

## ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

July 10- July 16, 2022



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### Church Closures

Please turn your radio dial to WPEL 96.5 FM. We will announce any closure of our church service on that station.

# View from the Pulpit: Mother Liz

First, I would like to thank all who volunteered to make our pancake breakfast such a success!!!! We served more than 250 adults and kids of all ages. Everyone was well fed, and I heard from many a satisfied customer as they exited the breakfast heading for their chairs along the parade route. All were welcomed as Christ. I am so proud of the witness you provided for members of our community.

Then I experienced the Montrose Fourth of July parade for the first time. I understand that it was smaller than it has been in previous years, but I was still impressed by the number of folks that participated and the number of folks in attendance. Of course, my favorites were the Honorary Grand Marshall Harold Gary and the Grand Marshalls, the Fire Department who are celebrating their 175th anniversary. The alumni band was fantastic as were all the bands. There were cars, motorcycles, trucks, tractors, UTV's (I think that's what they're called), and emergency vehicles rounding things out. There were floats, cheerleaders, and horses too. Young and old alike were represented as we honored the 246th anniversary of our country in style.

After the parade I got a chance to visit vendors on the green. There was plenty to look at and everyone seemed to be having a great time. I had the opportunity to connect with folks from the Blueberry Festival. I purchased one of this year's Festival shirts and was promised extra blueberries if I wear it to the event. Then I met with Betty Smith from the Historical Society which gave me the chance to thank her for her help setting up the flower arrangements at the holidays.

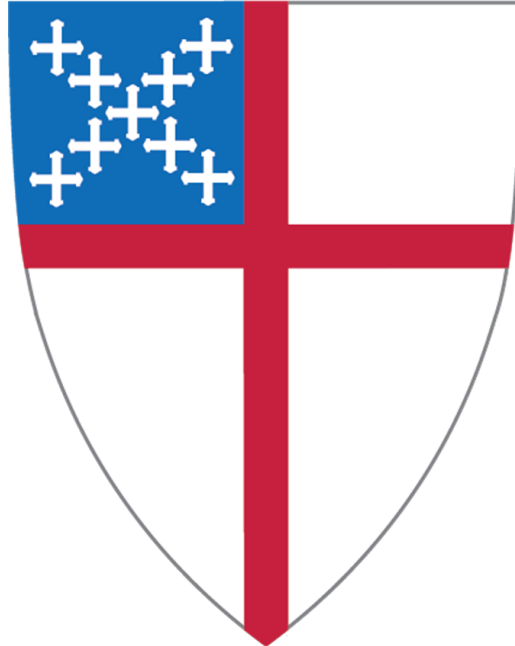
I visited the Fire Department museum and was overwhelmed by the volume of items related to the workings of the department over the decades. Every inch of space is filled with treasures of the men who have served us so faithfully and valiantly for 175 years. I want to give a shout out to our parishioner Jack Lasher who has served for more than 50 years (in my mind I'm thinking it's 62 years, but I'm not positive). Ask Jack the next time you see him and thank him for his service to the community while you're at it!

Finally, we got our chicken dinners from the fire department and headed to a friend's place on Chenango St for lunch. My day ended in the late afternoon as Rebecca and I headed for home. It was a very satisfying and fulfilling day in the Kingdom. Thank you again for all that you did to make it a success. We are hoping to send two kids to camp in August with the funds raised from the breakfast event. May they have a restorative and blessed time away from home with other kids in similar situations who understand like no other kids can.

Before I close out my view from the pulpit I ask your prayers for the people of Highland Park, IL who attended a parade just like ours on the Fourth and experienced the horror of a mass shooting along the parade route. Seven people were killed, and more than thirty others were injured. It was one of eleven mass shootings on the Fourth of July and one of 320 this year as of 1pm on July 6th.

Almighty God, giver of every good gift, comfort those who mourn and those injured and/or traumatized by gun violence. Be with them as they struggle to understand in a situation for which there is no rational explanation. Give them your peace which surpasses understanding.

Guide us to seek justice and freedom for all in this great country of ours. Help our leaders continue to seek to ensure life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all as the founding fathers intended. May we live up to being the shining city on the hill. And may God bless America with peace.



