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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.

March 28 – April 3, 2021

We Are Back Inside!!

Hooray! Thanks be to God! We can gather at church, inside, with the proper precautions, just in time for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. We have missed each other and it seems like forever since we have been able to sit in the pews. Please know that we will do all we can to follow safety precautions and keep everyone safe. Properly worn masks covering mouth and nose are mandatory and we will sit six feet apart. If you feel uncomfortable about joining us physically, we will still be livestreaming the services and you may wish to continue watching on YouTube. Looking forward to seeing you!

Palm Sunday 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's led by the Sr. Wardens from Christ Church, St. Mark's, and St. Paul's. Palms will be distributed from each parish after the service.

Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's.
There will be no foot washing this year.

Good Friday 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul's.

Easter Vigil Saturday 5:00 p.m. at St. Mark's.

Easter Day 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul's with Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Charles. Kevin Bryant, the tenor soloist who sang at Christmas Eve will sing for us again.

For those who wish to listen to the service from their phone, dial 1-646-876-9923. The meeting ID is 978 489 1082 and the passcode is 276ch

Online <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher & Barb Undercoffler
Announcements, Lector & Officiant: Lynne Graham, Joan Flint & Todd Moffett
Counters: Dan Graham & John Warriner

Readings for Palm Sunday

Liturgy of the Palms: Mark 11:1-11
First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a
Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11
Gospel: Mark 14:1-15:47

Readings for Maundy Thursday

First Reading: Exodus 2:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm: 116:1, 10-17
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Readings for Good Friday

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm: 22
Epistle: Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

"VIEW FROM THE PEW"

Family - oh boy - it can be complicated. We did not get to pick them - we were just assigned to one. Most people have many stories about growing up in their families. Some have mostly, good memories, but some have heartbreaking stories about theirs.

I bring up this topic of family because I spent the past weekend with my two sisters; Lynne and Barbara along with our two cousins from Dover, Delaware. We decided to rebel against Covid and meet in West Chester; about halfway for both groups and where the Blye girls lived and grew up until we got married and moved away.

It proved to be an awesome time revisiting places like Bennie's Pizzeria, High St Shopping, the Hotel Warner, (which used to be the Warner Theater where we watched movies) the house we grew up in and where our cousins came for visits, and our church and grave sites of our parents. We reminisced and talked about the way it used to be. It was so much fun just hanging out together with family.

We do not get to see our cousins often, but not much had changed. It was going back in time, spending moments with loved ones that just picked up where we last left off.

We are all adults now, but we all became who we are today because of being family. Our mothers' were sisters and because of that connection, we all love each other unconditionally.

We had some political and Covid discussions during our visit where we shared differences of opinion, but in the end we listened and respected each other.

We had a most wonderful time and look forward to the next get together as family.

Family - we did not pick them - we were just assigned to one. It is not always easy or comfortable; it can be complicated, but family is very important. Families play a large part in who we become. I, for one, feel very blessed and thankful to have been assigned to the one I was.

Happy Spring! Love to all, Karen

Opportunity for Lenten Discipline

In preparation for Easter this year, our three Episcopal parishes and Chocolates by Leopold are providing an "Easter treat" to the recipients and drivers of the Meals on Wheels program in Susquehanna County.

This endeavor is two-fold. First, we are delighted to offer the Easter "baskets/bags" to the recipients and drivers of Meals on Wheels. Secondly, we hope this endeavor will be more meaningful than just writing out a contribution check. When viewed as a Lenten discipline, our donations are a symbol of sacrifices we have made during Lent and an opportunity for giving to our neighbors.

At the end of Lent, please send whatever you have saved up from your observance of Lent in a sacrificial way to St. Paul's office. 276 Church St., Montrose, 18801. May you continue to have a Holy Lent.

Meadow View Nursing Home

The nursing home residents of Meadow View have a small need and we are hoping you can help.....they are in need of the following donation.....

Stamps

All occasion cards &

300 piece (or less) large size puzzles. (Please make sure these are in great shape and all piece are included)

You can leave your donations in the front doorway, there is a box, please address it to Activities and include you name and address so they can send you a proper thank you.

Thanks everyone!

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

Birthdays for March: Tom Undercoffler 3/30.

Birthdays for April: Christopher Maxey 4/3, Evelyn Constantine 4/11, Suzi Maxey 4/13, Martha Kupscznk 4/16, & Naomi Bennett 4/27.

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**

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.

10 Photos this week.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Whoever serves me must follow me

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out.

And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. (*John 12:20-33*)

Jubilate

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands:*
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.
Know this: The Lord himself is God:*
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;*
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

March 21st Service

The March 21st live-streamed Morning Prayer service was led by Vickie Calby, Junior Warden. It was the 5th Sunday of Lent. The announcements and readings were done by John Warriner. Cathy Hammons played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube.



Spring comes to Susquehanna County

“The deep roots never doubt spring will come.” You were probably sleeping, but Spring to Susquehanna County came on Saturday, March 20th, at 5:37 in the morning and it is officially here. We had a beautiful sunrise this week and some long awaited warm weather finally arrived. Our lakes and ponds are high. The snow is mostly gone and has been replaced by the brown fields of March. It is not a pretty time of year but the Red Maples are showing buds and fall bulbs are emerging from their long sleep.



This Week

It's Scott

What to my wondering eyes should appear...You never know what you will see at Price Chopper but there, high above the lettuce in the fruit and vegetable aisle this week, was our own Scott Price. Scott works for Price Chopper and was cleaning the sign and area above the produce.



Meals on Wheels

A little straw, two dyed Easter eggs, some jelly beans, some nice chocolates and a card that says we love them, the recipients and drivers of the Meals on Wheels program in Susquehanna County received an Easter treat. Our three Episcopal churches partnered with Chocolates by Leopold and offered donations to the project as a Lenten discipline. Bags were assembled and delivered to Meals on Wheels on Friday. Thanks to everyone who made this a reality.



Think Spring

