

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

August 6- August 12



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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:

July 29th is the Feast of Mary and Martha of Bethany. It is also the 49th Anniversary of Women's Ordination to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church. On July 29, 1974, at Church of the Advocate in Philadelphia, eleven women were ordained to the priesthood in an atmosphere of joy and celebration. While there were two outbursts of descent in the congregation, fewer protests occurred than expected.

I would like to express my immense gratitude for the brave women who paved the way for all of the female priests who have come after them, me included. Because of their unwavering sense of God's call, their determination, and the willingness of three retired Bishops, the tide turned, and the flood gates of justice flew open.

This did not happen without significant controversy and strife within the church, both before and after the "irregular" ordinations occurred. The House of Bishops met repeatedly both before and after July 29th to decry the fact that women were not of the proper "substance" and that Paul had said that women were to be silent in church. The women responded that they were disappointed in the outcome, however, they would not be deterred.

Once ordained priests, they faced much opposition and had difficulty finding altars at which to celebrate. This was true even after the House of Bishops changed their stance and accepted the ordinations of the women because many dissenting bishops refused to allow them to serve in their dioceses.

Over the course of the last five decades we have seen many subsequent barriers broken in the Episcopal Church. I believe for the better of all of God's people. In the words of Dr. King, May the arc of the moral universe, which is long, continue to bend toward justice.

"O God, you poured your Spirit from on high to bless and summon these women, who heard the strength of your call: Equip, guide, and inspire us with wisdom, boldness, and faith to trust you in all circumstances, hear you preach new life to your Church, and stretch out our hands to serve you, as you created us and redeemed us in the name of Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God everlasting. Amen."

Jeannette Piccard and Alla Bozarth, eldest and youngest of the Philadelphia Eleven in the art gallery of the Cathedral Church of St. Mark, Minneapolis, preparing to be officially recognized as priests by Bishop McNairy on January 7, 1977.



-Mother Liz

View from the Pew:

Beginnings of a Life Partnership

It was the beginning of June of 1988 in sunny San Diego, California, that marked the beginning of a wonderful life-long romantic partnership with my wife. Like any relationship, it takes a lot of patience and has it's ups and downs. But, it has all been worth the effort.

I was stationed on my first ship for almost exactly one year when I went out on a date, which ended up being a one time deal. We decided to go to this Mexican restaurant in the southern San Diego area, called Lydia's Café. Lydia, as it turned out, became my grandmother-in-law almost two years later.

To her detriment, my date selected this restaurant. We sat down to the smells of exotic spices and refried beans that I had never encountered before. Our waitress brought us our menus and took our drink orders. I have to say, I was mesmerized from the start. This young lady had the most beautiful brown Spanish eyes and lovely tanned skin. When placing my order we briefly made direct eye contact, which closed the deal for me.

When you see something you like, it is definitely worth the risk of rejection to pursue. Sometimes you strike out, but in this case, if I hadn't taken this chance, I would have missed out on this 35 year relationship (33 married), three wonderful children, and four beautiful grandchildren.

That evening, I was determined to meet this waitress. I knew she was working on Sunday evenings, so I decided to go back the following Sunday around the same time. I drove there in my red Volkswagen Beetle, which later on, she told me that she recognized the distinctive sound of this car to be mine. I ended up getting her phone number, which was lucky, because as it turned out, this was to be her last day working at grand-mother's restaurant.

Later that week I got the nerve up to call her. Her family didn't know English, so I had to quickly learn some very basic Spanish, like "Is Gaby there?". Instead of *esta allí Gaby*, I said *estallar Gaby*, which roughly translates to is Gaby exploding. I got the response of titters of laughter in the background. They really understood what I was really trying to say.

Some years later I knew I had been accepted into the family and not thought of as this gringo. We were at a family party and someone remarked that some kid was the on-ly white guy here and someone asked what about John? The first one responded, oh he doesn't count. I was just a person in the family and not reduced to a color.

Life is short enough. Don't let shyness or insecurity be an obstacle in the pursuit of life's future happiness.

- 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: Exodus 34:29-35

Psalm: 99

The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:13-21

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: Vickie Calby

Organist: Cathy Hammons

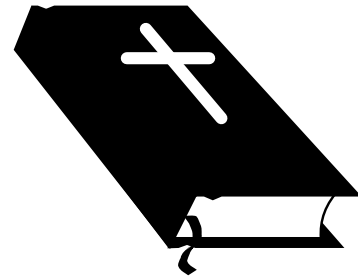
This week's Hymns:

When morning guilds the skies

Seek ye first

Shepherd of souls

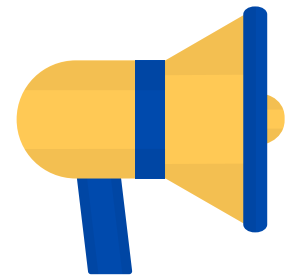
Christ is the world's true Light



This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Happenings and Announcements



Social Night Coming Up!

Cathy Hammons will be hosting a Social Night which will take place on August 4th at 6:00 PM. Cathy will be having pulled pork sandwiches with coleslaw, drinks are BYOB. Please bring a dish to pass and share. If you need the address, please call Cathy at 202-445-7535.



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 Months Birthdays:

James Bailey 8/2, Scott Price 8/13, Barb Undercoffler 8/19, Bob Aiken 8/23, Margaret Burgh 8/28, Patty Aiken 8/30



This Months Anniversaries:

Jack & Carol Lasher 8/6/1960
Cole & Kate Aukema 8/6/2022

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 – Ninth Sunday After Pentecost – July 30

Holy God, we praise Your name;
Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim,
All in heav'n above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain,
Everlasting is Your reign.

The live-streamed July 30th 10:00 Morning Prayer Service was led by Lynne Graham who also did announcements. Tom Undercoffler read as lector and Cathy Hammons played the organ. 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.



Soup Night

What would the first Wednesday of the month be without St. Paul's soup night? We are up to seven pots now – yep, count them. This month was our old standbys - Beef Vegetable and Chicken Noodle. Soup, salad, roll, applesauce and a cookie. Lots of fun, lots of comradery – testing each others creations. Our next soup night is September 4th and the soups will be Cream of Broccoli and Stuffed Pepper. Come and volunteer or make a pot of soup.



St. Matthew's Annual Service

Next week we will be at St. Matthew's Church for our annual service at 10:00. Consecrated in 1826 by Bishop White, it was one of the first four Episcopal churches in NEPA, and having a service there is like stepping back into the past. Directly west on 706, we will see you there!



LATE-JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Roll out those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. Those days of soda and pretzels and beer.”

Zucchini, zucchinis, zucchinis – snap beans too - yep, it's summer and with the rains, the garden is producing at an August rate. Lots of weeds also. The tomatoes are slow coming. There was a super moon this week – a large bright orange globe in the eastern sky. Bees are busy at work storing up food for the winter and day lilies are still the beauties of the flower gardens. It's deep into summer.

