

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

April 29, 2022



Did you know?

- Blue jeans were official invented in May of 1873 after Levi Strauss and Jacob Davis obtained a patent for the pants on May 20th.
- The birthstone for May is the emerald which represents love and success.
- The birth flower for May is Lily of the Valley.
- The month May was named for Maia, the Greek goddess of fertility.
- May is the month of autumn in the Southern Hemisphere, and spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

Historical moments of May

- The **Empire State Building** opened on May 1, 1931.
- **Minnesota** was admitted to the Union on May 11, 1858.
- On May 14, 1804, **Lewis and Clark** began their trip up the Missouri River.
- The first regular **airmail** service in the United States began May 15, 1918.
- On May 20, 1932 **Amelia Earhart** flew across the Atlantic Ocean, marking the first solo flight by a woman.
- **South Carolina** became the 8th state on May 23, 1788.
- The first permanent English settlement in America was established on May 24, 1607 in **Jamestown, VA**.
- San Francisco's beautiful **Golden Gate Bridge** opened May 27, 1937.
- **Rhode Island** became the 13th state on May 29, 1790.
- On May 29, 1848, **Wisconsin** became the 30th state.

Special days of May

- The **Kentucky Derby** is the first Saturday in May.

- **Star Wars Day** is celebrated on May 4, as in May the Fourth be with You!
- **Cinco de Mayo** is celebrated every May 5th.
- **Mother's Day** is celebrated the second Sunday of the month.
- **Armed Forces Day** is the third Saturday of May
- **Sally Ride Day** is May 26th.
- **Memorial Day** is celebrated the last Monday of the month.



National Day of Prayer - May 5th

Throughout history, there have been few national days of prayer. In fact, there were only a few noteworthy ones between the 1700s – 1900s. The National Day of Prayer that we know today was founded in 1952, and it was co-founded effort between the United States Congress and President Harry S. Truman.

The holiday was signed into law by President Truman, and every president since has signed a proclamation that encourages Americans to pray on and celebrate this day. The national holiday has always been the first Thursday of May every year since it was founded in 1952. It stands as a day that continues the decision-making of the country's founding fathers, which used the morals from biblical lessons in difficult situations. Basically, using God's guidance to make important decisions in the country and for yourself. Just like Thanksgiving and Christmas, the National Day of Prayer has become recognized by Americans nationwide, and it is even recognized and celebrated in all Hallmark calendars.

The Town of Ocean City will commemorate The National Day of Prayer in front of City Hall between Noon and 1pm on May 5th.

SPBTS Book Club

Thanks to all who joined in Monday night for our discussion of "The Hiding Place," and thanks to Diane Lorton for leading our talk.

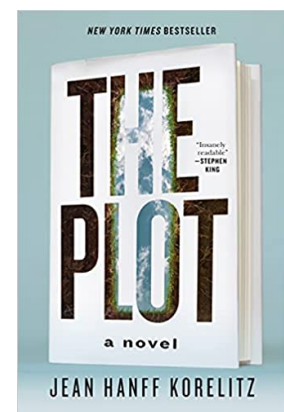
Our next book is *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. We will meet Monday May 23 at 7pm via zoom.

All are welcome to join the Book Club. If you love to read and talk about books, please join us. Contact Debbie Shuster or Jody Farley.

A synopsis of *The Plot* from Goodreads.com:

Jacob Finch Bonner was once a promising young novelist with a respectably published first book. Today, he's teaching in a third-rate MFA program and struggling to maintain what's left of his self-respect; he hasn't written--let alone published--anything decent in years. When Evan Parker, his most arrogant student, announces he doesn't need Jake's help because the plot of his book in progress is a sure thing, Jake is prepared to dismiss the boast as typical amateur narcissism. But then... he hears the plot.

Jake returns to the downward trajectory of his own career and braces himself for the supernova publication of Evan Parker's first novel: but it never comes. When he discovers that his former student has died, presumably without ever completing his book, Jake does what any self-respecting writer would do with a story like that--a story



that absolutely needs to be told.

In a few short years, all of Evan Parker's predictions have come true, but Jake is the author enjoying the wave. He is wealthy, famous, praised and read all over the world. But at the height of his glorious new life, an e-mail arrives, the first salvo in a terrifying, anonymous campaign: *You are a thief*, it says.

As Jake struggles to understand his antagonist and hide the truth from his readers and his publishers, he begins to learn more about his late student, and what he discovers both amazes and terrifies him. Who was Evan Parker, and how did he get the idea for his "sure thing" of a novel? What is the real story behind the plot, and who stole it from whom?

Hailed as breathtakingly suspenseful, Jean Hanff Korelitz's *The Plot* is a propulsive read about a story too good not to steal, and the writer who steals it.

"*The Plot* is one of the best novels I've ever read about writers and writing. It's also insanely readable and the suspense quotient is through the roof. It's remarkable."
—Stephen King



The failing heat pump in the court yard was replaced yesterday, to ensure that we will have air conditioning in the church for the summer. At that time, all campus HVAC systems were switched over to summer operation. This means there will be no heat in the church buildings for temperatures below 60 degrees. For those who are more sensitive to cooler temperatures, please bring a jacket or sweater to wear in church on days when the outside temperature drops.

The Shepherd's Crook would like to remind all parishioners that donations of canned and dry goods are always appreciated. As the cost of food continues to climb, your donations help us to provide for those in need while maintaining our budget. Thank you!



Happy Birthday

Karen Cramer (5/1)
Gordon Clark (5/4)
Eric Shuster (5/7)



Online Services

Click here to watch the Sunday, April 24th Holy Eucharist service.



May 1st
Third Sunday of Easter
Rite II Holy Eucharist service
with music, celebrated by
Pastor Blake Wamester.

May 8th
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Rite II Morning Prayer service
with music, officiated by our
licensed Lay Worship Leaders.

[Click here](#) for a PDF of the May 1st bulletin so you can follow along.

Prayer List

Please keep those on our prayer list in your daily prayers.

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Hugh, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Rogers, John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Jean Charles, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel, The Lecates Family, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Lakelyn Draheim, Charles Riley, Meredith Cobb, Alan Farley, Wendy Garliss

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week—May 1, 2022

Celebrant: Pastor Blake Wamester
Music Director: Shirley Hailey
Reader: Nancy Knotts
Chalicerist: Cami Rogers
Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper
Usher: John Knotts
Counters: Nancy Knotts, Debbie Shuster

Next Week—May 8, 2022

Officiant: Cami Rogers
Music Director: Shirley Hailey
Reader:
Altar Guild: Mary Wright
Usher: Amanda Cropper
Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar



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