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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 17 – April 23, 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 5th at 5:00 pm in the Guild Room.

Holy Week Schedule:

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

Readings for Maundy Thursday:

First Reading: Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm: 116:1, 10-17
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
Gospel: John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Readings for Good Friday:

First Reading: Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm: 22
Epistle: Hebrews 10:16-25
Gospel: John 18:1-19:42

Readings for Easter Vigil Saturday:

Old Testament: Genesis 1:1-2:4a
Psalm: 136:1-9, 23-26
Old Testament: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21
Reading: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6
Psalm: 19
Old Testament: Ezekiel 36:24-28
Psalm: 42
Psalm: 43
Epistle: Romans 6:3-11
Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Readings for Easter Sunday:

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm: 118:1-2, 14-24
Epistle: Acts 10:34-43
Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

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: Lynne, John W., Karen
Readers: Vickie, John W., Karen, Tom, Lynne, Dan and Cathy

View from the Pew

The Garden

Springtime comes rolling round slowly in Susquehanna County, and with it gardening.

Gardeners wait all winter for springtime, getting excited by each seed catalogue that comes in the winter. But our wait is long. It snows here in April and we can't plant tomatoes until Memorial Day. We are patient and we wait.

I always thought there was a gardening gene you somehow inherited from some forbearer - perhaps a parent or grandparent. Love of gardening is genetic, it's in your makeup or it isn't. You like the feel of dirt or the smell of slightly decaying vegetation or not. You can't just decide on the spur of the moment that you are going to become a gardener. It doesn't work that way. It's coded in your DNA. By pure luck, I married someone who has her own gene. She got it from her grandmother and gardening is something we enjoy doing together.

I got my gene from my mother's father. I associate my earliest memories of him in his garden, sitting in an old aluminum lawn chair and smoking his corn cob pipe, resting, holding a shovel. He had retired from the steel mill when I was four. My mother always said: "men need something to do when they retire," and for my grandfather, it was his garden. During the summer, I was often at my grandparent's house and I was his helper. My first job was weeding, a skill I still possess.



During the depression, Grandpa had rented a large plot about three miles from the house and grew everything in it for his family, walking there after a 12-hour shift. Grandma would can what he grew. During World War II, he also dug up the back yard and planted it completely. When I came along, he just had his back yard garden. During spring, there were cups and glass jars in the windows and all over the house with seedlings in them.

They disappeared by May. He grew all his plants by seed. When he planted the first seeds, usually the peas, he would bless the garden and pray for a good season. He'd known good ones and bad ones.

He taught me when to plant root crops and how far apart to plant beans. What bugs were bad and how to check your fence for rabbit holes. And Tomatoes! Ah Tomatoes. Tomatoes were his specialty. We spent the most time on his tomatoes and he taught me what he knew. What I know about growing tomatoes I learned from him. I actually feel him smiling at me when I pick our red first one. A successful garden each year is measured by how your tomatoes did.

Visits to my grandparents' house during the summer after church, even if you had just been there the week before, required an obligatory trip to the back yard. Grampa wanted to show off his garden, as we all do. Gardeners of course, are proud of what they produce and love to give it away. Who hasn't heard "Would you like some zucchini?"

So, here it is, April, another year. Last year's garden's trials and tribulations are forgotten. All things are possible. It's springtime, and almost time for a new garden. We are patient and we wait. I never said it to him but will now. Thank you Pap – I bless this garden.

Dan Graham

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, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely & Rebecca Bechtel.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact: you can call the parish office during office hours. After hours call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.

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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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16 Photos this week

PALM SUNDAY – April 10th

**All glory, laud, and honor
to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel
and David's royal Son,
now in the Lord's name coming,
the King and Blessed One.**

THE GOSPEL

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke was read.

View from the Pew – Father Bill

It is the 9th of April the day before Palm Sunday. Liturgical colors turn to Red, and we gather outside the church for the Palm Sunday Procession with the Blessing of the Palms.

The Gospel reminds us of the return of the Ark of the Covenant in the Book of Samuel where King David dances before the Ark as it enters Jerusalem. The narrative is both a celebration and also somehow prophetic. It is both joyous and sad.

