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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 7 - 13, 2021**

**Morning Prayer Sun. March 7 at 10:00am**  
online <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Karen Blye-McAbee & Carol Lasher  
Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham  
Officiant: John Warriner

**Readings for this week**

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17  
Psalm: 19  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
Gospel: John 2:13-22

**"VIEW FROM THE PEW"**



Every month Martin's parents took a trip to see Grandma and came home on the same train the next day.

One day their son said to them:

I'm already grown up. Can I go to my Grandma's alone?

After a brief discussion, his parents accepted.

They stood with him as he waited for the train to come.

They said goodbye to their son and gave him some tips through the window.

Martin repeated to them:

"I know. I've been told this more than a thousand times"

As the train was about to leave, his father murmured in his ear:

"Son, if you feel bad or insecure, this is for you!" and he put something in his pocket.

Now Martin was alone, sitting on the train as he had wanted, without his parents for the first time.

He was admiring the landscape out the window.

Around him some unknowns pushed themselves around him.

They made a lot of noise and they were going in and out of the train car.

The conductor made some comments about him being alone.

One person looked at him with eyes of sadness.

Martin was feeling more uneasy with every minute that passed, and now he was scared.

He felt cornered and alone. He put his head down, and with tears in his eyes, he remembered his dad had

Put something in his pocket. Trembling, he searched for what is father had given him.

Upon finding the piece of paper he read it:

“Son, I’m in the last train car”

That’s how life is,

We must let our kids go. We must let them try new things.

But we always like to be in the last car, watching in case they are afraid or in case they find obstacles and they don’t know what to do.

We want to be close to them and guide them.

That is what our Lord will do for us if we just trust in him. He is with us each day, loving us and watching over us and will guide us all the way.

Sandy Seeger

### **Important Dates for Lent**

#### **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 3/11 and 3/18 we will have an online discussion among those of us who attended the previous night’s session.

### **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**

### **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](mailto:panderson@Endlesscare.org)

**\*\*Please note** that the Free Soup Dinners are take-out only during the pandemic\*\*

**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.

**Birthdays for March:** John Finlon 3/6, Betty Smith 3/15, Greg Maxey 3/19, Edgar Warriner 3/20, Katherine Warriner 3/21, Elaine Petrzala 3/22, Robert Kuhn 3/24 & Tom Undercoffler 3/30.

**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.*

**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.

**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.

**9 Photos this week.**

## **SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

### **“Get behind me, Satan!”**

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. *(Mark 8:31-38)*

### **Fr. Bill's Morning Prayer**

On this last Saturday in February our prayers are to you Lord. We humbly ask for your blessing, grace, mercy and Holy Spirit to strengthen us and help us to endure. We pray in these Ember Days, were we are asked to 'Fast' and to 'abstain' as we prepare to leave Winter and enter Spring.

In Lent we have a reflection and it is called 'your Passion'. The journey that you made was to embrace suffering and pain, revealing your true humanity. It is hard Lord, to contemplate, your trials, death and resurrection without thinking back to your birth and incarnation. We have an infinite and kind creator God, who sees the chaos of creation, the conflict of sin, and that God decides that only by living a human life can he lift humanity to the level of spirit. It is the ultimate transcendence.

Lent comes round each year to remind us that no way are we worthy of that transcendence, salvation or sacrifice. Just the opposite. We are not righteous, nor justified, enslaved and not liberated and guilty beyond any kind of acquittal. Which leaves us with only one theological conclusion, that the salvific grace of the cross is a free gift. We have been gifted grace

"Amazing Grace how sweet the sound...." run the words of the famous old hymn. Grace is the only thing between ourselves and total non-existence. Grace burns its gifts into our very soul. It is what we do Lord, with those gifts that elevate us above the mortality of our being. We receive those gifts in those rites of passage that we call sacrament. Wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety and the fear and love of God. Paul tells us about these gifts in his letters.

These are not gifts to hide away to keep safe. These are gifts that need to be used each and every day. Wisdom: how we need that gift, more than being smart or clever, wisdom is the common denominator of experience. Wisdom pauses at understanding because it walks in the shoes of others. Counsel and knowledge, we are seen it with great teachers, we long for it in our own lives; we could use it with our children. The grace of fortitude gives us strength. How often we believe that strength to be our own Lord.

In this season of Lent we pray for these gifts. We need the grace, we are lost without it. It builds faith and not the other way around. Grace endures, grace forgives, grace shines a light on our tomorrow. 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.*

## **February 28<sup>th</sup> Service**

The February 28th live-streamed Morning Prayer service was led by Carol Marker. It was the 2nd Sunday of Lent. The announcements and readings were done by Lynne. Cathy Hammons played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude. Our new dual camera setup worked great. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube.



