

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

March 17 - March 23



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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 Pew:

March 17th is actually the day Saint Patrick died (March 17, 461). Saint Patrick was important because he established three hundred churches in Ireland and increased the popularity of Christianity. Saint Patrick wasn't even Irish. He was born in Roman Britain in the fourth century A.D. and was taken to Ireland by slavers when he was a teenager.

From 1903 to 1970, Saint Patrick's Day was considered a religious holiday in Ireland, so there was no drinking, and pubs were closed. When it became a national holiday, pubs were allowed to be open. About 13 million pints of Guinness are sold on Saint Patrick's Day each year. Blue was the color originally associated with Saint Patrick's Day, but it changed to green because he used shamrock in his sermons. Saint Patrick used the shamrock to represent the holy trinity.

-Sandy Seeger

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Psalm: Psalm 119:9-16

The Epistle: Hebrews 5:5-10

Gospel: John 12:20-33

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Nancy D. & Barb U.

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Nancy Dooling

Hospitality: The Undercofflers

This week's Hymns:

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

When I survey the wondrous cross

What wondrous love is this

Hail, thou once despised Jesus

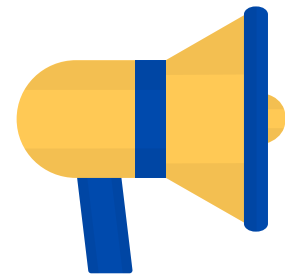


This week's Gospel according to: John

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Happenings and Announcements



Sleeping Bags is cancelled for this month. We hope to see you all and maybe some new faces next month! Every second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 10 am in Room 1.

There is a Vestry Meeting on March 21 at 5PM in the Guild Room. All are always welcome.



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, The Rogers 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:

John Finlon 3/6, Elizabeth Smith 3/15, Edgar Warriner 3/20, Elaine Petrzala 3/22, Ann Kiefer 3/22, Tom Undercoffler 3/30



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 – Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 10, 2024

*Jerusalem, my happy home,
when shall I come to thee,
when shall my sorrows have an end,
thy joys when shall I see?*



The March 10, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was officiated by Mother Liz. Vickie Calby made the announcements and Lynne Graham served as lector and chalcist. . Penny Jaggars played a prelude, 3 hymns and a postlude on the piano. 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.



Montrose Mobile Food Pantry

It was the second Friday of the month last week and here's a picture of the mobile food pantry from the 8th. If you wonder why we have two collection plates – one is for the 300+ loaves of bread that St. Paul's donates to the distribution. You can see the bread trays on the left .



Dying Eggs

We will be putting together Easter treat bags again this year for the Meals on Wheels folks. Join us on Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00 in the Guild Room. Bring some hard-boiled eggs to dye and stay to help assemble the bags. It's a lot of fun.



Soup for April

We need some soup makers. Our next soup day is April 3rd. If you can help, make a pot of chicken noodle or ham and bean or come in and help us fill the bags.



Another Florida Shout Out

If you wondered where Harry and Wanda were when they didn't show up for soup night last week – well now you know. They're visiting Bob and Vera. What a happy group!

Burn Ban This Week

The temporary ban on outdoor burning for Susquehanna County starts on March 16th this year.

You may have seen some fires this week from folks trying to get ahead of the ban.



Things are Blooming

My-my! Spring flowers are starting to bloom. These crocus and Johnnie Jump-Ups are showing their stuff. Day lilies, tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and all the spring bulbs are starting to pop up and hoping for light frosts.



Can't Keep a Good Man Down

Looks like we have a new volunteer on Property. Jack Lasher helped replace a couple of battery smoke detectors with 10-year ones. And while he was at church anyway, he decided to try and fix the door between church and the Parish Hall which sticks on the tile. Thanks Jack.



MID-MARCH IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?” Jack Lasher sent a picture from his trail cam showing eight deer. We had a surprise snow on Sunday some of which was still in the woods on Tuesday. With all the rain, the Susquehanna River is high and running fast. We’re not sure if winter is done with us yet or not.

