

March 2024

St. Paul's

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Epistle



Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday – March 24th

10:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Palms, Holy Eucharist II with Bagpipes

Holy Wednesday – March 27th

11:00 am - Stations of the Cross

6:00pm- Tenebrae with Violin Music

Maundy Thursday – March 28th

7:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar
With St. Paul's Choir

Good Friday – March 29th

12:00 p.m. - Good Friday Liturgy

Holy Saturday – March 30th

12:00 p.m. - Blessing of the Easter Baskets at St. Paul's

Easter Sunday – March 31st

10:00 a.m. - Choral Holy Eucharist II

First Sunday after Easter - April 7th

10:00 a. m. - Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Rites of Passage

Birthdays

Dot Abbott	March 1
Katherine Melton	March 7
Sabine Sellers	March 8
Mary Friel	March 14
Ben Heilman	March 16
Charley Johnson	March 16
Reed Hazuda	March 17
Carol Lorditch	March 18
Ellis Walker	March 20
Jo Lou Klingler	March 21
Jean Hilleary	March 22
Becca Anderson	March 31
Harriet Todd	March 31



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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Rector



Dear Friends,

The Day of Resurrection, Easter, is March 31! We will celebrate with great gladness our Lord's triumph over death and the grave. Holy Week begins with the Liturgy of the Palms and outdoor procession on Sunday, March 24 with bagpipe music. During covid, we did not read the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday. We will continue reserving the reading of the Passion for Good Friday, in the hopes that more parishioners will prayerfully consider observing the holiest and most solemn day of the Christian year by coming to church.

On Wednesday, March 27, the Tenebrae service of shadows offers Scripture, poetry and special violin music. On Maundy Thursday, we commemorate the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, the principal act of Christian worship.

We should not move from the procession of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter without observing the events of the last days of Jesus' life as they are memorialized during Holy Week. The great spiritual "Were You There?" asks the question all followers of Jesus are clearly called to answer with a yes.

I look forward to walking the way of the cross with you in our beloved church.

