

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

May 14- May 20



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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:

Today is Wednesday and ten days from today the entire Diocese of Bethlehem, PA will gather at the Split Rock Resort for the appropriately named "Gather 23." It is the second time that all the parishes have been able to meet since Covid 19.

While it may well be nice to greet old friends, clergy, musicians, and the Admin of the Diocese, that is far from the real reason for Gathering. A Diocese is a geographical area, and a collection of parishes spread out over that area. It is, however, much more than that. Episcopalians see it as 'The Body of Christ.'

What do we mean by that? The Diocese is the living embodiment of our Lord Jesus Christ in that it continues his saving ministry to all here on earth. Christ left us his spirit to do just that, but he also appointed twelve disciples to continue that ministry. In turn they pass on that mandate, mission, and consecration from Bishop to Bishop in what we call the Apostolic Succession. --No person can simply declare himself a Bishop. He needs other Bishops to lay hands upon him and consecrate him with the Holy Spirit. Then he can minister and serve God's people.

Through the Bishop, in each Diocese we too get to serve as priests, deacons and Laity, in that mission. The Bishop in turn lays hands on us and commissions us to preach the Gospel, and serve God's people. So, we "Gather" as the people of God, the Body of Christ. The latter is reinforced by our celebration of the Eucharist when Christ comes into our minds, hearts and souls uniting us as one.

"Gather 23 " is important, because we literally Gather round our Bishop. He will call others and lay hands upon them that they also may serve. Last year's workshops allowed many to train and be licensed for ministry in the coming year.

Will you be there? Will you make a day of it? Share a ride? Be there by 8am? Enjoy lunch with others from many parishes? Return home with new ideas, hopes, and dreams. Bishop Kevin Nichols, Steve baker, Paula Lapinski and Sandy Milien hope that you will be. They would like two from every parish in the Diocese.

Please pray for Linda Shifter RIP who died recently. She served as the Diocesan Secretary and Bishop's Secretary for some thirty-three years.

Gather 23, Saturday May 20, 2023 at Split Rock Resort, PA Amen.

Father Bill

View from the Pew: Wanda Peirce

"The Meanest Mother"

I had the meanest mother in the whole world. While other kids ate candy for breakfast, I had to have cereal, eggs or toast. When others had cokes and candy for lunch, I had to eat a sandwich. As you can guess, my supper was different than the other kids' also. But at least, I wasn't alone in my sufferings. My sister and two brothers had the same mean mother as I did.

My mother insisted upon knowing where we were at all times. You'd think we were on a chain gang. She had to know who our friends were and where we were going. She insisted if we said we'd be gone an hour, that we be gone one hour or less--not one hour and one minute. I am nearly ashamed to admit it, but she actually struck us. Not once, but each time we had a mind of our own and did as we pleased. That poor belt was used more on our seats than it was to hold up Daddy's pants. Can you imagine someone actually hitting a child just because he disobeyed? Now you can begin to see how mean she really was.

We had to wear clean clothes and take a bath. The other kids always wore their clothes for days. We reached the height of insults because she made our clothes herself, just to save money. Why, oh why, did we have to have a mother who made us feel different from our friends?

The worst is yet to come. We had to be in bed by nine each night and up at eight the next morning. We couldn't sleep till noon like our friends. So while they slept-my mother actually had the nerve to break the child-labor law. She made us work. We had to wash dishes, make beds, learn to cook and all sorts of cruel things. I believe she laid awake at night thinking up mean things to do to us. She always insisted upon us telling the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, even if it killed us- and it nearly did.

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.

By the time we were teen-agers, she was much wiser, and our life became even more unbearable. None of this tooting the horn of a car for us to come running. She embarrassed us to no end by making our dates and friends come to the door to get us. If I spent the night with a girlfriend, can you imagine she checked on me to see if I were really there. I never had the chance to elope to Mexico. That is if I'd had a boyfriend to elope with. I forgot to mention, while my friends were dating at the mature age of 12 and 13, my old fashioned mother refused to let me date until the age of 15 and 16. Fifteen, that is, if you dated only to go to a school function. And that was maybe twice a year.

