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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.

Feb. 28 – Mar. 6, 2021

"VIEW FROM THE PEW" Planting Your Spring Garden

Morning Prayer Sun. Feb 28 at 10:00am
online <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones
Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham
Officiant: Carol Marker

Readings for this week

First Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm: 22:22-30
Epistle: Romans 4:13-25
Gospel: Mark 8:31-38



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

It's Winter Time

If you are at church and the walks could use some salt, we have a broom and salt bucket at each door.

Plant Three Rows of Peas



1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of Soul

Plant Four Rows of Squash



1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant Four Rows of Lettuce



1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Really Love One Another

No Garden is Complete Without Turnips



1. Turnip for Meetings
2. Turnip for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

To Conclude Our Garden We Must Have Thyme



1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water Freely With Patience and Cultivate With Love. There Is Much Fruit In Your Garden Because You Reap What You Sow. Pass It On!!! Submitted by Martha Kupscznk

Important Dates for Lent

March 3, March 10, March 17

"Grace in the Wilderness" by the Rev. Mark Michael. 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. A discussion of Lenten disciplines. Free to all, but you must register online at

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grace-in-the-wilderness-tickets-134323155173>

The day after each of the above sessions, Thursday 3/4, 3/11, and 3/18 we will have an online discussion among those of us who attended the previous night's session.

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**

Birthdays for February Carol Lasher 2/27 & Nancy Finlon 2/28

Contributions Needed for Easter Treats

In preparation for Easter this year, our three Episcopal parishes are providing an "Easter treat" to the recipients and drivers of the Meals on Wheels program in Susquehanna County. But we need your help. Partnering with Chocolates by Leopold, we plan to provide two dyed eggs, some jelly beans, and a five-piece box of candy to each recipient. Also included will be a note letting them know that we care about them. Please send your donation to the office. 276 Church St., Montrose, 18801 "Diabetics will receive an appropriate treat."



March 28 Palm Sunday

April 1 Maundy Thursday

Watch for details on our Holy Week service schedule.

April 2 Good Friday

Celebration of Blessed Absalom Jones and Black History Month- Sunday 2/28 at 3pm

Bishop Kevin and The Racial Justice and Reconciliation Task Force invites you to a Holy Eucharist this **Sunday February 28, 2021** for our first diocesan celebration of Blessed Absalom Jones and Black History Month. The Service will be **at 3:00pm via Facebook Live** on our [Diocesan Page](#) or via the Cathedral's [Livestream](#) platform. Bishop Kevin will be the celebrant and *The Rt. Rev. Carlye Hughes*, Bishop of Newark will be our preacher, we hope you are able to attend.

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.

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.

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

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

13 Photos this week.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Gospel

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."

And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." (*Mark 1:9-15*)

Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer

So our morning prayer and Lent begins. We cannot pretend that others understand or even speak the same language, when it comes to what we believe, say or do? We live in paradox, the Gospel we believe in stands in contradiction to every value of this world. We do not crave power, wealth, riches. Lent invites us to go symbolically into the desert. You don't go into the desert Lord, seeking riches at least not the riches that the world cares about. In the desert you find solitude, a loneliness, quiet, thinking time, and a theophany that escapes the hustle and bustle of the town and city.

Let us pray; "Lord, traditionally we give up things in the Season of Lent. We make sacrifices of those things we truly like. We strive to live a leaner more monastic life, if only for this short six weeks. We focus on prayer, reflection and study. We call on ourselves to repent. There is the rub! Who on earth wants to repent Lord? ---Not that we all don't have stuff to repent about! Repentance is hard, because the truth is that 'sin' is sweet! Even though we know that too much sweet stuff will kill us! Helps us to repent Lord, because we find sorrow sometimes beyond us. Too often we are only really sorry because we got caught. We just cannot allow ourselves to be

on the side of the wrong kingdom. Lent allows us to cross the bridge. The problem is that the bridge to Christ's kingdom does not take too much baggage."

Father, spare us from our own silliness. Protect us from our own stupidity. Teach us the things that have true and lasting value. Give us the wisdom that we seek, the understanding, knowledge and fortitude to come through every difficulty. Make our Lent a truly prayerful reflective time that we may grow closer to all that matters. 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.

Ash Wednesday Virtual Service

The Ash Wednesday was February 17th at 7:00. The service was conducted by Lynne Graham, Joan Flint and Todd Moffett, the senior wardens of the churches in Montrose, New Milford and Susquehanna. Mary Ann DeWitt played the Organ Prelude, *In the Silence of the Garden*, and Postlude, *Were you There*. Ashes were made available by the wardens to parishioners who wished to impose ashes while viewing and/or listening from home. The service is on St. Paul's You Tube page.



**Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?**

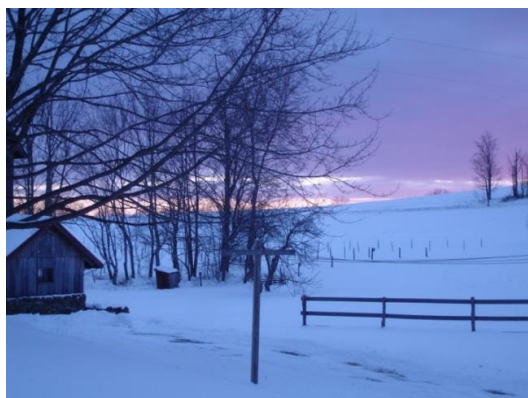
February 21st Service

The February 21st Sunday live-streamed Morning Prayer service was the 1st Sunday of Lent. Cathy Hammons led the service and sang Hymn 616, *Hail to the King's Anointed*, and Joyce Printz played the organ Prelude, *The Old Rugged Cross*, Piano Meditation and Postlude. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube.



February in Susquehanna County

"February, when the days of winter seem endless and no amount of wistful recollecting can bring back any air of summer." It was cold and snowy this week. Everyone is talking about how this Susquehanna County winter is like the ones we used to have. The Susquehanna River is frozen down at Tunkhannock, the dirt roads are snow covered and Montrose has snow piles all over the place. Spring is less than a month away. Let's hope for a slow melt.



THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S == More Snow

We had that big snow on December 16th but it had pretty much melted by the January 1st. On January 3rd we got 8 inches and we have had snow on the ground since. We seem to get a couple inches every day. Since this season started, St. Paul's has been plowed 12 times and we have had 17 shovelings. That's a record.



A Smile



Lynne and I were sorting coats this week in the basement at church and I went in the one bathroom to get a towel. There on the toilet was a pleasant memory which brought a smile. When Lynne and Karen's mother moved to Montrose in 2012 and became a member of St. Paul's, we gave her a tour of the entire church. Two weeks later, she provided two tissue box holders she had made for the two downstairs bathrooms. She said it wasn't a bathroom without tissues. I guess she was right. They are still there along with her memory.

New Feature on Live Streamed Services



If you have been watching our Live Streaming services, you will notice a new feature. The image above will appear on the screen ten minutes prior to the start time. You will not have to “refresh” your screen if you try to get in early. But if you watch a live-streamed service on YouTube, this screen will be on for the first ten minutes.