

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

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**Apr 26 – May 2, 2020**

**The Readings for Sunday April 26:**

First Reading: Acts 2:14a,36-41

Psalm: 116:1-3, 10-17

Epistle: 1 Peter 1:17-23

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35



**ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

Good morning to St. Paul's church family and friends,

I pray everyone is safe and well as we continue with our time of physical distancing. My days tend to run into one another. It's hard for me to believe that Easter Sunday was less than two weeks ago rather than months past. So we take one day at a time and welcome the opportunities that this pandemic has offered us.

Perhaps, like me, you've actually had time to sit quietly and reflect. I read Forward Day by Day each morning before breakfast. My usual busy calendar is blank -- I don't even check it in the morning because I know I have no

meetings or appointments. This may be a once in a lifetime gift.

My extended family has set up a chat room on Discord. I have never been in such close contact with my brothers and sisters and nieces and nephews. There is such joy in sharing in their days with little ones. Our children Zoom with us and we hear about grandchildren's online school projects and the creative ways that they fill their days at home.

Because my mind is not cluttered with a million projects and commitments, I remember to pray for those in need more often. I have time to pick up the phone and check on some who are most vulnerable and fragile. The old adage, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" is very true. I feel a connection to my church family that I took for granted when we met every Sunday. These have all been positive results of the pandemic.

I've also learned something about myself. All those things I said I would do when I had the time, well apparently time was not the issue. I have not cleaned out any drawers or closets. The drawer full of family pictures that I need to organize is still full. My little painting project in the hallway is unfinished. I guess I need to work to a deadline, and right now, I have none. If someone would announce that we would be out of lockdown on such and such a date, I could kick into gear.

We all handle stress differently. We need to be understanding of one another and acknowledge that the impact of the coronavirus is different on each of us. We are apart, but not alone. Please keep in touch with your church family. Call, write, email, or text several people in the directory. Listen to them. Tell a joke—laughter is great medicine. For someone who lives alone, hearing another voice is his/her connection to the outside world. But most of all, pray. Pray for those on the front lines, the essential workers, those who put themselves in harm's way every day for our benefit. Pray for those who are ill, especially Fr. Arthur, Mother Jenny, and Joe.

I so look forward to the day when we can join physically in church to worship, to thank God for being with us during the health crisis, and to celebrate with a party!! That will be a deadline I welcome.

Yours in Christ,

Lynne

### **Need a Daily Meditation Guide?**

Betty expects the next issue of Forward Day by Day (May, June and July) to be delivered shortly. If you would like a copy to be sent to you, please call the office at 570-278-2954 and leave a message. The meditations are written by a different author each month. The daily readings are listed for your convenience in finding them in your Bible. A scripture verse from the readings is highlighted and the author relates the passage to our lives to make it meaningful.

If you have never used a daily devotional, now is an excellent time to start with Forward Day by Day.

### **April 10<sup>th</sup> Mobile Food Pantry**



It was cold and snowy but the April 10<sup>th</sup> food pantry went on with a couple of modifications. Nancy divided us in 3 teams of ten and each team left after 2 hours. Grocery bags were filled outside. 340 portions to 306 households were given out, a new record. Many of the new folks had lost their jobs and had children or elderly parents to care for.

### **Dear Fellow Parishioners,**

I realize that most of us are stuck at home with concerns about family and finances. That's the bad news, but if there were to be an upside it is this: "Neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds." Apparently, neither has the Corona Virus prevented the USPS from delivering mail. That means that we still receive bills on a regular basis and we have payroll to make. If it is at all possible under our current conditions, please send your tithes and pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801. Another option would be to slip your pledge under the office door if you happen to be going by church. Thank you for your attention to this request. We will just continue to do the best we can with what we have. God's peace, Lynne

**For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:** Margaret Burgh, Kathy Warriner, Joe Welden, Naomi Bennett, Justin, Rita Leigh, Fr. John Wagner, Eric Fr. Arthur & Mo. Jenny.

office hours. After hours call Arthur Jones at 570-665-1707 or email him at [JonesALO@sewanee.com](mailto:JonesALO@sewanee.com)

**5 Photos this week.**

**Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:** you can call the parish office during

## EASTER 2020

**Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!**



*Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: he is risen; he is not here: behold the place where they laid him. But go your way, tell his disciples and Peter that he goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him as he said unto you."*

**The strife is o'er, the battle done, Now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung. Alleluya!**

While we didn't get physically to church this Easter, for many of us the first time in our lives, here is a picture from a past Easter.

## St. Paul's 2016





Many of us missed having family and friends over for church and Easter dinner.



## A Cold Spring



Winter doesn't want to leave this year. We had more snow days in April than in December. The crocus and daffodils that came up in the Memorial Garden thinking it was spring were snowed on! It has been snowy in past Holy Weeks. The picture below was taken on Good Friday 2017.

