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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 10 – April 16, 2022

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.

Thursday Bible Study will resume on May 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm in the Guild Room.

### Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Service: April 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am  
 Maundy Thurs. Service: April 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
 Good Friday Crosswalk: April 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 pm  
 Starting at Holy Name of Mary  
 Good Friday Service: April 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm  
 The Great Vigil Service: April 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm  
 Easter Sunday Service: April 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am

### Readings for this Week

Gospel: Luke 19:28-40  
 Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a  
 Psalm: 31:9-16  
 Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11  
 Gospel: Luke 22:14-23:56



**Envelopes for Easter Flowers** are available at the back of the church. Easter Flowers are \$20.00. I will need all envelopes to the office by Monday April 11<sup>th</sup> for Memorials to be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

### This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler, Carol Marker & Carol Lasher  
 Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski  
 Announcements: Lynne Graham  
 Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth  
 Lector: Tom Undercoffler  
 Passion Readers: Vickie, John W., Karen, Tom, Lynne, Dan and Cathy

### View from the Pew

The magic of pregnancy

The moment we find out we're pregnant, is one of the most amazing and exhilarating experiences. Letting it sink in that our bodies are beginning to change and evolve to take us on this new journey of creating a baby that will one day soon come into our world. Every feeling in the world comes crushing down from happiness to overwhelming fear of being responsible for another human being. All of these emotions are normal and healthy. We

realize the power of our own bodies and how magical it is to know what we are truly capable of.

The miracle of bringing life into the world is one of the greatest gifts from God. Our God nurtures us and prepares us to create this life. Pregnancy is not easy on our bodies and it changes the way we feel and look in our own skin. There's growth from within taking place in more ways than one. For me, the most amazing feeling with pregnancy is feeling a life growing inside me. Knowing that everything we eat, drink, and do is focused on making a healthy new life that is miraculously being formed inside of us.

We have been nurtured with love from God since day one. We have been taught to love unconditionally and fiercely. We have been preparing for the moment to teach and guide another life into the world we live in.

Truly magical.

-Lindsay Golden

**Birthdays for April:** Evelyn Constantine 4/11, Martha Cobb 4/16, Naomi Bennett 4/27.

**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, Ray Arcario, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely & Rebecca Bechtel.

**Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:** you can call the parish office during

### **Fifth Sunday of Lent, April 3rd**

**Hail, O once-despised Jesus!**

**Hail, O Galilean King!**

**You have suffered to release us,**

**hope to give and peace to bring.**

**Hail, O universal Savior,**

**bearer of our sin and shame;**

office hours. After hours call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.

**Church Closures** please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

**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.*



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### **20 Photos this week**

by your merits we find favor:  
life is given through your name.

### **THE GOSPEL- you do not always have me**

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me. (*John 12:1-8*)

### **View from the Pulpit – Fr. Bill**

In this last week of Lent, we prepare for Holy week. Lent has allowed us to examine our faith commitment. Intrinsic to that quest is examining our baptism and exactly what it calls us to.

It would be nice to think that we are as committed as Paul in today's second reading. It would be even better if we still had the same enthusiasm we had when we all first began all those years ago. The truth is that time, years, hurt, pain, neglect, work and so much more has worn us down. That certain, pristine, trusty faith that once determined our day, seems somehow fragile in these days.

Perhaps, our weariness lies in the 'burn out' fact that we too often tried to do everything all by ourselves. We work on the human level, till our strength abates, our energy declines and we stop believing that anything we do makes much of a difference anymore.

We know that Easter and Resurrection calls us and invites us to live in the Spirit. We know the theology, but we are seduced into that ambivalence that suggests only work and effort matter. We rarely call on the Spirit and only then in some kind of quiet desperation.

It is way beyond time we use the power that baptism marks us with. We need to remind ourselves of the work of the disciples in the post resurrection days. We need to read again the power of the Spirit in the Acts of the Apostles. We need to tap into the 'Gifts of the Holy Spirit' and renew our strength for the work of the Gospel. More than anything, we Christians need to lift our own spirit.

