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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.



May 15 – May 21, 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.

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm: 148
 The Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6
 Gospel: John 13:31-35

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski
 Officiant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
 Announcements: Lynne Graham
 Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
 Lector: Vickie Calby

Social Night 6/3:

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. Directions from Lake Montrose; North on Rt. 29 for 7+ miles, Left on Laurel Lake Rd for 1 ½ miles, Right on Mahoney Rd
 1st Right on South Lake Rd
 2nd 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!

Birthdays for May: Robert Kimmel 5/1, Trent Caine 5/2, Mother Liz 5/5, Harry Peirce 5/9, Richard Marker 5/10, Scott Finlon 5/14, Carole Canfield 5/23, Gaby Warriner 5/26, Kate Bennett 5/27, Katherine Syle 5/28, Lucas Bartron 5/29, Jerry Sock 5/29

View from the Pew

A Newborn's Conversation with God

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?" God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you." The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy.." God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the small child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?" God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak." "And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?" God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray." "Who will protect me?" God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life." "But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore." God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be

heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name." God said, "You will simply call her, " Mom."

From a post shared by Martha Cobb

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.*



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14 Photos this week

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER – May 8th

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!**

**We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!**

**The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized, we live with God, the Three in One.
Alleluia!**

**A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!**

THE GOSPEL – You cannot come

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

View from the Pew – Mother Liz



MORE THAN ENOUGH

Easter: Restoring Faith in Ourselves and Each Other

The story of the opening of the tomb after Christ's resurrection is short but complex. In the Gospel of Luke's rendition of the tale, two men in dazzling clothes ask the women disciples: "Why do you look for the living among the dead?"

As humans, it is extremely difficult for us to process death since it is by definition, removed from our lived experience. In reading scripture, I remind myself that Christ's death would have been extremely traumatic for his disciples. And though the author of the Gospel of Luke lived after Jesus' timeline, we can very well imagine the trauma of the series of events. No amount of consolation or preparation from Jesus would have really formed his closest circle to watch him be humiliated and put to death.

There is much to mourn at first with any kind of loss, which allows grief to make us painfully aware of how much we invested in love for what we've lost. But the mourning period is a natural transition for transformation. In Lent, we focus a lot on the lack of something or the loss of something significant in our lives. In letting go, we have to ask ourselves for what are we making room? For Easter, the story of Jesus' resurrection and ascension, the conquering of death (or at least conquering the finality of it), comes about as part two of the healing cycle. In His resurrection and ascension, Easter reminds us that there is room for yet more abundance, more faith, and more than enough opportunities for renewal at every stage. There is hope.

The disciples are reminded to have faith. In our own lives, we encounter uncertainties wherein we are asked to have faith. At least in my experience, I think miracles happen when I renew faith in myself in the face of these uncertainties, and when I extend that faith to others who support me in the journey. We need each other for support, for reminders to look for the living where there is already life, which naturally perpetuates in our relationships with each other and the environment. If we restore faith in ourselves in whatever struggle and restore faith in our communities, we can lovingly receive the joys that come from reciprocity.



Questions For

What kind of support has surprised you this year? In what ways has your faith been restored this year? What prevents you

Elise Mills, TENS' Staff Writer, is a recent graduate, writer, and musician from San Francisco. She looks forward to taking afternoon naps with her cat. She is a member of Holy Innocents, San Francisco.



THE EPISCOPAL NETWORK FOR STEWARDSHIP

THIS WEEK

May 8th Service

The May 8th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements. Vicki Calby read as lector. Cathy Hammonds 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.



Spring Concert

On Saturday, May 7, Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School in Kingston, PA, had its spring concert. It was also a performance celebrating the retirement of music director, John Vaida. Also, singing in the choir were alumni that were under his tutelage over the last half century. One of the alumni tenors was our own St. Paul's parishioner, John Warriner.



Our New Door!

As some may have known already, the church has been awaiting a new door at the top of the ramp in front of the church. The new glass door arrived last week and it fits perfect and looks even better! You can see Dan Graham standing in the empty doorway, sweeping, when the workers had the old door removed.





