

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

July 2 - July 8



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

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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:

The Sunday Readings continue with the story of Sarah and Abraham struggling as aging parents with Isaac, their newborn son. The story is unrelenting as Sarah in a rage exile's Abraham's slave girl Hagar and her son into the Desert Wilderness. It is an awful thing to do, punishing mother and son for the sins of the father. Yet Genesis show God as a God of mercy.

Paul in chapter 6 of Romans invites the Christians to consider how their lives have changed now that they have come to know Christ. If sin is the enemy, of man and God, then now their lives must be better because Christ defeated sin. He died to sin and rose to a new life and we are invited to do the same.

Matthew's Gospel is an exhortation to Christians suffering persecution under the Romans. It is an invitation to martyrdom and to a new life that Christ has won for us. Like Hagar in the Genesis story Matthew re-assures the Christians that God is in control, and he will guide and protect each of us like the birds of the air and the hairs of our heads.

Acknowledging Christ is no longer easy, for the Romans it brought imprisonment, suffering and death. Today it opens us to ridicule, laughter and intolerance. But our church has a cross and stands under that cross for a reason. We are a witness to the God of Salvation. We will not bend or compromise the values and teaching that Christ has left us. Though this world passes away, his words will stand.

Standing with Christ may break families, divide those who we love but it is the price of the Gospel. Sometimes we must lose our life in order to find it. There are so many examples of this down the centuries. Francis of Assisi, giving his cloak to the beggar in the street, giving up everything to serve the poor. Teresa of Avila reforming the monasteries of Spain. St John Bosco taking the orphans and lost children off the crime ridden streets of Turin. Mother Teresa serving the untouchables of Calcutta. Princess Diana embracing the Aids patients in a London Hospital.

First die to yourself and your own self-interest and you will find yourself in a place where God has already been. Amen,

Fr. Bill.

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: Genesis 22:1-14

Psalm: 13

The Epistle: Romans 6:12-23

Gospel: Matthew 10:40-42

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Nancy Dooling

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Lynne Graham

Organist: Cathy Hammons

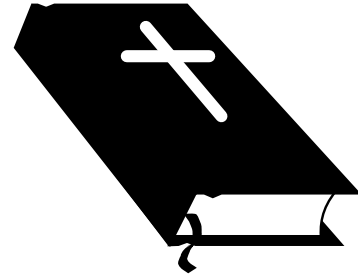
This week's Hymns:

God of the prophets, bless the prophets' heirs

Take up your cross, the Savior said

The Church's one foundation

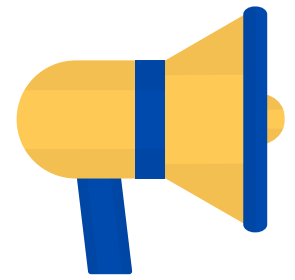
God of our fathers



This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Happenings and Announcements



Soup Night Change Up

Since the 4th of July falls on the first Tuesday this year, we will be moving Soup Night to the second Wednesday of this month, July 12th. We will still need some extra hands and some soup makers if you're up for the challenge! This month's Soup will be Cheeseburger and Cream of Potato.

We hope to see you there!



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Ellen Ely, Rev. Janet Watrous, Edward, Victor, Ralph Bunnell.

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call Mother Liz 212-222-8109.



This Month's Birthdays:

Janet Kuhn 7/9, Maggie Sock 7/15, Stephanie Calby 7/25



This Month's Anniversaries:

There are no anniversaries this month. If you would like your anniversary or birthday to be added to our list, please call/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

LAST SUNDAY – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – June 25th.

**We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Alleluia!**

The live-streamed June 25h 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by Mother Liz. Announcements were by Lynne Graham who also read as lector. 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.

**A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing:
Alleluia!**



Social Event of Old

A warm night, good food and good company. A social night to remember!



July 4th Breakfast Still Needs Volunteers

Our July 4th Breakfast is just around the corner. Thanks to our professional sign maker, David Robbins, who made a great sign to put on the corner of Church and Chestnut. It's a lot of work but a lot of fun. Don't forget to sign up. Talk to Lynne if you can help.

Sleeping Bags

The Sleeping Bag ministry is still going full speed. Teddy, Carol, Lynne, Dave, Vera, Bard and visitor Karen all were working hard on Wednesday. It's a lot of fun and easy to help.



A close-up photograph of two young birds, possibly chicks, nestled together in a nest made of dry straw and twigs. Both birds have their beaks wide open, showing a bright yellow interior. They have dark, downy feathers and are looking upwards.

A close-up photograph of three teal-colored eggs resting in a nest made of dry straw and twigs. The nest is situated in a dark, enclosed space, possibly a burrow or a nest box, with a wooden surface visible in the background.

by Dan Graham

School's out! Summer vacations when you were a kid fell into two categories — memorable or mundane. A family vacation, camping, or a road trip usually fell into the former. But even though our family didn't go anywhere that year, the summer of 1960 was hardly unexciting. It was between my 7th and 8th grades, I was 11 years old, and it was the greatest summer of my youth. The Pittsburgh Pirates were the best team in the National Baseball League.

