

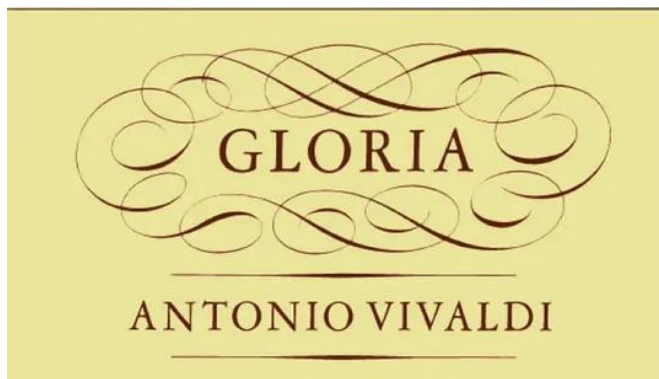


Messenger

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 120 N. Easton Road Glenside, PA 19038

May 2026

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The final day of Sunday School for the school year is May 17. We want to give a HUGE shout-out and thank you to our amazing Sunday school teachers, Lori Ojeda, Jenny Stadelberger and Barbara Little. Thank you for your time, efforts and talents!



May 24: Pentecost Sunday including confirmation.

Don't forget to wear your **RED!**

Our summer schedule begins. There will be one service at 9:30 AM.



In the midst of this joyous Easter season, as the flowers and trees are bursting with color and new life, it is a lot easier to be filled with hope and gratitude than it is in the dreary months of winter.

I apologize to those with allergies who are probably thankful when the initial burst of buds blooming and pollen flying is over. But I believe that even people with allergies still enjoy the colors and change in weather. This year the weather has been a bit of a yo-yo.

One morning, I found a sheet of thin ice on the top of the tent that we had set up last week for the stretch of 90-degree days that had just happened!) Even in the middle of this joyous season, this served as a reminder that the chill is never far from us.

Yet, because of the Easter Sun (Son) of the Resurrection, the ice will melt, and we can trust in the victory of Christ over everything that holds us captive and in fear.

One of the most powerful signs of hope recently came from outer space, literally. I was inspired and moved by the Artemis 2 mission around the moon. As a family, we watched the splashdown when the crew returned and I am so grateful to have witnessed it.

The news conference of the astronauts was also very inspiring. One of the mission specialists on the flight, Kristina Koch, had the four members of the crew link arms and then she addressed the audience by saying: "When you look up here, you're not looking at us. We are a mirror reflecting you. And if you like what you see, then just look a little deeper."

I really love this image and the meaning behind it. What they did was possible because so many people supported them and believed in the importance of space exploration and eventually establishing a base on the moon. The astronauts and support staff showed us a vision of what is possible when we work together. The sky is no longer the limit.

I find Koch's analogy also a good one for the Christian community. If we are a mirror for other people who look at us, are we a reflection for them that they like seeing? Are they inspired to look deeper and find Jesus in the process?

Thanks to Jesus we don't have to be perfect; we just have to trust that God's dream can be reflected through us and that others will be inspired by the hope that is in us.

At a recent funeral, at St. Paul's the family of the deceased decided to have the attendees of the service take a flowering plant home with them to be replanted. The perennial blooms can serve as a living reminder that the memory of their loved one would never fade but always stay with us. It also served as a visible reminder of the eternal life that is ours through the resurrection of Christ.

In a few weeks we will celebrate the confirmation of two of our younger members who have participated in our confirmation program. It is always such a joy to witness the affirmation of faith that was planted when they were infants during baptism.

During the Easter season we have many scripture readings about the growth of the young church. There are sermons that are preached by the apostles and many people became followers of Jesus as a result of that. But there is also a very strong emphasis on the early Christian community and how they shared and cared for one another which was a draw for many.

In this day and age where information is so readily available, one would think that the church should grow by leaps and bounds. How can one ignore the compelling story of Jesus who died and rose again and blesses us with eternal life?

