

February 2024

St. Paul's PARISH Epistle



Please Join Us
February 14, 2024
Imposition of Ashes &
Holy Communion
11:00am



Please Join Us on February 13, 2024

SHROVE
TUESDAY

Pancake Supper
Begins at 5:00pm



Rites of Passage

Birthdays

Arline Mayer	February 2
Sally Clark	February 3
Mary Franklin	February 3
Trystan McCarthy	February 4
Pat Parkhurst	February 4
Mary Ellen Valliant	February 6
Laura Kaufmann	February 7
Gail Brown	February 10
Caroline Hazuda	February 15
Amy Roth	February 16
Libby Aull	February 17
Jeb Aull	February 17
Willson Sellers, VII	February 24



Anniversaries

Brent and Linda Carroll February 1



If you do not see your birthday or anniversary please call the parish office at 410-758-1553. Due to a computer virus I have lost some of my mailing list, birthdays, and anniversaries.

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Office of Government Relations

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Rector



Dear Friends,

I have just completed my portion of the Parochial Report and have good news to share. Things are going very well at St. Paul's. Our active members has increased from 124 to 134. Average weekly attendance, which includes the Wednesday service and services at Queenstown Landing is now 93, up 16. Average Sunday attendance is 75, an increase of 13. The average median Sunday attendance for the Episcopal Church is 35. We had an excellent stewardship campaign with just under \$295,000 in pledges-the highest in our history and 65 pledges, the highest number in 7 years. Thanks to all of our parishioners for your faithfulness and generosity. Praise to God for all the blessings we have received!

We are a vibrant, talented parish with much to offer as a community of faith. During Lent, I will be concentrating on raising awareness about all of the ministries we are involved in, in the hopes that we can encourage greater participation by a greater number of parishioners. Perhaps God is calling you to help with one of the areas related to worship-to serve as an usher or reader. Perhaps you are being called to help pack backpacks for hungry children in Centreville. There are many wonderful opportunities. Stay tuned!

Yours in Christ,
Mary+



Souper Bowl Sunday

Please bring a can of soup (flip top open preferred) to church with you on Sunday, Feb 11. We will be supplementing the food in the Loving Kindness Box.

This is a wonderful way to support community efforts to help the hungry.



Treasurer's Update

St. Paul's Finances 2023 Year-End Review					
	Actual	Budget	Difference		
Revenue					
Pledges	\$ 257,739	\$ 251,000	\$ 6,739	Favorable	
Other Offerings	\$ 63,078	\$ 43,750	\$ 19,328	Favorable	
Capital Fund	\$ 51,063	\$ 30,000	\$ 21,063	Favorable	
Other Income	\$ 64,432	\$ 81,007	\$ (16,575)	Unfavorable **	
Total Revenue	\$ 436,312	\$ 405,757	\$ 30,555	Favorable	
Expenses					
Total Personnel	\$ 205,925	\$ 209,337	\$ (3,412)	Favorable	
All Other	\$ 195,968	\$ 231,523	\$ (35,555)	Favorable	
Total Expenses	\$ 401,893	\$ 440,860	\$ (38,967)	Favorable	
Revenue minus Expenses	\$ 34,419	\$ (35,103)	\$ 69,522	Favorable	
Outreach					
Rector's Discretionary Fund		\$ 9,275			
Backpacks for Kids		\$ 5,926			
Other Local Outreach		\$ 2,351			
Worldwide Outreach		\$ 281			



Upcoming Events



Thomas Beard will be joining us on Sunday, February 25th for the service at 10:00 am. He will be singing two songs.

Lyric-dramatic baritone Thomas Beard is originally from Fayetteville, North Carolina. In 2003 Mr. Beard became the only African-American to be personally chosen by Maestro Placido Domingo to be a part of Washington National Opera's Young Artist program. Thomas remained there as Artist in Residence until 2006, working directly under the tutelage of Maestro Domingo.

As a member of The Washington Opera Thomas performed more than 90 times, including the company's tour of Japan. He has performed with numerous companies including the International Opera of Rome, Cape Fear Regional Theatre, Vermont Opera, Annapolis Opera, Pittsburgh Opera Theatre, Queen Anne's Chorale, Easton Choral Arts Society, Jacksonville Symphony Orchestra and the Virginia Consort.

Mr. Beard has often performed for U.S. senators, governors and ambassadors at embassies and concert halls across the country. He sang at the funeral of Rosa Parks, mother of the civil rights movement, and performed at the White House at the invitation of former first lady Laura Bush.



**Men's Breakfast
February 3rd at 8:15am**

The Creamery in Centreville

The men's breakfast group meets the first Saturday of the month at the Creamery at 8:15am. Everyone is invited. We look forward to seeing you soon.



Red & Gold

Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00am

Holy Eucharist

Wednesday:

11:00am

Informal Eucharist

- Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment
- Holy Matrimony may be administered at anytime outside the seasons of Advent or Lent
- Holy Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost, on All Saints' Day or the Sunday after All Saints' Day, and on the Feast of the Baptism of our Lord (the First Sunday after the Epiphany). It is recommended that, as far as possible, Baptisms be reserved for these occasions or when a bishop is present. (BCP 312)

The Susan Whitaker Prayer Shawl Knitters

Please Join Us

Tuesday, February 20th at 2:00pm



A Prayer Shawl is a shawl that is handmade, blessed by our Priest Mary, and given lovingly to someone who is suffering and in need of comfort or someone who is celebrating a great joy. If you have ever received a prayer shawl or shared one with someone, you know how special they are.

