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Downtown Syracuse, New York

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Palm Sunday ~ Reading the Passion Gospel

Photo by DJ Igelsrud

*No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Have Been,
There Is A Place For You At St. Paul's*

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St. Paul's Vestry

by Fr. Philip

*For just as the body is one and has many members,
and all the members of the body, though many, are one body,
so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body:
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.*
1 Corinthians 12:12-13

This year St. Paul's Vestry has held several meetings that were 'filled to the brim' with challenging discussions and votes that bring long-term consequences. During each of these meetings, I marveled at the faithfulness and intelligence our Vestry members bring to their deliberations. Their work is critically important, because, as the elected leadership of St. Paul's, the Vestry guides all the work of the church. We can see the results of their efforts each week, as more people are engaged in worship and our members lead an impressive array of ministries.

The members of St. Paul's Vestry bring three characteristics to their work, all of them based in the teachings of Jesus:

- Faithful stewardship. The members of our Vestry make decisions in a way that is compatible with Jesus' theology of abundance: God has blessed us with many gifts. We do not make decisions lightly or carelessly, but we are faithful when we put the gifts God has given us to work to serve God's people.
- Openness. Members of our Vestry do not come to meetings with their minds already made up about decisions we are considering. Members of our Vestry are open to persuasion by their peers.
- The absence of factions. In many organizations members of the board divide themselves into different factions: the fiscal conservatives, the pro-music faction, the pro-children faction, the anti-children faction. The members of our Vestry act as if they are a single body, thus bringing St. Paul's closer to Paul's ideal of the church as 'The Body of Christ' for the world.



During these long years of construction it has become more difficult for us to display photos of our vestry members, since most of our bulletin boards have been temporarily moved, or are inaccessible. We're including a page of photos and names of this year's vestry members on the page following this article, so you can identify and make a stronger connection with this central group of leaders at St. Paul's.

St. Paul's Vestry is just as important as the US Congress

That's almost true! The story of vestries in the Episcopal Church began during colonial times. There were many Anglican (Church of England) congregations in the colonies, especially in New York and Virginia. In the 1700s there were many congregations but there were no diocese or bishops. This meant that when a congregation needed a priest they had to write a letter requesting a priest to the Bishop of London. The letter was not transported in an airplane!

In England during this time most decisions in churches were made by priests and bishops. But in the colonies congregations sometimes went many months without having a priest to serve them. So members of the congregations began meeting to make decisions in the 'Vesting Room' adjacent to the worship space. By 1789 this informal decision-making process had been formalized into our current practice, where members of the Vestry are elected by the congregation to serve as the decision making body of the church.

When the first set of rules for The Episcopal Church was written in 1789, the United States Constitution was one of the primary influences. In the United States Constitution authority and power are given to three branches of government: 1. The United States Congress, 2. The President, 3. The Judicial Branch. In a similar way, in The Episcopal Church authority and power in most congregations is exercised by three branches of leadership: 1. The Vestry, 2. The Rector, 3. The Diocese. The analogy is not perfect, but it's close. In many situations, the Diocese acts like the judicial branch, setting and enforcing the boundaries.

Importantly, just as the United States Congress was designed to be the most powerful branch of our government, with the power to levy taxes and make decisions about spending (and therefore, government programs such as Social Security), in most Episcopal congregations most authority is given to the Vestry.

The Vestry chooses the Rector. The Vestry sets levels of spending for each program of the church. The Vestry has the authority to make decisions about all programs in the church, except for worship.

The Vestry is the only group of leaders that is elected by the members of our congregation. Consequently, the Vestry gets the final say in decisions that affect the entire congregation, aside from worship. There has been a lot of activity and rebuilding and growth at St. Paul's in recent years, so our Vestry has been very busy. Among other decisions your Vestry has made decisions about:

- * The scope of work to be included in *Open Doors*.
- * Removing additional hazardous materials discovered during the course of *Open Doors* construction.
- * Renovation of the apartments on the third floor of the Parish House.
- * The size of the storage room being built by our members at the East end of the Hansen Dining Room.
- * The details of our partnership with *A Tiny Home for Good*, as expressed in a 25 year lease agreement.
- The theme for our 2026 Bicentennial Celebration.

Officers of the Vestry

Each year the Vestry also appoints officers to serve for the coming year. This year the following individuals were appointed to serve as officers:

Clerk: Anita Wagner

Treasurer: Doug Mouncey

Assistant Treasurer: Sandy Yingling

Each year the Vestry also appoints leaders of the Finance and Building & Grounds committees, and conveners of the four ministry teams. These four teams coordinate the ministries of different groups within the church under one of four headings: Worship, Fellowship, Formation, and Mission & Service. If there are openings on the Vestry due to an unfilled term, the Vestry appoints someone to serve the remaining years of the term. (This happens almost every year, because quite often one of the existing Vestry members has been elected by the congregation to serve as Warden.)

