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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.



Mar. 27 – April 2, 2022 In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website <u>http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org</u> and click this red button on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.

During Lent, starting on Wednesday, March 9, we will have Bible study beginning with a simple soup supper at 5:00. This will be weekly through April 6. Thursday Bible study will be suspended until after Easter.

Holy Week Schedule:

Palm Sunday Service: April 10th at 10:00 am 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 this Week

First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12 Psalm: 32 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32





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 11th for Memorials to be in the Easter Sunday Bulletin.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Karen Blye-McAbee, Carol Lasher Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski Announcements: Lynne Graham Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth Lector: Lynne Graham



Reminder with winter comes winter weather! This is just the annual reminder to say: if there is ice or snow and there is a question about church being canceled, listen to WPEL at 96.5 FM.

View from the Pew



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Red is for the blood He gave. Green is for the grass He made. Yellow is for His sun so bright. Orange is for the edge of night. Black is for the sins we made. White is for the grace He gave. Purple is for His hours of sorrow. Pink is for our new tomorrow.

May every day be Easter in your heart. May the joy you feel on Easter morning be the joy of each day of your life.

-Submitted by Martha Cobb

Birthdays for March: Robert Kuhn 3/24, Tom Undercoffler 3/30.

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

First Wednesday of the Month on April 6th: Free Soup Dinner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church from 3:30-5:00 p.m. **Please note** that the Free Dinners are take-out only

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.

Third Sunday of Lent, March 20th

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

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

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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10 Photos this week

THE GOSPEL- let it alone for one more year

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them-do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." *' (Luke 13:1-9)*

View from the Pulpit, Mother Liz

This week I present another prayer practice, one which can be done in the spur of the moment. The welcoming prayer is one which we stop when we are holding onto something which is troubling us. It can be done anywhere at any time, the kitchen, the office, even the restroom.

When you find yourself overwhelmed by circumstances, step away somewhere quiet and repeat the following prayer, remembering to take a few breaths as you begin and continue through the prayer. Doing this prayer can help you to let go of attachment to results and can connect you with God and His will for you.

The Welcoming Prayer (by Father Thomas Keating)

Welcome, welcome, welcome. I welcome everything that comes to me today because I know it's for my healing.

I welcome all thoughts, feelings, emotions, persons, situations, and conditions.

I let go of my desire for power and control.

I let go of my desire for affection, esteem, approval, and pleasure.

I let go of my desire for survival and security.

I let go of my desire to change any situation, condition, person or myself.

I open to the love and presence of God and God's action within. Amen.

-Mother Liz

March 20th Service – Third Sunday of Lent

The March 20th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. The announcements were given by Lynne Graham and Cathy Hammons was the lector. Cathy Hammons also 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.



March 19th Rainbow

After our storm on Saturday, the 19th, we got a double rainbow that was breathtaking. Rainbows are considered God's Promise. *"God sealed His promise with a rainbow in the sky."* Genesis 9. Spring came the next day.



MID-MARCH IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn." It's springtime! On Sunday, March 20, the spring equinox arrived at 11:33 am and it is a welcome visitor. March still has some surprises for us but let's hope the snow is done. It's been a mixture of great spring days and rain, which brought the spring peepers out. Flocks of geese have been flying over headed north. An Eagle sits on a dead ash tree on 706 west of town. Salt Springs, still showing some snow, rushes to Snake Creek. Spring bulbs, nature's miracle, have popped up including these crocuses. Spring sunsets are beautiful. Spring in Susquehanna County is why we live here.



Lenten Bible Study

During Lent, Bible study is on Wednesday night at 5:00. There is a supper beforehand of bread and soup. It's good food, good company and good discussion. You don't have to attend every session to keep up and the following Sunday's Gospel is discussed.



Remember When

We were young and gay! Here's a picture from the past. What a group!

