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*A lovely photo of Father Philip and members of St. Paul's Choir.
Photo by DJ Igelsrud*

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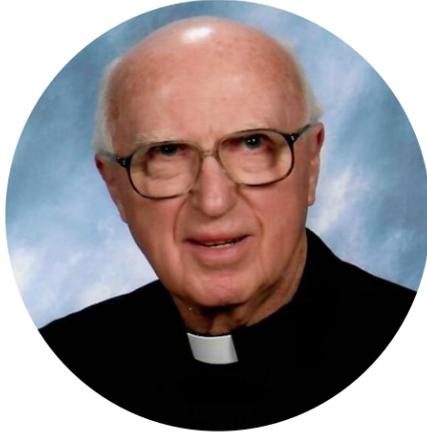
*No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Have Been,
There Is A Place For You At St. Paul's*

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Remembering Those Who Have Gone Before Us

—by Father Philip



*For none of us has life in himself.
For if we have life, we are alive in the Lord,
And if we die, we die in the Lord.
So, then, whether we live or die
We are the Lord's possession.
from Burial II, Book of Common Prayer*

On Sunday, November 7th, the people of St. Paul's will gather for a single worship service in memory of our loved ones who have died. During the past eighteen months at least five members of St. Paul's have died. It was difficult, and in some cases, impossible, to hold an in-person memorial service at the time of their deaths. It seems most important for us to gather together, to remember the love and grace of God revealed in their lives, to remember other loved ones who have died, and to be surrounded by God's hope and strength as revealed in Holy Scripture and in our corporate worship.



- I especially hope you are able to attend this memorial service on November 7th:
- * We will have a time for each person to light candles and say a prayer in memory and thanksgiving for any of their loved ones who have died.
 - * Three of our members and I will deliver brief eulogies in memory of four individuals who have died during the past eighteen months.
 - * Musicians of our parish will accompany the service with beautiful music for meditation.
 - * November 7th is also our celebration of *All Saints Day*, so we will sing several of our favorite hymns and hear the beautiful scripture lessons appointed for the day.
 - * We are taking advantage of the fact that we return to standard time on November 7th, and so we are holding this service at 9 a.m.

I look forward to seeing you there!

All Saints Flower Memorials

—by Judy McAdoo-Pelton



Each year we celebrate All Saints Day on the first Sunday in November. This year, our special service will be held on Sunday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m. There will be a single service that day.

We publish a booklet of memorials each year. If you would like your loved ones included in the booklet, please send us the name of the person being remembered, and who the flowers are given by. We are asking a minimum contribution of \$10 for the altar flower memorials.

Please send in all the information by midnight, November 1st to be included in the booklet.
Send to: offices@stpaulsyr.org.

St. Paul's Members will have full use of St. Paul's Parking Lot on Sundays beginning November 7th

—by Father Philip

Many of us have arrived for a worship service or a meeting at St. Paul's only to find there was no room for us to park in the parking lot. Since cars were parked overnight in the lot, it has also been impossible for snow plow services to clear the lot of snow. These and other issues have led to many frustrations for our members.

For many years St. Paul's desperately needed the income from the lease of the parking in order to meet our basic financial needs. Thanks to years of work done by our vestry and finance committee, and the volunteer efforts of lay leaders, St. Paul's financial position has been much stronger during the past two years.

So, earlier this year, St. Paul's Vestry created an ad hoc task force to study the options for future use of the parking lot. Led by our Jr. Warden, the task force created a proposal for St. Paul's to manage the parking lot, thereby allowing our members full use of the lot on Sundays.

Although the proposal of the task force called for making a transition at the end of 2021, the company managing the lot decided to end their relationship with us abruptly. As a result, management of the parking lot will be handled by St. Paul's beginning November 1st.



Here are details you should know:

1. St. Paul's members will have full use of the parking lot on Sundays beginning November 7th.
2. Monday-Saturday our members will have access to eight parking spaces. From Monday-Saturday you must not park in the spaces numbered 1-29: these are reserved for those with parking contracts. Parking for members (Monday-Saturday) is located in the corner closest to the kitchen door. Look for signs posted along the wall.
3. There is no overnight parking in the lot beginning November 7th.
4. As a member of St. Paul's, you will receive a dashboard tag in your Stewardship mailing. Please place the tag on your dashboard to identify your car. In order to avoid losing it, consider affixing it to the passenger side, lower corner of your windshield.
5. The parking lot gate will be removed. You do not need to return your parking fob to the office.
6. We will be using a towing service to remove unauthorized cars.
7. The spaces in the middle row will be changed to provide a wider travel lane in the center of the parking lot.

