

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

February 19- February 25



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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

River Through the Desert by Richard Sewell – Lenten Book Study

For centuries, Christians have recognized that they can enter more fully into Jesus's own journey by making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. But in the midst of a spiritually disorienting pandemic that restricted travel, pilgrimage seemed impossible. River through the Desert asks us to think again. Written in the darkest days of the COVID pandemic, this series of meditations invites us to reimagine what it means to travel with Jesus during Lent.

In weekly reflections, Richard Sewell takes readers step by step through a landscape riven with the traces of God. As he stops at the Sea of Galilee and as he prays in the Garden of Gethsemane, Sewell reveals that the apparently arid landscape of our own lives can yield surprising nourishment when we take time for prayer, Scripture, and meditation. Ideal for a self-directed retreat or for a Lenten reading group, River through the Desert will be a dependable guide as you continue your spiritual journey.

– Information From Amazon.com

My pilgrimage to the Holy Land was a once in a lifetime experience. I highly recommend it for everyone, but not everyone will have a chance to travel to Israel and Palestine in person. This book presents us with an opportunity to take a virtual Lenten pilgrimage and contemplate the land and its impact on the ministry of Jesus in the first century.

The group will meet on six Wednesdays in Lent beginning March 1 at 4:30pm. We will start right into our time of study, having prepared for the session by reading the reflection and watching the associated video beforehand. (If anyone needs to watch the video for the week at the church, we can screen it at 4:15 pm.) We will discuss things that struck us from the week's reflection and video. Then we'll read the Gospel passage and finally discuss the questions at the end of the reading. All those who choose to, are welcome to remain at the end of the discussion for a light meal which will begin between 5:30 and 6 pm. We aim to conclude the evening by 7 pm.

In week one we will visit the desert and consider Jesus' time there as well as considering the time spent there by the Hebrews who wandered in the desert for 40 years. In addition, we will hear about the monasteries and monks who have chosen to live in the desert. We will discuss Matthew's Gospel passage in which Jesus is tempted as his time of fasting and prayer comes to an end, as well as contemplating what it might be like to spend time in the desert ourselves. Here is the link to the first video, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bl99-Sj7_jY

The book is available in paperback at Amazon.com for \$16.99+ tax & free shipping with Amazon prime. If you need any assistance with the book's purchase, please email me at erdaliz@hotmail.com.

View from the Pew:

If

By Rudyard Kipling
Submitted by Sandy Seeger

If you can keep your head when all about you
Are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for doubting too,
If you can wait and not be tired by waiting;
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or being hated don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, or talk too wise;

If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim,
If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,
And stoop and build'em up with worn-out tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at your beginnings,
And never breathe a word about your loss:
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the will which says to them: 'Hold on!'

If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with Kings - nor lose the common touch,
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you,
If all men count with you, but none too much:
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run,
Yours is the earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man, my son!

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: Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm: 2

The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Sandy Seeger

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: John Warriner

Organist: Joyce Printz

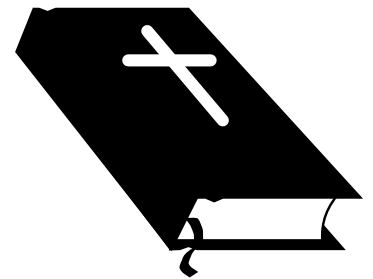
This week's Hymns:

When morning guilds the skies

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Christ is the world's true Light

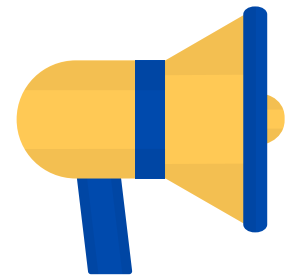


This week's Gospel according to Matthew:

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

Happenings and Announcements



Pancake Supper Planning

Shrove Tuesday, February 21, is coming up quick and the kitchen always needs helpers for bigger events like this! If you need more information or are willing to help, contact Dan or Lynne!



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Addie Evans, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Edward, Stan Bennett.

