


276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801  
Office 570-278-2954, Mon., Wed. & Thu. 8:10am to 2:30pm  
Click on link to email St. Paul's: [stpaulsmontrose@epix.net](mailto:stpaulsmontrose@epix.net)  
Click on link to go to our Website: <http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org>  
Click on link to go to our Facebook Page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsmontrose>

Mission Statement for St. Paul's: To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.



### **April 24 – April 30, 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.

### **Social Night 5/6:**

We will continue with Social Night at Dan and Lynne's on Friday, May 6 at 6:00 (144 Dayton Rd, Montrose PA 18801). Everyone is welcome. Please bring a beverage and a dish to share. We will provide the main dish. Weather permitting, we will be outside. Lawn chairs would be helpful. Carpool if possible. Hope to see you there!

### **Readings for this Week:**

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm: 150

The New Testament: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

### **This Week's Lay Ministers:**

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler, Carol Marker & Carol Lasher

Officiant: Lynne Graham

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Lector: John Warriner

### **View from the Pew**

This is too good not to share. I asked a friend who has crossed 70 & is heading towards 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself? He sent me the following:

1. After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children and my friends, I have now started loving myself.
2. I have realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.
3. I have stopped bargaining with vegetable & fruit vendors. A few pennies more is not going to break me, but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.
4. I leave my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than I am.
5. I stopped telling the elderly that they've already told that story many times. The story makes them walk down memory lane & relive their past.
6. I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.
7. I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip

for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You."

8. I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

9. I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

10. I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

11. I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.

12. I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships, I will never be alone.

13. I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

14. I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be!

I decided to share this for all my friends. Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age?

Found by:  
Martha Cobb

**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 & Suzanne Beamish.

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

### **Social Night 5/20:**

We will continue with Social Night at Wanda and Harry Peirce's at 73 South Lake Rd, Bel Air Lake Montrose Pa 18801; 570-432-4019; [wpeirce21@gmail.com](mailto:wpeirce21@gmail.com). Directions from Lake Montrose; North on Rt. 29 for 7+ miles, Left on Laurel Lake Rd for 1 ½ miles, Right on Mahoney Rd 1<sup>st</sup> Right on South Lake Rd 2<sup>nd</sup> House on the left (beige with red shutters) Everyone is welcome. Please bring a beverage and a dish to share. We will provide the main dish. Weather permitting, we will be outside. Lawn chairs would be helpful. Carpool if possible. Hope to see you there!



**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

## 18 Photos this week

### EASTER SUNDAY – April 17th

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun:  
Alleluia!

The pow'rs of death have done their worst;  
But Christ their legions has dispersed;  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst:  
Alleluia!



### THE GOSPEL - They found the stone rolled away

On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women who had come with Jesus from Galilee came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. (Luke 24:1-12)

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!  
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!  
Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!  
Unto Christ, our heavenly king, Alleluia!  
Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!  
Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

## **View from the Pew – Fr. Bill**

It is Easter Sunday morning bright and early, and the day has begun. The long journey of Lent is over. We have finished with the Forty Days of Fasting and the Forty Days of Abstinence. Our days of penitential reflection are over. In the last week we have walked with Christ through the Last Supper, his trials, suffering and death. We stripped the Altar bare to the wood on Thursday Night and left it standing like a Tomb till the lighting of the Paschal Fire and Candle last night.

The entire church was in darkness till that one flame pierced the empty blackness.

"Christ Our Light," sang out the cantor and immediately came back the response from the congregation standing in darkness; "Thanks be to God." as their candles were lit from the Paschal Candle the church filled with light. The Easter Vigil had begun.

Cathy Sue read the Lesson from the Old Testament of the Jewish Passover; the Crossing of the Red Sea; and the coming to life of the Dry Bones. She read of St. Paul's letter in the sixth chapter of Romans and the meaning of his death, cross and our salvation. The Gospel was about women finding an empty Tomb.

We renewed our Baptismal Vows together and gathered around the table of the Lord to celebrate with many loud 'alleluias.' How sweet it was to be back again in a time of celebration, joyful old hymns and blessings.

It is Easter and we are Easter People. People who have been blessed through the death and resurrection of one man. We have much to accomplish in the coming months. United with the Spirit of Christ there is much that we can do.

The thing we call 'church,' or 'ekkesia', began in a tomb. It survived below ground in tombs. Today in many places it has died and been buried. Like Christ we choose to resurrect that faith and that belief and make it live.

Today is our Easter and we are Easter people. Amen.

## **THIS WEEK**

### **April 17th Service, Easter Sunday**

It was the busiest week of the church year. April 14<sup>th</sup> was Maundy Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> was the Cross Walk and the Good Friday Service, Saturday was the Easter Vigil, and April 17<sup>th</sup> was Easter. The April 17th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Easter Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements. John Warriner the lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ, which included 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.





## Good Friday Cross Walk

On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at noon, a group of ecumenical Christians carried a cross from Holy Name of Mary RC Church to St. Paul's. It then was carried to the chapel at Interfaith and then to the Presbyterian Church. The Cross Walk, which has become a Montrose tradition, represented Christ's journey carrying his cross to Calvary where he was crucified. At each stop, a passage of scripture was read and a verse of "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" sung.





## The Montrose Mobile Food Pantry

The Montrose Mobile Food Pantry was on April 8<sup>th</sup> for the monthly food distribution. Food is distributed in the parking lot of the Montrose Community Church. As you know, the church had been hit by lightning and burned to the ground. They will start rebuilding this month. The food is again coming in bulk and it has to be bagged. Volunteers are always welcome. Your contributions in the breadbasket on Sunday are used to purchase the bread.



## Foreign Coins

This past week our parish member Al Leigh brought in some coins that he has had for over 20 years from a safety deposit box of a traveling soldier. These coins are from a list of countries including Denmark, Norway, Ireland, Iceland, Liberia, Belgium, Israel, Italy, Dominican Republic, Canada, Luxembourg, Spain, Greece and Austria. The oldest coin that Kate could find was from 1931. So much history in just a small bag of coins!



## MID-APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

*"I enjoy the spring more than the autumn now. One does, I think, as one gets older."*

Dark rain clouds this week, but the soggy fields are starting to turn green. Susquehanna County's first wild flower – Coltsfoot - has appeared on the sides of the roads. It looks like a dandelion without leaves. Our daffodils are blooming at church along with the crocuses, and Sophie sits on her wall to listen to the peepers and watch Spring unfold.







## REMEMBER WHEN – Easter Sundays Past 2016-2020

