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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. 17 - 23, 2021

In person worship or 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.

Bible Study (Oct. 21) first and third Thursdays of the month. We will start with a light supper at 5:00 provided on a rotating basis by one of the members of the group.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger & Marsha Jones
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Lector: Cathy Hammons

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12
Psalm: 91:9-16
Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10
Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

View from the Pew

Love can conjure up a wide range of associated emotions from the positive to the negative. There is a saying that love is bittersweet, an oxymoron - sweet in its romance and in its hopefully long enduring relationship that is not out of a sense of obligation, but a wanting and willingness to oblige; bitter in the loss of your loved one. It is a sacrifice worth taking, even in knowing that some day this will be the result.

The picture here is the potential beauty of life effectuated by the majestic color of the sugar maples. This beautiful fall scenery in the picture seen here can indeed inspire love, but also is a sign of the bitter end of summer which is a contradiction in one sense but a balancing act in another. Another contradiction seen here are dead ash trees - soon, the emerald ash borer beetle will have consumed all its source of food. The ash saplings and young trees that are not effected yet will hopefully survive long enough to continue their species. Life and death in one beautiful scene - the dichotomy of Mother Nature; the bitter sweetness of life.

- John Warriner



It's Fall - Brrrr!!!

We turned the heat on for the funeral and baptism last Sunday. Summer is over and all good things must come to an end! It's time to start shutting all the doors again. Please make sure all internal doors are closed if you open them. Thank you.



First Wednesday of the Month on Nov. 3rd: Free Soup Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 4:30-6:00 p.m. **Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only.

Birthdays for October: 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.

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

2021 Susquehanna County Coats for Our Community



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.

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.*

14 Photos this week.

20th Sunday After Pentecost, October 12th

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased. (*Mark 1:9-11*)

Deacon Liz's Weekly

This week I would like to thank all of those who have donated coats to Coats for Our Community. This is an initiative of the church that helps approximately 1600 people each year who are in need of warm coats throughout Susquehanna County.

This initiative in addition to the others our parishioners are involved in; the Stop the Stigma events, the soup dinner, the making of sleeping bags, and the food pantry are blessings for the community. These are ways of living out our Baptismal covenant. They are forms of stewardship.

Stewardship is the giving of time, talent and treasure for the building up of the Kingdom of God. We are called to participate in these three ways. Some of us are able to give more in one way than another, however, we are all to find our way to participating in stewardship. Some of us are able to volunteer on soup night or at the food pantry, others are able to participate in making the sleeping bags, still others help out with Stop the Stigma. Finally, others may not have the time or talent but are able to give generously to Sunday's collection.

All God asks of us is to give in whatever way we are able in order to further God's plan for His people. He desires our giving in a Christ like fashion in order to help the least of these. We are, each in our own way, to commit to making whatever commitment we are able, through donating our time, talent and/or treasure so that we all can further the Kingdom.

The Old Testament calls for us to tithe to the church. Leviticus 27:30 says, "A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord: it is holy to the Lord." These gifts are a reminder that everything belongs to God and a portion is given back to God to thank him for what we receive.

We pledge so that the church is able to fulfill our mission which includes the ministries mentioned above and more. Every year the parish makes a budget and our pledging provides the vestry with

knowledge of what funds we have to do the work of the church. It is extremely important that, if possible, everyone pledges so that the vestry will be able to effectively budget for the coming year.

If one is able to increase their pledge in a given year that is wonderful but whatever the amount may be, five dollars, fifty, or more per week, the pledge is a sacred covenant with God that we are giving to see to it that the church can corporately do the work we are all called to do to further the Kingdom here on earth.

While there is guidance to tithe in the Old Testament, in the New Testament there is also a call for even more to be done. In Matthew 23:23 it says, "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cumin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." God requires us to behave in a just fashion in addition to offering out of our abundance.

I believe that we here at St. Paul's are doing this in our ministerial work, reaching out to the community we are being a blessing to those in need out of our blessings, whether they be financial, time donation, or through our prayer for justice and mercy in the world.

We all have something to give out of our abundance. Let us each in our own way continue to be a blessing to one another in the name of the triune God through giving of our time, talent, treasure and/or prayer.