Through the years, things didn't improve a bit. We could not lie in bed, "sick" like our friends did, and miss school. If our friends had a toe ache, a hang nail or serious ailment, they could stay home from school. Our marks in school had to be up to par. Our friends' report cards had beautiful colors on them, black for passing, red for failing. My mother being as different as she was, would settle for nothing less than ugly black marks.

As the years rolled by, first one and then the other of us was put to shame. We were graduated from high school. With our mother behind us, talking, hitting and demanding respect, none of us was allowed the pleasure of being a drop-out. My mother was a complete failure as a mother. Out of four children, a couple of us attained some higher education. None of us have ever been arrested, divorced or beaten his mate. Each of my brothers served his time in the service of this country. And whom do we have to blame for the terrible way we turned out? You're right, our mean mother. Look at the things we missed. We never got to march in a protest parade, nor to take part in a riot, burn draft cards, and a million and one other things that our friends did.

She forced us to grow up into God-fearing, educated, honest adults. Using this as a background, I am trying to raise my three children. I stand a little taller and I am filled with pride when my children call me mean. Because, you see, I thank God, He gave me the meanest mother in the whole world.

- written by Bobbie Pingaro (1967)

Sundays Service

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 17:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 66:7-18

The Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

Gospel: John 14:15-21

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Mary & Ben Zalewski

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist:

This week's Hymns:

All creatures of our God and King

All things bright and beautiful

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Lord dismiss us with thy blessing

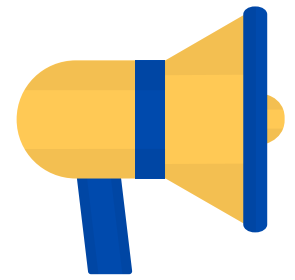


This week's Gospel according to: John

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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, 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:

Mother Liz 5/5, Harry Peirce 5/9, Richard Marker 5/10, Gaby Warriner 5/26, Kate Aukema 5/27, Jerry Sock 5/29



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.



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Saturday, May 20TH

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featuring

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DR. ELISABETH M. KIMBALL

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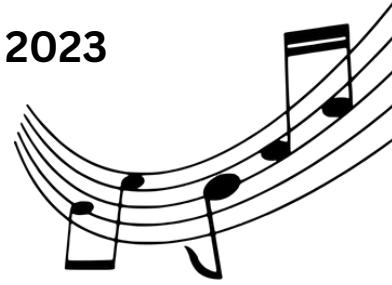
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diobeth.org/gather23
or scan here



Last Week's Service and Events

LAST WEEK – 5th Sunday in Easter – May 7th, 2023



The live-streamed 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Lynne Graham did the announcements and Nancy Dooling read as lector. We were without an organist this week but are trying to use prerecorded music. The service included four hymns. 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. It was birthday Sunday and we sang happy birthday to Lydia, Harry and Dave Robbins and as always, we had a great coffee hour.



