- 11: Helen Viteritto
- 18: Sherri Warriner
- 25: Else Brunner

Camera and Closing

Ron Chandler

Counters

- 4: Sandy Schwab
Vickie Calby
- 11: Jane Chandler
Bernie Zalewski
- 18: Ed Ochse
Warren Morgan
- 25: Ed Stark
David Calby



Greeters

- 4: Fraser Moffat
- 11: Margaret Burgh
- 18: Nancy Finlon
- 25: James Cain



**Come and Grow with us at
St. Paul's.**

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