




ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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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 22 – May 28, 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 16:9-15

Psalm: 67

The Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 14:23-29 or John 5:1-9

This Week's Lay Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Officiant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Organist: Joyce Printz

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

Lector: John Warriner

Social Night 6/3:

We will continue with Social Night at Wanda and Harry Peirce's at 6:00pm 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

It's that time of year of spring again. Everything is coming alive - all the trees turning green, the flowers all in bloom, and that wonderful smell of that first cut grass. The fresh air through open windows just brings happiness to our hearts. People are making summer plans for vacations, like camping trips, and going to the beach. There is so much excitement in the planning process for whatever your plans may be.

I remember the first time I went camping; there was so much preparation to do beforehand and a lot of meal planning. On our first night of camping there were so many relaxing sounds of nature that just puts you at ease and takes you away from the everyday routine of life. Well, when morning came around, I took a deep breath of fresh air and got ready to start breakfast. I went to the cooler to get the eggs and bacon out, and everything was covered with ants, so it all had to go in the trash. I suppose the eggs could have been salvaged, but who wants to tempt fate and get bitten by Florida fire ants? We were so sad - and hungry - that we just packed up and left then probably stopped at a Waffle House on the way home. I said we would never do this again - no more camping for me!

Years later when our kids were old enough, my husband John asked again about camping. I thought to myself that I should give it another try and teach the children first hand about nature and being outdoors. Seeing how much our family enjoyed this camping experience, telling scary stories over the campfire with antless s'more's, just spending quality time together, was priceless. It totally erased our previous experience. We should not give up on things we like every time something bad happens. Leave the past where it belongs. Learn from it, but don't dwell on it. So try to live like a river, flowing ever forward. Focus on the present leading into the future. Always try to remain positive.

God has so much to offer us spiritually and one way He displays that is through nature. He teaches us to allow ourselves to enjoy our lives, to be positive, and share love and happiness with others.

-Gaby Warriner

Summer Concerts Come to Susquehanna County:

Join the Susquehanna Symphony Society for its 1st Annual Summer Chamber Music series at St. Paul's Church, Montrose. On Friday, June 10 at 7:00pm. In partnership with The Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra, The Parlor City Celli will perform a program of music for cello quartet featuring music from Game of Thrones, Succession, and Power of the Dog. And on Saturday, June 17 at 7:00 pm, the Binghamton Philharmonic Percussion Trio performs virtuosic soundscapes for a diversity of instruments including "Memories of Alhambra" by Francisco Tárrega, "The Last Game" by Daiki Kato, and "Variations on a Ghanian Theme" by Daniel Levitan.

Tickets are \$5 for each concert. Pay at the door. Seating is limited. For advance tickets and for more information, please call (570) 396-5813. Children and students 17 and under are free, courtesy of The Community Foundation of the Endless Mountains.

Care and Support

We at St. Paul's are very lucky to have an active DOK chapter. Their main service is to answer and respond to the many prayer requests received on a weekly basis. But I often wonder how many times we gloss over the prayer list that is included in every Weekly Update. The DOK are not praying in place of our prayers; they pray in addition to our prayers.

Our dear friend and former interim priest, the Rev. Janet Watrous is in poor mental health and is in need of our prayers as is her husband, Bob, her caretaker. Janet loves to receive mail and would be so pleased to receive a card or a note from each of us. If you are able, it would be a great idea to include your picture with your card as a reminder for her.

Janet's address can be found in the parish directory or below:
415 S. Boylan Ave.
Raleigh, NC 27603

Thank you for sharing Jesus' love.
Lynne

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers: Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Charlotte Eckert, Nancy Finlon, Jeannine Ball, Sandy Nagy, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous & 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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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER May 15th

**I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved, and free;
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me.**

THE GOSPEL – love one another

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." (John 13:31-35)

**In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.**

View from the Pulpit- Mother Liz

My heart has been very heavy since last weekend. As I am sure you must have heard by now, a young white man from Conklin, dressed in military style gear and drove up to Buffalo. Upon his arrival, he sought out the section of town where the black people lived. He went into their local grocery store and started shooting, specifically targeting blacks. He shot and killed ten and three more were injured.

A retired police officer, Aaron Salter, attempted to stop him, but was unable to do so because of the shooters body armor. He was one of those shot and killed by the gunman. The officer has been hailed as a hero for his valiant attempt to stop the mass shooting.

One woman was shot and killed because she was at the front of the store, but her boyfriend was spared because he had already headed to the back to pick out some groceries. A little girl hid in a cooler to escape the gunfire. All that stood between ordinary people and death was chance. Where did they happen to be in the store upon the terrorist's arrival?

He posted a manifesto online and then went live with the shooting. Authorities say he considered other targets such as a church, but ultimately the grocery store was chosen to inflict as much terror as possible among members of the community. He wanted them to feel unsafe going about their daily routine. He wanted them to suffer the paralyzing fear of not knowing where or when their lives would be in danger.

What made him do it? Hate and fear.

Another man, this time in California, went to a Presbyterian Church on Sunday and open fire. The elderly congregants were in the middle of a luncheon and once he chained the doors to make their escape impossible, he killed one and injured five. He was Chinese and they were Taiwanese.

What made him do it? Hate and fear.

It's difficult not to feel helpless in the face of this kind of hatred. What can we do? I have been praying for many hours since these heinous crimes were perpetrated by these fearful, cowardly men. Praying for the families of those killed, injured, and traumatized simply because they were in the wrong place at the wrong time. Praying for justice for the victims. Praying for those in power to find a way to put an end to senseless violence. Praying for the killers who harbor so much hatred for those they perceive to be different. I have also been praying for those who may be close to someone who harbors such hatred for his/ her fellow human beings, that they will have the courage to come forward if they fear what someone's intentions might be.