To this point Jesus has avoided Jerusalem, the Temple, the Pharisees, and the Sanhedrin. He has been content to work among the poor, the sick and the people of Galilee. Jerusalem brings a certain foreboding.

Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy Week. When we enter it, we begin to participate in the Paschal Mystery of Easter. We are invited on a spiritual journey whereby we identify with the suffering of Christ, die to our old self, and rise anew with Christ on Easter Sunday. Central to this theology is the Procession of the Paschal candle into the church at the Vigil. Traditionally it is lowered into the water of Baptism. Then we are invited to renew our Baptismal Promises.

Easter is for us about renewal. We forget that when we hold ourselves guilty of our sins, failures, weaknesses and past. We forget that in Baptism we are reborn and since Baptism is a continuous activity and not one act in the past; we are continually reborn into the forgiveness of Christ. To think otherwise is to believe that Christ death and sacrifice was simple not enough for our forgiveness.

This is our prayer, that we walk through this Holy Week in the footsteps of Christ. If only our nation could walk in those footsteps. If only our world could walk in those footsteps! It will not happen. The world does not believe and because it does not believe, it does not walk.

This week we who believe, walk. Amen

-Father Bill

THIS WEEK

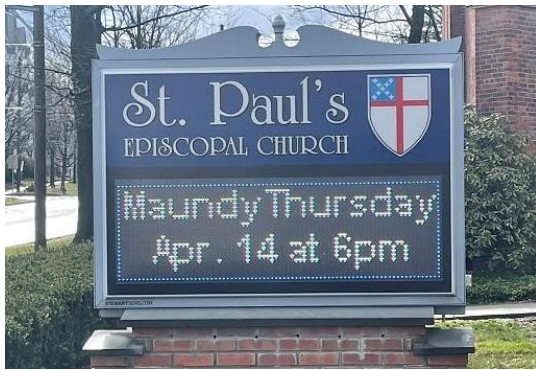
April 10th Service, Palm Sunday

It was the busiest week of the church year. The April 10th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. The Passion was read by Mother Liz, Vickie Calby, Lynne Graham, Tom Undercoffler, John Warriner, Cathy Hammons, and Dan Graham. Cathy Hammons played the organ. 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.



A Busy Week

April 14th is Maundy Thursday, April 15th is the Cross Walk and the Good Friday Service, Saturday is the Easter Vigil, and April 17th is Easter. Our sign and Mother Liz were busy.



It Doesn't Happen by Magic

When we come to church, we take for granted that the altar is set up – and it always is. But it doesn't happen by magic. We have a dedicated group of women in the Altar Guild who makes sure that it is perfect each week. With everything going on during Holy Week, extra planning was needed. If you get a chance, thank a member of the Altar Guild for their dedication.



It Doesn't Fix Itself

Similarly, maintenance of our buildings doesn't happen by magic. It takes the property committee to fix the toilet, repair the light, paint the trim., etc., etc. They keep our church buildings in ship shape. John spends a lot of time on a ladder! But when he was done, the lights in the Guild Room were working again. Thanks John.

MID-APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

April showers bring May flowers. It's mid-April, and it's mud season here in Susquehanna County. Those of you who live in town don't really appreciate how yucky it gets outside of town. The ground never really dried out from the fall and it's saturated. It's why LL Bean boots were invented. But the crocuses are up and between the rains there is a blue sky. There's an old sentimental Brad Paisley song, called "Waiting on a Woman", that bird boxes must long to sing. The boxes wait 9 months for a bird to build a nest. And then wait the rest of the year. Beef cows are starting to have their spring babies. This one on 706 had twins this week.



Its Party Time!!

Our longtime Parish Administrator, Betty Depue, retires on April 14. Betty has brought us through thick and thin and she deserves a congratulatory sendoff. Please come help us celebrate her retirement on Wednesday, April 27, at 1:30 at the VFW. We can wish her well and Godspeed over lunch. Each person will be responsible for his/her own meal and St. Paul's will treat Betty and her guests. Please respond to Lynne if you plan to attend; VFW needs a final head count the day before.



REMEMBER WHEN – Palm Sundays Past 2016-2020

