

**ST. PAUL'S**  
**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

# Weekly Update

April 14- April 20



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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: Mo. Liz

As we enter the third week of Eastertide, we continue to encounter the risen Christ with the disciples. And as we enter the second half of April, we look forward to welcoming our snowbird migration back to the north. Along with the disciples, we are offered the opportunity to greet one another anew in ministry saying, "Peace be with you" to everyone we interact with. We are also given the opportunity to approach our ministries refreshed and renewed by our encounter with the risen Christ.

Yesterday I attended the Convocation I meeting with Bishop Kevin at Christ Church in Towanda along with some of our parishioners. The focus of the meeting was to hear about the ongoing process towards possible reunification with the Diocese of Central PA. Below is a simple breakdown of the process.

DISCOVER, LISTEN, INFORM, DISCERN

Phase I. Exploration (Gather Data & Input)

Phase II: Collate and Analyze Data/ /Listening Sessions

Phase III: Consider Models for Reunification

Phase IV: Propose a Reunification Model & Timeline

Phase V: Prepare Resolutions for a Joint Convention in 2024

Currently the committee is in phase three, having gathered data and input; analyzed it and shared their findings at last year's conventions. The committee is leaning towards one model however they are still considering several. There are also at least three options being considered by the bishops as to how they will handle the process if indeed we vote to reunify. Also, Bishop Audrey has developed three models for visitation scheduling for the bishop of the new diocese.

In addition, the committee will be reaching out to members of both dioceses to get their input regarding materials requiring more information regarding various areas being considered such as design of the proposed diocese, finances, property, canons and constitutions, ministries, and staffing.

All in all it was a very informative meeting and we left feeling assured that the possible reunification is being considered from a position of the strength of the two dioceses as well as the strengths of each of them. Additionally, the committee is being very diligent and thorough in their processes and are to be acknowledged for all of their hard work.

There is a website dedicated to the reunification process. It is [reunificationdiobethdiocpa.org](http://reunificationdiobethdiocpa.org). If you have any questions, please let me know, I'll answer what I can and try to find out the answer if I do not know it.

# View from the Pew:

## The First Step is Showing Up

Did you ever stop to consider what a blessing it is that we can go to almost any city in this country, find an Episcopal church, walk in, and feel comfortable with the liturgy? This access to a home away from home begins with belonging to a parish that is part of a Diocese which is part of the Episcopal Church (nationwide and in other countries) which is part of the Anglican Communion. Like nesting eggs, each part belongs inside a larger entity, and all are supportive of one another from the bottom up and the top down.

No parish can exist by itself. As our denominational population decreases and our number of parishes shrinks, we will need to be more fully present with those parishes that nestle with us in the larger “egg.” We need to make connections with one another, learn from each other, and become the body of Christ together.

And, just in case you were worried about how one might do that, here is an excellent opportunity. For the modest cost of \$25 (scholarships available), you may participate in a planned day of fellowship, formation, and food at Gather 24 on May 4 at PNC Field near Scranton. The day includes an address from our Bishop, diocesan worship, free lunch, and 21 sessions to choose from to fill your day. There is also a panel discussion with Bishop Kevin and Bishop Audrey Scanlan (Diocese of Central PA) about Reunification Discernment. Please go to the diocesan website to learn more and register ([diobeth.org](http://diobeth.org)).

Please consider registering for this day of development. Come meet your geographical fellow parishioners from the Diocese of Bethlehem. John, Gaby, Dan, Lynne and Ellen will be there and we can carpool to the site. You can sit home or you can come nestle with your neighbors!! Hope you'll join us.

- Lynne Graham

# Sundays Service

April  
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## Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 3:12-19

Psalm: 4

The Epistle: 1 John 3:1-7

Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

## This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Gaby Warriner

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Richard Marker

Hospitality: Harry & Wanda Peirce

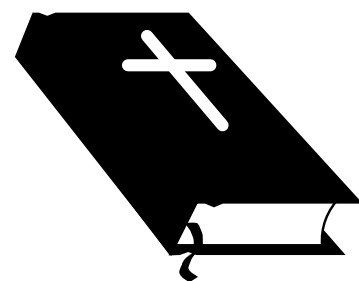
## This week's Hymns:

Christ is alive!