Yet, one of our confirmands recently said "When I talk to my friends, they don't understand why I go to church and why I believe in God."

That made me think of my own youth in communist East Germany. I grew up in a time when religious activity was frowned upon and definitely not openly supported. While the church was not totally suppressed as it was in the Soviet Union, it definitely only existed on the margins. But what compelled me to join a church youth group then was the kind of community I experienced

there. And what kept me there, beyond the interaction with other young people, were the honest questions that always tried to dig deeper and beyond the surface.

While we were encouraged at school to ask the question of who we were and what we wanted to be, it always seemed like there were right and wrong answers that one simply had to know. Whereas the questions in the church community were more open-ended and encouraged us to find our place in serving God. And that service was as varied as there were people. The motivation was simply a response to God's love, not to official doctrine as was the case in our regular everyday life in a communist country.

I wondered if the confirmation student would tell their friends that they go to church because it reminds them that they are part of a much bigger family than their own. This could help their friends understand. Furthermore, what would happen if they said that believing in God gives them reassurance that they are not alone and that they matter and that they are loved?

I believe that all of us have been given the power and authority to find answers that reflect who we are. When we have an opportunity to talk to someone about it and potentially invite them to experience the same kind of fulfillment and purpose that we have been blessed with, there is a definite chance that the church will continue to grow. Maybe not by leaps and bounds as in the early days but hopefully sufficiently so that more people can find answers of their own in a community of believers.

I hope I have planted some ideas for reflection for you. Let me know what else you might add. But in any case, be prepared to share with someone why you go to church and why you believe.

Many blessings to you in this wonderful month of May.

*Much love,
Pastor Henrik*



FROM THE



Greetings! Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Some of the most perplexing questions of this Easter Season are the questions that surface on the fortieth day after Easter – Ascension Day. It is a principal feast day of the Church yet receives very little scriptural attention in the Gospels. In fact, the Ascension of Jesus into Heaven is only described directly in two places in the entire Bible:

Luke 24:50–51 and Acts 1:9–11.

It has always seemed a bit strange to me that such an important event is only described in detail twice and even more strange when we consider that biblical scholars generally agree that both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles were written by the same person (with divine inspiration, of course!).

While it is mentioned either directly or indirectly in many places in the Bible (see a complete list below), all the descriptions leave a great deal to the imagination. Such sparse details have allowed, over the centuries, many artists to take up the task of creating

visual images of the event.



Although Rembrandt's painting of the Ascension may be most the most famous depiction in the West (with that of Andrei Rublev's tempera painting in the East – setting aside the stunning dome in Belgrade's St. Sava Church), the image I

find most striking is the Ascension of Christ as painted by the surrealist artist Salvador Dali.

To put ourselves in the place of the disciples staring upwards at the ascending Lord as Heaven opens does not require us to be an art expert when looking at this painting. Placing aside the theologically suspect decision by Dali to omit the wounds on the risen Christ's body, observers are drawn in by the unique perspective of watching Jesus complete his Earthly ministry and travel toward his place at the right hand of the Father.



To my mind, it is Dali's perspective that most boldly elicits our questions – probably some of the same questions that the disciples were asking at the time. Why did Jesus have to leave us? Wouldn't it have been better for Him to remain with us? Wouldn't it have been easier to learn from Jesus directly instead of through the Holy Spirit? Where did he go exactly?

Rather than dwell on questions that have occupied the thoughts of great theologians through the centuries, I prefer to consider a single theological implication of this event. I will tread lightly here and focus on understanding shared by the Anglo-Catholic and Lutheran churches, rather than differences.

To put it simply: The Ascension makes possible Christ's presence in the Eucharist (see the Rev. Zachary Guiliano's June 7, 2014 article "What the Ascension is (and isn't)" in *The Living Church*: <https://livingchurch.org/covenant/what-the-ascension-is-and-isnt>). In this event, we are provided with the connection between Christ's sacrifice on the cross – through the Sacrament of the Altar – and Heaven above.