We give thanks for the intelligence, the creativity, and the faithfulness of these individuals who take on the responsibility of serving as members of our Vestry!



**Willson
Cummer**



**Barbara
Bell**



**Joe
Russo**



**Tim
Simmons**



**DJ
Igelsrud**



**Matthieu
van der Meer**



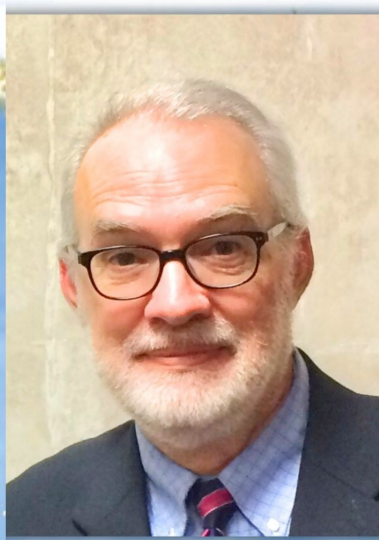
**Jeanne
Chu**



**Harry
Lambright**



**Tim
Cassavaw**



**Joe
Moorman
Warden**



**Ieva
Doyle
Warden**

**Your
2025
Vestry &
Wardens**

Senior Warden's Report

By Joe Moorman, Senior Warden



This recent Washington Post headline caught my eye: *People form human chain, move 9,100 books to new Michigan bookstore*. The patrons of Serendipity Books in Chelsea, Michigan, organized themselves to help their favorite bookstore move its inventory one block to a new location. This was quite a feat; organized like an old-fashioned bucket brigade, 300 book lovers moved 9,100 books from hand to hand and down the street in just under two hours.

Reading this story, I realized I've seen this same spirit of community on display regularly at St. Paul's. People volunteer to host coffee hour on Sundays, help with the greening of the nave at Christmas, and, after the Palm Sunday service last month, stayed to clean up around the church to prepare for Easter. Let's not forget the much larger jobs that member/volunteers have taken on, like Open Doors project management and fund-raising, and the work of the church's Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

In the church year there are two liturgical seasons of preparation: Advent and Lent. St. Paul's will have two additional periods of preparation in the next 12 months. We will need to get ready for the completion of the Open Doors project and for the Bicentennial celebration in May, 2026.

When the construction crew leaves St. Paul's this summer, there will still be work to do to return the church and Parish House to usable condition. This will require a lot cleanup, painting, and decorating, that I hope will result in a ribbon-cutting to mark the end of this long-planned and finally-realized updating of St. Paul's. Some of this work will serve a dual purpose, since tasks like getting the kitchen back together and restoring the Hansen Dining Room to a state where social events can be held, will also be necessary for our Bicentennial celebrations.

It is meaningful that that so many of us are able to worship, sing, pray, and work together. After the sawdust, and hammering, and dumpsters in the parking lot over the last 18 months, we can indulge in some well-deserved celebrating before re-orienting St. Paul's into its third century.

Fifty Years of 'The Courier'

Found in our archives--this announcement about the creation of 'The Courier' in February 1975

"Many of our parishioners will be interested to note that instead of mailing the Sunday bulletin as been the case in the past, we have somewhat changed the format. In place of a weekly mailing, we are experimenting with the idea of a monthly issue which will provide the members and friends of St. Paul's Cathedral Parish with information and news of the events of the coming month. We would welcome comments, and items dealing with coming events of the groups and organizations within the Parish for future issues. All items must be in the Parish office by the beginning of the third weekend each month for inclusion in the next issue."

Save the Dates for These Exciting Bicentennial Events

News from the Bicentennial Steering Committee

Derina Samuel & Anita Wagner, Co-Chairs

2026 is St. Paul's bicentennial year as the downtown Episcopal Church in Syracuse. What a joyous opportunity to celebrate our past, present, and future throughout the year in a variety of ways, within the church family and beyond!

The Bicentennial Steering Committee (BSC) is already hard at work coordinating the efforts of eight task forces that are concentrating on different aspects of the celebrations. We are pleased to announce the dates for two major events:

These dates were proposed to the BSC by the Events Task Force, chaired by Joe Moorman, and were unanimously approved by the Vestry at their May meeting.