As we have been taught in NYC since 9/11, "If you see something, say something."

Finally, remember Jesus' instruction to his disciples, which we heard on Sunday. Love one another. Just as I have loved you, you should love one another. Jesus did not say love one another as long as they look or act like you. He said love one another, period. Those are our marching instructions. So let us do as Jesus' new commandment would have us do, and may God have mercy on the souls those who are violent.

THIS WEEK in Photos

May 15th Service

The May 15th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements. Vickie Calby read as 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.



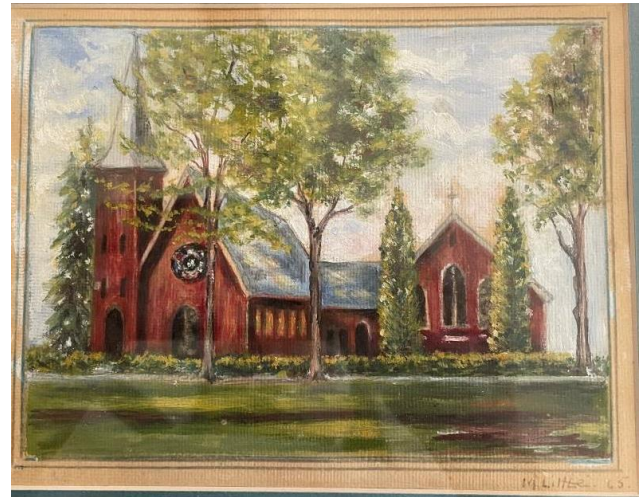


Church Door to Remain Open

It's spring and the heat is off. While the glass door will remain locked, our inner wooden doors will remain open and hopefully be as welcoming as spring is. You can see the altar at night when driving by.

Painting by Mae Little

Ann Davenport, who was in a painting class at St. Paul's, shared a 1965 oil painting of our Church by Mae Little, Lucinda Vermette's great aunt. It's beautifully framed and beautifully done.



Memorial Garden

If you get a chance, take a walk through our Memorial Garden. It's just strutting its stuff.



MID-MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

Now every field is clothed with green grass, and every tree with leaves; now the woods put forth their blossoms. Spring is here and everything is flowering. In the woods, the chokecherries are the first tree to bloom. In the yards, the lilac's fragrant flowers are on the bush. Along the roads, the showy redbuds reinforce that spring has really come. In the gardens, spears of that dependable first vegetable, asparagus, are popping up like gangbusters. At local farms, the spring lambs are starting to fill out. We had some beautiful days this week.



Montrose News and History

REMEMBER WHEN

The attached is a very early colored picture of Church Street looking east towards St. Paul's Church. The camera was approximately across from the Presbyterian Church. Church Street was unpaved and much narrower then. (Notice how much distance there is between the trees and the street on both sides that is no longer there.) Life looked a little simpler then, and there were no gas trucks running through town.





Debbie Chrisman Receives Award

On May 14th, Debbie Crisman received the Susquehanna County Distinguished Citizen Award. Debbie has been a volunteer with the Montrose Mobile Food Pantry since 2016 and she helped St. Paul's get our Salad/Soup night up and running. Thank you Debbie!

Dairy Princess Pagent

This past Friday, the Dairy Princess Pagent was held here at St Pauls in the Parish Hall as it is every year and the organizer of the group, Evie Goff, is always so grateful for us to let her use our space. This is a picture of the girls in our memorial garden after their crowning. There is the Dairy Princess, Dairy Princess Alternate, Dairy Ambassadors, Dairy Maids and in the very front their own little Dairy Darling.



Third Weekend in Montrose:

Check out the Weekender and Facebook [Montrose Third Weekend](#).

It's going to be a beautiful weekend . . . and there's a lot going on for the May [Montrose Third Weekend](#).

How about entertainment and events? Montrose is the place to be:

- United Way Benefit - Montrose Wine Walk Sat 1 (throughout town)
- Susquehanna County Library – Pottery Sale at VFW Sat 10-4, Sun 11-3
- Historic Montrose Theater – Dr. Strange Multiverse of Madness Fri-Sun
- Salt Springs Park – Archery Shoot Sat 10-Noon, Yoga 10
- New Milford UMC – Gardening Class 1 PM (Sat)
- SusqCo Historical Society –Tours, Spinning Demonstration Sat 10–2
- Frank's Pub – Fri Bryon Rood, Sat DJ & Phat Chix 8-11 PM
- Slanted Art – multiple fun events here Friday and Saturday!

As always . . . lots of shopping suggestions . . .

- Chocolates by Leopold - 5 Piece box free w/\$30 Purchase
 - From the Heart - Open till 7 PM; Summer Accessories
 - Hometown Finds & Friends – Open till 8 PM; Refreshments, Sidewalk Deals
 - Little Leaf Natural Products - Food Samples, 10% off all items, Drawing
 - Peter Kane Boutiques - 10% off all items
 - Kidz Consignment - \$1 Blowout Sale ladies/misses/plus Clothing
 - Carlton Farms – Check out Farm Store 9-5
 - Rosemont Inn - Check Out Montrose Mural Mosaic Kits
- And Please Check Out Other Local Businesses . . .
 . My Cuppa Coffee, Uptown Grill, Peter Kane Boutiques, Donuts&Ammo, Montrose Inn, Montrose Precious Metals, Montrose Sporting Goods, Lily Pad, Two Blonde's Bistro.

Come on out . . . support your local businesses . . .
 .have some fun. After this winter . . . you deserve it.