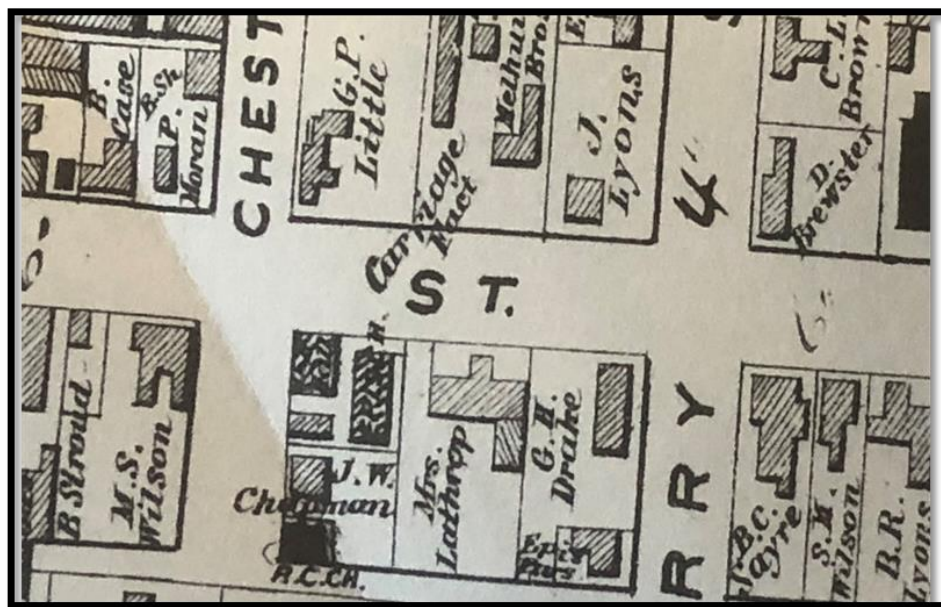


## February in Susquehanna County

The Susquehanna River was still frozen at Tunkhannock at the beginning of the week. The snow, while starting to melt, is still deep and hiking or walking, restricted since January, is still impossible off plowed areas. It's only the beginning of March and as John Denver said: "Springtime comes rolling round slowly, grey skies are bringing me down." Like us, LaRue's steers on Hillis Road were hoping the weather will change soon also.



## 1882 Map of Montrose Showing St. Paul's



A couple weeks ago we had an 1856 map of Montrose and it generated some interest. So here is another -- this one is dated 1882 from Beers' Atlas of Susquehanna County. Again, town lots 56 to 58 fronting Church Street between Chestnut and Cherry are shown. While lot 57 and 58 remained the same, there were some changes in lot 56. The Odd Fellow's Hall on the corner of Chestnut and Church was still there, as was the church of course. But in 1877, St. Paul's had built a Sabbath School and it is the building shown below the Odd Fellows' Hall next to church. This building would provide the foundation for the current Parish Hall. You got to it from church through the door that's still there behind the organ.

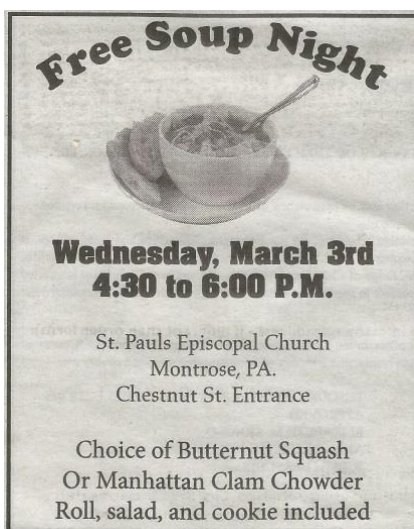
At that time, the Chapman's still owned Owen's building next door but our old original church on the corner of Chestnut and Cedar Sts. had been sold to the Arch Diocese of Philadelphia in 1857 and was named the Holy Name of Mary Chapel. It was sold when Holy Name of Mary Church on South Main was built. Across the street from church are two interesting structures. The Melhuish Brothers, signers of St. Paul's charter, were making carriages at their carriage factory. In the following year, G.P. Little would sell the old Isaac Post Tavern on the corner to Eeckiel Guy. Guy, who, after major renovations, would build the Montrose House Hotel, predecessor to the Montrose Inn, which is now the bank.

## THIS WEEK



During the winter, we collect, sort and bag coats for our fall Coats for the Community distribution. It's a year-round ministry. If you have any warm, gently used coats that you can donate, you can drop them off at church anytime.

As we all know by now, the first Wednesday of the Month is Soup Night at St. Paul's. This month the choices were butternut squash or Manhattan Clam Chowder.





## Remember When – St. Brigid's Dinners

St. Brigid's March dinners. As with many of our traditions, Covid restricts us from having one this year. The corned beef, potatoes and carrots and soda bread were always good with lots of desserts. Kelly and Sue Pratt sang Irish songs to entertain us. Let's hope we can have one next year. They're worth waiting for.

