

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

April 2- April 8



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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:

*As we enter Holy Week, I would like to call your attention to a spiritual practice that has been going on for 101 years. **The Good Friday Offering:***

The history of the Good Friday Offering reaches back to 1922 when, in the aftermath of World War I, The Episcopal Church sought to create new relationships with and among the Christians of the Middle East. From these initial efforts which focused on a combination of relief work and the improvement of ecumenical and Anglican relations, the Good Friday Offering was created.

Through the years many Episcopalians have found the Good Friday Offering to be an effective way to express their support for the ministries of the three dioceses of the Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. Pastoral care, education and health care continue to be primary ministries through which the reconciling spirit of the Christian faith serves all in need. Participation in this ministry is welcome. The generous donations of Episcopalians help the Christian presence in the Land of the Holy One to be a vital and effective force for peace and understanding among all of God's children.

For 101 years, Episcopalians have generously shared their love, compassion, and financial gifts to support the ministry of the Anglican Communion Province of Jerusalem and the Middle East. These gifts have made an astounding difference in the lives of many people in the homeland of Jesus and beyond. Check out our history of the Good Friday Offering to learn more about this life-changing ministry.

From the Presiding Bishop:

This coming Good Friday, April 7, I invite you into that selfless way of living through your part in the Good Friday Offering. For 101 years, Episcopalians have lived out the song, "If I Can Help Somebody," by providing sight to people at the Ras Morbat Eye Clinic in Yemen, one of the poorest countries on earth; for a child to receive an education at Christ Anglican School in Nazareth; for a hospital in Nablus to welcome new births at a rate of 30 per month; for young deaf people to be cared for and taught life skills in Jordan. Your gifts to these places and many others "spreads love's message" and enables both you and those you help to discover that "our living shall not be in vain."

--The Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, Presiding Bishop and Primate, The Episcopal Church

Please continue your spiritual practice of supporting the Good Friday Offering, which provides critical support to the dioceses of Jerusalem and the Middle East, by using your smartphone to text 'GFO' to 91999 (messaging and data rates apply) or visiting iam.ec/goodfridayoffering.

As always, contributions to the Good Friday Offering can be made individually or combined in a single parish or diocesan check and sent by mail at the end of the calendar year to: DFMS – The Protestant Episcopal Church US P.O. Box 958983 St. Louis, MO 63195-8983

Please make sure all checks are made out to: "The Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society" with "Good Friday Offering" added in the note field. Need help making your gift online or want to make your gift over the phone? Please call April Frazier, Gift Processing Officer at (212)-716-6002.

The bishops, priests, and people of the Province of the Diocese of Jerusalem and the Middle East thank you very much for your support as we come together in the One Body of Christ, strengthening our faith by living the Good News.

I encourage you to consider making a generous offering to the Dioceses of Jerusalem and the Middle East as Christians in the area are in ongoing need and I fear will continue to be in great need for the foreseeable future. You can also place your offering in the plate on Good Friday and we will send it on to the National Church.

May you have a blessed Holy Week.

-Mother Liz

Source: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/good-friday-offering/>

View from the Pew:

When I was in sixth grade, I remember playing a game of softball in the fields behind the elementary school that I attended. I was in the right field position when the batter popped the ball high up towards me when all of a sudden the ball smacked me right in the face. It was like there was a large hole in my baseball mitt and I remember thinking that this such a stupid game. You either lose or you win and you're always trying one over on the "enemy". I was never a very coordinated athlete, so that probably had a lot to do with my attitude, but I sure could run like the wind. So, in games like soccer or lacrosse, I was great at keeping away from the opposing team, but not the best at keeping control if the ball. The coach thought the best position for me was defense. I could always catch up to the other players and, in the case of lacrosse, could knock them flat. They learned to keep the ball away from my side of the field.

Competitive sports can be such a dog eat dog enterprise, especially the one-on-one kind. But, team sports also can build camaraderie and teach teamwork to the players. Everyone works together with one common goal. There's a lot of negative about over competitiveness, but a judicious dose of it can be a great tool for your future in navigating the workforce and creating a successful career. On the other hand, fairness can also go a long way in achieving a greater goal than just satisfying your own selfish impulses. We as humans are by nature social beings and need to work together to ensure our survival on this finite planet.

