

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

January 15 - January 21



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801


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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 Pew:

Adaptation of The Night Before Christmas (A Visit from St. Nicholas), a Poem by Clement Clarke Moore

'Twas the morning before Eve, when all over the lake,
Not a duck was in site, not even a fake;
The phone was ringing, about plans to make,
In hopes that the weather would give us a break;
Puppy was nestled all snug on the chair,
While the cat, however, seemed not to care.,
And Granny in her PJ's, watching TV,
Waiting to see who the murderer would be.-
While standing at the slider Pop started to laugh,
I sprang from the couch to maybe see a giraffe.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Pop passed the binoculars to Granny in a dash.
When, what to our wondering eyes should befall,
But an elf in red shirt and that be all.
The view a bit hazy, oh what can it be,
We knew in a moment it must be JP.
slowly on ice he went back to the house,
And he chopped and he shoveled as quiet as a mouse:
Granny said to Pop "it must be beige pants",
But Pop said "Oh No There's not even a chance".
Granny couldn't see clear but wanted to know
But Pop said that BUTT was as white as the snow;

- Anonymous

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 or John Warriner at jdwarri@me.com; 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

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Readings for this Week: This Week's Ministers:

First Reading: Old Testament:

Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalms: 40:1-12

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel: John 1:29-42

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist: Joyce Printz

This week's Hymns:

How bright appears the Morning Star

What wondrous love is this

Songs of thankfulness and praise

How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!

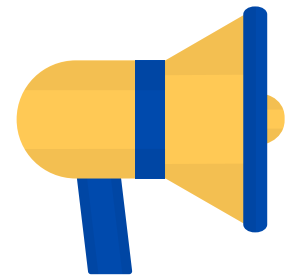


This week's Gospel according to John:

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

Happenings and Announcements



Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for this year will be on January 15 after Church around 11:30. All are welcome!



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, Vanessa Smith.

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:

Charles Cesaretti 1/2, Karen McAbee 1/4, Molly Brunner 1/16, Anne Shafer 1/16, Bill Rathbone 1/18, Nathaniel Syle 1/20, David Calby 1/24, Marsha Jones 1/26



This Months Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries this month; If you would like your Anniversary or your Birthday added to this list, please call Kate in the office.

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.

Are you Safe Church compliant?

Maintaining your required trainings and clearances is vital because it helps us to keep all the people in our congregations safe. Episcopal Church canons require all people who have contact with children in an Episcopal Church to take online trainings to learn best practices, appropriate boundaries, and who to contact if they need help or suspect child abuse. Both Episcopal Church canons and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania laws require everyone who has contact with children and those with any sort of leadership position in the church to obtain background checks.

If you are a clergy person, lay employee, vestry member, volunteer who works with children, or a keyholder in the church, there are steps you need to take to be in compliance with Pennsylvania law and the Episcopal Church Canons.

The learning modules and Safe Church Training site have been recently updated. Learn more about what you need to do in order to be compliant and to keep your church safe. Contact Kate Aukema in the office if you have any questions or concerns about Safe Church compliancy.

Kate will be contacting those whose compliancy status is about to expire to remind them that they must complete the modules to renew their status. It only takes about an hour to complete the modules for renewal.

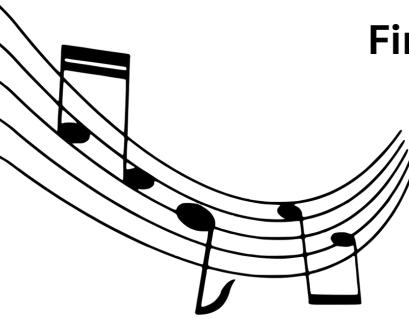
Please, help us to keep our congregation safe.

Thank you

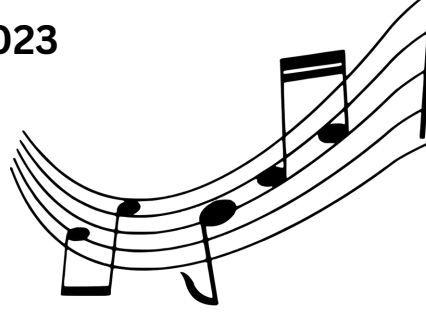
Mother Liz

Last Week's Service and Events

First Sunday After Epiphany – January 8, 2023



On Jordan's bank, the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings



The January 8th live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and John Warriner read as lector. We welcomed Jeanette Davis as our organist. The service included four hymns along with the Prelude and Postlude. 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.

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.



Welcome to Our Supply Organist

We welcomed on last Sunday, Jeanette Davis, who played the organ for the service. Jeanette lives near Le Raysville and teaches in Bradford County. We hope to see more of her.



Jerry Sock and Jack Lasher

Here are some pictures of Jerry Sock and Jack and Carol Lasher at the Masons reward ceremony at the Masonic Temple in Wilkes Barre this week. Jerry became Senior Master of Ceremony.



Leak Fixed Over Cloister

Leaves were causing water to back up over the flashing on the roof above the ramp door and go into the Cloister.

Weather Master had to send an employee out to do some ice and water shield work.



Sleeping Bags

It's winter, and our sleeping bag crew is still turning out bags for the homeless. The bags are sent to the Keystone Mission in Scranton. The next get together is January 25th at 10:00. Stop in and lend a hand to warm the homeless. See you then.



Remember When – Christmas Flutes



EARLY JANUARY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“January looks forward to the new year and back to the old year. It sees past and future.” Well, the weather has been non-January like. The snow is gone and our favorite vista on Ridge Road shows brown fields without any white. Our pond is confused as to whether it should be frozen or not. The ice is too thin now for the dogs and they instinctively stay near the shore. The undergrowth in the woods has been knocked down by the heavy snow and it's a good time to walk there. The visibility is amazing. The sunrises changed from orange to yellow. It's January – Happy New Year!