Parking in our lot has felt like a bit of a free for all, for us and for paid tenants of the lot. The introduction of these clear guidelines should bring some order to a chaotic situation. This quick transition would not have been possible without many hours of work from Doug Mouncey, our unpaid, volunteer administrative assistant.

Transition to full management by St. Paul's brings several additional benefits:

* It gives us the flexibility we need for the *Open Doors* construction project in 2022.

* Performing arts groups, such as Symphoria, Syracuse Community Chorus and Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music, will have full use of the parking lot for Saturday evening and Sunday concerts.

St. Paul's is a church, not a business. We are continuing to have rental agreements with people who work downtown because we want to be a good neighbor, as well as for the fact that it may produce some income for St. Paul's budget. We hope our downtown neighbors, as well as members of St. Paul's, have a better experience using our parking lot in the coming year.

Postponed, but Unstoppable!

—by Cathy Wolff



OPEN DOORS
ST. PAUL'S RENEWAL PROJECT

Even though the public launch of our Open Doors Capital Campaign was postponed in September due to Covid-19, we are beginning to receive donations from members of the community!

As of October 19th, we have raised a total of \$921,691 from individuals, including 2 donations from community members. St. Paul's members continue to donate and pledge, with 85% participating. Thank you all!

Let's see if we can't make it 100% participation and an even \$1 million! Look for an article in the December Courier with details on the new plans for the public launch of the Open Doors campaign.

Open Doors Report; Feedback from the Downtown Living Tour

—by Doug Mouncey

On September 25, St. Paul's served as a rest stop for people looking at various apartments as part of the Downtown Living Tour. One goal was to draw the attention of the broader community to The Open Doors project and how it would benefit many beyond our parish.

A large cadre of volunteers welcomed the guests and were able to tell them about the exciting activities at St. Paul's. Everyone was encouraged to watch the video about The Open Doors project. Our warm welcome also included some delicious home baked cookies (one guest suggested we sell the chocolate chip cookies because they were so good) and cider. Of the 137 guests that stopped, 32 entered drawings for a Bill Elkins sketch of City Hall and/or tickets donated by the Friends of Chamber Music to their October 9 performance.

In addition to submitting their name and contact number, there was an opportunity to complete a short survey. The results indicated that ~16% had previously attended a service at St. Paul's, including things such as Evensong, weddings and funerals; 25% had attended musical performances such as Symphoria, Solistice at St. Paul's, etc; 9% have supported Mission activities such as The Open Pantry, Samaritan Center, etc; 28% have visited during the Arts & Crafts Festival, including the rummage sale; 9% have attended Friends of Chamber Music events; and, 50% were visiting for the first time.

There were also comments such as "Beautiful building" and "Warm hospitality" that were not a surprise. Unanticipated responses included "Wonderful community reputation", "Plan to attend a service", and "God's House – the most beautiful" (I'm wondering if this last one was comparing us to the apartments visited during the tour)? The feed-back from this tiny survey, coupled with the conversations that day, coupled with the many occasions when we do open our doors confirms two things. First, many people in our community have never been in St. Paul's. Second, when we open our doors and engage with guests, they come to appreciate the beauty of our building and the hospitality extended to them. Special kudos to Marion Greenhalgh who coordinated the event and all of the volunteers.



Downtown YMCA Residence Annual Item Drive.

—by Debbie Bogan and Angela Alvarez, YMCA Residence Service Coordinator



Although we are still in October, we, here in Downtown are already in holiday planning mode, and we need your help.

Throughout this difficult year, new and growing needs of our residents/seniors have been identified. Below you will find a list of the most needed items. Other items such as food, hygiene items and cold weather items will be accepted, as there is still a need just not as crucial.

Our goal is to launch our annual drives on November 1st and carry them through till the end of the year.

Twin size sheet set	Brooms/Mops
Pillows	Buckets
Pots/Pans	Laundry Soap
Dish sets	Dish Soap
Microwave Tupperware	Pine Sol
Kitchen utensils/silverware	Sponges
Storage totes	Scrub Brushes
Hangers	Clorox Wipes
Laundry Baskets	Air Freshener/Febreze

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities at the Downtown YMCA

—by Debbie Bogan, Mission and Service Team Member

I received an email from Angela Alvarez, Residence Service Coordinator at the Downtown YMCA. They are in great need of volunteers to help during their Thanksgiving and December meals. They need volunteers to help pick up and drop off food, set up tables and chairs, serve, and clean up. The dates are Thanksgiving 11:30-1 and 12/17 or 12/18. If you can help in any way, please contact Angela Alvarez directly at aalvarez@ymcacny.org.



