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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 8 – May 14, 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 9:36-43
Psalm: 23
The Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17
Gospel: John 10:22-30

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 Tomorrow (5/6) at the Graham's:

It may officially be Spring, but it still is not lawn chair in the evening weather. So we will party inside starting at 6:00. We're serving lasagna, so bring your favorite beverage and something to share.

Hope to see you there!

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

Every day I thank God for allowing me to be a wife, mother, grandmother, and a teacher's aid. From day one, our kids have always been the blood in our veins. From the time they were forming, they made our life complete. I look at how they bring humility, laughter, and joy to our hearts.

We all want to teach our children strength, courage, integrity, goodness, and how they will embrace every challenge, such as watching our own children become parents themselves. The challenges they have to face are different than what we all faced when we were growing up. Like texting now instead of talking in person. In this age, they have to endure cyber bullying and the way they interact on social media. It's hard for new parents and just in general to try and live by the three C's (communication, compromise, and compassion). I wish it was easy to follow these basic ideas or ideals.

When your own children walk on their own journey paths, please teach them to have

the strength to be authentic with themselves and others, like God has taught us in his scriptures. That being said, always try to turn to joy, to see nature in its beauty, hear the birds sing, feel the rain droplets that make the trees smile. Believe and have faith in God every day. Never give up on the road leading smiles and rainbows. Remember, times of discomfort shall pass like the clouds in the sky.

-Gaby Warriner

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*

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER – May 1st

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
His the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus, out of every nation,
Has redeemed us by his blood.

THE GOSPEL - Follow me

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.

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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18 Photos this week

Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea. But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off. When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you."

Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me." (*John 21:1-19*)

View from the Pew – Mother Liz

The season of Easter is the time of year we particularly focus on resurrection. And what precedes resurrection is death. What is the opposite of death? I know what your answer is...life. It seems obvious, right? Well, that is the wrong answer. I'm sure you are thinking well, how could that be the wrong answer? The correct answer is birth. Birth is the opposite of death. Life is what happens between birth and death. In fact, life begins before birth and, we believe, continues after death.

We, as Christians, believe in a rebirth. too Baptism is when we die to sin and are reborn in Christ. Baptized Christians are given the opportunity to grow not only physically by being nurtured with food, water, rest, and exercise, but we are also given the opportunity to grow spiritually by being nurtured with liturgy, prayer, bible study, and contemplation. Throughout life our life in God matures, grows, develops and we are formed as followers of Christ until we are called home by God as was Jesus, God's other beloved child, his first born, the Crucified One. I have been watching *Call the Midwife* for the past few months. The show primarily deals with pregnancy and birth and the sacredness of the birthing process. However, there are also moments within the series in which one of the midwives is present through the other most sacred of times, the dying process. At both ends of life the midwives deal with the one at the

center of the event but in the midwifery of the dying, the midwife also attends to the needs of the family. (The presence of fathers and other family members in the birthing room was not something that happened during the time periods in which the series takes place.)

While I have never had a baby, so I have not experienced the sacredness of the moment of birth from a mother's perspective, I have had the honor and privilege of being with my father at the time of his death. I was alone with him and had my hand upon his heart as it stopped beating. Two of the nurses were outside his room. I waited for a few minutes before I got their attention to inform them that I thought he had died. It was as if time stood still. God blessed me, allowing me to be present as he called my father home.

The grieving process is different for each one of us and it is different for every person we mourn because our relationships are different with everyone. We spend this concerted time every year during the Easter season, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ to remind ourselves that He is our example of dying and rising to new life; first, at our baptism, throughout our lives when we turn from sin and back to God, and finally, when our physical bodies die, and we rise in the glory of God to the resurrection life.

This day, may we continue to grow in the resurrection of Jesus Christ confident that at the last day each of us will rise in the glory of God everlasting and we will be reunited with those we love but no longer see.

THIS WEEK

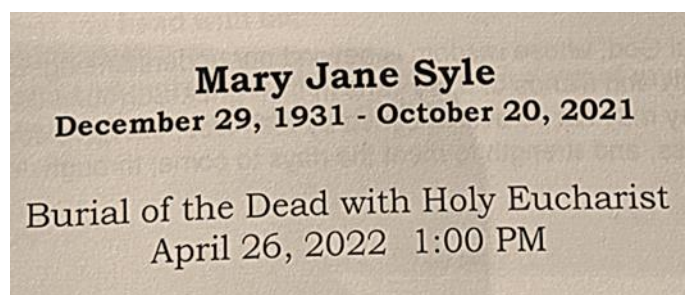
May 1st Service



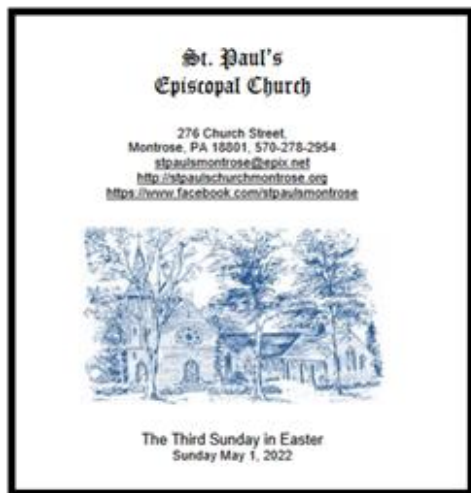
The May 1st live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements. Karen Blye McAbee read as lector. Cathy Hammonds played the organ, which included the Prelude and Postlude, along with four hymns. As you know, our live-streamed services can be watched live or any time on YouTube. Just go to our webpage and hit the red button.