Yours in Christ,
Mary+



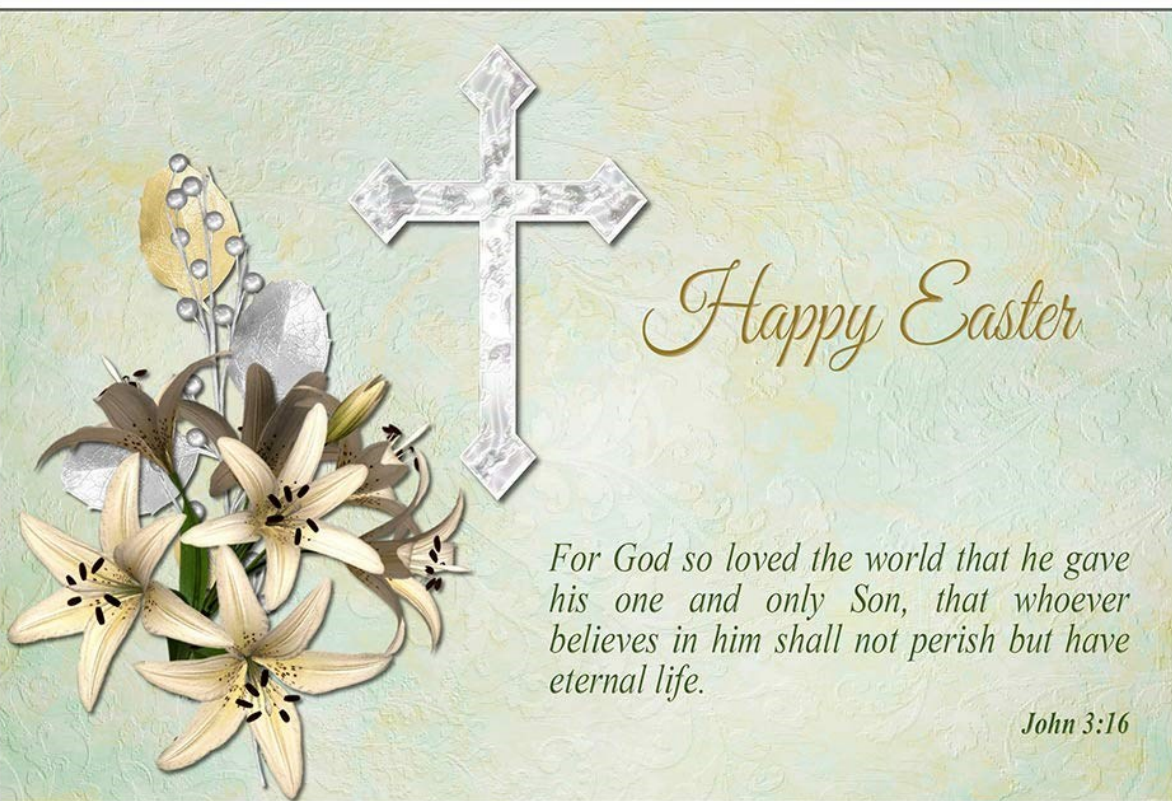
Junior Warden

Since the beginning of the new year there's been a few repairs/ projects that kept my attention. Here's a few items I'd like to report.

1. We've had to replace two tamper switches to our sprinkler system.
2. One of our electric motors for the geothermal system failed so a new one is on order.
3. With the vestry's approval I signed Brian Horney Masonry's proposal to repair our brick walkways at our Liberty St. Church entrance and the path just to the side of the entrance. At present, we are looking at a mid April project start.
4. The wiring and installation of our new garbage disposal for Donaldson Hall kitchen is complete.



Best Regards,
Charlie



Treasurer's Update

St. Paul's Finances		2024			
		St. Paul's Finances - January			
		Actual	Budget	Difference	
Revenue					
Pledges	\$ 54,605	\$ 82,667	\$ (28,062)	Unfavorable	**
Other Offerings	\$ 7,340	\$ 10,759	\$ (3,419)	Unfavorable	**
Building Fund	\$ 7,040	\$ 9,460	\$ (2,420)	Unfavorable	**
Other Income	\$ 636	\$ 1,284	\$ (648)	Unfavorable	**
Total Revenue	\$ 69,621	\$ 104,170	\$ (34,549)	Unfavorable	**
Expenses					
Total Personnel	\$ 15,436	\$ 16,797	\$ 1,361	Favorable	
All Other Operating	\$ 13,893	\$ 12,532	\$ (1,361)	Unfavorable	**
Building Fund	\$ 629	\$ 8,772	\$ 8,143	Favorable	
Total Expenses	\$ 29,958	\$ 38,101	\$ 8,143	Favorable	
Revenue minus Expenses	\$ 39,663	\$ 66,069	\$ (26,406)	Unfavorable	**

** Unfavorable



Blessing of the Easter Baskets



A wonderful Polish/Czech custom is having Easter Baskets blessed on Holy Saturday. The baskets are beautifully decorated with special linens, pussy willow and flowers. They are filled with symbolic food; meat, butter, (often in the shape of the Pashal lamb), dyed hard boiled eggs, salt, wine and something sweet. Another special dish is cwikla, a beet and horseradish relish. Please join us on March 30th at 12:00pm. Please come and invite a friend or neighbor.



Men's Breakfast
March 2nd 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.



Worship Schedule

Sunday:

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday:

11:00am Informal Eucha-

- 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, March 19th 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



Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It's mission "is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Every year Samaritan's Purse collects shoebox gifts filled with toys, school supplies, and hygiene items for children around the world. Since 1993, more than 220 million children in more than 170 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love."

