

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Weekly Update

February 15- February 21



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Embracing all in Christ through our love and service.

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You can call the parish office during office hours. After hours, call The Rev. Susan Treanor at 845-800-0107.

Our Vestry Members

John Warriner, Sr. Warden Lynne Graham, Jr. Warden

John Finlon, Treasurer Wanda Peirce, Clerk

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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 Middle Aisle

Three thoughts this week:

- 1) I looked up a definition of a dirty word last Sunday: politics. I found: Politics is the set of activities that are associated with making decisions in groups, or other forms of power relations among individuals, such as the distribution of status or resources.
As I have been saying: our identity is not democratic or republican, left or right. We are more centrally followers of Jesus Christ and His teachings should inform our relations with each other, our politics and our ethics.
- 2) Our Lenten series starts on Ash Wednesday and will proceed on a weekly basis. However, the following sessions will happen Tuesday nights at 5:00. Sunset is currently at 5:30. I will therefore be changing my workdays at St Paul's – I'll come Tuesday for our discussion and stay til Thursday.
Currently these discussions are planned to be in person and since it is happening around meal time, and since the book we are using is "Meeting Jesus at the Table", we will share a simple meal.
St Paul's has ordered 8 books, let us know if you are planning to come so we are sure we have enough books.
- 3) I've been doing A LOT of READING lately. I saw something last week end which talked about the purpose of a parish.
Worship of God- and I would also say prayer that increases our capacity for opening ourselves to God's presence in us.
The formation of the People of God for the sake of the world.
Being a Sanctifying Presence in the broader Community.

How does this strike you?

In Christ, and hoping to see you at our annual meeting this Sunday.
Susan

Sundays Service

Last Sunday after Epiphany

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Readings for this Week:

First Reading: Exodus 24:12-18

Response: Psalm 2

The Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

This Week's Ministers:

Preacher: The Rev. Susan Treanor

Altar Guild: Mary Zalewski

Announcements: John Warriner

Lector: Mary Zalewski

Hospitality: MaryAnn Harrington

This week's Hymns:

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Christ upon the mountain peak

Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

This week's Gospel according to: Matthew

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Happenings and Announcements

- First of all, I would like to congratulate Rev. Susan, who just celebrated her 10 year anniversary of her ordination to the deaconate. Congratulations, Susan! We are happy to have you here as our priest.
- Soup night was this past Wednesday which consisted of vegetable beef and cream of broccoli, both of which were delicious. We gave out 112 soups by pre orders, take out, and deliveries. Thank you to all who volunteered for this popular ministry.
- Sleeping bags will be on Wednesday at 10:00 downstairs.
- Valentine's Day is this Saturday. Don't forget your sweetheart.
- The Parish Annual Meeting has been postponed from today until next Sunday, February 15th due to absolutely frigid temperatures outside today - up to -31 degrees wind chill outside. The meeting will be after the service during coffee hour. As many as could attend would be very helpful. One of the items on the agenda will be the elections for two of our parishioners, Dave Robbins and Shelly Green, to be added to the vestry, who were nominated by committee and approved by the vestry in December's meeting.
- Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be at 5:00 PM on February 17th. We will be having sausages, eggs, and pancakes. Ash Wednesday will be the next day with a service at 5, preceded by our first Lenten Study at 4pm then Friday the 20th will be game night at 5.
- Gaby and I celebrated our 36th anniversary on soup night and Bob and Vera Dunn will almost double that with 55 years on the 20th.
- I'm taking a class on the history of the Episcopal Church. A lot of reading involved with this, but some very interesting facts to learn. In the 18th century is when we really started the use of hymns in church. We have had 6 hymnals, starting with the 1789 version, that went along with the Book of Common Prayer and only 27 hymns, and ending in our 1982 hymnal. I'm very glad that they did start using music, even though in the beginning it was mainly the psalms they sang which were unaccompanied by any instruments and the hymnal was just in text.

In Peace

John Warriner

For those who are ill or have requested our prayers:



Naomi Bennett, Rita Leigh, Nancy Finlon, Carol Marker, Richard Marker, Carol Lasher, Elaine Petrzala, Tom Undercoffler, Janice Gavern, Wanda Peirce, Ellen Ely, Vera Dunn, Esther Welden, Curt, Brian, Patrick Gallagher, John Reynolds

The names requested for prayers will stay in the update for 2 weeks unless requested otherwise



This Month's Birthdays:

Wanda Peirce 2/1, Father John Wagner 2/6, Kristina Rogers 2/24, Carol Lasher 2/27, Nancy Finlon 2/28



This Month's Anniversaries:

John & Gaby Warriner: 2/4/1990
Bob & Vera Dunn: 2/20/1971

If you have a birthday or anniversary that is not listed and you would like to add it, please let Kate know!

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 Epiphany February 8, 2026

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, February 8, 10:00 Holy Eucharist Service was led by the Rev. Susan Treanor. It was -7 that morning. John Warriner gave the announcements and Lynne read the lessons. 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.



Will You Be My Valentine
Don't forget. This Saturday is Valentine's Day. Don't forget your sweetie. A card or a visit to Leopold's store for some chocolates may be in order.

COVID Vestry Meeting

Glad those days are gone. The vestry voted they could take their masks off while they ate. Nobody squealed to the diocese.



Elk Lake Otter

John Warriner sent these photos of an otter near his dock. John said he was playing on the ice. Pretty cool!



Montrose Snow

So you think we are done with snow? In April 1857, it snowed over 3 feet in Montrose. Here's an old lithograph looking down South Main Street.



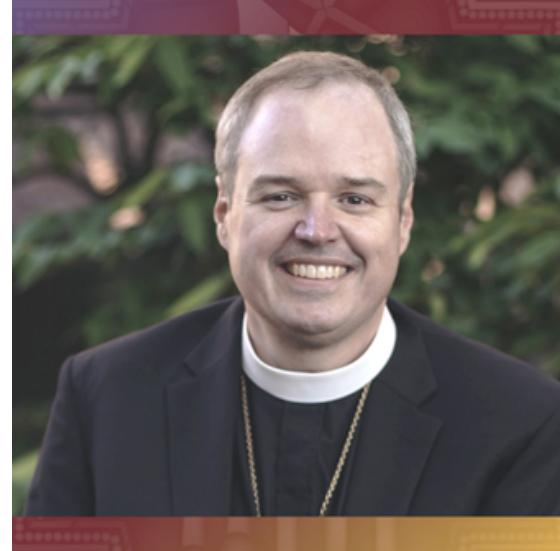
Pancake Supper

The annual St. Paul's pancake supper will be held Tuesday, February 17th at 5pm. Here's a look from last year of the folks that made it happen. We are always looking for volunteers.



Bishop Rowe on NPR

On Wednesday, February 11th, Bishop Sean Rowe spoke to NPR. He discussed why the Episcopal Church is ending its nearly 40-year refugee resettlement partnership with the U.S. government after refusing a Trump administration request to help resettle only white Afrikaners from South Africa. You can listen to the show on NPR's webpage.



EARLY FEBRUARY 2026 IN SUSQUEHANNA COUNTY

"In the coldest February, as in every other month in every other year, the best thing to hold on to in this world is each other." It's still very much winter here in Susquehanna County. It's supposed to get warmer this week, but the general feeling is the snow is gonna hang around for a while. The river was still frozen at Tunkhannock and Lake Montrose is still solid. It's deep wintertime in Susquehanna County.