In the days between Ascension and Pentecost, I invite you to include the collect for the Ascension in your daily prayers as a means of seeking a closer relationship with our risen and ascended Lord.

*Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.***

Blessed Ascensio[n]tide!
Vicar Jeffrey

References to the Ascension in the Bible:

[Mark 16:19](#)

[Luke 24:50–51](#)

[John 6:62](#)

[John 16:28](#)

[John 14:12](#)

[John 20:17](#)

[Acts 1:9-11](#)

[1 Corinthians 15:1–8](#)

[Ephesians 4:8-10](#)

[1 Timothy 3:16](#)

[Romans 8:34](#)

[1 Peter 3:22](#)

[Hebrews 4:14](#)

[Hebrews 9:24](#)

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Antonio Lucio Vivaldi was born in Venice on March 4, 1678, and died in Vienna on July 28, 1741. He was the son of one of the leading violinists at St. Mark's Cathedral in Venice. From an early age he was educated for music and the priesthood.

In 1703, he was appointed to be music director at the Ospedale della Pietà, a conservatory for orphaned and homeless girls. That same year, Vivaldi was also ordained a priest but, due to ill health, was excused from active service a year later.

The exact date of when Vivaldi's *Gloria* was composed is unknown, but it was certainly completed during his second period of working at the orphanage between 1713 and 1719, with all the solo parts being written for sopranos and contraltos. It would have originally been performed in a liturgical context (worship service) as part of the Mass at the church at the Pietà.

On **Sunday, May 17**, the Chancel Choir will be accompanied by a string ensemble along with trumpet, oboe, and keyboard. The *Gloria* will be presented as one continuous work and offered up as the sermon for this day – A Sermon in Song.

Please invite family and friends to join us to enjoy this final musical offering of the 2025-26 choir season at St. Paul's.

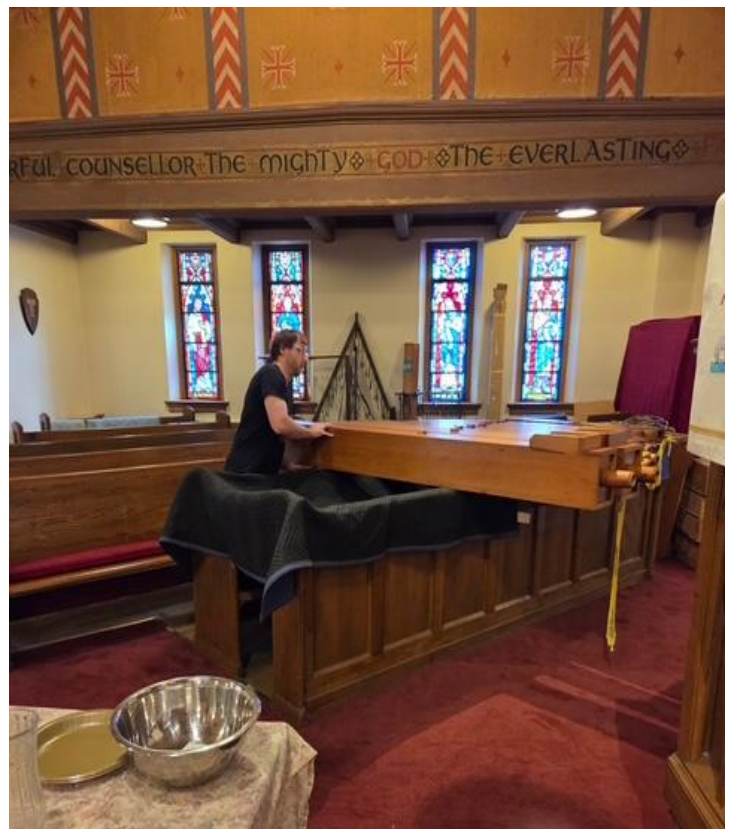
CHANCEL REIMAGINED – UPDATE

We have completed most of the Chancel renovation. Organ craftsmen have releathered wind reservoirs and individual note pouches. The beautiful mahogany wooden pipes have been put in.

