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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.

Sept. 5 - 11, 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.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Carol Marker & Vera Dunn
Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Lector: Lynne Graham
Coffee Hour:

Readings for this week

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a
Psalm: 146
Epistle: James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17
Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

View from the Pew

Hello from Saint George Island, Florida, south of the Apalachicola National Forest, with this area being dubbed The Forgotten Coast. Driving towards the island, which is connected to the mainland by a four mile bridge, most of the traffic was heading the opposite way, maybe due to Hurricane Ida. Luckily for me, the eye of the storm was about 350 miles away. A hurricane path in any given year is like playing Russian Roulette, although you usually have plenty more of reaction time ahead of these weather monsters.

Red skies at morning, sailors take warning. Seen on the horizon in the below sunrise picture, are one of the very outer bands of this storm system. I hope for the best for all those in its path from Louisiana to the northeastern part of the country.

Unfortunately, this storm exasperated ongoing efforts for those affected with the still ongoing pandemic and the medical facilities treating them. With a concentrated pocket of



the Delta variant of COVID here in the southeastern part of the country, there seems to be an inverse use of facemasks. Sometimes you can't change other people's minds, and you just have to take care of yourself and hopefully maybe thereby setting an example. In some cases it may just be a matter of not wanting to be in the minority or an outsider. Already being an outsider makes it easier for me to not worry about that. It's also not a good idea to instill your belief system on others and better to respect other people's beliefs. However, that being said, I think that your beliefs shouldn't trump the health and well-being of the general public.

- John Warriner

Susquehanna County Coats for the Community 2021 Coat Drive



Coats for the Community has started collecting winter coats for its annual Coats for the Community program, now in its 15th year. The organization is seeking new or clean, gently used winter coats, hats, gloves, mittens and scarves, along with blankets, to help keep our neighbors a little bit warmer this winter. Children's coats are particularly in demand. Last year, the group gave away more than 1,200 coats. Donations can be dropped off at St. Paul's Church, 276 Church St., Montrose.

Money donations are also welcome and will be collected through November.

Anyone who needs a warm winter coat is welcome to these free events. Coats are scheduled to be distributed at the following locations:

- *St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose
October 12 and 13 (10:00am to 1:00pm)
- *Christ Church, Susquehanna, October 21, 22 and 23
- *Christ Church, Forest City, October 28, 29 (3:00pm to 6:00pm) and 30 (1:00pm to 4:00pm)
- *St. Marks, New Milford, November 4 and 5
- *St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Montrose,
December 15 and 16 (9:00am to noon)



90th Birthday Celebration for Esther Welden on September 19 at 2:00pm. No Gifts – Cards are Welcome. Her family would like you to come celebrate with them.

The Book of Remembrance is a book in which are written, each year, the names of faithful members of each parish who entered into life eternal and for whom a memorial thank offering has been made. The Book of Remembrance was established in 1938 in loving memory of Ruth May Linderman, treasurer of the Women's Auxiliary of the Diocese of Bethlehem from 1913 until 1938.

The Book of Remembrance is placed on the altar for the noontime service on the last day of the Annual Diocesan Convention, and all the names that are entered for the current year are read aloud.

The income from this Trust Fund is given to the United Thank Offering and the Diocesan Scholarship Fund, which is used to support mission and ministry through educational programs and conferences.

Checks for these memorial offerings should be made out to "The Diocese of Bethlehem – BoR (Book of Remembrance)" and sent to the:

Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem
333 Wyandotte Street
Bethlehem, PA 18015

Deadline for entries for the 2020/2021 Book of Remembrance is September 20th. All names submitted after that date will be placed in the 2021/2022 book.

Christ Church Susquehanna Seeks Kitchen Cabinets

Parishioners in Susquehanna are renovating their venerable kitchen, relying mainly on sweat equity. If you know of anyone who may be willing to donate serviceable kitchen base cabinets, please contact Senior Warden Todd @ tamoffett@yahoo.com or via cellphone @ 917-714-4156. CC will retrieve any donations at your convenience.

Birthdays for September: Sandy Darde 9/6, Nancy Dooling 9/11, Sandy Seeger 9/15, Esther Welden 9/19 & Sean Eckert 9/28.