While the St. Paul's Church archives reveal that people were worshipping together as early as 1824, the 200-year milestone is based on a founding date of May 22, 1826 when leaders of the emerging congregation signed documents that would give legal recognition as a church by the State of New York. Records show that St. Paul's celebrated its 150th anniversary on May 22, 1976.

Since May 22, 2026 falls at the start of the Memorial Day weekend, the large public event will be held the weekend before, in the hope of drawing higher attendance.

St. Paul's 200-year milestone is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to engage with our larger community, helping them learn more about the Spirit-filled work that goes on at St. Paul's. Please invite your friends and neighbors to the historic celebration on May 16, 2026.

For The General Public

Saturday, May 16, 2026

Commemorative worship service, speeches, proclamations, grand festive music, and more

For St. Paul's Congregation & Guests

Friday, May 22, 2026

Worship service, followed by dinner in the Hansen Dining Room

Save the Dates

for these special bicentennial events

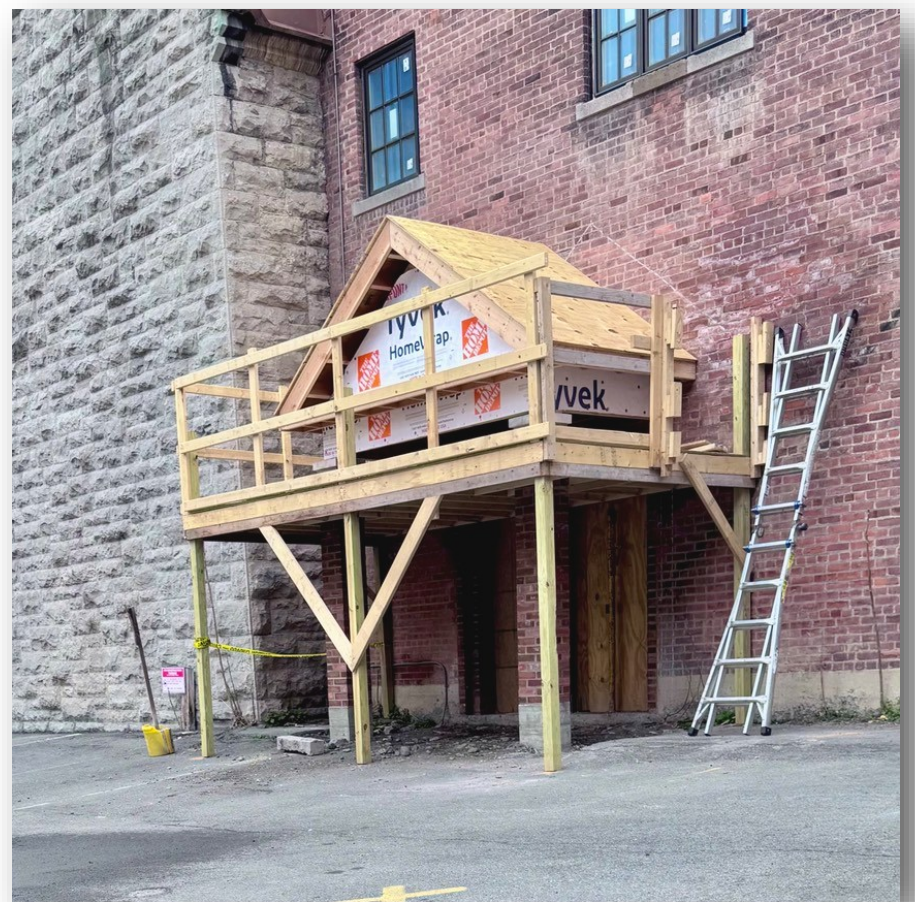
1826 - 2026

Open Doors Construction Update

by Betsy Elkins

While it may look and feel like nothing is happening, that is not true! With the completion of wiring for the new security and alarm systems other work is now resuming.

- The City has approved the framing around the wiring for the new fire alarm and security systems. This means that dry wall installation can start followed by painting in the two lobbies (Montgomery Street and in the Sargent Foyer).
- Before beautiful new quarry tile is installed in these lobbies and in the kitchen, some St. Paul's painters will paint the kitchen.
- The opening for a new window in the west wall of the kitchen has been cut; the window will be installed after the walls are painted.
- Plumbers will resume on the new bathrooms.
- The portico cover over the new west entrance is under construction now.
- The roofers should be back on site by the time you are reading this and should finish that work in just a few weeks time.
- Concrete slabs will be poured to the entrance on Montgomery Street and at the new entrance from the parking lot.