Lent invites us into the wilderness of the desert to refresh and restore our commitment, strength, and courage. As we journey into Holy Week, to walk with Christ through his Passion and death, we know that we will arise on Easter Sunday renewed. Once again, we make those baptismal promises. Once again, we commit to work for the Gospel, no longer alone but with and in the Spirit. Amen Fr. Bill.



## April 3rd Service – Fifth Sunday of Lent

It's been a busy week. The April 3rd live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. The announcements were made by Lynne Graham and Vickie Calby was the lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ including the Prelude and Postlude, along with four hymns. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.



## April 1<sup>st</sup>, Egg Dying

What a hoot. The egg dying at St. Paul's on Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 was a blast. We had about 25 participants and it was hard to figure out who had more fun, the kids or the old timers. The eggs will go in the mini-Easter baskets for the Susquehanna County recipients of Meals on Wheels on Monday.



## Speaking of Eggs

We didn't know but we have a professional egg dyer amongst us! Mother Liz, using Eastern European traditions, makes beautiful eggs. Take a look. On Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the eggs, chocolates, grass, jelly beans, and note were put in bags and then boxed for delivery on Monday to the Director of the Susquehanna Co. Meals on Wheels.



## The Boy Scouts are Back

Covid suspended so many things, it almost ended St. Paul's twenty-year association with the boy scouts who meet in the Celtic room. David Nice, who ran it for most of that time, told us in December that they weren't going to do it any more. But, the Montrose program got too much positive input from local parents to close and Dave and the scouts are back. There was training on Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Celtic Room for the new team of scout masters. It's great to have them back at St. Paul's.



## Boy Scout Spring Clean Up

A match made in heaven. Dave Nice asked if the scouts could help with spring cleanup. YES! Last Saturday, 10 little boys and their parents showed up and picked up sticks and raked leaves in the Memorial Garden. They got all the leaves except the ones that are still frozen. Many hands made the job go fast. They left John and Dan a nice sized pile to be taken to the yard waste dump. Thank you scouts. See you next year.





## Social Night April 2nd

As stated, Covid ended or suspended a good many of St. Paul's traditions, one of which was Social Night. Someone would host, someone would drive the ones who couldn't, and a good night of comradery was enjoyed. On Friday night, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, after Egg Dying, about 20 people went to Montrose Inn for our first social night in two years. A good time was had by all.

## April 6<sup>th</sup>, Soup Night

April 6<sup>th</sup>, being the first Wednesday of the month, meant St. Paul's soup night. It's been a busy, busy week and this added to it. We had a couple of new soup makers this month who tried their hand out at New England Clam Chowder and Stuffed Pepper. Included in the meal was a salad, roll, applesauce and desert. We take orders from the Square and all other distribution is drive through. We changed to a snazier ad in the newspaper next month. Take a look.



## Last Lenten Bible Study

Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, after soup night, was the last Lenten Bible Study. A pizza meal was provided by Sean and combined with a discussion on next Sunday's Gospel. It was a lot of fun and you felt like you were in the know when Liz read the Gospel on Sunday. You could always find the group in the kitchen before dinner just enjoying each other's company.





## St. Paul's Sign Repaired

St. Paul's Welcome Sign on Rt. 29 north south of town, needed some repair. It popped a bolt, which had to be replaced. The broken bolt was under control by Patrick Gallagher and handily fixed.

## New Pictures for Website

Well, parishioners actually read the Weekly Update. Last week we had a picture of David Robbins who wasn't on our website yet. Well, two more folks were pointed out and we have just added them to the website. Mike Davenport and Marsha Jones were just added to the rogue's gallery. Take a peek on the parishioner page to see what your's looks like.



## APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

*Our spring has come at last with the soft laughter of April suns and shadow of April showers. We had all the seasons this week. Really cold, then warm days with sunshine. A hard rain storm and then snow on Sunday during church. The streams were up from the rain and the spring peepers, after hiding a few days when it was cold, are peeping again – a truly springtime sound. The robins are back at church eating the Bradford pears from the fall and April 1<sup>st</sup> was opening day of trout season. The two kids just caught a nice one and the pussy willows are out. We are ready for warm days and some sunshine.*





