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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.

## Oct. 10 - 16, 2021

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### This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones  
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski  
& Rev. Charles Cesaretti  
Announcements: Lynne Graham  
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth  
Lector: John Warriner

### Readings for this week

First Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28  
Psalm: 42:1-7  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:17-20  
Gospel: Mark 1:9-11

**Altar Flowers for this week are from Ann Kiefer & John Finlon In Memory of Vida Finlon.**

### View from the Pew

Just up the road from my home is a field with two horses in it. From a distance each looks like every other horse. But if you stop your car or are walking by, you will notice something quite amazing. Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind. His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him. This alone is amazing.

If nearby and listening, you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source

of the sound, you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field. Attached to her halter is a small bell. It lets her blind friend know where she is, so he can follow her. As you stand and watch these two friends, you'll see how she's always checking on him, and that he will listen for her bell and then slowly walk to where she is, trusting that she will not lead him astray.

When she returns to the shelter of the barn each evening, she stops occasionally and looks back, making sure her friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell. Like the owner of these two horses, God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect or because we have problems or challenges. God watches over us and even brings others into our lives to help us when we are in need.

Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the little ringing bell of those whom God places in our lives. Other times we are the guide horse, helping others see the way. Good friends are like this. You don't always see them, but you know they are always there. Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours.

- Author unknown
- Submitted by Martha Cobb

**The Holy Baptism** of Jacob McAbee, Amelia McAbee and Briana McAbee will be on Sunday, October 10th at 10 o'clock.

O God, you prepared your disciples for the coming of the Spirit through the teaching of your Son Jesus Christ: Make the hearts and minds of your servants ready to receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit, that they may be

filled with the strength of His presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**The Service of Thanksgiving and Celebration for the Life** of Katherine B. Warriner will be on Sunday, October 10th at 2 o'clock.

Remember your servant, O Lord, according to the favor which you bear unto your people; and grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of you, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Birthdays for October:** Al Leigh 10/12, Benson Bartron 10/13, Vickie Calby 10/19, Rachel Bartron 10/22, Robert Smith 10/23 & Carol Marker 10/31.

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

**2021 Susquehanna County Coats for Our Community to Start October 12<sup>th</sup>.**



Coats for Our Community begins their 2021 distribution at St. Paul's on October 12 and 13 (10:00am to 1:00pm). Anyone who needs a warm winter coat is welcome to get a coat at that time. We are still accepting money donations and warm, gently used winter coats. We need volunteers on those days to help us distribute. Anyone willing to help should contact John or Dan.

## **Bible Study Begins**

One of the things that we mention most often that we miss is Bible Study. Now, under the leadership of Deacon Liz, we will hold Bible Study on the first and third Thursdays of the month beginning on October 7. As we have done in the past, we will start with a light supper at 5:00 provided on a rotating basis by one of the members of the group.

Please join us as we begin to unravel some of the mysteries of the Bible and connect the scriptures to our daily lives. There are Bibles in the Guild Room for anyone not bringing their own. Hope to see you there!  
Lynne

## **2021 LV Walk to Defeat ALS - Because of Fr. John Wagner and for the Cause**

Fr. John's Soulful Walkers, named after the Rev. John Wagner, will once again take part in [Lehigh Valley's Walk to Defeat ALS](#). You can [make a donation or join the team](#) to help defeat ALS!

Click the links below for more information on the walk, update as to Fr. John's progression of this disease, and donation forms.

[ALS Poster](#)  
[Online-Mail In Directions](#)  
[Donation Form](#)

**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 Deacon Liz 212-222-8109.



**Donations**

You can scan the QR Code. Or go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving. You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801.

**9 Photos this week.**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

**THE GOSPEL**

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them. *(Mark 10:2-16)*

**Fr. Bill's "October"**

We are in October, a month of golden colors, colder weather and great change. We thank you Lord for the beauty of the season, the changing hues that greet us each and every day and we pray.

The nearer we get to the year's end the more we tend to reflect on what has gone before. We need to stop doing that Lord and live forever in the present. Our past is done, the door has closed, the years and seasons have come and gone. We cannot go back, re-live nor re-do. It is a closed book.

Today we choose to live in the 'now' of our lives and to live in the Spirit, wiser, stronger, more able, patient, more forgiving and more understanding. We pray that today is a 'kingdom day'. A day in which everything we do builds your kingdom in the smallest way. We do not ask for giant miracles,

but that slow drip-dropping of water that feeds the soul of goodness. We pray in the Spirit that all we say and do, lifts your word off the page of the Gospel and brings it fresh and alive into people's hearts and minds.

For Lord, we belong to your 'living-Gospel', called as we are to follow you by becoming your word that others may follow too. Looking back gives us no joy, for all we see are our failures, faults, broken promises, twisted ways. We can have joy today; joy in a kind of knowing; a joy just beyond happiness; because we live, work, think act in the Spirit.

We know that we are deep in the second half of this game of life. Even if the first half did not go well, now we are three goals up with minutes to play. Our success does not rely on others. We thank you that you chose us for your team, gave us a purpose and supported us in bad times as well as good.