Thanks for considering these volunteer opportunities to help our Downtown neighbors.

If you have any questions about St. Paul's outreach ministry with the senior residents at the Downtown YMCA, call Debbie Bogan at 315-380-5651 cell.

Samaritan Center Ministry

—by Kira Dirghalli



As the new coordinator for our service to the Samaritan Center, I am asking for volunteers to help on Sunday November 7th.

You may help in these ways:

- (1) Donate money- we need \$250 to pay for the food the staff of the Samaritan Center will prepare that day.
- (2) Volunteer for some food preparation between 9 a.m. - 12 noon.
- (3) Volunteer to serve and interact with the people that come for the meal and clean up from 12 noon-3:00 p.m.

Please volunteer for this important mission and let me know how you can help on Sunday November 7th.

Thank you. My contact information is:

Email: dirghallik@gmail.com

home phone: 315-474-2812

cell phone: 315-480-6852

Don't forget... There will be a single service on Sunday, November 7th at 9:00 a.m.

It's also the day we turn our clocks back!



Concert here at St. Paul's on Saturday, October 30th.

For tickets go to: www.syrfcm.org

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QUARTET

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021
7:30 PM • ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH



Thank You for the Past 10 Years

—by Judy McAdoo-Pelton, Business Manager

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CELEBRATING
YEARS

I can't believe it's been 10 years since I first walked in the Montgomery St entrance and was met by Beverly at the front desk. September 26, 2011 is the day I began my employment here at St. Paul's. It's been quite a ride and there is always something new and exciting as we bring St. Paul's to be the best parish that it can be. My favorite part of my job has been meeting and getting to know all the wonderful people of St. Paul's.

You have all been so kind and fun to work with as we tend to the parish together. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Being here is such a blessing and I couldn't be happier. It truly is an honor to be a part of this historic church.

Judy

The Possibilities of Advent

—by Father Philip

Advent begins in just a few weeks. In our journey through the seasons, the dark, cold nights of early winter are ripe with possibilities to quiet ourselves and rededicate ourselves to core spiritual disciplines:

- * prayer
- * spiritual reading and reflection
- * stillness

I encourage you to set aside a regular time to create space in your life where you might experience 'something' that is sacred. (I use the term loosely, as the sacred is, quite likely, not a thing!)

Last winter we offered two traditional ways to support each other in these spiritual disciplines:

1. *A Wee Book of Advent Prayers*, with reflections and scripture passages for each day of Advent and Christmas.
2. Compline via Zoom and the livestream, each Tuesday evening at 7 p.m.

We will be offering these two practices again this winter. Our Tuesday evening compline services begin on November 30th, and can be accessed on the Fayette channel or via the livestream.

If you would like a copy of *A Wee Book of Advent Prayers* please call us on Tuesday or Wednesday or send an email to Doug Mouncey at assistant@stpaulsyr.org. If you received a copy of our Advent prayer book last year, I encourage you to reuse it this year.

A Great Cloud of Witnesses

*Since we are surrounded
by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside every weight..
and run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.*

Hebrews 12:1



A Book of Prayers & Reflections for Epiphany

St. Paul's Syracuse

Eblast Ooops!

I apologize to anyone who received error messages last week when we sent out the eblast by email. We are using a new graphic interface to make the Eblast more enjoyable to read. I believe I have corrected the problem that caused an error message. Again, my apologies for any inconvenience. —Judy



Helping Our New Neighbors

—by *Betsy Elkins for the Mission & Service Ministry Team*

As you likely know, Syracuse will be welcoming many refugees from Afghanistan in the coming months. Many will be resettled with help from the Center for New Americans which is part of Interfaith Works. Our Mission and Service Ministry Team met recently with Daryl Files, Community Engagement Specialist at the Center for New Americans to learn how we can help. We presented what we learned to those who attended a meeting at St. Paul's on Sunday October 17.

The Center for New Americans has been preparing to welcome and assist about 700 refugees from a number of countries (Syria, Ukraine, Congo, etc.) beginning this month. They now expect another 200 refugees from Afghanistan in the next 6 months. Many of these refugees left Afghanistan with just the clothes they were wearing and no paperwork to assist them when they got to this country. They have been temporarily placed in military bases. Once they arrive in Syracuse they will have many needs. The resettlement of refugees from Afghanistan is particularly difficult because the services and resources that are generally available to other refugees are not available for this new group at this time.

