

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

March 24 - March 30



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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Donations You can scan the QR Code. Or go to St. Paul's Website and click the Donate Button for online giving. You can mail your tithes & pledges to the church office at 276 Church St., Montrose, PA 18801

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:



Walk in Love

Love's Destination: A Lenten Reflection



Lent is a journey, not a destination. It is the ultimate walk in love. As we hear the story of Jesus' physical journey toward Jerusalem and the events of Holy Week, we take our own spiritual journey. We follow that rocky road as our readings walk us through foreshadowing and heartache until we arrive at the foot of the cross.

We are invited on this journey not because we need to suffer as Jesus suffered, but so that we may understand the Grace that comes from living through difficult moments. Jesus models this work, and while he will be martyred and raised, his invitation is not to follow him into death, rather to follow him into the compassion and empathy that come from resisting and crossing over our darkest instincts.

The walk of love teaches us that the path through scarcity and anxiety is in trusting in the abundance we have been shown, the gifts that we have been given. We are, each of us, given gifts to grow God's Kingdom: kindness, generosity, strength, wisdom, creativity, passion, and so many more. Stewardship reminds us to harness and nurture these gifts so that we might be able to share them more extravagantly with those we meet on our journey. | tens.org

Questions for Reflection:

As you walk through Lent this year, how will you share your gifts to make the path easier for others?



J. Davey Gerhard is Canon for Stewardship and the Executive Director of TENS. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.



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View from the Pew:

Strike Three

I was always told that if I was going to drink alcohol to do it responsibly. One time when I was 16 or 17, we went “camping”, which was my and my friends cover for party. Drinking under age was the first first strike. Alcohol does not mix well with too many things unless you follow the responsibility rule. We gathered all the camping essentials together - sleeping bags, a change of underwear, some snacks, and of course a case of cheap beer - and drove up to this pasture. Within it contained a very large dead elm tree which we called the Lone Tree, the perfect spot to make camp. You could see it in the middle of this field for quite some distance. We built a very respectable camp fire (not quite bon fire style as we didn't want to bring notice to our-selves. Fire and alcohol - strike two. These two can spell disaster together if not following rule one, which we definitely were not. The festivities slowed down after midnight at some point. I placed my sleeping bag nice and cozy near the camp fire and fell right to sleep. I woke up just as the sky was lighting up in the east. It was a bit foggy out and I couldn't quite see clearly (I'm pretty sure that really was fog and not some hungover state of mind). I then became aware of this distinct burning hair smell. My senses began to sharpen and I quickly did a self inventory to see if all my hair was still in place and not all curlicued from the campfire. I seemed to be all ok but then I looked down at my sleeping bag and it had these burnt pock marks all over it. This was almost three strikes your out for me. I found out that I had fallen asleep about two feet from the campfire, and when the wind picked up overnight, sparks and embers showered all over me. When getting everything cleaned up that morning, I made sure that I rolled the sleeping bag, burnt side in and when I got home, quietly put it back in the attic. Fortunately, I think my mom's camping days were long in the past, and to my knowledge, no-one ever used that bag since. I sure know that I didn't.

- 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

March
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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: The Passion of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to Mark

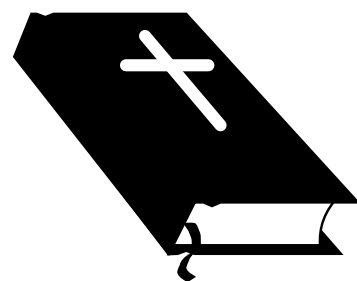
This week's Hymns:

All glory, laud, and honor

O sacred head, sore wounded

At the Name of Jesus

When I survey the wondrous cross



This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Nancy D. & Barb U.

Announcements: John Warriner

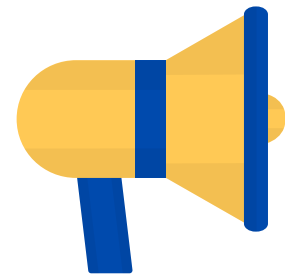
Lector: Vickie Calby

Hospitality: Teddy Cameron

This week's Gospel according to: Mark

The Reading of The Passion is done in Church with many readers and is too lengthy to place here. To listen, please go to our YouTube page by the link on the first page.

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.



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.

Susquehanna Symphony Society

Presents

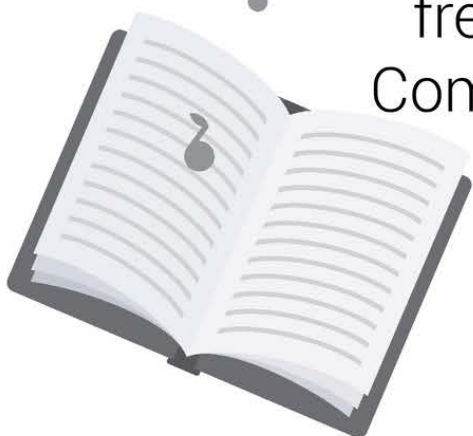
Wyoming Seminary Madrigal Singers

Sunday, April 14, 2014, at 3:00pm

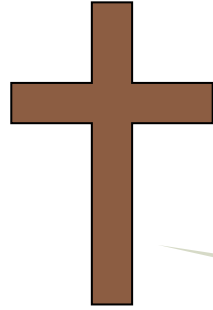
Tickets are \$15 for the concert,
Pay at the door. For advance
tickets, and for more information,
please call

(570) 396-5813.