Soup Night 5/4:

This past soup night, Kate got some pictures of everyone that came and volunteered their time. Whether it was helping bag the cookies and the rolls to making the salads and scooping out the soup, there were many helpful hands. As we were bagging the soups, we tried to keep count of as many that went out as we could and this month we came out with around 84 bags! That is 84 people with warm tummies full of soup and goodies.



We are hoping that this next Salad Night (now that it is the summer months and no one will want hot soup) to reach more and more people so please **SPREAD THE WORD!** We are always looking for extra hands, volunteers or if you just want to sit, chat and enjoy the hustle and bustle of the kitchen. Catch you at the next Salad Night, on June 1st!



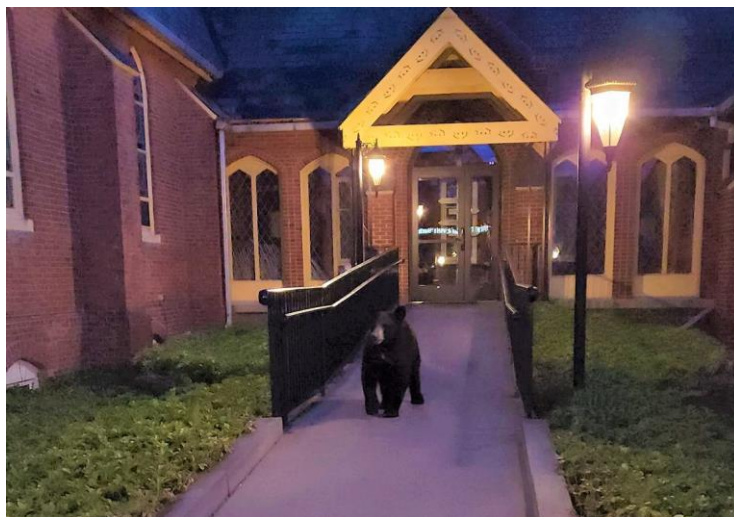
Montrose News & History

A new parishioner at the Church?

As some of you may have seen on Facebook, we had a visitor at the church Monday Night, May 9th. He was strolling through Montrose and happened to stop here at St. Paul's to see if there was any free soup left or any parishioners hanging around to have some coffee.



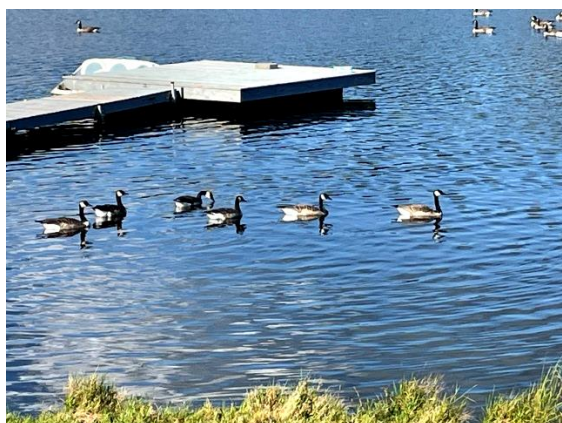
The locals were commenting on the Facebook post, thinking it quite funny that this poor little guy was at our church, possibly "looking for forgiveness for taking out a couple of bird feeders" as one of the locals had put it. You can also see the aftermath of his visit on the glass of the new door out front.



EARLY MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY



Another May new buds and flowers shall bring. It's called sunshine. After a cool, wet spring, we had a stretch of dry really glorious weather this week. The magnolia tree across from church is blooming. We have a picture of St. Paul's from across the street from Easter 1936 and the tree was in it and was tall and blooming then. The Mayapples are up in the woods and will be blooming soon.



The geese on Lake Montrose were enjoying, as we were, a sunny day. A tree swallow is looking for an empty bird box to entice a mate.



Finally, we had a winter guest in our shed who left his skin behind.



REMEMBER WHEN - Montrose 1950s

Early Picture of a Montrose July 4th parade. Masters concrete was showing the "modern" way to make concrete – 40 bags at a time. Is anyone in the picture?