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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 29 – June 5, 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 16:16-34
Psalm: 97
The Epistle: Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-21
Gospel: John 17:20-26

This Week's Ministers:

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski
Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski
Announcements: Lynne Graham
Organist: Cathy Hammons
Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth
Lector: Lynne Graham

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: Lucas Bartron 5/29, Jerry Sock 5/29

Birthdays for June:

Rita Leigh 6/10, Cathy Hammons 6/10, Ben Zalewski 6/17, Lynne Graham 6/18, John Lasher 6/20, Mary Zalewski 6/21, Margaret Baker 6/24

View from the Pew

New Beginnings

Spring has arrived. There have been many new beginnings after the long winter. Mowing the grass and planting flowers have kept us busy as has our family.

This May we had 2 grandchildren graduate from college. Our Lindsay is starting her new beginning as a teacher in Indiana, PA and Ben, as a Finance graduate, starts his new job at an investment company near King of Prussia, PA. Our youngest, Danielle, graduates high school and is off to her new adventure at the University of North Carolina in a few short months. And added to all these graduations, our daughter Michele, a teacher and mother of Ben and Dani, is launching a new business called Dragonfly Maker Space. A STEAM Studio which is hands on project - based learning workshop. A dragonfly can be a powerful spiritual messenger, meaning change, flexibility, and courage.

Listening to the words of one of my favorite hymns—"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all", made me think about the many new beginnings

happening in our family this spring. Yep-- the Lord God made them all and I know that he is the dragonfly that is with us all during these new beginnings.

- Wanda Peirce

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.

Karen Miller

Karen L. Miller, long-time parishioner of St. Paul's died on May 10th after a long illness. She was interred in the columbarium on May 25, 2022. Her family is comforted to know that she is at peace, free of pain and physical restrictions, and expect that she is happy to be with those cherished family members who predeceased her.

Into your hands, O merciful Savior, we commend your servant, Karen. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a sinner of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

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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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER – May 22th

**All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
'Twas God that made them all**

THE GOSPEL – Peace I leave with you

Jesus said to Judas (not Iscariot), "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

(John 14:23-29)

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

View from the Pew – Mother Liz

Last week I shared that I was heartbroken over the shooting in Buffalo. This week I am devastated by what happened in Uvalde, TX. Nineteen children under the age of ten and two adults massacred at school two days before summer vacation. The shooter, armed with two firearms and wearing body armor just like the shooter last week, mere days after his eighteenth birthday, shot his grandmother and then went to the school evading the police on the way. Then he began the bloodbath.

He purchased the guns on his eighteenth birthday, the day it became legal for him to do so in Texas. He couldn't legally buy a beer, but he was able to purchase weapons of mass destruction. It was his right.

We talk about rights a great deal in this country. The right to bear arms, the right of free speech, the right to life before birth and at the time of death. We live in a free country, or so we think. But when does one person's right outweigh the right of another? (We can't yell fire in a crowded theatre.)

Over 70% of Americans believe that we should have commonsense gun laws enacted in our country. Yet, they fail to be passed by congress. Why? We have the highest rate of mass murder in schools in the world. "According to data from [Everytown Research](https://www.everytownresearch.org/), the United States averaged just over 87 school shootings each year from 2013 to 2021, resulting in an annual average of 28.4 dead and 59.6 wounded. "(https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/school-shootings-by-country?fbclid=IwAR1Jlp2wAA6_gzJV_s46_dru1hhJYyiKnwkg43LjLjTcLlaF-vVRQuTbIY)

What will it take? When will we do something to protect the lives of children in our land? Yesterday the shooter had been in a gunfight with police before entering the school. They couldn't stop him. They were out gunned. Professional law enforcement, out gunned by a teenager! More police, or security guards in schools, or good guys with guns are not the answer. At least they were clearly not the answer yesterday.

I hope that I have not offended anyone as it is not my intent to do so. I am just so frustrated and angry that we don't seem to be able to come to some rational compromise about the issue of gun violence.

I pray for the peace of Jesus. The peace which surpasses all understanding because this situation is beyond all understanding. I pray for the souls of the murdered children and adults in Uvalde and I pray for their families who have the unimaginable task of living on in the face of unfathomable loss. I pray for the children who survived, those whose lives have been forever changed.

Finally, I pray for our country, that we may see the light of the goodness of God and recognize the right of every child to grow up safe and secure in America, this wonderful land we call home.

Lord have mercy.

THIS WEEK

May 22nd Service

The May 22nd live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements.





John Warriner read as lector.

Joyce Printz 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.



Roof Repair

On Tuesday, May 24th, you may have noticed some men on St. Paul's roof. They were from Weather Master in Binghamton replacing some old, leaky slate shingles. They also repaired a leaky gutter and unlogged a down spout.

Much to their surprise, when climbing the ladder, they were severely chastized by a mother robin sitting on some eggs on the downspout. She was back on her nest when they were done.



Zentangle Class

As you know, St. Paul's hosts a number of Adult Education Classes. This happy group meets every Monday for Zentangle. While we are not sure exactly what Zentangle is, the folks have a great time. The teacher said the light in the Parish Hall is perfect for drawing.



Meeting for the July 4th Breakfast

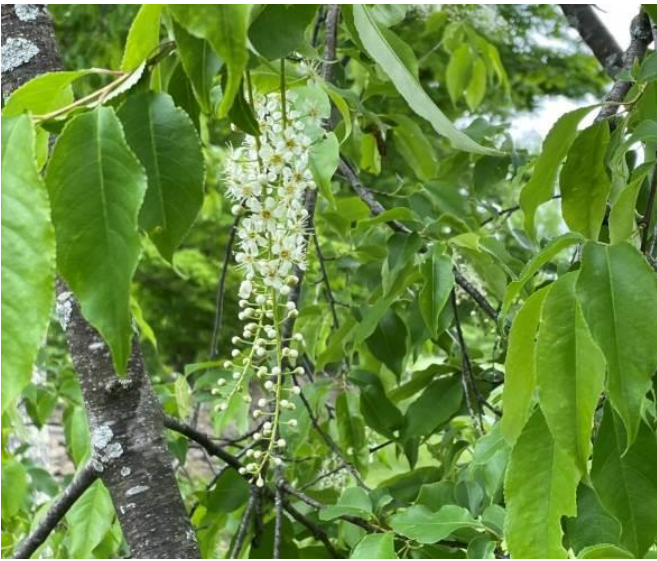
On Tuesday evening, there was a planning meeting at St. Paul's for the July 4th breakfast that we host here. A number of community volunteers help St. Paul's parishioners with the breakfast. Lynne stressed that this is a community event not a St. Paul's one. Here is a picture of our volunteers from last year.



MID-MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

The world's favorite season is the spring. All things seem possible in May. It's mid-May and the nurseries call to us. Tomatoes, vegetables and flowers. How fun to visit. The farmers have begun their first cutting of hay. The day we dreamed about all winter, looking at all those catalogs, is here -- the day we plant the tomatoes. Black cherry blossoms appear along the stonewalls and at the edges of the fields. The Susquehanna River was enjoying a beautiful day, reflecting the clouds and the sunshine. It's a Susquehanna spring.





A Susquehanna Sunset



Montrose News & History



Hometown Hero Banners Hung

Montrose hung its Hometown Hero Banners back up. They were put away for the winter. Joe Weldon's banner is hung on Cherry Street.

100 Years ago today:

Rudolf Valentino playing in "The Conquering Power", will appear at the Ideal Theatre. Admission is 30 cents.

The Ideal Theatre (now the Montrose Theater) opened prior to 1923 and played many silent films before it was renamed and transferred over to an electric theater.