# View from the Pew:

## To Do List

We all have a to do list, either written or mental. January was a new year and beginning for all of us, and with that, a list of resolutions to achieve. It's always a fresh start with such ideas as keeping the house clean, dieting, staying fit, getting more organized, and straightening out and getting on top of your finances, among other goals.

Just with these five items, we bring our stress level way up. From day one we try and keep with the highest standards for ourselves in maintaining these goals while still keeping up with our daily responsibilities we all have.

By the end of the month, we realize we have failed and then we get discouraged. God has a plan for us and we should follow the example and follow through with our realistic plans. It takes time and we can't do it all in just one month. Now half the year had gone by and we look back and say to ourselves I am no more organized, have gained weight or not lost it, and finances still not where we wanted them. But we never put God on our to do list, being so preoccupied with our own list.

When we don't keep our goals, we judge ourselves, and we get depressed and moody. One week I was working with students doing their PSSA testing, and observing them I have learned so much. It's been an eye opener. We as parents expect so much from our kids but all they get in return is a bad mood, stress, and unhealthy eating. No rules to follow at home is sad. But it should be on us to set the example by doing the right things.

Gaby Warriner

## **We would love for you to be included!**

Article submissions (photos, community news items, or a personal or faith story) are due every Wednesday. This is YOUR newsletter, and all congregants are invited to share their stories and photos. Please email your items to Kate at [stpaulsmontrose@epix.net](mailto:stpaulsmontrose@epix.net); post an item to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 276 Church St. Montrose, PA 18801 on Facebook; or drop a note in the offering plate.



# Sundays Service

July  
10th



## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Psalm: 25:1-9

The Epistle: Colossians 1:1-14

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Carol Lasher

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: John Warriner

Organist: Cathy Hammons

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

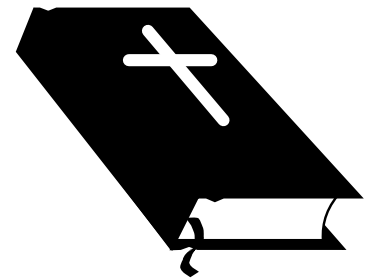
## This week's Hymns:

I come with joy to meet my Lord

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Holy God we praise thy Name

Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing



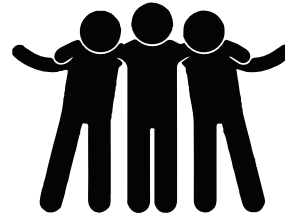
## This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

# Happenings and Announcements



## **Social Night at Cathy Hammons Friday, July 15**



16225 St Rt 29

1 mile north of Lake Montrose on the left  
hand side.

Please bring a dish to pass and your own  
preferred beverage!



### **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.



### **This Months Birthdays:**

Janet Kuhn 7/9, Maggie Sock 7/15, Maximus Bartron 7/20, Stephanie Calby 7/25



### **This Months Anniversaries:**

There are no known anniversaries this month! If there is an anniversary that we are missing, please contact Kate in the office. Thanks!

### **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.

# Last Week's Service and Events

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JULY 3RD

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion,  
pure, unbounded love thou art.  
Visit us with thy salvation;  
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

The July 3rd live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Nancy Dooling read as lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ. The service included four hymns along with the Prelude and Postlude, which included two rousing patriotic songs. 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.





## Overdose Awareness Event

The proceeds from the breakfast below will go to support our “Stop the Stigma” (of drug addiction) program. The monies will be used to send several children to a camp specifically designed for children whose families are affected by drug abuse.



## July 4th Breakfast

On Monday, St. Paul's hosted the town's July 4th breakfast – our biggest event of the year. We served about 300 breakfasts of sausage, eggs and pancakes. Thanks to all our volunteers, it was a rousing success.









## JULY 4TH IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them...” What a week! It’s still, dry, the farmers are worried about their second hay cutting. The day lilies are in their prime, just adding color to our roads. Quarter moon rising on the Milky Way – beautiful. Shasta daisies and other perennials are blooming in our yards. Fireworks at the high school. We watched them from the golf course. Happy 4th of July.



### First Tomato

Picking your first red tomato is comforting. It let's one know that more are coming and all's right with the world.



### Parade

Oh yea, there was a parade!



One of our parishioners, Naomi Bennett's, great granddaughter watched the parade in her red white and blue.