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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.

## April 4 - 10, 2021

**We Are Back Inside!!** We can gather at church, inside, with the proper precautions, just in time for 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.

**Virtual Easter Service** Although we are having our Easter Service inside the church this year, you can also watch it live streamed on YouTube. Just go to St. Paul's website and click this red button on the front page which takes you to our YouTube page.



**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 & Carol Marker  
Paschal Candle: Karen Blye-McAbee & Martha Kupscznk  
Announcements: Lynne Graham  
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth  
Acolyte: Benjamin Zalewski or Sean Eckert  
Greeter/Usher: Karen Blye-McAbee & Sandra Seeger

## 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

## Readings for Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43  
Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Gospel: Mark 16:1-8

## "VIEW FROM THE PEW"

What a roller coaster ride it must have been. Jesus was teaching, preaching, and healing. Things were going along swimmingly, and when he turned his face to Jerusalem, the disciples must have figured that this would be the culmination of his ministry. Finally, at last, the Messiah had come to claim what had been prophesied to the people throughout the

Scriptures. A king who would save them from the oppressive rule of the Romans.

Jesus rode into Jerusalem hailed as the Messiah. Branches and garments were laid in front of him. Hosanna!! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel! But the accolades were short lived. As Jesus sat with his disciple at the Passover meal, he washed their feet and instructed them to do the same to one another. He predicted his betrayal and Peter's denial. Were the disciples thinking, "Hold on a minute. How does this fit into a King's reign?"

At the end of a long day, sleep overtakes them in the Garden of Gethsemane despite Jesus waking them three times to ask them to pray. With no clue about what is about to happen, they follow Jesus to his betrayal and arrest. Things are out of control. Peter hangs back for fear of incrimination and denies Jesus three times.

I can only imagine the confusion as the disciples huddled together in some back room trying to make sense of it all. On Good Friday they watched from a distance as Jesus was crucified. We have the advantage of knowing "the rest of the story", but the disciples must have been devastated. On the third day, Mary Magdalene found Jesus' tomb empty. Assuming someone had stolen the body, Mary did not recognize Jesus when he appeared to her until he called her by name.

The Easter story would not be the same without the roller coaster ride of Holy Week. Please join us for services on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday at 7:00 p.m., so we are prepared to celebrate the Resurrection.

Lynne

#### **Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency**

**Contact:** you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham 570-934-1160.

#### **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!

#### **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 [mrobinson@endlesscare.org](mailto:mrobinson@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 Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Patrick Gallagher, Johanna Masters & Jeannine Ball.

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

**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.*

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

**13 Photos this week.**

## **PALM SUNDAY**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
To thee, Redeemer, King  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring**

### **Hosanna in the Highest Heaven**

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately." "

They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve. (Mark 11:1-11)

**The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went  
Our praise and love and anthems  
Before Thee we present**

### **Pay Attention – Keith Miller, *Life Path***

Have you gazed out the window this past week? If you were looking around, you would have seen a slight greenish hue beginning to cover brown bushes in the woods. And the ground is opening up, ever so slightly, for the daffodils to look around and alert us to the impending burst of color.

This is the time to pay attention to the natural world. Life is emerging, and if we are looking for it, we will be surprised by beauty over and over again. It's almost resurrection season, when seemingly dead things come to life, reminding us that there is always more going on than what we see or assume. But you have to look around and pay attention.

"Paying attention" to Jesus is, unsurprisingly, central to a vibrant faith. But sometimes we view this attention as simply the means to an end. Author Mark Buchanan recounts a story during his pastoral years when a man in his congregation came to him for counsel. "I know that God is trying to get my attention right now. I just haven't figured out what he wants my attention for. He must want me to do something." Mark thought a moment. Then he replied, "Well, maybe God.... just wants your attention." Maybe this is the deepest form of transformation: the giving of our attention. We become more like Jesus by noticing, all the time, God's sacred presence.

Attention like this is what God invites us into. It's restful and indulgent. Quietly sitting on the couch together. Not always accomplishing. Not always discussing. Just delighting in the peace of presence, and noticing that God is with us and among us. That sort of "being" is the foundation for a life of real depth and purpose (the "doing"). But don't move through it too quickly.

Already, as the Covid season begins to recede, many of our lives are picking up pace. In the coming months school commitments, church life, work, and social events will likely provide many opportunities for a fuller schedule. But remember: Busyness can make us stop caring about the things we care about. This is true of a busy schedule, a busy mind, or a busy heart.

Jesus is the "rich lens of attention" by which we walk through our lives with a heart of rest, grace, and meaning. This is basic discipleship. When we are looking around the world through the lens of Jesus, our busyness will never be more important than God's presence. It will never be more important than hospitality. It will never be more important than interruptions. We will notice those in need around us and in our world, and respond.... because in those moments we're noticing the very face of Jesus himself. Eyes fixed on Jesus will always move us toward eyes of compassion for others.

This week seems to be as appropriate a week as any to start by living expectantly. So look around for Jesus. Rest in those moments of beauty without too quickly needing to do something with it all. Pay attention to the pain around you as well, so that you might not miss Jesus in the face of our sisters and brothers who suffer. Take time to love and be loved. Jesus is nearby. Pay attention today.

*Jesus, both positive and negative things can distract me from your heart. Increase my awareness of you, over and over again, today. Amen*

### **Palm Sunday Service – We are back inside church**



The March 28th live-streamed Morning Prayer Palm Sunday Service was led by the three Senior Wardens: Lynne Graham, Joan Flint, and Todd Moffett. It was the 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. The announcements and readings were done by Lynne. Joyce Printz played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube.

## THIS WEEK

**Charlotte Maxey Ellis 2030-2021, died Saturday Morning March 20<sup>th</sup>**

*O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of your servant Charlotte, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*



## Stations of the Cross and the Cross Walk

Two more St. Paul's traditions have been added to the ones we had to cancel this year. Jerry and Maggie Sock had always said the Stations of the Cross during Lent before Bible study but their move to Dallas and Covid ended that tradition. However, they have continued their tradition at Prince of Peace with Fr. Joe and Deacon Chris. Additionally, for the past several years, St. Paul's has partnered with Holy Name of Mary, the Presbyterian and Methodist churches for what has been called the Cross Walk on Good Friday. The cross, beginning at Holy Name of Mary, was carried to each church and a prayer and hymn was offered. It was canceled this year.





## March in Susquehanna County

“The first blooms of spring always make my heart sing.” This week, spring just exploded. The brown fields around Montrose were beginning to turn green. The gold finches turned from brown to yellow overnight and the first of many robins arrived. Those harbingers of spring, the spring peepers, have started their cacophony and bulbs that had just popped their heads up the beginning of the week were flowers by the end. Crocuses are one of our first flowers to show followed by daffodils and many are up in our Memorial Garden. We had snow on April 10 and April 16<sup>th</sup> last year and a frost that killed many of the apple blossoms so we are not out of the woods yet. But we are beginning to turn our thoughts to the garden, flower beds, and warmer days.







**Remember When**