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:

John Brunner 2/4, Kristina Rogers 2/24, Carol Lasher 2/27, Nancy Finlon 2/28



This Months Anniversaries:

John & Gaby Warriner: February 4, 1990
Robert & Vera Dunn: February 20, 1971

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.

Pancake Supper



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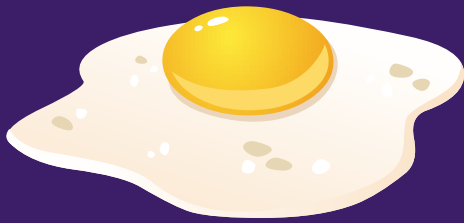
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Celebrate Lent with us!

February 21, 2023

5:00 PM

Free Will Donations

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Last Week's Service and Events

Sixth Sunday After Epiphany – February 12, 2023

God of grace and God of glory,
on your people pour your pow'r;
crown your ancient Church's story,
bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

The February 12, 2023 live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Nancy Dooling read as lector. Jeanette Davis was our organist. The service included three 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.



Be My Valentine

The Be My Valentine View From the Pew article last week generated several folks reminiscing with the author about their own early Valentines' Days. Also, two grandparents (the Grahams and the Markers) sent in pictures of their grandkids at school. Yep, they still do it and still have mailboxes!



Holy – Smoley

Mother nature is all muddled. It was so warm this week, the bulbs are getting confused. It was 65 degrees when this was taken and daffodils are sticking their little heads up out of the ground. It was the earliest that I have ever seen them. Late frosts kill early bloomers. We will see.



Pancake Supper Coming Up

The annual pancake supper is coming up this year on Tuesday, February 21st. We serve pancakes, sausage, and eggs to the community. We could use some help this year as we are going to take carry out over to the Square before serving at church. Let Dan or Lynne know if you can volunteer to help or provide a dessert.

Old Army Pictures

John Finlon brought a bunch of pictures of WWII vets from the Montrose American Legion. They were taken in the late 1940s after the war. Checking the pictures against the list of St. Paul's parishioners who served in the war, we found two that were communicants here.

Paul's parishioners who served in the war, we found two that were communicants here. One of them was Joe Weldon (Robert Joseph Weldon) and one was Edward Little, Lucinda Vermette's father.



Robert Weldon



Edward Little

Stop the Stigma

On Sunday, February 12th, St. Paul's sponsored the Stop the Stigma Memory Luncheon. Thanks to everyone who donated a dish for the potluck brunch. Mother Liz spoke about the stigma of alcohol addiction and we decorated our tree with heart ornaments naming loved ones lost to substance use disorder.



Food Pantry This Week

As you probably know by now the second Friday of the month is when the Mobile Food Pantry in South Montrose gives out food. It is back at the Community Church lot on 29 south and goes from 11:30 until 3:00. It was a warmer one this time. Over 250 families were helped this Friday. Here's a picture from this Friday and an old picture in the Methodist Church when it just started.



A Gaggle of Warriners – 1927 Picture Found

John Warriner's grandfather, Samuel Dexter Warriner (1867-1942) donated the money to build the present Parish Hall. It was started in 1926 and finished in 1927. Bishop Talbot dedicated the building on May 29, 1927. It cost \$75,000. Our fireplace front below notes that it was dedicated to Samuel's father, Rev. Edward Warriner. The family picture was taken on the day of the dedication. Samuel Warriner is directly in the middle in the back. John's father is not in the picture because he was studying at Princeton.



MID-FEBRUARY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“While it is February, one can taste the full joys of anticipation. Spring stands at the gate with her finger on the latch.” It got unseasonably warm this week. The browns of early spring have replaced the blues of winter. At the beginning of the week, there were patches of snow and ice left, but by Wednesday, it was all gone, replaced by standing water and mud. Montrose Lake still has ice on it but it should be gone soon. Sophie found her favorite spot on the wall near the pond to contemplate life. Salt Springs was brown, brown, brown. Warm days tease us this time of year.

