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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. 6 – Mar 12, 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.

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.

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Karen Blye-McAbee, Carol Lasher

Officiant: Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski Announcements: Lynne Graham Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Readings for this Week

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm: 91:1-2, 9-16 Epistle: Romans 10:8b-13 Gospel: Luke 4:1-13



View from the Pew

One important lesson we were taught as children was to share, which in your lifetime turns out to be an invaluable attribute. It can both benefit yourself as well as others, and works out to be an excellent cohesive property in any social grouping or relationship. My daughter sometimes says to our grandson "sharing is caring". It's kind of a trite saying, but it is true, and very appropriate for a five year old.

Sharing could be the recipe that has all the potential of preventing conflicts and wars. Ukraine was once a part of the Soviet Union. Then in 1991, it separated and became what was part of the Commonwealth of Independent States. It seems that Russian President Vladimir Putin, like a schoolyard bully, would like to recover what he thinks of as it's own instead of sharing a common history, culture, and interests and letting be what is; getting along with your neighbors instead of controlling them. Now, there is a lot more involved with this situation than this simple explanation and there are always two sides to a conflict. It is said that "history is written by the victors" which was attributed to Winston Churchill, but its source is unknown. To fully understand any state of affairs, you need to examine all sides completely to gain a full historical context of the situation.

On this planet, there is a limited supply of natural resources that we must all learn how to share equitably, but not in a communist way of thinking. Sharing these natural resources doesn't mean taking at the expense of another with one country coveting the vast oil reserves of another country. Instead of doing the more difficult thing of developing an alternative energy source, some would prefer to create a war to obtain these available albeit limited supplies of fossil fuels.

Sharing doesn't mean you have to automatically give in to the desires of another. It should be a two way street. Just like in the Mathew 7:12, according to the Golden Rule: Do unto others, as you would have them do unto you.

John Warriner



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.

Birthdays for March: John Finlon 3/6, Elizabeth Smith 3/15, Edgar Warriner 3/20, Elaine Petrzala 3/22, Robert Kuhn 3/24, Tom Undercoffler 3/30.

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

March Convocation Meetings

The Diocese of Bethlehem is gathering by Convocation in March for a fun preview of

Spring Event – 2022, to hear updates from Assembly Conveners, and to hear from Bishop Kevin about his excitement for the progress we are enjoying for parish searches and our Canon Missioner ministry. Everyone is invited to attend their Convocation's meeting night, between March 7 and March 10, 2022. These one-hour meetings will be **online via Zoom at 7:00 p.m.** Online registration is required; for more information and to register, please visit the diocesan website: *click here*.

Please share this invitation with your entire parish. Any questions, please contact us at (610) 691-5655 or *office @diobeth.org*.

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 office hours. After hours call Deacon 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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15 Photos this week

Last Sunday After Epiphany, February 27th

THE GOSPEL- This is my Son

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah"--not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen. (*Luke 9:28-36*)

View from the Pulpit

This week I am filled with gratitude, gratitude for the beauty and heartfulness of my ordination and first Eucharist as a priest. We were all blessed with the presence of the Bishop, the preaching of Mother Barbara, the offerings provided by the musicians, the servers, and reader, the work of the altar guild, and the work of members of the parish in preparation for the reception.

It was an amazing day, one which I will cherish for the remainder of my days. I would also like to thank you all for the exquisite stole you gave me as an ordination gift. I will treasure it always.

As I spoke of Sunday, mountaintop experiences are few and far between. They feed us spiritually for the journey. I am glad that all of you were able to accompany me in my mountaintop experience on Saturday and I pray that it was a blessing for us all, and that we may be nourished in our journey together from it.

Blessings upon each of you as we enter into what I pray will be a holy Lent.

Peace.

Mother Liz

THIS WEEK February 26th Liz's Ordination

A mountain top experience! On Saturday, February 26, Deacon Liz was ordained as a Priest at St. Paul's. Surrounded by Bishop Kevin, members of the clergy, and the love of the congregation, she received the laying on of hands to become Mother Liz.

















February 27th Service.

The February 27th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Mother Rebecca served as a deacon. Lynne Graham did announcements and Karen Blye-McAbee was the lector. 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.





ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER

On Tuesday, March 1st, St. Paul's Church had its free annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. The menu includes pancakes, eggs, sausage, applesauce, homemade desserts and beverages. The dessert table was packed and we had a good turnout.







Soup Night at St. Paul's

It's been a busy week and March 3rd, being the first Wednesday of the month, was soup night. Pots of steaming, homemade soup were lovingly created, cooked and brought to church by St. Paul's soup makers and community volunteers. A salad, roll, applesauce and desserts left from the Pancake Supper were put in the bag. Winter hours are 3:30 to 5:00. This month's selections were vegetable and crème of potato. We are always looking for new soup makers and the comradery is great. St. Paul's will reimburse for any ingredients.