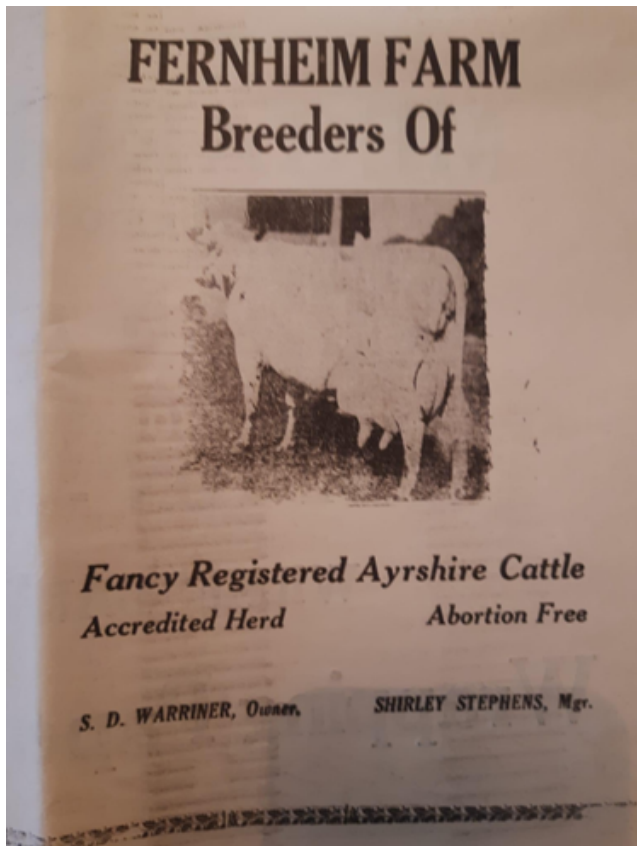
Concert Series

The Susquehanna Symphony Society continued its concert series at the VFW last Saturday, May 6th, at 7:00 pm with Ragtime Rick Pedro at the Piano. He played a little bit of everything and he certainly gave the keyboard a work out! Among others, St. Paul's had two tables and St. Mark's had one. A stirring good time was had by all.



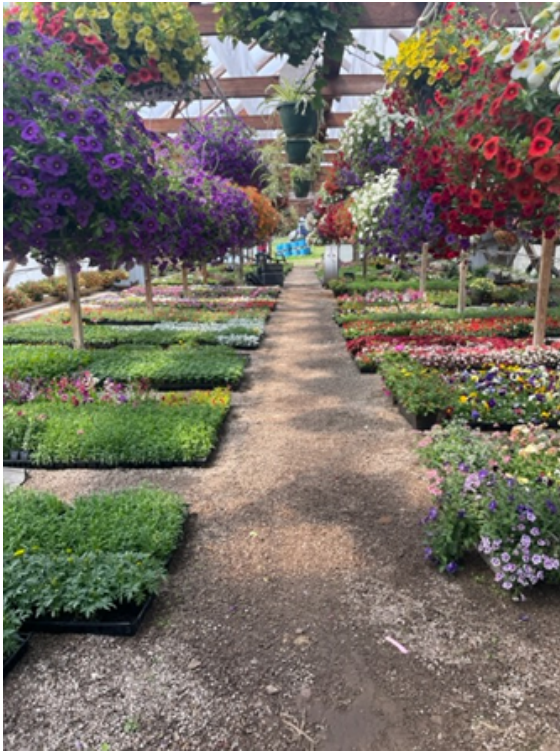
Fernheim Farm

In 1927, when Samuel Dexter Warriner (1867-1942) donated the money to build our new Parish Hall, he was living at Fernheim Farm, right outside of town, on 29 north. He put the following advertisement in the local paper. The farm specialized in Ayrshire Cattle, a Scottish breed of dairy cattle. Ayrshires typically have red and white markings.



La Rue's Farm Market Opens

La Rue's farm market on 706 west of town has opened. It means that spring is here. Ben is getting the ground ready for their famous corn and Renee (with special guest, Kate) was manning the counter. Veggies and flowers are for sale.



Nurseries Open

Yep, it's that time of year when the nurseries call out "we are here!". Flower baskets, annuals and lots of veggies are ready to be brought home and planted (soon). They are fun to visit. Life is good.

Cub Scout Pick Up

Each year, the parents and kids of St. Paul's supported Cub Scout Pack 92 rake and pick up sticks and limbs that have fallen. We take them to the borough yard dump. We always seem to get a lot. That's the scout master Dave. Thank you, Cub Scouts!!



EARLY MAY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“I thought that spring must last forevermore. For I was young and loved, and it was May.” The moon was full this week, a big orange ball that rose from the east and became a brilliant light in the southern sky. A number of flowering bushes in the Memorial Garden are strutting their stuff. It attests to the thoughtfulness of the original planting plan. It's springtime, and it's wonderful.