Once the kitchen is painted and the tile installed, our contractor Drulyk will return our appliances and counters to the kitchen, and “we” can begin the process of cleaning up everything and getting our kitchen back online. (If you have seen the kitchen items that are currently stored in the dining room you may have a sense of what “cleaning up” will involve!) The Project Management Task Force (Betsy Elkins, Doug Mouncey, Philip Major, Marion Greenhalgh, Tom Cantwell, Greg Tuttle, and Jim Potts) is meeting now to work on a critical path for how this should be done efficiently. There will be more about how you can help with this in the next Courier.

We remain optimistic that this project will be wrapped up this summer. We can look forward to a ribbon cutting ceremony in the fall to show off our wonderful project and what it has done for St. Paul's and for our community.



These are some of the bricks that were removed to get ready to install the new kitchen window. I lived in the wonderful Village of Horseheads in the Southern Tier for many years. I was excited to see a few bricks from the Horseheads Consolidated Brick Company that was established in 1840.



—Judy McAdoo-Pelton

More Than You Ever Wanted to Know About Parking at St. Paul's!



by Fr. Philip

A Brief History of St. Paul's Parking Lot

On November 24, 1976 the Eckel Theater held its final screening of a film: *Death Race 2000*, starring David Carradine. The theater was located at 214 East Fayette Street. Three years later the theater was demolished. St. Paul's bought the empty lot and created our current parking lot.

For the next forty years St. Paul's parking lot was leased to a management company that rented spaces to people who worked downtown. This arrangement provided steady income for the church, but it also compromised the amount of parking available for church members on Sunday mornings. Very few spaces were available for members to park during the week, even at 4 or 5 in the afternoon.

In the fall of 2022 St. Paul's Vestry made the brave decision to end our existing lease with the parking management company. Since that time our Treasurer, Doug Mouncey, a volunteer and a wise and generous man, has been responsible for managing rental agreements with parking lot tenants. This provides income for the church but also means we have many more responsibilities. We are the ones who call the tow truck when someone is parked illegally. Since St. Paul's is in charge of the parking lot we can ensure that at least a few parking spaces are available for our members. Most important, we have full use of the parking lot on Sunday mornings.

A Good Problem to Have

We are especially glad that we now have full use of the parking lot on Sunday mornings, because St. Paul's is growing. There is always plenty of room for our members who attend 8 a.m. worship services. But our 10 a.m. worship attendance appears to be growing steadily, month by month, year by year. In 2025 we have had some 10 a.m. worship services with more than 100 people in attendance. This has not happened for many years. Our parking lot is often full by 9:45 on a Sunday morning!

For those attending 10 a.m. worship services: **If you have the ability and energy to walk around the block, please consider leaving space for others to park in the lot by finding street parking.** Please leave spaces in the parking lot available for those who are not able to walk a long distance and for members who bring young children to church. This is a good problem to have. Let's work on solving it together!

