

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

April 13- April 19



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To proclaim God's love by word and example and to seek Christ in one another.

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Our Vestry Members

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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

“Seeking the Transcendental.”

Lent 5.-----When we look at Jewish history, we are encountering a long saga of stories, that in one way or another, reveal their God and his relationship to them. From Abraham to Maccabees, there is an unrelenting struggle to keep faithful to the God, Yahweh, who has chosen them, as his people.

In today's first Reading from the greatest of their prophets, Isaiah, they are again reminded of the one event that defined their destiny—‘the Exodus’ from Egypt. It was, and is, the greatest event in Jewish history, but it is not an isolated event for them, nor is it a past event. For Israel, ‘Exodus’ is now. It is a ‘now’ event, because it is ever tied to Sinai and the Covenant with Moses. When God says “I AM”, it is more than revealing his name. It is a proclamation that he is present, now, tomorrow, and always, in the lives of these people.

Exodus is not something that happened three thousand years ago. That was only the beginning of an ongoing saga of salvation. How are you saved? – “You are saved by writing my law upon your heart!”-- It is the ‘HESED’ of the Covenant, a love bond, that can and must never be broken. Yahweh is the ‘now’ of Jewish existence. Forget this, for one moment, and the nation will fall, as it does in the two great exiles.

Translating this concept to the Fifth Sunday of Lent is to know that God said through his prophets in the Old Testament: “I have given you my law of love and you have rejected it for the way of sin. Now I will walk among you, take your form and show you love in its human form. For love is not arrogant, love is not vain, love is not boastful, love is not filled up with pride. True love is fragile, gentle, kind, understanding and endures pain. Belong to this love, and you belong to the ‘I am’ that is Christ”.

No wonder, in the Letter to the Philippians, Paul claims that Christ is his everything and without him there is nothing, no meaning, and no existence. Paul begs his Christians to believe, and believe with joy in the Christ who has transformed them, is transforming them, and loves them with a love that is transcendental.—He says we are all called to the transcendental, but what does he mean?

He means that we must become Christ, little Christs! It is the meaning of Eucharist, that we allow ourselves to be consumed into Christ. We become one in love with God. ‘Nothing’ should ever separate us from that love’, says Paul. The only thing that can separate us from the love of God is sin! For sin is that dark shadow that would tear down that bond. It is not invisible, it is not silent, it is not untouchable, for sin is all around us. —Like Facebook, it seeks out our weaknesses and lays ‘cookies’ to entrap us with its agenda.

We need avoid sin, but more, we need avoid occasions of sin. We need to steer this ship of our lives from rocks that can destroy us. Only the grace of Christ's cross can do that for us. We pray for that grace, and it empowers us with the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit that gives us strength to choose Christ and not sin, to choose love and not wrong. Happy Lent. Amen.

Sundays Service

Palm Sunday

April 13



Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalm: 31:9-16

The Epistle: Philippians 2:5-11

Gospel: Luke

This week's Hymns:

All glory, laud, and honor

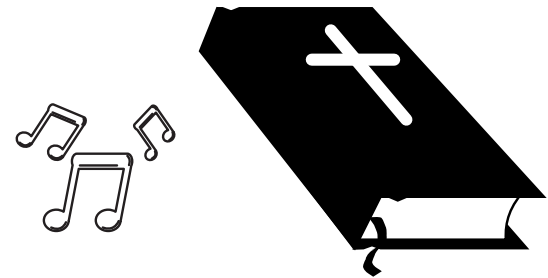
O Sacred head, sore wounded

When I survey the wondrous cross

At the name of Jesus

My Song is Love Unknown

When I survey the wondrous cross



This week's Gospel according to: Luke

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. (Booklet)

In person worship or you can watch live streamed on YouTube. Go to St. Paul's website

<http://stpaulschurchmontrose.org> and click this red button  on the front page, which takes you to our YouTube page.

Happenings and Announcements

- **Evie's birthday is on Friday. Happy Birthday!**
- **Vestry meeting on Thursday, April 10 at 5. A week early to not coincide with Holy Week.**
- **Easter flowers \$20 each. Envelopes are in the back of the church. Make sure it's a flower envelope, not a regular donation one. If it's a regular one write Easter Flowers on it.**
- **The Stevenson School for Ministry is offering various online classes such as a 14 week Biblical Hebrew for Old Testament Interpretation and a program to help become a lay minister. Classes can be taken as an audit or for credit. Auditing a course is half the price or better. If interested you can do a web search on the Stevenson School for Ministry or ask John Warriner.**
- **On May 13th at 2 PM, Convocation I will be meeting. Location to be determined.**
- **Thank you to all who have hard boiled eggs so we can help the Montrose Square residents dye them.**
- **Two collection plates: basket is for bread and plate is the regular collection.**



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Margaret Burgh, Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Harry Peirce, Linda Landis, Rich Nagy, John Pease, Rudy Mattes, Vickie Calby



This Months Birthdays:

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



This Months Anniversaries:

No Anniversaries this month!

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 in Lent, April 6, 2025

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.
Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The host of God in conquering ranks combine.

The live-streamed April 6, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Lynne Graham was lector. Penny Jagers played a prelude, 3 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.



Holy Week Schedule

As always, there is a lot happening during Holy Week. Attached is the schedule.



Penny Jagers to go on Mission Trip

Palm Sunday will be Penny's last week to play for us for a while. She and her husband will be going on a mission to Uruguay in South America. She's excited and said she will send us some pictures. Good luck Penny!



Susan's New Office

Susan's new file cabinet and desk arrived and have been assembled. Patrick has volunteered and put it together. The office, which is next to Kate's. The electrical work was finished this week and a fan added. Stop by and look in.

Kurt finishing up Office

Speaking of the office, you know it's done when Kurt Sussman shows up to hook up the computers and various screens. When he's involved, you know that it will work. Thank you, Kurt.



Easter Treats for Meals on Wheels

On Friday, the 4th, we delivered the annual Easter treats that St. Paul's put together for the Meals on Wheels folks.

66 of them altogether!

Don't forget, we are dying eggs at the Square on Tuesday, the 15th at 1:00.

Spring Babies Still Coming

Lynne Lorah sent this photo in of a proud Mama goat and her twin babies. LaRue's cows have already started having calves. It's part of spring around here.



Burn Ban in Effect

The yearly Susquehanna County burn ban remains in effect until April 13th.

EARLY APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

“April showers bring May flowers.” It’s still brown where you don’t cut grass but it is beginning to turn green. There are a lot of limbs to be picked up on the county roads. The river is high from the rain and a possum was out looking for some birdseed. It’s still cold. Would you get a hold of Spring, and let her know she's overslept and is late for work?