In the meantime, we ask for your continued support and commitment to the project. If you have made a pledge, please check that your giving is current. If you have not made a pledge yet, we would appreciate your consideration and generosity.

We have raised \$500,000 in pledges for our three-year, \$500,000 capital campaign. Thank you for helping us reach our goal in pledges!

An update on the Chancel Reimagined project is available on our website.



CHILDREN’S MUSICAL “LIFE OF THE PARTY” PRESENTED ON APRIL 26



On Sunday, April 26, the Children’s Choir and Cherub Choir presented *Life of the Party – The Story of Mary & Martha* by Allen Pote and Tom S. Long as a “Sermon in Song,” at the 10:30 AM service. The musical highlighted themes of faith, family, and trusting God.

Martha Hoff portrayed Martha and Emma Erat was Mary. Franklin Wang was Jesus, while Lazarus was Adam Erat. Others featured were Dominick Garcia as Peter, Levi Linville as The Shephard, and Petra Ojeda as The Farmer. Leah O’Neal was the soloist for “Lilies In the Field.”

Thanks to all the singers, pianist Susie Pierce Mills, choral assistant AnnaLisa Mariani, and all the parents and other volunteers who helped make this a special day!

The 2025-26 St. Paul’s Children’s Choir

Adam Erat	Daniela Montes
Emma Erat	Jo Jo Ojeda
Dominick Garcia	Petra Ojeda
Julie Garcia	Leah O’Neal
Lucy Garcia	Reagan O’Neal
Griz Gerlach	Ryann O’Neal
Florence Hu	Harper Stadelberger
Martha Hoff	Franklin Wang
Levi Linville	

The 2025-26 St. Paul’s Cherub Choir

Harry Corsey	Peter Koelper
David Crawford	Frieda Ojeda
Jack Galloway	Taylor Pellicore
Rhys Gerlach	Eamon Stanley
Forrest Hu	

One Body, Many Gifts



Contemplating our Stewardship theme for the year, “One Body, Many Gifts,” I was thinking about not only what gifts I have, but also how my gifts can meet the needs of the congregation and how these contributions have changed as I have aged.

I thought about how I support Deborah Circle. For decades, it was not a problem for me to provide refreshments. Purchasing and hauling a choice of beverages, a savory and a sweets selection and perhaps some fruit, and the plates and cups and napkins and maybe some flowers for the table was a pleasure and easily accomplished.

Now that I have to use a rollator, getting hospitality items to the meeting is a major problem. But I continue to contribute to the meeting in other ways.

When the reminder of who is responsible for the various parts of the April meeting arrived in my inbox, I did remember signing up in September for the topic in April (because it was not likely to be snowy). But I had already provided a topic presentation for the October meeting when no one had signed up for that need. Had I not fulfilled my topic obligation for the year?

Upon reflection, I did not protest that it was someone else’s turn for the topic. One of my gifts is that I am able to make topic presentations and facilitate discussions. The materials needed can be carried in a bag attached to my rollator.

So, I will not feel guilty that the gift of providing hospitality has become difficult and that I did not sign up for refreshments this year. I will serve my Circle by providing two topics and hope someone else will be happy to bring the treats.

--Cathy Keim for the Stewardship Team

Rummage Sale Thanks!

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who made this year's Rummage Sale a success -- and an extra big shoutout to our amazing volunteers!

From setting up and sorting to selling and cleaning up, your hard work and energy made it all happen. We're so grateful for the time and heart you poured into every step. Thanks also to all who donated and shopped -- what a wonderful weekend of community and purpose! As of April 18, the preliminary amount raised was \$3,427.50!



GOOD NEWS

Katherine Hayhoe (*Talking Climate*) writes: “Global efforts to tackle waste are gaining momentum. Last year, The Ocean Cleanup removed 25 million kilograms of trash from oceans and rivers – the result of coordinated volunteer events spanning coastlines around the world.