Here at St. Paul's, I will coordinate our participation in this project. I hope that each family will fill at least one shoebox. The collection week is in November, but by starting now you have lots of time to shop sales (think of those 75% off after Valentine's Day and other holidays, end-of-season, back-to-school). When filling a box, decide whether it will be for a boy or girl, and age 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. You might ask a grandchild to give you ideas or even help you fill one! Or, check out <https://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoebox-suggestions/> No candy, food, lotions, gels or toothpaste. Think of a WOW! item to put on top.

Maybe a stuffed animal or deflated soccer ball and pump.

I will have preprinted Christmas Child shoeboxes available, or you can use any standard size shoebox and wrap lid and box separately. Samaritan's Purse is a 501(c)(3) tax exempt charity.

I'll send out ideas and tips periodically. If you have any questions, please email or call me at barbackermann@gmail.com or 443-797-4569. Let's pray to make this a success! Barb Ackermann



Backpack for Kids – Donations Needed

Our "Backpack Weekend Meals for Kids" program will be starting a new donation system in February. It will be "Food of the Month." We will choose one item each month for you to donate.

In March we are asking for applesauce which comes in individual cups. Each week we need 110 packets. Any donation amount is welcomed.

Donations can be dropped off in the marked container in the back of the church on Sundays or any time during the week. Thanks for helping this special program for our kids in need.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>25</p> <p>10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II 10:00am We welcome Thomas Beard 4:00pm Chris Pupke Lecture at Kennard Cultural Hert. Ctr.</p>	<p>26</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p>	<p>27</p> <p>9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Vestry Meeting</p>	<p>28</p> <p>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 AI-Anon</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>1</p> <p>10:00am Homeschool Group</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8:15am Men's Breakfast at the Creamery</p>
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17 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II	18 10:00am Homeschool Group	19 9:00am Bible Study 2:00pm Prayer Shawl Ministry	20 9:00am Backpack packing 10:00am Homeschool Group	21	22 10:00am Homeschool Group	23
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24 Palm Sunday 10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II with Bagpipes	25 10:00am Homeschool Group	26 9:00am Bible Study 5:00pm Vestry Meeting	27 9:00am Backpack packing 10:00am Homeschool Group 11:00am Stations of the Cross 5:30pm Bell Choir Practice 6:00pm Tenebrae with Violin Music 7:00pm Choir Rehearsal 7:30pm AA 7:30pm Al-Anon	28 7:00pm Maundy Thursday featuring St. Paul's Choir	29 Office Closed 10:00am Homeschool Group 12:00pm Good Friday	30 12:00pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets at St. Paul's
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The parish office will be closed March 29 through April 8th, May 24th and May 27th. If you have a pastoral emergency please call Rev. Mary at 443-988-8968. This phone does not accept texts. Also remember that Mary is unable to check her email when the office is closed.



Ministries Schedule for March 2024

<i>Ministry</i>	<i>3/3 10:00am</i>	<i>3/10 10:00am</i>	<i>3/17 10:00am</i>	<i>3/24 10:00am</i>	<i>3/31 10:00am</i>
<i>Lector-Lessons</i>	Mark Freestate	Carolyn Carney	M.Krempasky_Cawley	Judy Webster	Peggy Andrews
<i>Lector - Prayers</i>	Sharon Burak	Chris Pupke	Doug Kaufmann	Elsie Ozinga	D. Donnelly Barton
<i>LEM</i>	Gary Anderson	Chris Pupke	Haley Melton	John Friel	Tom Andrews
<i>Ushers</i>	Scott Hazuda Tom Andrews Dan Rugg	Sally Cooper Bill Clark David Cooper	Steve Parkhurst Mark Emerson Bob North	Mark Freestate Sharon Burak Miranda Burak	John Friel Kim Hazuda Stoney Duffey
<i>Acolytes</i>					
<i>Server</i>	John Friel	Bob Ozinga	Haley Melton	John Friel	Tom Andrews
<i>Crucifer</i>	Stoney Duffey	Mark Freestate	Doug Kaufmann	Jimmy Miller	Haley Melton
<i>Acolyte</i>			Alex Leary		Alex Leary
<i>Vestry Rep</i>	Wendy Emerson	Bob North	Charlie Ackermann	Diane Freestate	Kim Hazuda
<i>Counters</i>	Myron Richardson	Barb Ackermann	Bob Ozinga	Char McClatchy	Byron Luna
<i>Tuesdays</i>	Pat Jamison	Gail Brown	Michele Miller	Susan Johnson	Diane Freestate
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sharon North Dot Abbott Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull	Sally Cooper Diane Freestate Ann Grace	Laura Kaufmann Haley Melton Barb Ackermann	Jessica Sellers Wendy Emerson Penny Lins	Sharon North Dot Abbott Kathie Moore Chrissy Aull!!

