

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

July 28 - August 3



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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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: Father Bill

“The Feud.”

There is an old Celtic saying ‘that you can choose your friends, but family, you are stuck with!’ It comes out time and again, in Shakespeare’s Plays. King Lear has three daughters, loves the youngest more than the rest, and the other two resent her for it. Othello is deeply in love with his wife, but he is hated as a Moor, married to a white Princess. His jealousy gets the better of him and he ends up straggling the woman he loves. Why is it so hard to find reconciliation and forgiveness within the confines of family?

We are used to feuds in historic settings. The Scottish Clan MacDonald will forever feud and hate Clan Campbell, who massacred their kin in the dead of night, while they themselves were guests at Glencoe. After the American Civil War, the Hatfields and the McCoys feuded for decades across the borders of Kentucky and West Virginia with many ensuing deaths.

Yet the feud should never come to pass, or even exist in the context of a Christian family. Everything we know and learn about Jesus and his Gospel teaching, militates against it. “If you have something against your brother and come to offer a gift at the altar, first lay aside your gift and go be reconciled first with your brother, then come offer your gift.” ---How many times has that sentence fallen on deaf ears?

“Teach us to pray,” the disciples say to Jesus in the Gospel. And he does teach them:

“Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” How many times have we said that prayer? --Forgiveness is hard, because so many factors come into play, most of all ‘pride’. Our pride has been hurt. Our feelings have been hurt. “Why should I be the first one to say ‘sorry’?”

And then of course there is the great fear that our reconciliation will be rejected. We cannot risk having our words thrown back in our face. Who will be the first to ‘make-up’? “Not me! She started it, and then made it worse by dragging everyone else into it! It will be a cold day in hell before I say sorry to that witch!”

Reconciliation is hard and our parents and grandparents knew it. “Least said, soonest mended!” Did you or did you not hear your Father use those words? “Shake hands and make up!” he said, when we were kids, “Or I will knock both of your heads together!”

Forgiveness is hard. Maybe it is best to remember: ‘we are all dead for a long time’. Amen.

View from the Pew:

Parting is Such Sweet Sorrow

“Parting is such sweet sorrow” is a quote from William Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Now, in this 430 year old love story, the saying is of a more romantic sentiment, but taken differently, I think it is appropriate to Mother Liz's departure from Saint Paul's Episcopal Church.

Sweet, in that Liz is moving on to a new and exciting adventure. Sorrow, in that she will be missed in her quiet empathy to her parishioners. Empathy in that she adroitly picks up on other people's feelings, both good and not so good. This could be viewed both as a curse (more to herself than anything else) as well as a blessing. But, as a priest or spiritual guide, this very well makes her sensitive to other's feelings and weighs much more heavily on the blessing side. In her aspirations to work in hospice care, this ability will make her most effective.

We sincerely wish her the best as she moves on to a new chapter in her life. Those lives that she will hopefully touch near the ending, will be most assuredly blessed.

- 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

July
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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: Mother Liz Last Service

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44

Psalm: 145:10-19

The Epistle: Ephesians 3:14-21

Gospel: John 6:1-21

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

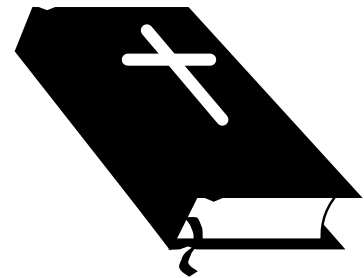
Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: John Warriner

Hospitality: Dave Robbins

This week's Hymns:

I come with joy to meet my Lord
O love, how deep, how broad, how high
My God, thy table now is spread
Blessed assurance



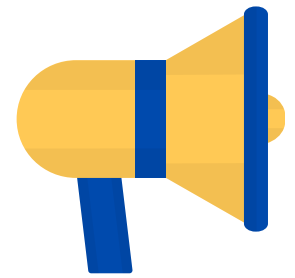
This week's Gospel according to: Mark

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

Happenings and Announcements



Game Night

On July 26th at 6pm in the Parish Hall. Come have fun, learn a new game or play an old one. Light supper provided. Bring your favorite snack to share! All are welcome.

-Barb & Vera

Office Closed

The church office will be closed July 29-August 1. You can leave messages or emails. If there is an emergency, please contact John Warriner

Social Night

There will be a Social Night held at Cathy Hammons, 1 mile North of Lake Montrose on Rt 29 on August 2nd. Cathy will provide the pizza so please bring your favorite side dish/dessert to pass and drink.

All are welcome!



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker,

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:

James Bailey 8/2, Scott Price 8/13, Barb Undercoffler 8/19, Bob Aiken 8/23, Margaret Burgh 8/28, Patty Aiken 8/30



This Months Anniversaries:

Jack & Carol Lasher: 8/6/1960
Cole & Kate Aukema: 8/6/2022

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, July 21, 2024

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.

The July 21st, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist service was officiated by Mother Liz. Vickie Calby gave announcements and Nancy Dooling was lector and served as chaliceist. Penny Jaggars played a prelude, 4 hymns and a postlude. 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.



St. Paul's Food Pantry Blessed

St. Paul's Little Free Food Pantry. Our Little Free Pantry is stocked and ready for use. Due to the excessive heat, we were unable to offer some canned items that will be available in the future. Please note the foodstuffs and paper products that will be most needed. The list is in the pantry in a folder. Mother Liz blessed the Pantry on Sunday.



Mother Liz's Last Week

The farewell party for Mother Liz will be Thursday, July 25th at 5 pm at the Montrose Inn. In order to have an approximate head count for the Inn, please call the parish office at 570-278-2954 and let Kate know if you will be attending. Mother Liz's last Sunday will be July 28th.



1930s Photograph of Public Ave.

Here is a 1930 photograph of a familiar street scene, Montrose's most photographed spot – Public Ave. looking up to the court house. This one is from the late 1930s when we were still parking in the middle of the street. Those were the days!



LATE JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"Everything good, everything magical happens between the months of June and August." High clouds and nice days, the heat family broke. The epitome of summer, two kids fishing in a pond. Non-native day lilies are blooming right now. A butterfly enjoys the flowers and coneflowers, Shasta daisies and black-eyed Susan's are blooming. It's summer here in Susquehanna County.

