

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

# Weekly Update

June 16 - June 22



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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

Have you ever? Have you ever wondered where your Faith came from? It is all too easy to say: 'that we inherited it from our parents'. Not in my case. I had no faith before the age of six or seven. Then I remember sitting in church and becoming aware. I became aware of the fact that there were sacred and holy places. But my most conscious religious thought came on walks, alone, down country lanes, heather covered hills, and rocky and pebbled stretches of shoreline.

O I had Catechism classes, and religious education, just like other children, but I was drawn to church as a purely individual and singular activity. Going to church of an early winter morning always had three aspects. The day-dreaming as I walked there over Blackhorse Hill, the service/prayer itself, and the heading out by bus to school and the start of the rest of my day.

There was a Booklet Rack at the back of our church. It held pamphlets, and what was referred to as 'pious literature.' One day I bought a booklet entitled "John Mary Vianney, The Cure of Ards." It was something to read on the five-mile bus trip, to school. It had a strange common denominator with several other stories I had read, such as Ignatius Loyola. It was an awareness that God, Christ, the Spirit, or whatever was speaking to them. Not in an audible way, but through their own thought and prayer.

We read of the same consciousness in the Old Testament. Joseph has dreams, and later can interpret dreams. Moses becomes aware of God speaking to him on a mountain. The young Samuel hears God's call to him and his service.--Again we see this in the life of the boy, John Bosco. Like Vianney, he is born into poverty with little hope of an education or to progress to anything other than a 'field-hand'. Yet, something drives him on to a calling, beyond even his own dreams.

Do we today dwarf and stemmy religious consciousness by creating a world of prefabricated 'noise'? Television, Computers, I-phones can all too easily do our thinking for us, such that the voice of the spirit is lost. Is the tiny voice inside our head an authentic voice of the divine speaking to us? Do we need those holy and often silent places, just to become 'aware'. And when we do not have them, is it possible that we are now no longer hearing the God-talk, that was once so important to us.

There is a fisherman sitting by the lake on a warm barmy afternoon. The sun has sparkled, diamond twinkling lights, across the rippling waters. Giant green/blue dragons flies have hummed at the end of his fishing pole. He has caught nothing, not even a bite. Many would conclude it was a 'failed day.' But for the fisherman it was a 'great' day. Alone, with his thoughts, memories, nature, sounds and the light, his day has brought him peace, harmony, understanding, patience and insight.

Ask him! Go on, ask him to explain his day. He will tell you that there was nothing like it. It is unique, special, poetic, priceless, a psalm, and maybe even a prayer. Whatever it was, it was food for his soul.

Maybe that is where we find our God. Somewhere in the silence. Amen.

# Sundays Service

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## Fourth Sunday after Pentecost: Fathers Day

### Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24  
Psalm: 92:1-4,11-14  
The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10,  
[11-13],14-17  
Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

### This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski  
Altar Guild: Carol Lasher  
Announcements: John Warriner  
Lector: Lynne Graham  
Hospitality:

### This week's Hymns:

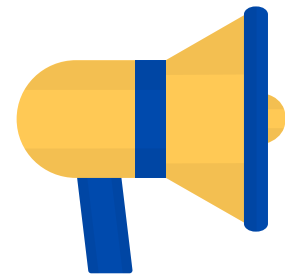
The Church's one foundation  
Father, we thank thee who has planted  
"Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee  
God of grace and God of mercy



### This week's Gospel according to: Mark

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come." He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

# Happenings and Announcements



## Social Night @ Dan and Lynne's

There will be a Social Night at Dan and Lynne's house on June 21 starting at 5pm. Weather permitting we can hang out outside so you can bring your lawn chairs along with your favorite side dish to share and your beverage of choice.

See you there!

## St Matthews Service

Next weeks Church Service will be at St Matthews in Stevensville at 10 am, followed by the annual fan favorite ice cream social. We hope to see you there!



### 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:

Rita Leigh 6/10, Cathy Hammons 6/10, Ben Zalewski 6/17, Lynne Graham 6/18, Jack Lasher 6/20, Mary Zalewski 6/21



### 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

Third Sunday After Pentecost, June 9, 2024

Jerusalem, my happy home, name ever dear to me,  
when shall my labours have an end, thy joys when shall I see?  
O Christ, do thou my soul prepare, for that bright home of love;  
that I may see thee and adore, with all thy saints above.

The June 9th, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist was officiated by Mother Liz. John Warriner gave announcements and Lynne Graham 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.





## July 4th is Coming

It's a sure sign that July 4th is coming when St. Paul's hedges are cut for the parade. The church is looking pretty sharp. Take a look!



## July 4th Breakfast

Get ready – the July 4th breakfast is right around the corner. We need cooks and other helpers to make it a success. Let Lynne know if you can help. Here's some pictures from a couple years ago.



## Joe Weldon's Paintings

Esther Welden's daughter, Janet Fish, found a couple of Joe's early paintings at the house and put them up on Montrose Then and Now.





## St. Paul's Little Food Pantry

If you come out the side door on Chestnut Street across from the HOMart, and look to your left, you will notice St. Paul's future Free Little Food Pantry. Pat is putting the roof on and had his mouth full of white screws. Thanks to Victor, Martha, Pat, Mike, and Lynne for helping make it a reality. OK Wanda, it's all yours and Harrys.



## Movie Night

On Saturday, the 8th, St. Paul's had their first movie night. Popcorn, Hersey kisses, boiled peanuts, and pretzels were the food du jour and the movie was The Prince of Egypt. A fun time was had by all.





## MID-JUNE IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“Summertime and the liv’n is easy. Catfish are jumping, and the cotton is high.” Summer officially begins next Thursday, June 20, 2024 at 4:50 pm EDT. Full summer moons have been shining on that barn for 125 years – unchanged. John Warriner’s wisteria looks good and smells great and native daisies are appearing on the sides of the roads. Tree swallow’s babies are hatching in the bird boxes. They will grow fast. How many were in this box. How many can you count? A female turkey was checking out LaRue’s hay. It’s summer in Susquehanna County and it’s glorious.