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My Fair Lady

Book and Lyrics by
ALAN JAY LERNER

Music by
FREDERICK LOEWE

Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's Play and
Gabriel Pascal's Motion Picture "PYGMALION"

Original Production Directed by Moss Hart

FRIDAY
MAR 1
6:00 PM

SATURDAY
MAR 2
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SUNDAY
MAR 3
2:00 PM

FRIDAY
MAR 8
6:00 PM

SATURDAY
MAR 9
6:00 PM

SUNDAY
MAR 10
2:00 PM

Directed by **Kevin Reagan** | Choreographed by **Amber Wright**
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Technical Director **Matthew Ward** | Costumed by **Rebecca Loveday**

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Rt. Rev. Santosh Marray, *Bishop*

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Stef Scaggiari, *Director of Music*

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Bob North, *Senior Warden*

Charlie Ackermann, *Junior Warden*

Diane Freestate, *Treasurer*

Michele Miller, *Parish Administrator/Assistant Treasurer*

Elsie Ozinga, *Registrar*

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.

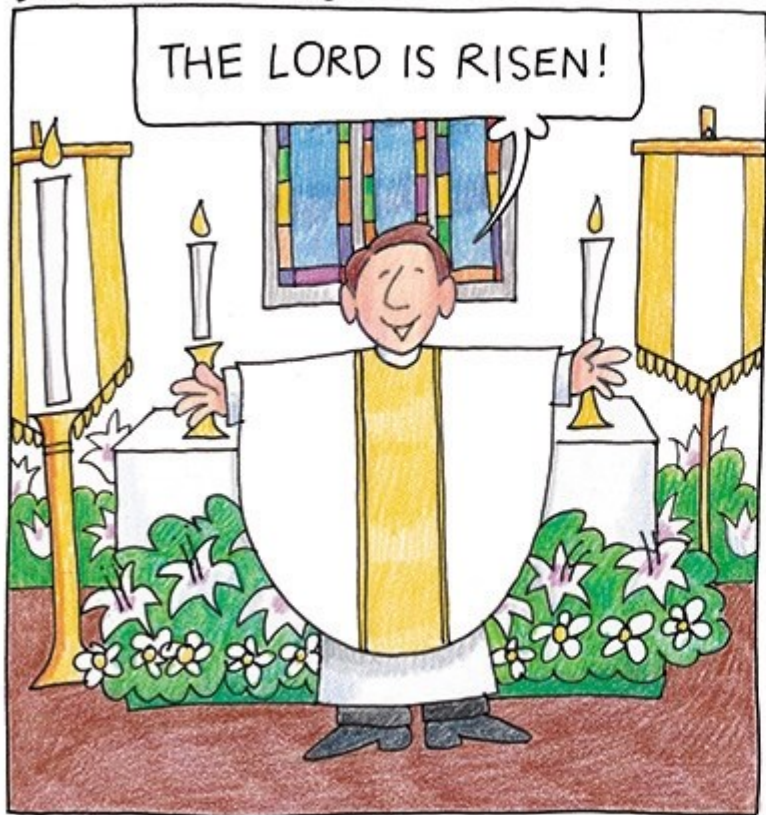
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EASTER MORNING



EASTER AFTERNOON