Memorial Service for Mary Jane Syle

On April 26th, there was a Memorial Service for long time St. Paul's parishioner Mary Jane Syle. Mary Jane's ashes were placed in the columbarium next to her husband and son.



Rest eternal grant her, O lord; And let light perpetual shine upon her.



Speaking of services...

Large Print Bulletins Now Available!

As you know, the Sunday Bulletins are available in the rear of the church. You may have noticed they have a new look. The cover now has some color on it. Additionally, several are now available in Large Print. Please let us know if more are needed.

Soup Night

May 4th was the first Wednesday of the month and it's of course Soup Night. The soup makers this month tried out their hand at Cheeseburger and Vegetable Beef. Of course additionally, the dinner included a salad, roll, applesauce and dessert. We take orders from the Square and all other distribution is drive through. This was our last soup night until, in June, we switch to summer salads.



Gather 22

On Saturday, April 30th, the Diocese of Bethlehem held Gather 22 at Split Rock Resort, Lake Harmony, in the Poconos. Lynne, Karen, Gaby and John attended from St. Paul's. This was a day of fellowship and formation for everyone in the Diocese. It was fun and educational. Next year, we should take a larger representation from St. Paul's.



Are you Superstitious?

Why is a snow shovel still at our front door? We put the salt buckets and snow shovels away before Easter so the church looked spring-like. We were done with them. On the Monday after Easter, we had our largest snow storm of the year. Thinking it was because we put the snow shovels away, we decided to let this one hang on awhile to keep the snow away.



New Pictures for Website

Some more St. Paul's parishioners were just added to the rogue's gallery on our home page. It's Harry and Wanda Peirce waving. Take a peek on the parishioner page to see them and to see what your picture looks like.

A Thank you from Betty

Kate received an email from Betty this past week and it said;

"THANK YOU SO MUCH!

I just wanted to thank everyone who came to my retirement party on April 27. It was great to see everyone!" -Betty Depue

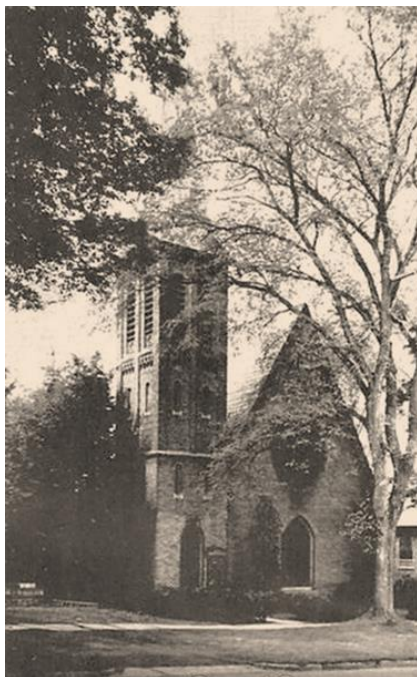
We are going to miss her here at the church! If anyone would still like to send her a card, please go see Kate in the office!



EARLY MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

May, more than any other month of the year, wants us to feel most alive.

Early wild flowers are starting to appear. Nancy Dooling tells us they are trout lilies and spring beauties. Both are native plants. Vinca, that great ground cover, has started blooming at church. And bird boxes are being visited by blue birds and tree swallows to check out the accommodations to see if they want to raise a family there.



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Montrose News & History

The Historic Montrose Theater has been playing movies and the next one (the new 'Doctor Strange' movie) is about to come out. Tickets for Adults are normally \$8 and tickets for Children are normally \$5. If you are looking for something fun and close to home for the family, head on down to the movie theater and catch a flick! They have also announced this week that they are now available to hold your event. Whether it be a birthday, meeting, private screening, class or group, you can have it now at the theater!



This week in History

May 14, 1796- First Vaccination- English physician Edward Jenner vaccinates an 8-year-old boy for protection against smallpox. After observing that milkmaids were generally immune to smallpox, Jenner postulated that the pus in the blisters that milkmaids received from cowpox (a disease similar to smallpox, but much less virulent) could protect someone from smallpox. He then went on to test and prove his theory. Although others had previously observed that those who contracted cowpox were immune to smallpox, it was Jenner who proved that the pus from someone with cowpox would provide immunity. It was estimated at the time that 60% of the population acquired smallpox and 20% of the population died of it. It is said that his work has saved more lives than the work of any other human. Smallpox eventually became the first disease eradicated by man.



P.S.

Kate has been adding Anniversaries to the Weekly Update. If you have not yet contacted her if you would like your anniversary in the Weekly, send her an email or give her a call in the office! She was also updating the birthday list so if you have a request, please do not hesitate to call.