Children and students
17 and under are
free, courtesy of The
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HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MARCH 24: PALM SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM

MARCH 28: MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 5PM

MARCH 29: CROSSWALK 12PM @HOLY NAME OF MARY CHURCH

MARCH 29: GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE 5PM

MARCH 30: EASTER VIGIL 7:30PM

MARCH 31: EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE 10AM

Last Week's Service and Events

LAST SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024



**Hail, Thou once despised Jesus!
Hail, Thou Galilean king!
Thou didst suffer to release us;
Thou didst free salvation bring.
Hail, Thou universal Savior,
bearer of our sin and shame!
By Thy merit we find favor;
Life is given through Thy name.**



The March 17, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was officiated by Mother Liz. John Warriner made the announcements and served as chaliceist. Nancy Dooling served as lector. Penny Jaggars played a prelude, 4 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.



Easter Flowers

Don't forget to order Easter Flowers for the altar to be given in memory of or in honor of someone. Flowers are \$20 each. Envelopes are in the back of the church. Please note "Easter flowers" in the memo line of any checks.



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. Hard boil the eggs at home then come and help us dye the eggs and fill the bags. It's a lot of fun. Here's a photo from April 3, 2022. What a crew we had then.



Book Study

Our Lenten book study has been discussing *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. Each chapter is independent, so please consider joining our conversation after church on Sunday. You did not have to be at previous sessions to join. Next week is our last discussion. Here's one of Liz answering one of our many questions.

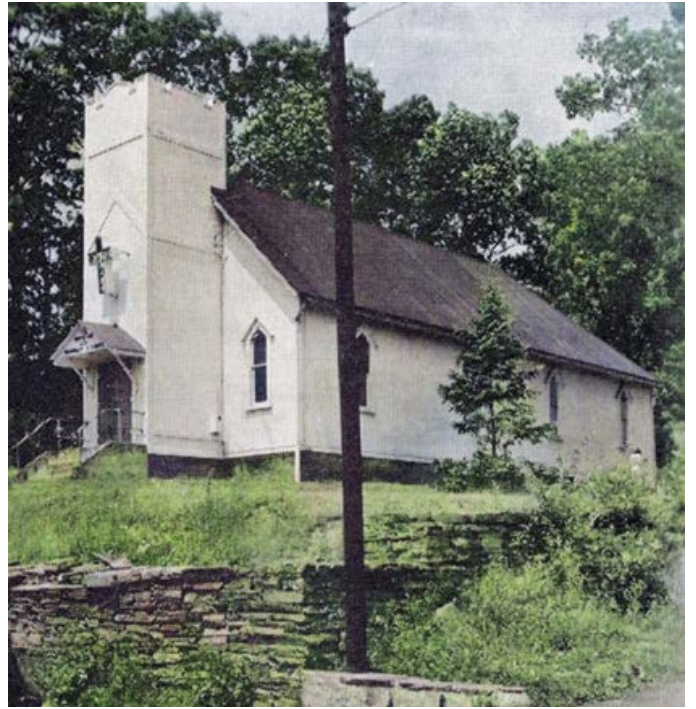
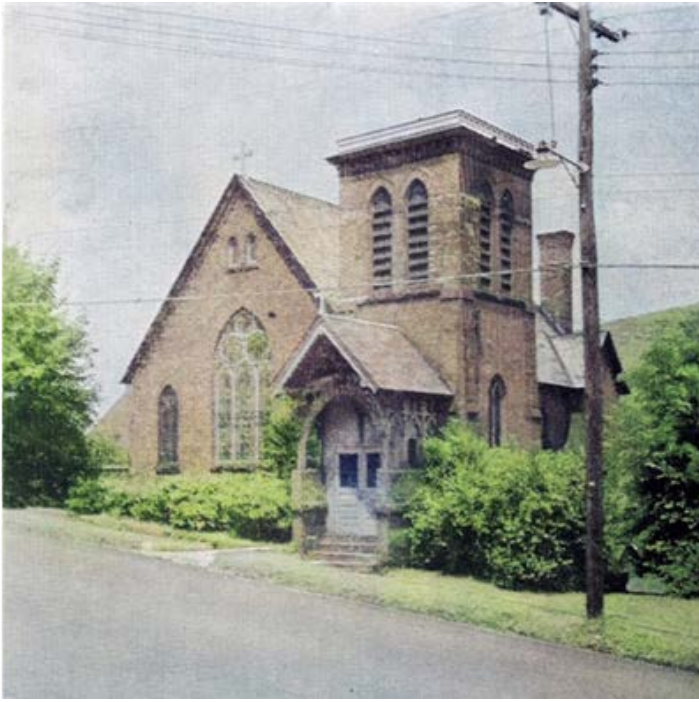
Easter Flowers 2

Check these out. They're blooming. They grew from the Easter flowers that were on the altar and are distributed after Easter. They are from the last two Easters.



Christ Church, Susquehanna

Two old photos appeared on Facebook of Christ Church in Susquehanna. The original church (on the right), called Grace Chapel, was built across the Susquehanna River from the town in Oakland in 1873. By 1893, more parishioners lived on the Susquehanna side so the current church (on the left) was built in 1891-1893. It is 130 years old.



Crocus Blooming

By looking at old photos, our crocus are blooming about two plus weeks early. But along with the daffodils they sure are a welcome site.



Eagles on Chenango Street

A couple of eagles have been seen hanging around Chenango Street. Maybe they will stay around and nest. That's a good looking bird.

MID-MARCH IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Springtime comes rolling round slowly, grey skies are bringing me down.” Everything is brown. We had a couple surprise snows this week. But things are thinking about budding. The spring peepers started peeping at the ponds, a true spring sound. Salt Springs park is waiting for visitors. March in Susquehanna County.

