

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update March 31 - April 6



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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:

If you have ever wondered how and why Easter falls at different times each year, Brother Robert explains it for us. No matter when it falls on the calendar, it never ceases to amaze me how breathtaking a sacrifice God made in love for us, his beloved children. Please join us as we witness and experience the Triduum (One service split across three days - Maundy Thursday, 5pm, Good Friday, 12pm and 5pm, and Easter Vigil, 7:30pm).

And of course, Sunday's Easter Eucharist is at 10am. - Mother Liz

About 1700 years ago, in attempt to get all Christians to celebrate the feast of the Resurrection of Christ, that is Pascha or Easter, on the same day, church councils decreed that Easter would be the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring (which for church purposes is always March 21). Tonight's moon, at least for us Western Christians, is that full moon.

So Sunday must be Easter! A****uia! She's so beautiful!

- Brother Robert Sevensky
Holy Cross Monastery



Sundays Service

March
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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms: 118:1-2, 14-24

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15:1-

11 Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Nancy D. & Barb U.

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Hospitality:

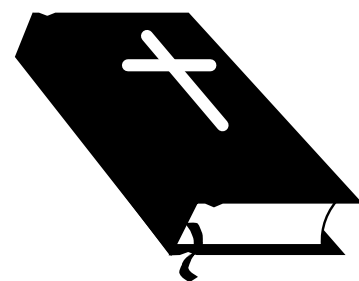
This week's Hymns:

Jesus Christ has risen today

The Strife is o'er, the battle won

Now the green blade riseth

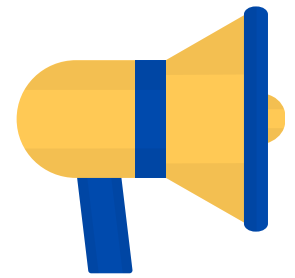
He is risen, he is risen!



This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

TAfter the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Happenings and Announcements



Again Soup Night is upon us! Just one week away and its already April! We always need extra hands to help out in the kitchen so if you're free, come hang out with us!

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.



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.



Diocese of Bethlehem

**Convocation 1: Episcopal Churches of Bradford and
Susquehanna Counties**

**Christ Church Susquehanna, St. Mark's New Milford,
St. Paul's Montrose, St. Paul's Troy, Trinity Athens,
Christ Church Towanda and Church of the Redeemer
Sayre.**

All parishioners in Convocation 1 are invited to a meet and greet with Bishop Kevin Nichols on TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 2024 @ 3:00 P.M. Christ Church Towanda. The agenda is a presentation from a member of the Reunification Discernment Committee, providing an update on the work of the Committee with regard to a potential reunification with the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania. Your questions and concerns are invited. Refreshments will be served.

Safe Church classes are hitting the road and coming to YOU! After hearing your feedback, we're thrilled to announce that in-person classes are back, alongside our trusted online option. Now you can choose what works best for you! Join us at Prince of Peace in Dallas, PA (420 Main St, Dallas PA 18612) for two special sessions:

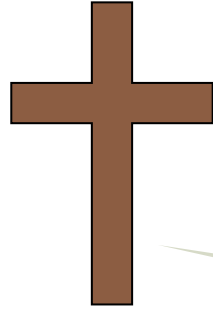
Friday, May 10th, 1:00pm - 5:00pm

Saturday, May 11th, 9:00am - 1:00pm

Registration is open! Secure your spot at the link below for the session that fits your schedule. Remember, you only need to attend one of the days.

<https://forms.gle/kPStULto3io3fQkx9>

[More than one person can register at a time at this link.]



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

All glory, laud, and honor To You, Redeemer, King,
To Whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel and David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, The King and Blessed One.

The March 24, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Palm Sunday Service was officiated by Mother Liz. John Warriner made the announcements and Lynne Graham served as chaliceist. Vickie Calby served as lector. Penny Jaggars played a prelude, 4 hymns and a postlude on the piano. Rich Marker, Liz and Lynne read the Passion. 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.



Altar Guild

We don't recognize most of the work the Altar Guild does because we just assume that it gets done magically. Here's Barb, Carol, Sandy, Gaby and Teddy getting the palms ready for Palm Sunday. What a team.

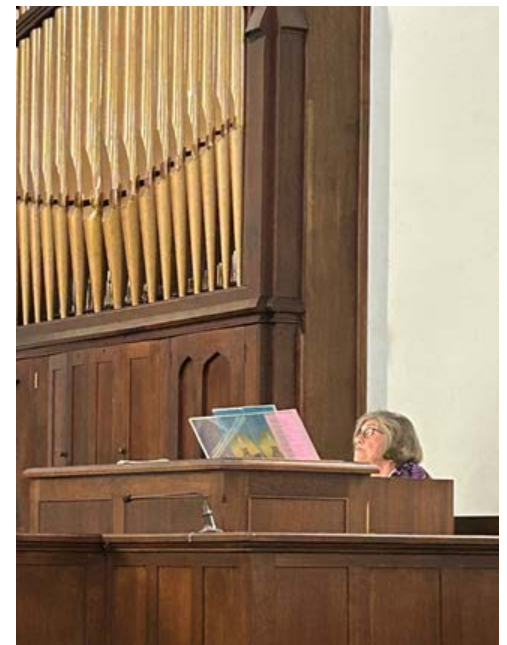


Book Study

Our last Lenten book study was this week. We discussed *Witness at the Cross* by Amy-Jill Levine. This week we focused on Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea who boldly asked Pilate for Jesus' body so he could place it in his burial tomb.

Lenten Meditation

On Wednesday, March 20th, the Presbyterian Church had a Lenten Meditation. Martha H. Denkenberger was the organist and Jim Considine was the soloist. Soup and bread were served after the service. There were a bunch of St. Paul's parishioners there and the soups were delicious.



Dying Eggs

We put together Easter treat bags again this year for the Meals on Wheels folks on Saturday, March 23rd at 1:00 in the Guild Room. This was our 4th year. Hard-boiled eggs were donated and our crack crew of egg dyers and bag fillers showed up to “geter done”. It’s always a lot of fun. Thanks to Lynne, Gaby, Sandy, Mary Jane, Jack, Carol L., John W., Teddy, Ellen, John F., Anne, Barb, Todd, and his brother Ty.



Meadow View

We had quite a crew at Meadow View for our monthly visit this week; Nancy, Tom, Lynne, John, Teddy, Mary, Liz, and Penny. Come and join us, it’s once a month and a lot of fun.



LATE-MARCH IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“March comes in like a lion, and goes out like a lamb.” It seems we have had all the seasons this week. We started with snow and went to sleet and ice and rain. If we could name this week I think that it would be called “Waiting.” It looks like those early daffodils may make it in spite of the cold weather. It should warm up this week. Happy Easter.