Alternative Parking on Sundays

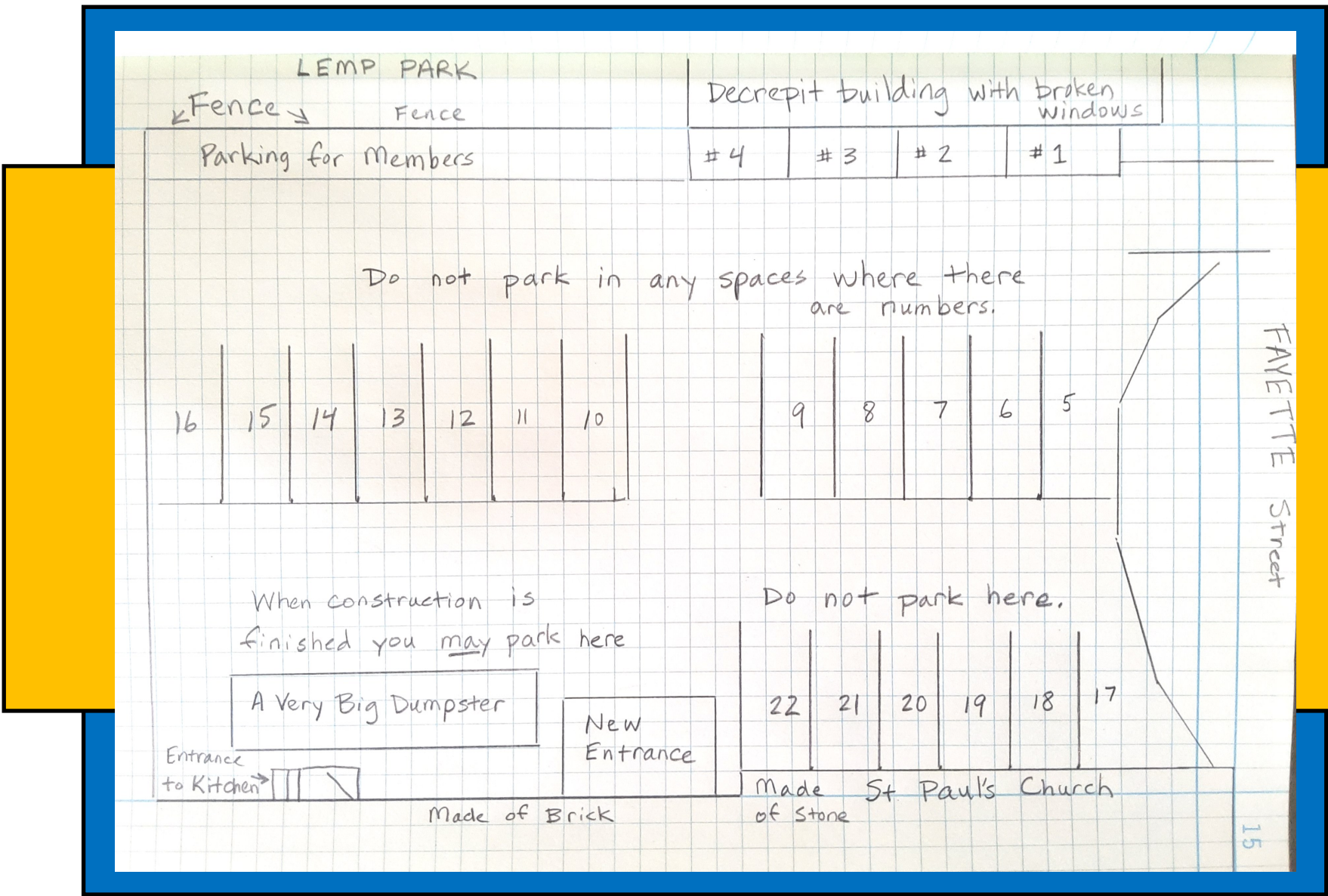
We have another good problem in 2025, one that we did not have when I arrived in 2016. In 2016 there was little traffic in our downtown neighborhood on Sunday, few people lived downtown, and there was almost nothing for people to do downtown. That meant there was lots of street parking. None of the parking lot owners bothered to charge people to park on Sundays, because few people were coming downtown on Sundays.

In 2025, more than 5000 people live in our downtown neighborhood, the Landmark theater is open and hosting Broadway level productions, and the streets are full of traffic, even at 10 a.m. on a Sunday. This is a good problem to have. Syracuse is thriving! People are moving downtown and discovering St. Paul's Church!

Please be aware that the KeyBank lot, the Hills Building lot and other downtown parking venues now require you to pay a parking charge in order to park in their lots. At least two of our members have had to pay fines of more than \$100 to have parking 'boots' removed from their cars.

Most of our Parking Lot is Not Available for Parking on Weekdays

Many of the parking spaces in our parking lot have numbers painted on them. These were painted by Doug Mouncey and myself, in November of 2022. We were trying to get the parking lot ready for tenants to use before the snow came for the winter. Doug and I were not successful in painting numbers in each space to be rented because some of the spaces were occupied many days in a row, and it rained a lot! The spaces that have numbers, and many adjacent to them, have been rented out to people who work downtown. **If you park in these spaces on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday your vehicle may be towed.** The only spaces that are available for our members to park during the week are the spaces next to the fence. If your car is parked next to the sad looking building it may be towed! When construction is finished, the spaces nearest the kitchen door will also be available for our members to use. Please see the diagram below:



The Parking Lot will be Rebuilt in the Coming Year

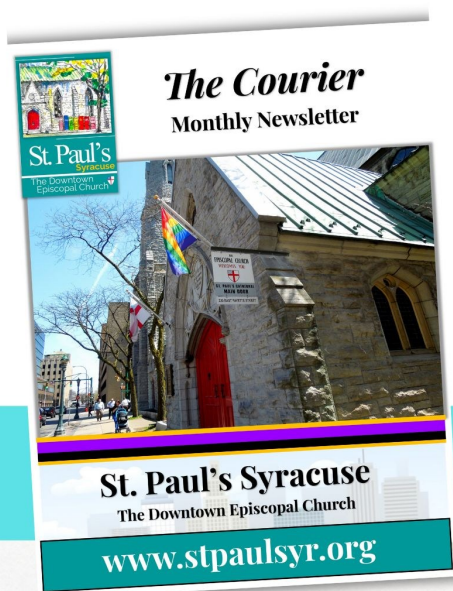
Our parking lot has been in desperate need of repairs for many years. Repairing the parking lot will cost more than \$100,000. Your Vestry has decided that repairs to the parking lot are the first priority for 2025, so we have dedicated our entire repair budget to this project. Please read *The Courier* in the coming months to learn more details about our Parking Lot Re-Construction.

