

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

July 7 - July 13



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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

“Talitha Cum.”

The readings for the 6th Sunday continue with 2 Samuel, and the rise of David. King Saul has died, with Jonathan by his side, in that last ill-fated battle. The spirit of Yahweh had long left Saul, leaving him defenseless and bereft of wisdom.

David plays a lament over the remains of Saul and Jonathan: “The Song of the Bow.” It is a time of sadness for David, and he invites all of Israel to mourn the passing of their king.

Paul writing again to the Christians and his disciples in Corinth, challenges them to demonstrate their love by their giving. His effort is an attempt to break a long held Jewish and Greek belief, that abundance is a blessing from God, and poverty God’s wrath. This is not far removed from some Christian denominations today, who like that cooking mix of Right Wing Religion and Right Wing Politics.

Let me say it. Let me say it clear: “You cannot be a Christian and hate the poor!”--Nor can you “Be a Christian and hate the immigrant.”-- And my friend, you are never a Christian if you proclaim that you hate Gays, or anyone who loves different from you.--Jesus Christ, the Son of God is clear: “I have one command for you, that you love one another.”

I love this Gospel in Mark 5:21 it is simply called ‘Jairus’ Daughter.’ Mark slips a secondary story into the telling. The woman with the hemorrhage of blood reaches out to touch the hem of his garment. Immediately she is cured. -- “Who touched my clothes?” asks Jesus.

I love this interlude between Jesus, the disciples, and the woman. “Daughter, your faith has made you well. Go in peace and be healed of your disease.” --It is such a contrast to what comes next, where Jesus cures the little girl: “Talitha cum,” -- “Little girl, get up.”

Wow, if only we had the faith of the sick woman or indeed the faith of Jairus. Even after they told him: “Your daughter is dead!” And we, you and I, with the benefit of 2000 years of scholarship, liturgy, theology, surely our faith by now must be greater than that of the mourners. --Ah, if only, if only, our churches would be packed. Not just because of belief, but with the expectation that he can touch our lives also.

“Little girl, get up!” is an invitation to all of us to throw off the mantle of doubt and truly believe. Our God is the creator of all. Him only do we serve. Amen.

View from the Pew:

Strike Three

From: Forward Day by Day, SATURDAY, June 29 2024
Saint Peter and Saint Paul

Ezekiel 34:12a. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep.

Ps 87 Ezekiel 34:11-16 | 2 Timothy 4:1-8 | John 21:15-19

Our mission team was building a church in Haiti but ran out of materials. Père Cole, the lo-cal priest, and I walked the mud streets of Torbeck in search of materials. As we walked, Père Cole greeted one person after another with a smile, a pat on the shoulder, and often a hug. This went on for hours. I groused inside, "This is getting us nowhere, and we haven't even found a single piece of lumber." As darkness approached and we were empty-handed, I let slip, "How are we going to build the church?" Père Cole smiled, "Philip, we have been building the church, one person at a time."

On Sunday, villagers came to the unfinished church for worship, bearing gifts: a cinder block for the front step, a rusted tin sheet for roofing, and a tattered shawl for an altar cloth. Most faces I recognized from the streets days before.

I erroneously thought two-by-fours built churches; Père Cole rightly knew that churches are built by walking among people, seeking them out, nurturing them. All around us are scattered, lost people to seek out.

PRAY for the Diocese of Gloucester (England)

MOVING FORWARD: Who are the lost sheep amongst you?

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

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: Outside Service

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Song of Solomon 2:8-13

Psalm: 45:1-2, 7-10

The Epistle: James 1:17-27

Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

This Week's Ministers:

Celebrant: The Rev. Elizabeth Grohowski

Altar Guild: Vera Dunn

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Tom Undercoffler

Hospitality:

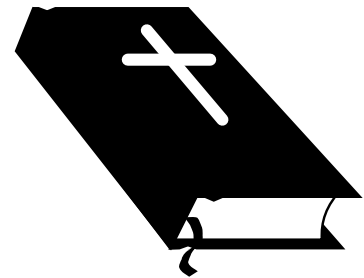
This week's Hymns:

Love divine, all loves excelling

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

Lord you give the great commission



This week's Gospel according to: Mark

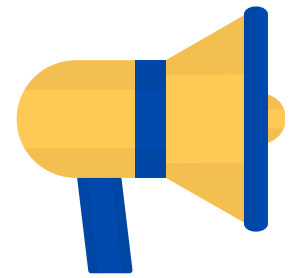
Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Happenings and Announcements



Soup Night

Because the 4th of July Breakfast would have been so close to the first Wednesday of the month, we moved soup night to the second Wednesday, July 10th, instead so don't forget to sign up for Soup Night on the fridge!



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:

Janet Kuhn 7/9, Maggie Sock 7/15, Stephanie Calby 7/25



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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost, June 30, 2024

Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

*Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.

The June 30th, 2024, 10:00 Holy Eucharist service was officiated by Mother Liz. John Warriner gave announcements and served as chaliceist. Vickie Calby was 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.



Matthew's Tree Blessed

Last fall, a flowering crabapple tree was planted in memory of Martha's grandson, Matthew Kinney. It blossomed in the spring and on Sunday, before the service, Mother Liz blessed it.



New Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church Elected

The Rt. Rev. Sean Rowe, bishop of the Episcopal Dioceses of Northwestern Pennsylvania and Western New York, was elected and confirmed the 28th presiding bishop and primate of The Episcopal Church on June 26 for a nine-year term beginning Nov. 1. Bishop Rowe was Bethlehem's Provisional Bishop from March 2014 to September 2018. Also included in the photo is the Rev. Anne Kitch.



Rt. Rev. Michael Curry

Bishop Rowe will succeed the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry. Here is a photo of him and Lynne at Bishop Rowe's farewell dinner.



Social Night

Friday night was social night at the Graham's. The weather, though a little cool, was perfect and a good time was had by all.



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 a picture of last year's kitchen crew. Will you be in this year's?



Summer Painting Class

Maggie Miller's adult school painting classes are so popular they decided to have a summer one. They meet twice a week in the Celtic Room and the light is perfect.



Old Picture of Montrose Fire

Montrose has had its share of fires but this was one of the bigger ones. It destroyed the buildings on the upper west side of Public Ave. and if you look at the existing ones today, you realize that they are not as old as the ones farther down the hill.



EARLY JULY IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“WHEN in the Course of human Events, it becomes necessary for one People to dissolve the Political Bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the Powers of the Earth, the separate and equal Station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature’s God entitle them...” Declaration of Independence, 1776

Sun and hard rain showers. July is daylily month and the native ones are blooming along our roads. Shasta daisies have started appearing in flower gardens. A young porcupine had his quills up for the dogs to stay away. Milkweed is beginning to flower and hoping some butterflies find it to their liking. The early blueberries are ripe and ready for picking. It’s July in Susquehanna County.