At the same time, policy and advocacy efforts are targeting pollution at the source, like stopping plastic pellet spills before they reach the waterways. Together, cleanup plus advocacy for policies to reduce plastic use in the first place can make a big difference.”

You can make a big difference, too! Save your soft plastic (take home a list of acceptable items), and use the “earth bin” in the Great Room for your donations. Many thanks!

--Janet Bischoff



Maundy Thursday

On April 2, we had our annual presentation of **the Living Last Supper**, with Paul Ojeda (Nathanael Bartholomew), Jason Ojeda (Andrew), Aurelio Ojeda (James the Less), Tom Medena (Peter), Vicar Jeff Wenzel (Judas), George Neveil (John), Leo Picado (Jesus), Rob Gerlach (James the Greater), Michael Harrington (Thomas), Jim Hagan (Philip), Mike Campbell (Thaddeus), Michael Edelman, and Bob MacMillan (Simon the Zealot).

(Special thanks to Paul Ojeda, who filled in for his ailing brother Chris at the last minute and managed to memorize the part of Nathanael Bartholomew quickly and present his brother's words without missing a step. Also, thanks to Chris for his participation in the Bible study and his thoughtful writing.)

(Very special thanks to George Neveil, who with this presentation completed his Living Last Supper service, having portrayed all twelve disciples!)

Thanks to these 13 men for participating in this year's amazing portrayal. We received a lot of positive feedback.

Men of the church, it's never too early to volunteer for next year's presentation, a very worthwhile chance for Bible study and fellowship.

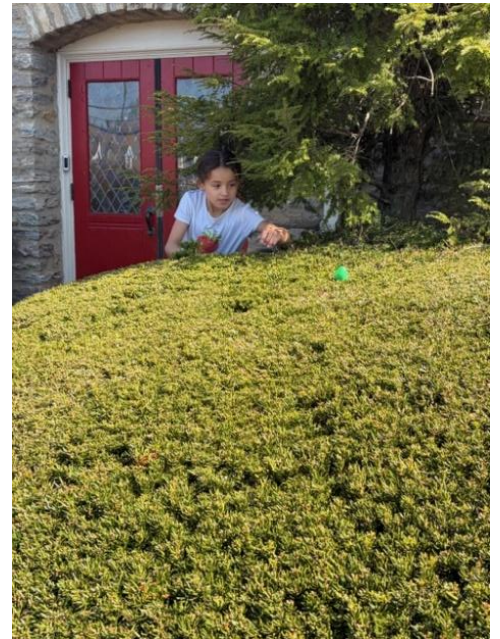
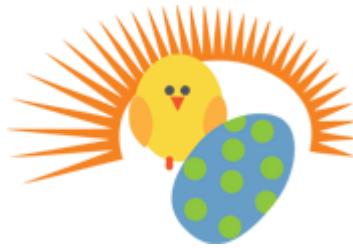


Great Hunting!

Thank you so much to all the parents and Confirmation students who helped set up this year's Easter Egg Hunt!

Your willingness to pitch in and show your support made the event such a joy for the kids of St. Paul's. It was a beautiful way to celebrate the season, and we're so grateful for the time you put into making it special.

Sincere thanks,
Vicar Jeffrey



Easter Breakfast

Our Easter Breakfast was incredibly successful, and for that we are all deeply thankful to every volunteer who brought food or stayed to clean up, and to everyone who showed up to support our Easter celebration at St. Paul's.

And of course, we are so appreciative of all the hard work put into planning, organizing, and creating such a memorable event.

Community events such as these are impossible without the support and participation of our members, and we are so thankful to have the kind of community we have here at St. Paul's.



Announcements

Congratulations to Colin O'Rourke, who made his first communion in April!

SUNDAY SCHOOL - JOIN US EVERY SUNDAY 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM for in-person classes.
Ages 3 - Pre-K (Room 201); Grades K-2 (Fellowship Hall); Grades 3-6 (Room 101/room next to the downstairs elevator).



