

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

January 14- January 20



276 Church Street, Montrose, PA 18801

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

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In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website

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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 start the new year and try to remember to write 2024 on our checks (for those of us who still write them), I want to take a moment to acknowledge all of the blessings we have experienced during 2023 here at St. Paul's. I especially want to thank you all for your devotion to liturgy and service to community members in need. Your generosity has made difficult times a little easier for many people in Montrose, the surrounding area, and around the world. Thanks be to Almighty God for each and every one of you.

Sunday we had a baptism. Despite the snowstorm the family and several members of our church family trekked through the snow to welcome Matilda Rose as the unique beloved child of God that she is. It is a blessing for us all when we welcome a new baptizand into our midst. And it was a special joy for me because it was my first baptism. It couldn't have gone better. She was mesmerized by the whole thing. I've been told that she is mesmerized by me, but I think that what she was really mesmerized by was the Holy Spirit.

Dressed like an angel, she cooed through the sermon, which was an adorable accompaniment believe it or not, she seemed focused through the examination of the parents and godparents and the congregations baptismal renewal. Then while I baptized her in the Name of the Triune God, she was completely still as the water poured over her head. Her eyes were fixated on me as I placed the chrism on her forehead in the sign of the cross and marked her as Christ's own forever. Finally, we celebrated Eucharist so that we could be fed for our continued journey in Christ.

Thank God for all of the blessings we receive as we continue to walk the way with Jesus. May we and all who have gone before us, continue to praise His Holy Name. Amen.

-Mother Liz

View from the Pew:

New Beginnings

This past Sunday presented us with some new beginnings. First of all, we saw the the results of our first real snow of the season, displayed in all its beautiful glistening white glory. Despite this, we were also witness to another beginning, and that was of a baptism of a beautiful young baby girl, Matilda Rose Rogers. It was Mother Liz's first in her tenure as our Priest, and the first I've seen at Saint Paul's in quite some time; in fact, the last one was during the Covid pandemic and took place away from the church. I believe this is a positive sign of hope and promise for the future and bodes well for us all - The hope of growth and the promise of vitality, and a new age of innocence.

It is also about wiping the slate clean, taking away the sins and purifying the soul. Along with this first rite of passage comes responsibilities of those entrusted with the child's well being from the parents or guardians to the God parents, as well as all those who witnessed and basically took an oath before God to look out for this precious gift.

- 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: 1 Samuel 3:1-20

Psalms: 139:1-5, 12-17

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20

Gospel: John 1:43-51

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Sandy S. & Nancy D.

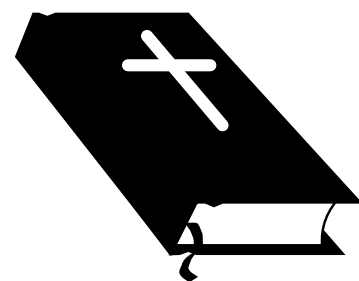
Announcements: Lynne Graham

Lector: John Warriner

Hospitality: Mike Davenport

This week's Hymns:

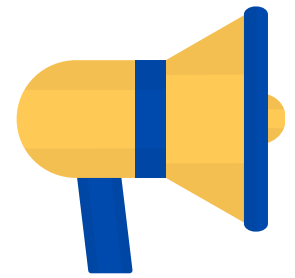
Christ is made the sure foundation
The people who in darkness walked
The church's one foundation
Christ is the world's true light



This week's Gospel according to: John

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

Happenings and Announcements



Annual Meeting

Correction to the Calendar for this month, The Annual Meeting will be held on January 21 @12:00 after Church Service unless there is snow then it will be held January 28 @12:00 after Church service. All are welcome!



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Bishop Michael Curry, The O'Reilly-Bush Families, Willis Barnes,

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:

Charles Cesaretti 1/2, Karen McAbee 1/4, Ann Shafer 1/16, Bill Rathbone 1/18, David Calby 1/24, Marsha Jones 1/26



This Months Anniversaries:


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.

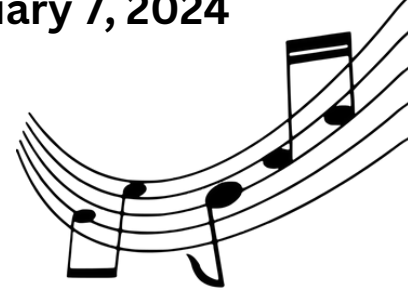
We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have 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 – First Sunday After Epiphany, January 7, 2024



Baptized in water,
sealed by the Spirit
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king;
heirs of salvation,
trusting his promise -
faithfully now God's praise we sing



The January 7, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was officiated by Mother Liz. We celebrated a baptism. Vickie Calby did the announcements and Nancy Dooling read as lector. This week's service will not be on YouTube.



Snow Removal

Justin Peake was out early shoveling the sidewalks and plowing the parking lot a couple of times this week. If you see him, give him a big hello.



Diaper Blessing

On Sunday, Mother Liz blessed the diapers we collected and the little bottoms they would go on. The diapers were taken for distribution this week.

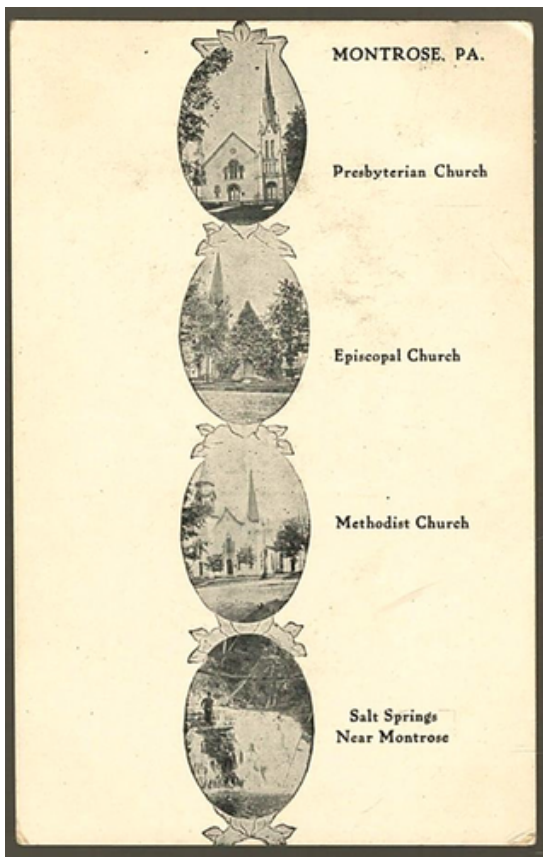
Matilda Rose Rogers Baptized

“Matilda Rose, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own for ever.” Martha Cobb’s granddaughter, Tillie Rose Rogers, was baptized on Sunday. She hung in there like a trooper and didn’t make a peep.



Another Tree Removed

JJ Carpenter removed a large sugar maple that was on our eastern property line in the Memorial Garden. The tree hung over the neighbor's house and took about six hours to cut down and clean up. It was a big one. .



Old Montrose Postcard

Found this interesting postcard on eBay. The Presbyterian, Episcopal and Methodist Churches were shown as was Salt Springs. From the St. Paul's photograph they used, it was created before 1918 – that's when Church Street was paved. The photo of St. Paul's is the one showing Church St. still unpaved.

Snow Rake

We were asked why we added a snow rake to the roof next to the Chestnut Street door. Here's a photo from last year that says it all.



EARLY JANUARY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“January looks forward to the new year and back to the old year. He sees the past and future.” Some snow finally. While the hype was worse than the event, it started snowing on Saturday and was still snowing Sunday morning. It snowed again on Monday night and into Tuesday morning.