My best friend and I were in Little League and we were serious Pirate fans. We listened to all the games on KDMA, did box scores, and collected baseball cards. Clement, Roy Face, Dick Groat, Bill Mazeroski were our heroes. That summer, we talked my mother into letting us go to Pirate games by our selves. That trip required a streetcar ride into town and then one out of town to the Oakland section of Pittsburgh where Forbes Field was (about an hour). \$4 got you the ticket, streetcar fares (it was less than a dollar to go both ways) and something to drink or eat. She reluctantly let us try it, but only if my brother showed us how to do it first.

Most of the games were in the afternoon then and tickets for the right field bleachers were \$1.75. These were the worst seats in the house but after the 3rd inning, you were allowed to sit anywhere. Those first couple of trips were quite handy for 11-year-

olds - we thought we were grown up. We got to know the ushers. They let us sit in the better seats and several times gave us rain checks from previous games that got us into the next game free.

One of the benefits of sitting in the right field bleachers was that you were right behind Roberto Clemente. We would start the other bleacher fans chanting "Reba" "Reba" "Reba" and Clemente would turn around and tip his hat - and we would cheer!

Our permission to go was almost revoked when we went to a doubleheader in which both games went into extra innings. We usually got home before dinner but the second game didn't finish until after the streetcars to town stopped running and we had to walk, with several hundred other fans, into Pittsburgh. This was before cell phones, and when we got to town, my Dad came and picked us up. We thought it was a great adventure - my parents thought we weren't watching the clock! Other than restricting our future games to afternoon ones, we averted the storm.

School began after Labor Day and our summer of ballpark attendance ended. I think we went to something like 20 games that summer. I still have all the ticket stubs. The Pirates went on to win the league and get into the World Series. We played the mighty New York Yankees — Bertra, Marris, Mantle, etc. etc. The Pirates were defi-

ninely the underdogs. At the end of six games, the series was tied 3-3, but New York had outscored Pittsburgh 55-27.

We got to listen to game seven, which was in Pittsburgh, on the school loud-speaker. Mr. Gregory, the principal, like all of us that year, was a Pirate fan.

Pittsburgh just kind of stopped that afternoon. An exciting game, the lead changed several times, but at the bottom of the ninth, it was tied. Bill Mazerowski came up to the plate and: There's a drive into deep left field, look out now...! That ball is going... going... gone! A homerun, we won! The entire school erupted in cheering. I can hear it still. Pittsburgh would go on to win another World Series, see Franco make an Immaculate Reception, and win six Super Bowls, but for me, nothing compares to that October World Series win, the 1960 Pirates, and that summer when I was 11.

Dan Graham lives in Jessup Township with wife Lynne and dogs, Sophie and Annie. He was raised in a small town outside Pittsburgh, attended West Virginia and George Washington Universities. After the army, he worked in Baltimore for 30 years for the Social Security Administration and retired in 2007. He and his family have been coming to Susquehanna County since 1974. He is an avid gardener and researcher and writes on the colonial brood industry in Pennsylvania.

decision to the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. A three-judge panel affirmed the District Court's decision.

As a result of a recent Supreme Court Second Amendment case from last year, Range requested for an en banc hearing, which

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UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.—The Penn State Extension Grape and Wine Team is calling on farmers and vineyard owners in the mid-Atlantic region to participate in a survey aimed at tracking the spread and severity of spotted lanternfly populations during the 2023 season.

The data collected will provide insights into the distribution patterns of both nymph and adult spotted lanternfly within and outside vineyards, enabling growers and researchers to better understand this invasive pest's potential impact on mid-Atlantic agriculture.

The survey, which takes approximately one minute to complete, will help monitor or forecast changes in the spotted lanternfly population throughout the season. Participants are encouraged to complete the survey

"Our survey provides real-time tracking of spotted lanternfly populations in the mid-Atlantic region," said Michela Centinari, Penn State Extension viticulture specialist and associate professor of viticulture in the College of Agricultural Sciences. "Tracking spotted lanternfly is essential for understanding their population dynamics and their potential impact on grapevines."

The masthead of the "Independent" newspaper. It features a circular seal on the left with the text "INDIANIANA COUNTY" and "EST. 1816". To the right of the seal, the word "Independent" is written in a large, bold, serif font. Above the "n" in "Independent" is the text "Est. 1816". Below the main title, the date "June 21, 2023" is printed. To the right of the date is the email address "email: indynews@independentnewsonline.com".

After reading some of Dan's View from the Pew articles, he has been asked by the Susquehanna Independent to submit a monthly column called "On My Mind." Where they are appropriate, they will appear in both the Weekly Highlights and the Independent.

LATE JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“In June the world of leaf and blade and flowers explode, and every sunset is different.” With the rain, the grass has started to green back up. The sun comes out after the rain and the fog with it. There are bright blue skies one moment and ominous dark clouds the next. Day lilies are just starting to appear along the roads and in the gardens. July is day lily month. Finally, the bird boxes, originally empty, are being filled up with late comers. The one below is a house wren’s eight pink eggs and a blue bird’s five blue eggs. It’s summer, let the fun begin.