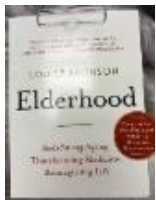
The last day of Sunday school before summer break will be on May 17.



Messenger Deadline Reminder If you would like to submit an article to our monthly newsletter, please send it to cgarciastpaulsglenside.org no later than the third Monday of every month. Articles for the June Messenger are due May 18.

Aging Grace-Fully

“Elderhood” Discussion



On **Sunday, May 10**, at 9:15 AM, the adult education class will have their next meeting to continue their discussion of Louise Aaronson's book *Elderhood*. We will discuss the chapters titled “Elderly” found on pages 324-362 and “Aged” found on pages 363-403. The group will meet in Room 200. Hope to see you there!



St. Paul's Pantry UPDATE

We're expanding access to better serve our community! The Food Pantry is now open to the public **every Thursday** from 12:00–2:00 PM. No appointments needed.

Food Pantry needs:

- Paper towels single or double pack
- Toilet paper 4 or 6 pack
- Bath soap single or double pack
- Tissues
- Laundry pods
- Dryer sheets
- Liquid dish soap
- Floor soap

Thank you so much for your generosity!

Two Pantry Committee members are there to help, and to keep the pantry organized. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Claypoole.

Gift cards are also greatly appreciated for last-minute needs.

Thank you for continuing to show up for our neighbors.



Eric Mitchell is currently working hard to support autism research as part of the Eagles Autism Challenge for 2026 **on May 9**. After riding in support in 2025, he's riding again in 2026, and is looking to raise \$500 to help autism research in the community. If you're interested in helping

Eric do good for the community, here is a link (or talk to Eric at one of the 8 AM Sunday early services).

<https://donate.eaglesautismfoundation.org/donations/new?fundraiser=b00fa7ecbb246cbabd90>



Pastor Daniel Marrone, our previous vicar, will be ordained and installed on **Saturday, June 13**, at 2 PM at Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit, 333 N. Main St., in Manahawkin, N.J. 08050. Please mark the date on your calendars. All are welcome to attend!



Summer Schedule!



Our Summer schedule begins on **Sunday, May 24**. One service will begin at 9:30 AM. We will return to two services in September after Labor Day. Keep an eye on your Tidings for the most recent updates.

The final day of Sunday School for the school year is May 17. We want to give a HUGE shout-out and thank you to our amazing Sunday school teachers, Lori Ojeda, Jenny Stadelberger and Barbara Little. Thank you for your time, efforts and talents!



Come sing in The Summer Choir!! Have you ever wondered if the choir is a place for you at St. Paul's? Do you wonder if you could find that singing voice you had in high school or college? Do you wonder if the music is more inspiring to sing than it is to listen to from the pew? Would you feel at home in the cushioned choir chairs?

To answer these questions come sing in The Summer Choir starting on **Sunday, May 31 at 8:30 AM**. From May 31 through September 6, we will practice from 8:30 to 9:15 AM – have a brief coffee break – and then re-group to lead the summer worship service. It usually involves singing one anthem and leading the Psalm and the liturgy.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact Rae Ann Anderson, Music Director.



It's not too early to start thinking about Summer Music Camp! Please plan now to be a part of St. Paul's Summer Music Camp. It will take place the week of August 24. Contact Rae Ann Anderson, Music Director.



Congratulations to our Confirmands, Tommy Erat and Isaiah Holovachuck! We pray that God will continue to bless you on your spiritual journey. The confirmands have served as acolytes throughout this period and will continue to do so through September. We thank them for their service. Congratulations and many blessings on them as they continue their spiritual journey.



Many thanks to everyone involved in the 20th Anniversary celebration of our Music Director, Rae Ann Anderson.

There were so many hands in the pot that were all eager and willing to work their hardest to make this event the best they could for Rae Ann.

The enthusiasm coming from the members of St. Paul's Lutheran Church was overwhelming, from signing Rae Ann's anniversary card (everyone wanted their name somewhere on that), to decorating Fellowship Hall with our new table covers, to putting fresh flowers on each table.