-John 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 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:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: (The Passion reading)

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Nancy D. & Barb U.

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Organist: Joyce Printz

This week's Hymns:

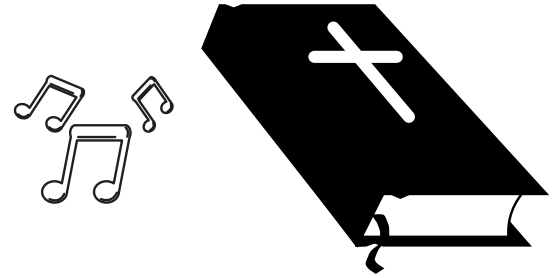
All glory, laud, and honor

O sacred head, sore wounded

My song is love unknown

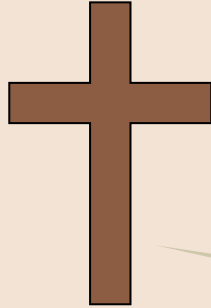
At the Name of Jesus

When I survey the wondrous cross



This week's Gospel according to:

since this Sunday is Palm Sunday, The Passion will be read during the service instead of a regular Gospel reading.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

APRIL 2: PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM

APRIL 6: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 5PM

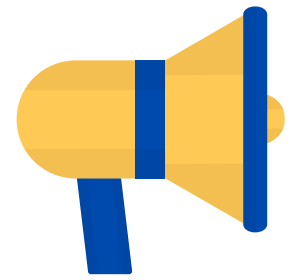
APRIL 7: CROSSWALK 12PM @HOLY NAME OF MARY CHURCH

APRIL 7: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 5PM

APRIL 8: EASTER VIGIL 7:30PM

APRIL 9: EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM

Happenings and Announcements



Musician Needed!

As most of you know we have been looking for an organist/pianist to play for us on Sundays. We have an ad in the paper but we figured we would reach out here and see anyone knows of someone that could help us out with filling a couple of the Sundays a month. If you think you can help or know someone that does, give Kate in the office a call or email!



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, Betsy Arnold & Family, Paula Arnold & Family, Victor.

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:

Evelyn Constantine 4/11, Martha Cobb 4/16, Naomi Bennett 4/27



This Months Anniversaries:

There are no anniversaries this month. If you would like to add your birthday or anniversary to the list, call or email 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.

Last Week's Service and Events

Fifth Sunday in Lent– March 26, 2023

Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou still rejected King!
Thou didst suffer to release us,
Thou didst free salvation bring;
Through Thy death and resurrection,
Bearer of our sin and shame!
We enjoy divine protection,
Life and glory through Thy name.

The March 26th, 2023 live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Nancy Dooling read as lector. Joyce Printz 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.





Meals on Wheels Easter Treats

After church on Sunday, several volunteers, including egg experts Lydia and Lorelei Rogers, helped to dye the Easter eggs for the Meals on Wheels Easter treats. The eggs were provided by parishioners and by Christ Church and St. Mark's. The eggs will be added to the chocolates and jelly beans and assembled in Easter bags on Thursday, March 30th.

Montrose Girls

We received a nice note from Peg Hamlin mentioning the weekly highlights and our coverage of the Montrose Lady Meteors. She said "Having spent six formative years as a member of St. Paul's and Montrose resident, they hold (the weekly Updates) a special place in my heart. And "kudos" MHS Girls Basketball Team. The 1949 team excelled as well – The 1948 squad included Nancy Calby "48" and Esther Taylor Weldon "49".

Imagine, Esther was a basketball player!



Esther Taylor Weldon '49

The 1947-1948 Basketball team 10-2

Can you find Esther?



EARLY SPRING IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Springtime comes rolling round slowly. Gray skies are bringing me down.” We were moving toward spring and then it snowed on Wednesday night again and the temperature dropped 20 degrees. There was still some snow at Salt Springs earlier in the week. Wednesday Morning there was a rare frost sighting, as we usually don't see frost until fall. But our pond was clear.

An Iris had just popped up probably to be froze by the cold weather that came with Wednesday nights snow. It's a Susquehanna springtime.

