

**ST. PAUL'S**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

# Weekly Update

April 27- May 3



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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 Susan Treanor at 845-800-0107.

## **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

## Hear it: "He Has Risen!"

Easter Sunday. One of the miracles of Easter, that becomes immediately revealed in the Acts of the Apostles is the transformation of the Apostles from frightened men, in hiding, to witnesses and proclaimers of the Gospel.

We see this in the First Reading today, from Acts 10f. Peter tells the story of Jesus to the crowd. Now he is strong, sure and resolute. It is no longer the Peter who denied Jesus three times and ran to weep bitterly outside the walls.

This reading asks us all a question: "How many times have we denied Christ in our life?" We pity Peter and even sympathize with him, knowing how close he was to Jesus from the beginning. We rarely think of that Sunday morning when we decide to turn in bed and give church a skip! Or the times we could have spoken up at work when the loudmouth said: "Who believes all this junk? Isn't Jesus Christ just a pile of myths anyway?"

Our silence is Peter's denial. Our speaking up to say: "I believe," is our proclaiming the Gospel as Peter does today in Acts. –Paul in the Second Reading tells the Corinthians that Jesus' true victory is over death. Not just his own death on the cross, but our death, the death we inherited from Adam. For there is a new kingdom rising, a new day, and now it belongs to us who believe.

Of all the characters and figures in the New Testament most of us have a secret love for Mary Magdalene. She is the girl at the foot of the cross. The woman who places the dead body of Jesus into the arms of his grieving mother, Mary. Here today, she rises before first light and goes to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus, according to Jewish custom. It is Mary who finds the tomb empty; Mary who is spoken to by the Angels; Mary who first meets the risen Christ.

Jesus' message to Mary, 'to go and tell the apostles' is truly the first Gospel if we understand the word 'Gospel' to mean 'the Good News'. This is the Good News' of Easter Sunday, that Christ has risen from the dead, after three days and his kingdom has begun.

Ask yourself today: "Does the risen Christ live in your life? Are you a proclaimer or a denier? Has the Good News of Christ transformed your life? If church, religion, faith, was taken away by an act of government tomorrow, would it be a major change in your life?"

Decide today that like Mary and Peter, you will choose to be an evangelist, one who goes and tells the news of Jesus Christ to others and in any way you can. Amen.

# Sundays Service

April 27



## Second Sunday of Easter

### Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32

Psalm: 150

The Epistle: Revelation 1:4-8

Gospel: John 20:19-31

### This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Barb Undercoffler

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Vickie Calby

Hospitality: Sean & MaryAnn Harrington

### This week's Hymns:

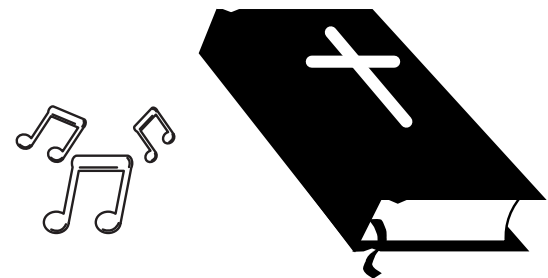
Christ the Lord is risen again!

Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness

We walk by faith, and not by sight

Let all mortal flesh keep silence

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks



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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

- We had a wonderful Holy Week of services from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. We had 56 in attendance on Sunday - great turnout! Thank you for everyone's enthusiastic help in making this all happen.
- We are putting together a fundraiser event for Harry and Wanda on June 13th with Irish folksingers performing and possibly along with a dinner at the VFW. Please come and support the Peirce family in their time of need.
- On May 13th at 2 PM, Convocation I will be meeting at Christ Church, Towanda with Bishop Kevin to get some updates to the reunification process of the dioceses of Bethlehem and Central Pennsylvania and other diocesan news.
- Movie night will be on Thursday, May first At 6:00 PM, in the Parish Hall. The movie will be 6888. The movies are much better with our new sound system. Come check it out. Bring a comfortable chair and snack to share.
- There are a few dozen boiled eggs leftover in the kitchen. We helped the residents of the Montrose Square dye dozens of eggs earlier this week which they had a lot of fun as well as us.



## **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

Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
The victory of life is won;  
The song of triumph has begun:  
Alleluia!

The Good Friday April 18, 5:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Lynne Graham was lector. Jeanette Davis played 2 hymns on the organ. This service was not live-streamed.

The live-streamed Easter April 20, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. John Warriner read announcements and Lynne Graham was lector. Cathy Hammons played a prelude, 5 hymns and a postlude on the organ. 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.





## Egg Dyeing

On Wednesday, April 16th, St. Paul's went over to the Square and set up for the residents to dye eggs. It was obvious some old skills were being used and it was a lot of fun and rewarding.



## Harry and Wanda Peirce Benefit

There will be a St. Paul's sponsored benefit at the Montrose VFW on Friday, June 13th for Harry and Wanda Peirce. Kelly and Sue Pratt will be there to sing. More to follow.



## Isn't That Sweet?

John and Gaby sharing soup. You get all kinds of benefits helping on soup day! Come and join us. This month the soups are Ham and Potato and Chicken & Rice.





## The Shelves were Empty

Who remembers this? During early Covid in 2020, Price Chopper's shelves were empty. It seems so long ago.



## St. Paul's Adult Classes

Something is always going on at St. Paul's.

Every Wednesday, the Advanced Zentangle class meets in the Celtic Room. Zentangle is an easy-to-learn, relaxing and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns we call tangles. And I'm told by the instructor, that anyone can do it.

Stop by and take a peek.



## Kate's Cows

Martha isn't our only farmer in the parish. Kate and Cole have a bunch of livestock, like a variety of cow breeds a donkey, a pony and soon some chickens!



## MID-APRIL IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay." Susquehanna spring – still colder – green and brown. The pond where these frog eggs were laid was still cold enough to make them like jello. The calves are coming and you can see the newborns in the fields. Welcome to the world little ones. Pussy willows are out. Other spring wild flowers - that petite, multi-colored Spring Beauties, and a Trout Lilies are blooming. Enjoy!