THIS WEEK – It's been a busy one

October 12th Service – *you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.*

We were delighted to welcome Fr. Charles Cesaretti as the presider of our October 12th live-streamed 10:00 Baptismal Service with communion. Deacon Liz was the preacher and John Warriner 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. Congratulations Jacob, Amelia, and Brianna McAbee who were welcomed into the household of God.



Soup Night

Wednesday, October 6th, 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. That's a great looking bunch of soup makers. Can you make a pot of soup?



Montrose High Students Help with Coats

On Friday, October 8th, students from the Key Club at Montrose High came and helped set up coats for the coat distribution on the 12th and 13th. This academic school club has helped us with coats for several years. Thanks Key Club.



Montrose Mobile Food Pantry

The Montrose Mobile Food Pantry was up and running again. On October 8th, they were back in the foggy parking lot of the Motrose Community Church, which is no longer there, for the monthly food distribution. The church had been hit by lighting four weeks ago and burned to the ground. During Covid, the food was boxed when it arrived and easier to distribute but now it comes in bulk and it has to be bagged again. Anyone wishing to volunteer is welcome on the second Friday of every month.



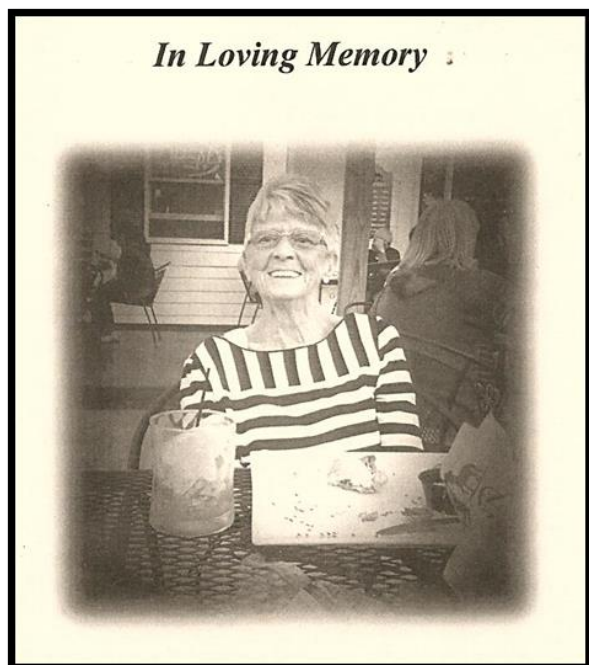
Walk for ALS

On Saturday, October 9th, the Walk to Defeat ALS was held at Cedar Crest College in Allentown. John's Soulful Walkers this year were joined by Annie, the Graham's puppy. There were well over 500 walkers this year. Fr. John wanted to thank all those folks at St. Paul's who gave a donation.



Katherine Baker Warriner Memorial Service

On Sunday, October 12th, a memorial service for long time St. Paul's parishioner Katherine B. Warriner, was held at St. Paul's. Fr. Cesaretti officiated. Interment took place at Montrose Cemetery. Kathy was very generous to St. Paul's and took great interest in the historic preservation of the church. She will be missed.



Coats for Our Community Begins its 15 Year

On Tuesday, September 12th, the 15th year of Coats for Our Community kicked off. St Paul's is always the first and last stop on the county coats tour. Coats collected throughout the year are taken to three Episcopal Churches and a high school. Additionally this year, the Musa Stiles VFW Post #6223 in Great Bend will be a distribution site. We will be accepting coats through November.



October in Susquehanna County

"The leaves fall, the wind blows, and the farm country slowly changes from the summer cottons into its winter wools." Susquehanna fall sunsets, you can't beat them! It's been a warm, wet fall with foggy mornings. Without the cold nights, the sugar maples aren't as colorful as they can be, but there are still a couple stunners. The wet weather has caused an amazing variety of fungi to grow. They seem to be everywhere. Those below are jelli fungus and they come in orange and yellow. They are supposedly edible if boiled. (hmmm!) Spider webs, with their amazing symmetry, appear in the fall dew in the mornings. Milkweed has bloomed and the seedpods are spreading next year's plants through the wind and waiting for the monarch butterflies. Early fall, a beautiful time of year here.