What Would Be Required for St. Paul's to Have Full Use of the Parking Lot?

You and I would be delighted for our members to have 24/7 use of our parking lot. The only thing stopping this from happening is money. St. Paul's would lose about \$20,000 in income if we stopped renting out spaces to downtown workers. Is it worth \$20,000, collectively, to our members to have full use of the parking lot, seven days a week? I don't know the answer to this question. Please share your thoughts about this with me, or with another member of St. Paul's Vestry (see p. 4)



There will be a single service at
10:00 a.m.
Sunday, May 25th
(Memorial Day Weekend)



The deadline for the
June Courier will be
Sunday, May 25

The June Courier will be published a week late
due to vacation schedules.

Newsletter



Calling All Graduates

We would like to honor any graduates in the July/August Courier.
Please email to offices@stpaulsyr.org:

- Student's name
- Connection to St. Paul's
- Which school they graduated from
- If it's college, please list their major and what their plans are after school is over.

Please send a photo (JPG file) too!

Keep Up With All the Latest News; Read The Courier

By Fr. Philip

Some of us enjoy reading *The Courier* on a digital device. Others really enjoy reading a paper copy. The leaders of St. Paul's don't care how you read *The Courier*, we just want you to read it. The leaders of St. Paul's hope you will read *The Courier* because there is a lot happening at St. Paul's, much more than we can communicate during announcements on Sundays.



You may have noticed that the price of a first-class stamp is going up to 78 cents. That means that it will cost St. Paul's \$2.34 to mail a copy of *The Courier* (most of the time). Some of our members are not able to get to St. Paul's most Sundays of the month, and we are happy to mail copies of *The Courier* to these individuals. If you are a person who is able to come to St. Paul's on a regular basis, and you prefer to read the print edition, we ask you to pick up one of the beautiful, full-color copies when you come to St. Paul's. You should be able to find a copy in the narthex (entrance area of the church).

Please contact Judy in the office (jmcadoo@stpaulsyr.org), if you would like to continue to have the Courier mailed to your home.

Feminist Theology

By Laurie Sanderson

Feminist Theology will meet again Wednesday, May 21st at 7:30 pm. We meet via Zoom in the Montgomery Room on the St. Paul's website. For more information, please contact Laurie Sanderson.

Common Threads



St. Paul's Common Threads will be meeting at 7:00 on **Monday, May 12** at the home of Tim & Georgette Schmidt. (309 Scottholm Boulevard, Syracuse).

All are welcome to this time of fellowship where we sew, knit, mend, crochet etc. For more information contact Betsy Elkins or Georgette Schmidt.

YMCA Ministry

by Barbara Bell

The ministry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church to senior residents of the Downtown YMCA was begun by The Rev. Deacon Chuck Stewart in 2015. These 30 neighbors on Montgomery Street are an important part of St. Paul's parish. Debbie Bogan, Parish Liaison, guides church volunteers along with the Y's staff and residents in several events and activities during the year.



Continuing favorite activities include pizza and donut socials a few times a year, Easter and Christmas plant deliveries to residents, and St. Paul's Sunday school children help make Easter and Christmas cards. Birthday postcards and get-well cards are sent by our volunteers, as well as Valentines to the women residents. Recently a guitarist and a vocalist led a sing-along at the social!

St. Paul's little Open Pantry has been a source of supplemental food to some of the residents. A few have attended services and potluck suppers at St. Paul's as well.

Based on the cards of thanks we receive, we know that our relationship with these neighbors is extremely welcome to them. It's a mutually successful and important relationship as well!



Update from the Haiti Education Mission Inc.

by Georgette Schmidt



Our partners in Haiti have asked us to **pray** for them. Recently the gangs in Haiti have burned houses and killed people in the town of Mirebalais, in the Center Department of Haiti. Parents ran from the town carrying their children and are now in the Northeastern Department.