That Easter Day with joy was bright

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

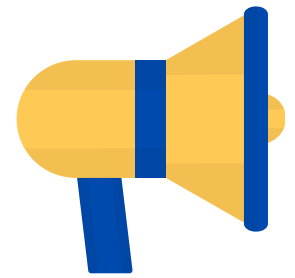


## This week's Gospel according to: Luke

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

# Happenings and Announcements



## Urgent Request from the Sleeping Bag Crew

Men's ties needed ASAP. You can drop them off here at the church or give them to a friend to bring in but any donations are appreciated.

### 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](mailto:stpaulsmontrose@epix.net) or John Warriner at [jdwarri@me.com](mailto: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.



### 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:

Evelyn Constantine 4/11, Martha Cobb 4/16,  
Naomi Bennett 4/27



### 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.

# gather 24

May 4, 2024 – [PNC Field \(Moosic, PA\)](#)  
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Panel discussion with  
Bishop Kevin and Bishop Audrey  
(Diocese of Central PA)

Choose from 21  
different sessions  
Worship and  
fellowship

Lunch and raffle  
drawings included in  
registration

Learn more and register online: [diobeth.org/gather24](https://diobeth.org/gather24)



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# Last Week's Service and Events

**Second Sunday After Easter, April 7, 2024**



I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.  
In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.



The April 7th, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Easter Sunday Service was officiated by Mother Liz. John Warriner gave announcements and served as chaliceist. Ellen Ely 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.

## Meeting of Convocation 1

Convocation 1 is made up of 3 parishes in Susquehanna Co. and 4 in Bradford Co. We met at Christ Church, Towanda on Tuesday the 9th to hear members of the Reunification Discernment Committee update us on their work. The Diocese of Bethlehem and the Diocese of Central PA will vote at our next convention on whether to unite as one diocese. Bishop Kevin attended the meeting and answered questions.



## Eclipse watching in Montrose

We put our chairs out in the driveway. Had a table and a large bowl of popcorn, some cookies and some ice tea. We got there early so we wouldn't miss it. We sat and watched a very cloudy sky and couldn't see anything except clouds. Was it getting darker? We couldn't tell. We finally gave up admitting that NEPA isn't the best place to eclipse watch. But then, for a very brief moment, you could see it. There it was, the partial eclipse of the sun, and then it was gone! Did you see it?



## Public Ave in the 1920s

Here's an old photograph of July 4th on Public Ave. in the 1920s. It was tree-lined then and there were some serious telephone poles if you look up to the right. We think that may be Vickie Calby crossing the street.







## St. Paul's Food Pantry

What do old senior wardens do with their newfound free time? They put the second coat of paint on the roof of St. Paul's upcoming food pantry. The main cabinet gets painted next and it should be ready for installation in a couple of weeks.

## A 2nd Round of Diaper Delivery

We received a fairly large number of diapers after our distribution in January. So we loaded them up and had a second round of diaper deliveries. They were taken to the Women's Resource Center and CareNet. Needless to say, that was a very successful ministry and would be worth doing next year.



## New Door

We just had the door on Chestnut Street replaced with a new metal door. It matches the ramp door on the front that we had installed a few years ago and has a similar lock and entry code system. Now, the boss says, we are going to have to keep that area inside the door tidy!





## EARLY APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it.” The browns of winter are still with us. We had three days of rain and then some snow no less two mornings in a row. The creeks are as full as they could be and there was standing water in the fields. Opening day of trout season was last Saturday and these two anglers were at Salt Spring. Montrose has a fair sized deer herd and this doe and three of her buddies were at the yard waste dump. Flowers are starting to appear in the beds. Springtime in Susquehanna County is here.