Lord, we have changed. Changed from the 'me' years of our lives to something other. We thank you that small, unimportant, insignificant as we are, you have lifted us up by calling us friend. In your friendship we have become and becoming we have participated in something greater than ourselves. Your kingdom has come to us, like the healing hand that soothes away our anxiety and cares. Amen.

### **Deacon Liz's Weekly**

This week we are celebrating a baptism, well actually, three baptisms, and we are taking a break from the Year B lectionary in order to read scripture related to baptism. Therefore, I have decided to write about the Gospel we are skipping.

A man kneels before Jesus and asks what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus quotes the commandments to him and the man says he has kept them since his youth. Then Jesus lovingly says, "You lack one thing, sell all that you have and give the money to the poor and you will have treasure in Heaven; then, come, and follow me." The man leaves bereft at the instruction because he has many possessions. Jesus tells the disciples that it would be easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter Heaven. The disciples say, "who then can be saved?" Jesus tells them that for mortals it is impossible, but with God all things are possible. He further tells them that whoever has given up everything and everyone in this life will in turn receive a hundredfold, and in the age to come, eternal life.

First, we have Jesus' disposition when telling the man that he must sell all and follow Him. Jesus expresses love toward the man. Why? Because Jesus knows that He is asking something that will be too much for the man to carry out. And indeed, it is. The man hangs his head, dejected because he has many possessions. The man is attached to his wealth and cannot bear the idea of parting with it.

Where would we be if the teacher asked us to give everything up and follow Him? Would we have the courage to give it all up and go with Him?

Jesus did not make this request of everyone that He came in contact with. Something about the man drove Jesus ask him to go with Him. Yet He knew that the man would not and so, He loved him. He understood that the man's attachment to his wealth and possessions was too strong and that there was no way he could follow Jesus' instructions. He felt compassion for the man.

Second, Jesus says that for mortals it's impossible to give everything up, but with God all things are possible. In response to the disciple's question about who can be saved, Jesus says no one, except for those who rely on God. Our attachments are so overpowering that only through divine guidance are we able to release them. Consider how difficult it is for an addict to get clean, someone to go on a diet, or keep a budget. Now, imagine giving up the thing to which you are most attached - without help it is impossible.

God makes the impossible, possible. It is by following God, turning one's will over to the care of God that we can overcome attachments which enslave us. When we rely on God, He will guide us to do His will and we will have relief from that which we thought we needed in order to survive.

Remember, God loves you no matter what, and through God all things are possible, even the impossible.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **October 5th Service**

The October 5th live-streamed 10:00 Deacon's Mass with communion was led by Deacon Liz., Karen Blye-McAbee was the lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ Prelude, Organ Meditation and Postlude, along with four hymns. As with all our live-streamed services, you can watch it live or any time on YouTube.

### **Soup Night**

Wednesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, was soup night at St. Paul's. Four pots of homemade soup were made and distributed by volunteers. This month's selection was Chicken Noodle and Stuffed Pepper soup. We are always looking for soup makers. If you would like to volunteer, talk to Lynne or Martha.

### **St. Paul's on Channel 16**

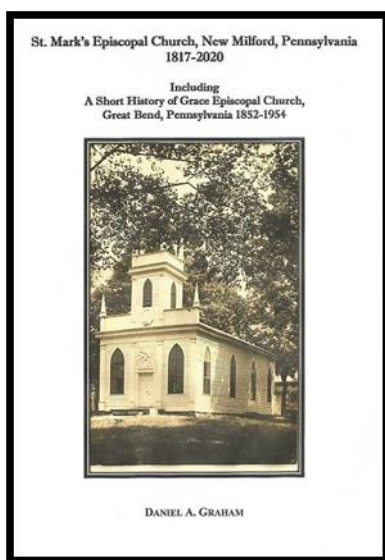
On Thursday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Courtney Harrison of NEPA Channel 16 interviewed Dan and John about Coats for Our Community. St. Paul's, the coats, and John and Dan were on the news that night. Rumor has it John is looking for an agent.





## Class on St. Mark's Church

**On Thursday**, October 7th at 6:30 pm, at St. Mark's, New Milford, Dan Graham will be giving a class through the Montrose Area Adult School on the church's rich history. St. Mark's was incorporated as a parish in 1817 and the present church was built in 1826/27. St. Mark's and St. Paul's histories were often entwined during their existence sharing ministers. Dan recently published a book on St. Mark's and the church has a few copies for sale. All are welcome to attend, you can register at the door.



## Tree Limb Breaks

A big limb from one of the two Bradford Pears on Chestnut Street broke off during a storm last week. It was heavy with pears and leaves. Thanks to John Finlon and Pat Gallagher for helping stack it and the Borough guys, for carting it away.



## October in Susquehanna County

*October's the month, when the smallest of breeze, gives us a shower of leaves.* The trees are starting to change. What a difference a week makes. It's like they all got the memo. Woolly Bear Caterpillars are out and about. The local folks think the size of the red band in the middle will determine how cold the winter will be. The front walk has been decorated with a pumpkin, that official October symbol. Those white wild flowers on the sides of the roads that look like small daisies are really one of two varieties of white asters. The geese, mentioned last week, are still flying low and getting ready for their great migration down the Susquehanna to the Chesapeake Bay. Now if the rain would stop so we can enjoy the season!

