

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

June 19- June 25, 2022



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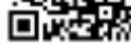
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To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

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.



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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

Last Sunday I gave the Invocation at the Baccalaureate for the Montrose High School. A Baccalaureate service provides graduates and their families with a time for prayers of reflection and hope. We collectively and individually called upon God for guidance and support as this year's seniors approach this milestone and head onto the next chapter that awaits them in life. I would like to share the prayer I offered as I believe that the sentiments within can be applied to other key moments in life. The prayer is one of gratitude and supplication.

Almighty God, we pray for our graduating seniors, Thank you for bringing them to this milestone in their lives. Some will go on to further academic studies, others will follow paths to work or the military. Whatever direction they head in, may they continue to learn and mature into adulthood with you by their side.

We thank you for those who have been their champions; their teachers, coaches, and counselors who have guided them, and challenged them, encouraging them to strive to achieve their goals.

We thank you too for their families and friends, and all those who have been beside them, providing them with love and support.

As they enter this time of new beginnings, we ask that you guide their footsteps as they venture forth on the path towards the future. May they feel your loving presence as they make their way through life.

May their path be made clear and may it be filled with light. Give them wisdom to make good decisions, and may they know that they are loved unconditionally, even when they fall short of the mark.

May we, their family, and friends, continue to provide love and encouragement as they embark on this new phase of life. May they have the courage and freedom to grow and spread their wings knowing that they are loved and supported every step of the way. When they fall, may we pick them up with grace. When they fly, may we cheer them on with enthusiasm. And as they leave the nest, help us to trust in you that they will be protected and guided.

All this we ask in your holy name, Amen.

Let us remember and celebrate all who are graduating and wish them success and happiness for the future.

View from the Pew:

At About This Moment, One Year Ago Today Poem by Diane Kraus

The wafer, I remember
pressed into my palm
My first time at the rail
I am kneeling before the altar

Am I thirteen years old,
or am I forty-three?
Have I been here two minutes,
or two-thousand years?

Stained glass breaks the sunlight
scattering blossoms of color
Every archway is a golden
gateway to Heaven

Here, there is an echo
in three voices in the choir
Here, there is a presence
calling us together:

One Body
One Word
One Cup
One Question -
One flame, ever-burning,
eternally answering:

"Don't you know
you have always been
you have always been loved –

Don't you know
you have always been
loved
by God."

Written on Diane's first anniversary of attending an Episcopal church.

Sundays Service

June
19th



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9

Psalms: 22:18-27

The Epistle: Galatians 3:23-29

Gospel: Luke 8:26-39

This Week's Ministers:

Altar Guild: Karen Blye & Barb Undercoffler

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Organist: Rudy Sumpter

Camera & Broadcast: Andrew Wurth

This week's Hymns:

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Oh bless the Lord, my soul!

In Christ there is no East or West

Praise to the living God!



This week's Gospel according to Luke:

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Happenings and Announcements



There will be a planning meeting about the 4th of July Breakfast on June 21st at the church at 5:30pm. We would love for you to be there!
Speak with Lynne if you would like to volunteer to help on the 4th.



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:

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



This Months Anniversaries:

Barb & Tom Undercoffler: June 22, 1962 , Carol & Richard Marker: June 22, 1973, Vickie and Dave Calby: June 9

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.

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; 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.

Last Week's Service and Events

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – JUNE 12th TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

The June 12th live-streamed 10:00 Mother Liz was the Celebrant for Holy Eucharist. She shared in her homily that we human beings cannot fully understand the nature of God, nor do we need to. The important thing we need to do is have faith. Lynne Graham did the announcements and also read as lector. Cathy Hammons played the organ. The service included the Prelude and Postlude, along with four hymns including 'Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty'. 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.



The Parlor City Celli

Thank you to the Parlor City Celli for the wonderful concert on Friday night. St. Paul's was packed. It was a beautiful night and the musicians, Ruth Berry, Laura Cricco-Lizza, Michael Newman and Hakan Tayga, were outstanding. A good time was had by all.



Come and Join Us

June 17, 2022

7:00 PM

Percussion Trio

Brought to you by:

***Binghamton Philharmonic
Orchestra***

***&
Susquehanna Symphony Society***

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.

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Percussion Trio

On this Friday, June 17th, at 7:00, the Susquehanna Symphony Society and the Binghamton Philharmonic Orchestra will present a Percussion Trio. Tickets will be \$5.00 at the door. If you missed the one last Friday, try to attend this one, it was a lot of fun.