There are now 57 children ages 3 to 14 who, with their parents, have run from the armed gangs. A lot of people were killed and homes were burned during the gang attack in Central Haiti. Mirebalais is the town where Paul Farmer and Partners in Health built a beautiful hospital. The Northeastern department where our Haitian partners live is now filled with refugees fleeing from the gangs. Our contact in Haiti wrote, **"Please pray for us and for Haiti in general. The armed gangs are powerful and everywhere. The people are living in fear."**

It Was An Egg-Cellent Day—YMCA May Social

by Debbie Bogan, Parish Liaison to the YMCA Senior Ministry

It was overcast and snowy on May 16, 2025. The inclement weather did not stop eleven St. Paul's YMCA seniors ministry team members from venturing out to the senior residence at the YMCA. We delivered Easter plants and greeting cards to 25 senior apartments. We then enjoyed eating pizza and sweet treats with our YMCA friends.

Many thanks to the "Y team" consisting of Betsy Elkins, Chet W, DJ Igelsrud, Ellie Major, Georgette and Tim Schmidt, Harry Brown, Jeanne Avery, Joan Sammons and Ruth Brown.

A special thanks to Georgette Schmidt for making delicious cupcakes and Easter bunny cut out cookies. Kudos to Jeanne Avery and the Sunday school for the greeting cards.

DJ did a great job capturing the smiles and fun time had by all.

A huge thanks to Barry Pickard and Ruth Brown for sponsoring this event.

A big thanks to the staff at the YMCA for always welcoming us with open arms and kind smiles. This includes Eric and Cheryl from the Residence office, Katie the Housekeeper and Chris the maintenance man. Chris was especially helpful in getting the Easter plants into the YMCA senior residence and picking up the pizza. Our relationship with our Y neighbors is extremely welcome to them. It's a mutually successful and important relationship as well! We look forward to another social event with our YMCA neighbors.



More YMCA Photos on Page 15

Children's Ministry

By Jeanne Avery

We are so blessed to have Fr. Philip's attention, concern and creativity. He is so aware of the program and we are so thankful. He is always saying, "What can we do?"

Barbara Bell and I are so appreciative of the addition of Kira Lane to our staff. The Rev. Phyllis Palsma has agreed to present various Godly Play lessons to the children throughout the year. She has many Godly Play story materials that she would like to add to our limited collection. The first presentation was the story of Palm Sunday. The children (all ages) were spellbound. The next week the children retold the story using the props. Godly Play works when you present it correctly.

Our children have become trained for the distribution of the Palms. On Easter two of the boys joined the procession with Kira's coaching. The children have made many friends within the congregation. They are beautiful children.

The toddlers watch the older children and want to join right in at the famous brown table from the Major's house. (A tale should be written about the life of this table.) It is in its final resting place in the chapel- legs were cut down for the appropriate height for the children four years ago. We mentioned to Fr. Phillip that it was very crowded with all the children around the table- Within a day three table extensions had been added and little chairs around it. The service that is provided for the Chapel is amazing. "Ask and you shall Receive."

For the last ten years the people of St. Paul's have been bringing their cans and empty bottles to church. Betsy Barker and her grandchildren turn the bottles in and collect the money to donate to the children's program. This year the money totaled well over \$100. We thank you. We are thinking about a bookcase or containers with lids. Also, we want to thank all of you for participating. I have no idea where the bottles are stored for pick-up but thank you for not bringing them to the Chapel!!!



Godly Play will continue though Pentecost and resume in September.

Serving at the Samaritan Center June 7

By Betsy Elkins

St. Paul's is scheduled to serve a meal at the Samaritan Center on **Saturday June 7**. Help is needed with food preparation between 9 and noon as well as with serving and clean up from 12:30-3:00. If you can help with either of these shifts, please contact Kira Dirghalli or Betsy Elkins to indicate what you can do.



If you have never volunteered, this is a wonderful opportunity to try it out with your St. Paul's friends. We are hoping that serving a Saturday meal instead of the Sunday meal will make it easier for us to help.

If you have any questions speak with Kira or Betsy. Thank your for considering this.



