



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801  
Office 570-278-2954, Mon. to Thu. 8:15am to 1:00pm  
Click on link to email St. Paul's: [stpaulsmontrose@epix.net](mailto:stpaulsmontrose@epix.net)  
Click on link to go to our Website: <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>  
Click on link to go to our Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose>

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


**June 13 - 19, 2021**

**Morning Prayer Sunday June 13 at 10:00AM**

If you are unable to attend in person worship you can watch live streamed on YouTube.

Go to St. Paul's website

<http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org> and click this

red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.

**This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Carol Marker & Barb Undercoffler

Officiant: Vickie Calby

Announcements & Lector: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

**Readings for Sunday**

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Psalms: 92:1-4, 11-14

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



**"VIEW FROM THE PEW"**

**Convocation?? Say what?**

No doubt about it. We Episcopalians like fancy words. I hope you've all had a chance to read the email that Betty forwarded from Bishop Kevin on Monday. He explains the new strategic plan for the Diocese which includes how we will gather (spiritually, by Zoom, sharing resources, etc.), the 5 Diocesan Priorities, and Staffing Changes to support the strategic plan.

The Diocese has been divided into 8 geographical groups of parishes called "convocations." St. Paul's is in Convocation 1 along with Christ Church, Susquehanna; Christ Church, Towanda; Church of the Redeemer, Sayre; St. Mark's, New Milford; St. Paul's, Troy; and Trinity, Athens. There will also be provision for clergy and lay leaders of these parishes to meet called "Assemblies."

Bishop Kevin has invited Convocation 1 to a Zoom meeting on Tuesday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with the Bishop, hear him explain the Strategic Plan, and ask any questions you may have. A registration link is provided in the email under Save the Date: Convocation Meetings. I have registered and hope many of you will also so that we can carry on with an understanding of how St. Paul's fits into the big picture.

To make it even easier to attend the meeting, we will have the Zoom meeting at St. Paul's on

our new TV monitor! Just show up in the Parish Hall shortly before 6:30 on Tuesday. See you then.

Lynne

### **Good morning, good souls!**

Delores Foster, who coordinated the July 4th breakfasts at the Methodist Church, has graciously offered to meet with us on Thursday, June 10 at 3:30. In 2019 St. Paul's put on a breakfast of bagel sandwiches and sides. We have been asked to provide a traditional pancake breakfast this year, but there are some logistical obstacles we need to address.

Please come to the meeting with your questions and suggestions. This is a COMMUNITY breakfast, hosted by St. Paul's, to benefit Stop the Stigma. The proceeds will go towards sending a child from a family with addiction to camp.

I know many people are involved in the parade or working on the Green. If you are available to help out with the breakfast, (served from 8 - 10 a.m.), we need all the volunteers we can get.

Hope to see you and your energy and enthusiasm at the meeting.

Lynne



### **Coffee Hour Resumes**

We're back in business! One of the things that we are good at is coffee hour. An opportunity to be with one another and share a cup of coffee brightens up our Sunday. The sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.

## **SOCIAL NIGHT**

Friday, June 25, 2021

time: anytime between 5:30 and 6:00

place: Tom and Barb Undercoffler's house  
506 Melhuish Rd.  
New Milford

Bring a dish to pass and a lawn chair

R.S.V.P. to 570 278-7470

**First Wednesday of the Month:** Free Salad Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 4:30-6:00 p.m. **\*Please note** that the Free 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, Johanna Masters, Jeannine Ball & Ben Cole.

**Birthdays for June:** Ben Zalewski 6/17, Lynne Graham 6/18, John Lasher 6/20, Mary Zalewski 6/21, & Margaret Baker 6/24.

**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.

## **12 Photos this week.**

### **2nd Sunday of Pentecost**

#### **The Gospel - Whoever does the will of God is my brother**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered."

Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"—for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.

*(Mark 3: 20-35)*

#### **Father Bill's Morning Prayer;**

On this bright sunny Monday morning, we rise in Prayer. Leaving the past behind is so hard to do, Lord. Living in the present is harder still. We complain that there are not enough hours in the day or days in the week, but thankfully Covid has cured us of procrastination, that thief of time.

So, where Lord is your living Gospel at? For we have heard your Word loud and clear in yesterday's readings. From Genesis to Mark's Gospel the theme of 'good' versus 'evil' fell upon our ears. We recognized the symbols: the garden, the tree, the apple, the woman, the man and the serpent. We have the same symbols in our own life, the same struggle to choose good over the bad, the same temptation to place our own interests and appetites above the common good. We see it in our lives, in politics, in national division, between nations and on a global scale.

The Gospel comes in many forms. Jesus on Sunday lays claim to belonging to the good while acknowledging the presence of evil. "Choose," he says, "choose to be my brother, my sister, my mother and your will be on the side of the good."

We can all do that Lord. Now let us go out into this Monday morning kick evil out of the way and do some good in whatever capacity we can. Teach the best we know how. Nurse with loving care. Police with the common good in mind. Govern with justice for all. Amen. Fr. Bill.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **June 6th Service**

We're back in church and it feels good. We even had coffee hour. The June 6th live-streamed Morning Prayer Service was led by Carol Marker. The readings and announcements were done by Lynne Graham. Cathy Hammons played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with two hymns. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it any time on YouTube. Just go to the web page and click on the red button.

### **St. Paul's Painting Hung in Parish Hall**

Chris Lathrop's painting, "Early Arrivals", which has been hanging in Betty's office, has been moved to the Parish Hall. The painting, reportedly showing Joe and Esther Welden, was donated by Karen Miller.



### **Salad Night Gets Special Visitor**

On Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Paul's had their first Salad Night. With summer coming on, we decided to try a salad rather than soup. Chicken and Tuna salad were the "salad du jour" this month, along with a roll and homemade cookies and brownies. State policeman, John, stopped by to get a salad and to let John Warriner's grandson, Dominic, wear his hat.



## Diocesan Grant Received

The Diocese approved a Mission Resources Grant for St. Paul's to purchase computers and install large screens at St. Paul's, St. Mark's and Christ Church. In each instance, the screens will be placed in the parish halls. When completed, and using St. Paul's live streaming system, the technology will be there for all three parishes to follow, at their church, a service from St. Paul's or any live streamed service. As you know, our screen hangs on the fireplace chimney. The picture below was taken during last week's service.



## Susquehanna County Dairy Princesses Selected

As our church opens back up, our facilities are again being used by the community. On May 26, the Parish Hall was used for the pageant and selection of Susquehanna's 2021-2022 Dairy Princess. This year the court includes 12 young women who will serve on the dairy promotion team.





## First week of June in Susquehanna County

“Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.” Montrose’s numerous rhododendrons are at their showiest best this week and St. Paul’s are right there with them. So many flowers are blooming now it’s impossible to list them all but the clematis are out. An Eastern Painted Turtle was laying eggs when she was photographed. Watch for them as the females will cross the roads on their egg laying journey. Vickie has a visitor in her back yard – a duck, although she doesn’t know what it is. “It’s the kind that eats bird seed!”



## Think Summer – Home Grown Tomatoes



## Remember When -- Coffee Hours – It seems like a long time ago

