

ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

April 20- April 26



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

Pastoral Emergency or Non-Emergency Contact:

You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call John Warriner at 570-278-2317.

Our Vestry Members

John Warriner, Sr. Warden	Lynne Graham, Jr. Warden
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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 Journey of the Donkey.

Palm Sunday.-----The very name 'Palm Sunday,' should fill all of us with excitement. It is the very first day of Holy Week, or Passion Week, to give it its full title. Let me tell you in one word what this week is all about: It is all about 'love'.

"God so loved the world that he sent his only beloved Son that he might die for us and win for us eternal life."

There, that is Holy Week in its entirety. How interesting that Jesus begins this week by entering Jerusalem the Holy City, riding on a donkey. For it seems to me, that once before he came to Jerusalem and was presented in the Temple, riding on a donkey. It was on a donkey that he fled into Egypt, reversing the whole saga of Hebrew Salvation, for it was Moses and the people who came up out of Egypt at the Exodus.

"Out of Egypt have I called my Son," we read in holy scripture. Another picture comes to mind, in reading today's Gospel, of Jesus the Christ entering Jerusalem. It is the image of King David entering Jerusalem have brought the Ark of the Covenant from Shechem. Then David danced before the Ark, and the people came out to cheer and wave their palms. Now they come again, to wave palms for this new king, Jesus of Nazareth.

In the very first reading from Isaiah 50, the prophet speaks in the first person. It is from the 'Suffering Servant' passage of the Book of Isaiah, in which the figure who suffers is clearly the Messiah, Jesus Christ.

This continues in the Second Reading, of Paul writing to the Philippians in Chapter 2. Here he speaks of Jesus' humility in accepting the will of his Father. In his great act of salvation and redemption he has earned our love and admiration.

There is an invitation extended on this holy day of Palm Sunday: it is to walk this Passion Week with Christ. To walk through his Last Supper, His Suffering in the Garden, His trials; Calvary itself and to stand by his Cross.

Only then can we see this Act of Love in its entirety and truly celebrate his glorious Resurrection come Easter Morning. Amen.

Sundays Service

April 20



Easter Sunday

Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Isaiah 65:17-25

Psalms: 118:1-2, 14-24

The Epistle: Acts 10:34-43

Gospel: John 20: 1-18

This week's Hymns:

Jesus Christ has risen today

The Strife is o'er, the battle won

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing

Christ the Lord is risen again!

He is risen, he is risen!

This Week's Ministers:

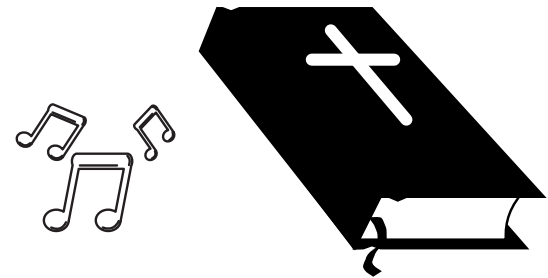
Preacher: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: TBA

Hospitality:



This week's Gospel according to: John

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

**Cant wait to see you all for the
Easter services!**



For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:

Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Harry Peirce, Rich Nagy, John Pease, Rudy Mattes, Jim McGee



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.

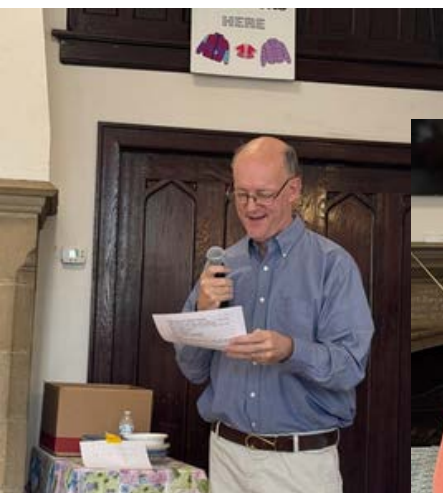
We give thanks for those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week. Grant o God, in your compassion, that those celebrating wedding anniversaries this week may live out the covenant they have made. May they grow in forgiveness, loyalty and love, and come at last to the eternal joys, which you have 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

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

On this day he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph, and was proclaimed as King of kings by those who spread their garments and branches of palm along his way.

The live-streamed April 13, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and was lector. Penny Jaggers 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. However the crosswalk will be cancelled this year!



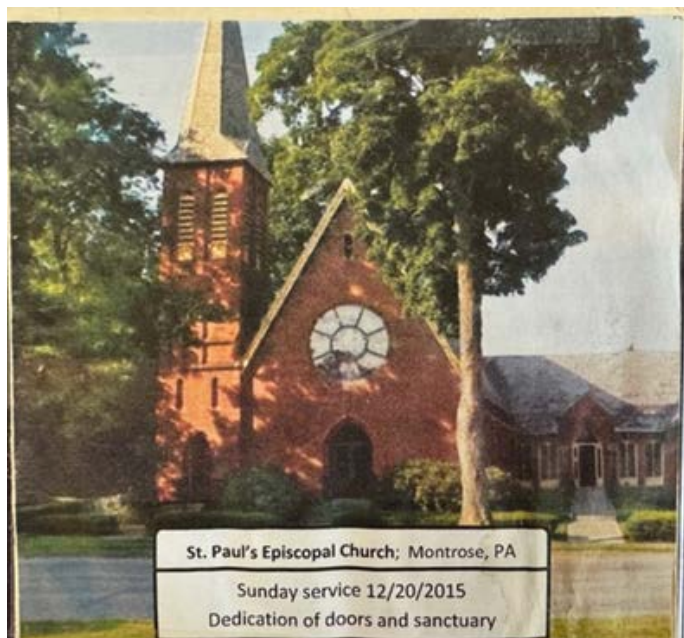
Play

Don't forget the play. If you see the Parish Hall lights on on Tuesdays and Thursdays, the Endless Mountains Theater Group will be practicing. They will be presenting another play at St. Paul's on April 25, 26 and 27th. This one is called Sprit and is a drama about residents in a nursing home that want to do more than sit around watching TV. You can get your tickets at the door.



Chrism Mass

The annual Chrism mass was held on Thursday the 10th at the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem. Clergy from the Diocese renewed their vows and lay leaders were offered the opportunity to do the same. The oil of chrism was dispensed for sacramental use in baptism and anointing's throughout the year. The Rev. Susan and John Warriner attended.



St Paul's Early Service Taping

Boy, this is from the Way-Way back machine. In 2015, we video-taped the service with a hand held camera and downloaded it onto a disk, which we took to the Catholic Church to be uploaded and put on cable TV. Here is one of the disks. We used to make our own covers for the plastic covers.

MID-APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. April is a promise that May is bound to keep, and we know it." Sean Harrington sent this picture in of the state stocking Lake Winona with a young fisherman ready to go. Trout season opened last Saturday. The daffodils are finally blooming, three week later than last year. Colts Foot, our first wild flower is blooming in the gravel along the roads. A pileated woodpecker was working on a long on the ground. It's starting to green up. Hurry warmer weather.