Our outstanding MC, Glenn Rall, kept the whole celebration moving along, while many speakers shared their thoughts and feelings about how much Rae Ann had inspired them over the years.

We had a wonderful gift presentation, a beautiful musical tribute arranged by cellist Ajibola Rivers.

Last but not least, the celebration included *you* ... who made this all happen. Thank you!

--Chris Claypoole, Church Council President



Dear Pastor Henrik,

A note of thanks to you and all the members of St. Paul's for the Easter Lily. And a special thanks to the delivery person for giving their time and effort to make my day brighter.

-- *Charles Dotger*

Dear St. Paul's,

Thank you very much for the thoughtful card and lovely flowers. This church community has truly been a great blessing to me!

--*Michael Harrington*

Beloved of God,

Just a note to let you know we are praying for your congregation, your staff, and your ministry. God bless you!

--*The Staff and Members of Lighthouse Fellowship United Methodist Church*

Greetings,

Thanks so much for the flowers. I gave them to my mother for her birthday on April 10. She is 103.

--*George Neveil*



MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May Name

1-May Joe Noga
 2-May Karter Spillane

 4-May Nolan Clyburn
 4-May Jessica Messick
 5-May Leighanne Spillane
 7-May Bob Breuer
 8-May Terry Allen
 9-May Stephen Noga
 10-May Jen O'Rourke
 11-May Steve Reiff
 12-May Jane Kinsey
 13-May Suzanne Cordon

May Name

15-May Debbie Reiff
 15-May Dan Ruth

 17-May Connor Gill
 19-May Cecilia Krull
 23-May Marlise Inazu
 27-May Anthony Corsey
 28-May Rebecca Berglund
 28-May Bob Sutton
 29-May Charlotte O'Donnell
 31-May Michael Campbell

Anniversary Couple's Name

1-May Henrik & Jean Sonntag
 12-May Leigh Ann and Michael
 Wojciechowicz
 16-May Frederick and Hilma Helbig
 17-May Maria & Steve Reiff
 22-May Carol & Don Donnon

Did we miss your special day? Please let us know your birthday or anniversary so that it can be included in future editions of the Messenger.

IN OUR *Thoughts and Prayers*

Sharon Birkbeck
Robert Breuer
Eric Carlson
Helen Edelman
Kenneth Feinour III
Roselee Feinour
Julie Gable
John Hagan
Rich Hanns
Dick Harrington
Barbara Hoffman
Cathy Keim
Thubi Kolmobe
Ceci Krull

Tom Lackman
Linda Landes
Mary Scarpello
Gwendolyn Neveil
Alex Posey Sr.
Sarah Schumaker
Alicia Simpson
Annabelle Sitler
Richard Sitler
Paul Stadelberger
Mike Trant
Anne Zimmerman



Private First-Class Carson Campbell

IN LOVING
Memory

The family and loved ones of Charmaine Hoff
The family and loved ones of June Riemenschneider
The family and loved ones of Bob H.
The family and loved ones of Amy Riemenschneider
The family and loved ones of Andrew Politz
The family and loved ones of Rodney Barnhart



Our Prayer List Has Been Updated!



We have updated the St. Paul's prayer list, removing some names, to reflect prayers we hope have been answered. If you had a name on the list you wish to have restored, or have a name you wish to be added, please contact the church office.

Puzzle!

Fill in the horizontal rows using the clues. Then, using the number codes, complete the squares below to read three Beatitudes from Luke 6:20-21, NIV.

Grassy area behind a house

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Blooms that have petals

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Spring precipitation

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Puffy and white in the sky

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Soil

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Lawn

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Must be weeded and tended

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Tiptoe through these

41	42	43	44	45	46
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Baby sheep

47	48	49	50	51
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We need food and this

52	53	54	55	56
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God made this from nothing

57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64
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A sign of God's promise

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These, in April, bring May flowers

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Answers: backyard, flowers, rain, clouds, dirt, grass, garden, tulips, lambs, water, creation, rainbow, showers; "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh."