The Prayer Shawl Group meets in the Richardson Room (sitting area next to the church office) at 2:00 PM on the third Tuesday of the month and we would like to encourage anyone who can knit or crochet or anyone who wants to learn either of these to join us! We get together each month to knit and crochet, help those just learning, provide solutions for problems, answer questions, and basically enjoy the time together. There is no pressure in this group and everyone works at their own pace and in their own way. Some members have been knitting or crocheting for a long time and others are just starting out. At this point, our prayer shawl supply is low and we really need more members in our group.

Please consider joining our group and contributing to St. Paul's in this way. For more information, contact Jean Hilleary at 410-758-1858 or Susan Johnson at 203-623-4221.

We would love to see you at our next meeting!!

Jean and Susan



Please Join Us

Chris Pupke will be giving a lecture on Sunday, February 25th at 4:00pm at the Kennard African American Cultural Heritage Center.



A Lenten Exploration of Imaginative Prayer

St Ignatius of Loyola believed that the imagination can be a powerful tool in helping us foster a deeper relationship with God. Jim Wilder, a present-day neuro-theologian, believes that using the imagination to connect with Jesus who is always with us, can help heal the emotional and physical pain in our lives. As Christians, knowing and following Jesus is the work of our lives – a work in which we need help. Perhaps the imagination can help.

This Lent we want to explore using the imagination in prayer. Whether it be imagining a gospel scene or using our imagination in a memory, we will use five stations of the cross as means from which to pray about our lives and thus, draw more closely to God during Lent. Come join Debra Donnelly-Barton and Carolyn Carney on Wednesdays at 12 noon after the 11:00 Eucharist. Feb 21, Feb 28, Mar 6, Mar 13, and Mar 20.

We'll gather with our brown bag lunches, and journals and curiosity.

Blessings.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>28</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>29</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>31</p> <p>9:00am Backpack packing</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p> <p>11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation</p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm AA</p> <p>7:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p>	<p>3</p> <p>8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Creamery</p>
<p>4</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>5</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study</p>	<p>7</p> <p>9:00am Backpack packing</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p> <p>11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation</p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm AA</p> <p>7:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>8</p> <p>6:30pm Northbrook HOA</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p> <p>5:00pm PEO Set Up</p>	<p>13</p> <p>5:00am Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper</p> <p>8:00am PEO Meeting</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study</p> <p>5:00pm Corsica River Conservancy</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00am Backpack packing</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p> <p>11:00am Ash Wednesday Service</p> <p>11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation</p> <p>5:30pm Bell Choir Practice</p> <p>7:00pm Choir Rehearsal</p> <p>7:30pm AA</p> <p>7:30pm Al-Anon</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Newsletter Articles Due Today</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p>	<p>17</p>

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25 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00am We welcome Thomas Beard 4:00pm Chris Pupke Lecture at Kennard Cultural Hert. Ctr.	26 10:00am Homeschool Group	27 9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Vestry Meeting	28 9:00am Backpack packing 10:00am Homeschool Group 11:00am Eucharist Service, Healing Prayer and Meditation 5:30pm Bell Choir Practice 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon	29	1 10:00am Homeschool Group	2 8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Creamery

Faith, Hope, and Love

But the greatest of these is Love.
1 Cor 13:13

Happy Valentines Day

Church Office Closed

February 16 and 19



Ministries Schedule for February 2024

Ministry	2/4 10:00am	2/11 10:00am	2/18 10:00am	2/25 10:00am	3/3 10:00am
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	M. Krempasky-Cawley	Mark Freestate	Sharon Burak	Judy Webster	
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Ned Aull	Peggy Andrews	Mike Grace	Peggy Andrews	
<i>LEM</i>	Chris Pupke	Tom Andrews	Dan Rugg	Laura Kaufmann	
<i>LEM</i>	Eleanor Strietman	Doug Kaufmann	Haley Melton	Gary Anderson	
<i>Ushers</i>	Sally Cooper Bill Clark David Cooper	Steve Parkhurst Mark Emerson Bob North	Mark Freestate Sharon Burak Miranda Burak	John Friel Kim Hazuda Stoney Duffey	Scott Hazuda Tom Andrews Dan Rugg
<i>Acolytes</i>					
<i>Server</i>	Haley Melton	Eleanor Strietman	Haley Melton	Tom Andrews	Eleanor Strietman
<i>Crucifer</i>	Doug Kaufmann	Jimmy Miller	Doug Kaufmann	Jimmy Miller	Stoney Duffey
<i>Acolyte</i>	Alex Leary		Alex Leary		
<i>Vestry Rep</i>	Kim Hazuda	Laura Bittinger	Julie Eaton	Pat Jamison	Wendy Emerson
<i>Counters</i>	Barb Ackermann	Mike Grace	Char McClatchy	Byron Luna	Myron Richardson
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Gail Brown	Michele Miller	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate	Pat Jamison
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sharon North Dot Abbott Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull	Sally Cooper Diane Freestate	Laura Kaufmann Haley Melton Barb Ackermann	Jessica Sellers Wendy Emerson Penny Lins	Sharon North Dot Abbott Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull
<i>Flower Guild</i>	Elizabeth Lepre	Laura Roth			

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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Laura Bittinger, *Parish Nurse*

Chris Pupke, *Lay Reader Director*

Dan Rugg, *Head Usher and Acolyte Director*

Matt Ward, *Production Manager*

Coleman Sellers, *Sexton*



The Vestry

'25 Laura Bittinger
Julia Eaton
Kim Hazuda

'25 Wendy Emerson
Dan McCreary
Bob Ozinga

'27 Peggy Andrews
Pat Jamison
Sherri Ward

The mission of St. Paul's Parish, Centreville, is to be a strong and caring community of faith, rooted in Christ, welcoming, serving, and loving all.

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On the Lighter Side...

The Rector responds to concern that Lent is a downer