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.

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.

First Wednesday of the Month on Sept. 1st: Free Salad Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 4:30-6:00 p.m. **Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only.



Donations

You can scan the QR Code above. 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. Or you can come in person & put your donation in the plate. We would love to see you in Church!

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact: you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Lynne Graham 570-934-1160.

13 Photos this week.

14th Sunday After Pentecost August 29th

THE GOSPEL

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.” (*Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23*)

Deacon Liz’s Weekly

This week marks the 20th anniversary of September 11th, 2001. We have left Afghanistan. Whatever your feelings are as to whether we should have left or stayed, we have not been able to bring everyone out as had been promised. The administration has stated that there are Americans who want to remain and no matter how hard they may have tried there will be those, combat allies and women who have had a completely altered life over the last 20 years, who will likely now face certain retribution for the things they have accomplished in the ensuing decades.

We have been blessed by God in the last 20 years that we have had no attacks on our home soil. A high price has been paid for our security and freedom; sacrifices have been made by our all-volunteer force. We are forever indebted to our brave military and honor them for their service. Let us thank them, collectively and individually, if possible, for their devotion and service to our country.

Let us pray earnestly for those who have been left behind. Pray for their safety. Pray for the Taliban to be the more moderate regime which they have stated that they are going to be. Pray that all of the gains from the last twenty years will not be erased in one fell swoop should they not honor their promise to do so. Pray that the rights of women and girls will not be trampled as they were before our presence.

And pray finally, for all who have been affected by the war, including those who were killed in the first devastating attack. The attack on our shore in New York City, Washington, DC, and Schwenksville, Pennsylvania. And let us not forget those who died as a result of the attack in the subsequent days. Keep the families of the fallen in your prayers as well, as they remember the dead on this horrific anniversary.

THIS WEEK

August 29th Service

The August 29th live-streamed 10:00 Deacon’s Mass was led by Deacon Liz. The announcements and readings were done by Lynne. Joyce Printz 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.

Stop the Stigma – It was Wet

On Friday, August 27th, Stop the Stigma hosted it's third International Overdose Awareness Day event on the Montrose Green. Although the rain soaked us to the bone, we carried out our message of caring, support, hope, and inspiration for those touched by addiction. Thanks to all of our St. Paul's volunteers who helped plan and coordinate the event.



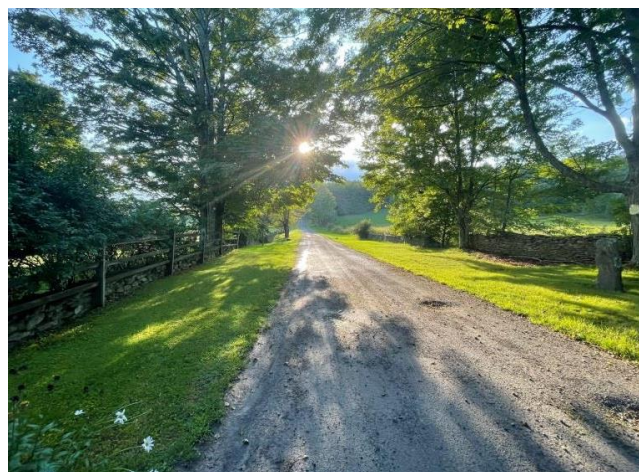
The Chickens are Laying

For the first time, eggs have replaced produce on the take home free table at church. Zucchini and yellow squash of course had been the previous leaders. The chickens must be laying.



End of August in Susquehanna County

“August is that last flicker of fun and heat before everything fades and Autumn comes.” Well, if you’ve driven into town in the morning or away at night, you probably encountered a school bus or two. The kids returned to school. One of grandma’s old time favorites, Rose of Sharon, are blooming. Beach nuts (see picture), walnuts, and acorns are starting to fall, squirrel and small mammal food. Peaceful drives down country roads and beautiful afternoons with fantastic cloud formations are broken by sudden dark skies and hard rainstorms. It’s the end of August in the county.





Bishop Visits St. Marks

Bishop Kevin visited St. Mark's last Sunday and confirmed two parishioners from Christ Church in Susquehanna.