Polish Potato Dumplings (Kopytka)

From Ronny Kosempel

Ingredients

- 3 large russet **Potatoes**
- 1 large **Egg**
- 1 1/2 cup **All-purpose flour**
- **Salt** (to taste)
- 2 tablespoons **Salted butter**



Instructions

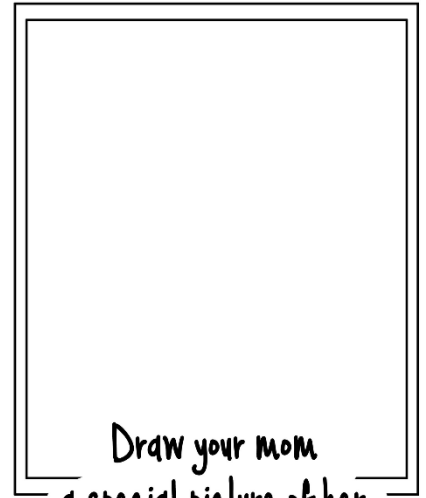
1. **Prepare the potatoes:** If starting with whole potatoes, peel them, boil until tender, and then mash. Allow the mashed potatoes to cool completely before using. If using leftover mashed potatoes, ensure they are unsalted and not too buttery.
2. **Make the dough:** In a large mixing bowl, combine the cooled mashed potatoes with the egg and a pinch of salt. Gradually add flour, starting with one cup, and mix until the dough begins to form. Add more flour as needed until the dough is soft but not sticky.
3. **Form the dumplings:** Turn the dough out onto a floured surface. Divide it into sections and roll each into a long, thin rope about 3/4 inch in diameter. Cut the ropes into 1-inch pieces.
4. **Cook the dumplings:** Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Drop the kopytka pieces into the boiling water and cook them until they float to the surface, about 2-3 minutes.
5. **Fry the kopytka:** This step is optional, but you can fry the gnocchi in 2 tbsp of salted butter, until crispy.
6. **Serve:** Remove the kopytka with a slotted spoon and drain well. Serve immediately with your choice of topping, such as melted butter, a sprinkle of salt, or a hearty meat sauce.



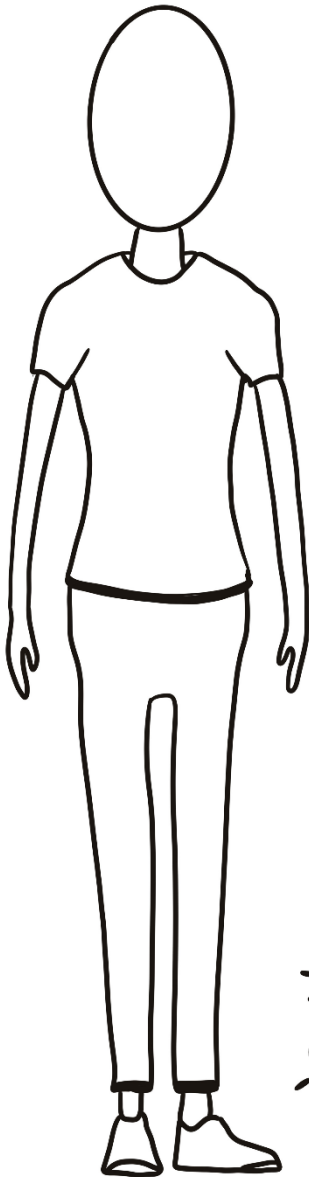
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LOVE
OUR
Moms!

HAPPY Mother's DAY!

My mom is amazing because:



Draw your mom
a special picture of her
favorite thing!



This is
my mom



My mom's name is _____ but I call her _____!

You are the _____

mom in the whole _____!

I love you more than _____

and _____ and I think

you're funny when _____.

Thank you for always _____.

[My favorite thing to do with my mom is:]

Love you always, _____!



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