**YMCA
April Pizza
Social**



Palm Sunday





Easter Sunday

Photos by DJ Igelsrud

May Calendar

Thursday, May 1, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —
Chase Music Room

Friday, May 2, Syracuse Orchestra All Day Rehearsal

Saturday, May 3, Syracuse Orchestra All Day Rehearsal

Sunday, May 4, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, May 4, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School &
Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, May 4, 10:00 am, Worship– Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, May 4, 11:30 am, New Members Class

Sunday, May 4, 3:00 pm, Syracuse Orchestra Concert

Monday, May 5, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Tuesday, May 6, Architect's Meeting—Brewster Room

Tuesday, May 6, 15:00 pm, Bicentennial Steering Comm.—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, May 7, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 8, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Sunday, May 11, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, May 11, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, May 11, 10:00 am, Worship– Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, May 11, 11:30 am, New Members Class

Monday, May 12, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Monday, May 12, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting —Montgomery Zoom

Monday, May 12, 7:00 pm, Common Threads—Georgette Schmidt's Home

Tuesday, May 13, 5:00 pm, Vestry Meeting—Brewster Room

Wednesday, May 14, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, May 14, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 15, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Saturday, May 17, 10:00-12:00 pm, Open Pantry Drop Off—Fayette St. Door

Saturday, May 17, 1:45 pm, Sacred Sites Open House Tour

Sunday, May 18, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, May 18, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, May 18, 10:00 am, Worship– Live Stream & In Person

Monday, May 19, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Monday, May 19, 1:15 pm, Donor Wall Task Force—Brewster Room

Wednesday, May 21, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, May 21, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Wednesday, May 21, 7:30 pm, Feminist Theology—Montgomery Zoom

Sunday, May 25, 10:00 am, Single Worship Service – Live Stream & In Person

Monday, May 26, Deadline for June Courier

Monday, May 26, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Tuesday, May 27, 5:00 pm, Buildings and Grounds —Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, May 28, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, May 28, 11, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, May 29, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room





May Birthdays


- EMMA MCCLOSKEY 5/6
- HANNAH MCCLOSKEY 5/9
- GRANT DOLGE 5/11
- HAL BROWN III 5/12
- MARY POWELL 5/14
- REBECCA LIVENGOOD 5/18
- DAVID WEBB 5/18
- MARY BUSKE 5/18
- DEREK LANE 5/23
- TIFFANY MINER 5/23
- WILLSON CUMMER 5/25
- DAVID GARVEY 5/31

Updated


Important Information About

Parking in Our Lot


until construction is completed



Evenings (after 5:00 p.m.) and Sundays, you may park anywhere in the lot.



Monday-Saturday: The only parking available during the day is the few spots on the fence (not on the wall) until after 5:00 p.m. Downtown workers have paid to park in our lot. We have signed a contract with them, that they are guaranteed their parking place Monday through Saturday.

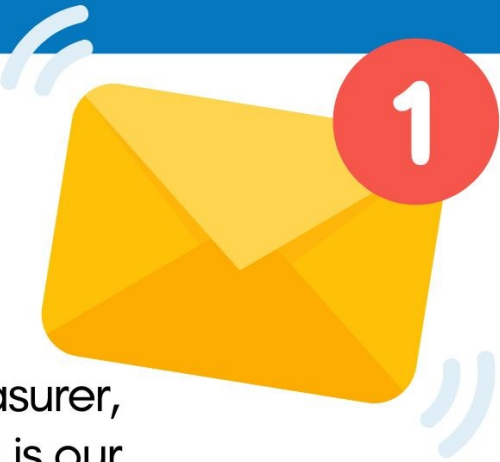


The construction workers who park around the dumpster, usually leave about 4:00 p.m. If they have gone, you can park there after 4:00 p.m.

New Email for Doug

Doug Mouncey, who is not only our outstanding Treasurer, but also holds a key position on our staff team. Doug is our volunteer Parish Assistant. His position is valuable and we couldn't function without him.

Doug has a new email address.
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Remembering Gifts

This picture of Father Philip, taken Easter Day this year, at the High Altar at St. Paul's, points to two significant gifts from the Marsellus Family. The first is the processional cross held in Father Philip's right hand. Just above his hand is the following engraving which reads:

*Given in Memory of Margaret Drummond Marsellus by
Gay Dey and John Marsellus
December 24, 1978*

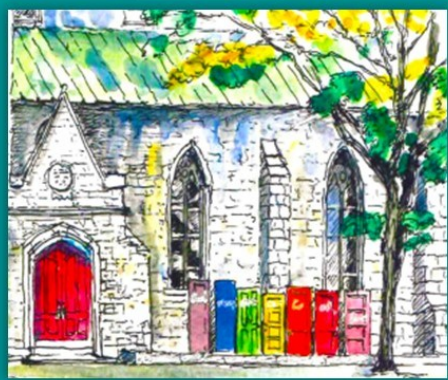


The second is the impressive altar frontal, made from cloth from Italy in what is called a "Coronation" pattern. That pattern is also seen in the chasuble that Father Philip is wearing.

John Marsellus has contributed to St. Paul's in many ways, and these gifts from 46 years ago are two examples. Thank you.



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