Call Nancy at 570-396-5813 to reserve a seat!



The Building Across From Our Church

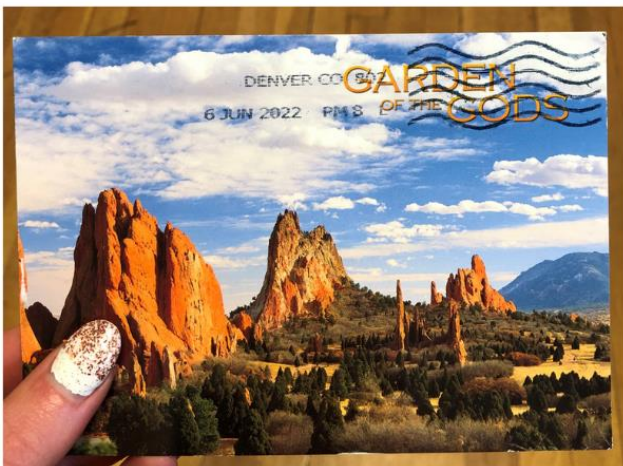
The old barber shop across Chestnut Street from church next to the HO Mart is being torn down. It

had been leaning pretty badly and was condemned. The alley way to the right of the building originally led down to a livery for horses. It was in this alley in 1884 that Joseph Drinker hid waiting to shoot banker and St. Paul's organ player, William Cooper. Cooper would die and Drinker was sent to an "insane asylum". The shooting scandalized the town.

Our Traveling Betty!

Check out what we received from our retired Parish Administrator in the mail! The post card reads, "Having a good time. Leaving Colorado on Monday and heading to Wyoming. Slowly making our way to Alaska. Did St. Louis Arch, Fort Larned and Dodge City in Kansas, Garden of the Gods and Monitou Cliff Dwelling in Colorado. Can see Pikes Peak from our campsite." Betty+Dan Depue
Thanks for the update Betty and we are all praying for your safe travels!

Keep sending those post cards!



EARLY JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

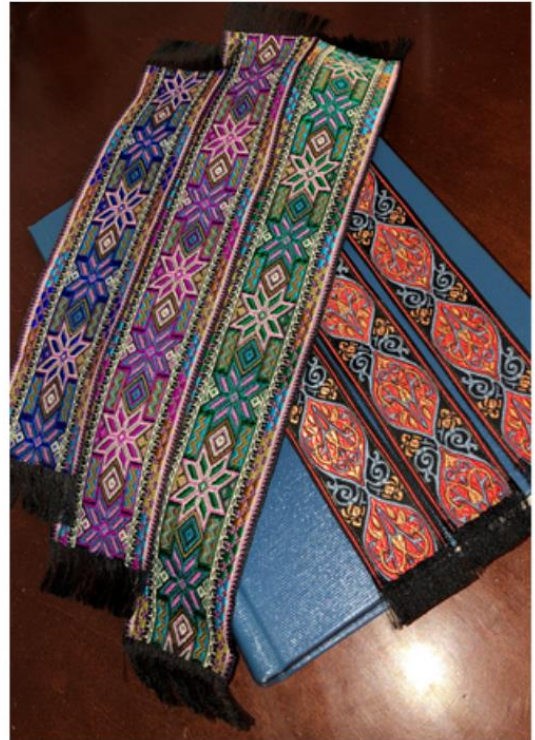
“June is the gateway to summer.” The weather has been beautiful. Native daisies have begun to appear in the fields. This American Toad lives in the leaves in the Memorial Garden but he spends time in the parking lot looking for food. Female snapping turtles are laying their leather-like eggs now, but don’t go near them. They may look slow but hiss and can jump and bite. This robin laid her eggs a little late in the Memorial Garden but they exemplify the color, Robbin’s egg blue.” These two geese on Lake Montrose are showing off their new offspring as all parents do.

It's Summertime in Susquehanna County.



New Bookmarks!

Thank you to Lucinda Vermette for donating these GORGEOUS new bookmarks in Honor of Joe Welden. Check them out at Church on Sunday!



Remember When

Church St. Montrose – Early 1900s

Here is an early picture of Church Street, taken near the corner of South Main, looking east towards St. Paul's Church. The tall building on the left is the Montrose House Hotel. It was directly across the Church Street from St. Paul's. It was torn down in the 1921 and the current structure, the Montrose Inn, now a bank, replaced it. The street was still unpaved then and the sidewalks were wide bluestone.