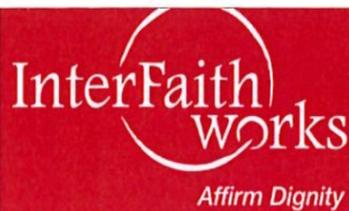


Following this article you will find a section of the Webpage from Interfaith Works ([How to Help the Afghan Refugees](#)) that describes the many ways we can help. Also included is a list of [Donation Needs](#) and a description of [Welcome Kits](#) with very specific items listed that will be needed. You may of course offer help in any way that matches your abilities, time and budget. Call Daryl Files if you are able to volunteer in some specific way: 315-449-3552 ext. 208. The Mission and Service Ministry Team suggests that you consider donating items through Welcome Kits. There are many kit possibilities ranging from simple cleaning supplies to bedroom items including sheets, blankets and pillows. Some kits may be relatively expensive to create and perhaps two or three individuals might consider filling a kit together.

We are asking that all kits be brought to St. Paul's on or before Saturday November 20. (We will designate a space in the Hansen Dining Room for these donations.) This is the Saturday before Thanksgiving and the day when some of us will be here collecting food for the Open Pantry. We will take responsibility for delivering the completed kits to Interfaith Works the following week. Please note that there are very specific items to include in these kits and everything on the list should be included; please don't leave any item out. All items should be placed in a reusable plastic bin (for example Rubbermaid) so families or individuals may keep them and use them for storage. Items in each kit should be new. Be sure you label the plastic bin with the kit name (hospitality, personal care, etc.)

If shopping for the specific items to include in a Welcome Kit is not for you and you still want to help in some way (or you want to do more!) you are always welcome to make a monetary donation directly to Interfaith Works. Be sure to indicate in the note line of your check: Center for New Americans Afghan Refugee resettlement. We have learned that there is a matching grant of \$25,000 so your gift will be matched!

As these refugees arrive we may learn more about specific needs, particularly in regard to clothing. We will pass this along as we receive more requests from the Center for New Americans. Thank you for any help you can offer to our new neighbors. If you have questions please contact Betsy Elkins (eaelkins@esf.edu 315-949-1222)



Accepted Donations

InterFaith Works' Center for New Americans provides resettlement and post-resettlement services to help refugee families in Syracuse reestablish their lives and overcome the barriers to successful integration in their new communities. With your generosity, we are able to ensure that all arrivals have a bed to sleep on, furniture in their living room and dining room, and everything in their kitchen to enjoy a meal with family and friends. **Please ensure that all donations are lightly used and in clean condition, or new (if indicated), to affirm the dignity of our families.** To schedule a donation pick-up or drop-off, please contact Daryl Files (dfiles@ifwcnyc.org, 315-449-3552, ext. 208).

Kitchen

- Sauce pans- *stainless steel*
- Frying pans- *stainless steel*
- Large pots- *stainless steel*
- Mixing bowls
- Cooking Utensils (can openers, bottle openers, spatulas, veggie peelers, cooking spoons, measuring cups, measuring spoons)
- Silverware trays
- Silverware (forks, knives, spoons) - *stainless steel*
- Kitchen knives
- Kitchen towels
- Pot holders
- Cereal bowls
- Serving bowls
- Mugs
- Drinking glasses
- Plates (dinner, salad, dessert) - *no fine china*
- Rice cookers
- Table cloths
- Place mats
- Microwaves

Bedroom

- Dressers
- Night Stands
- Bed frames (twin and full-sized)
- Blankets/comforters
- Twin-size sheet sets
- Full-size sheet sets

Living Room

- Small sofas/love seats
- Chairs/recliners
- Small tables (end tables/coffee tables)
- Couches
- Ottomans
- Lamps (standing, table)
- Flat screen TVs
- Small area rugs

Children's

- Toys- *sanitized*
- Pack & Plays
- Strollers
- Diaper bags
- Children's books- *like new*
- Baby/children's clothes (0-5 years old)
- Baby/children's shoes (0-5 years old)
- Cribs
- Crib mattresses

Other

- Fans
- Brooms
- Curtains
- Alarm clocks
- Iron/ironing boards
- Vacuum cleaners- *cleaned out*
- Laundry baskets
- \$25 Gift Cards (Tops/Target/Walmart/Wegmans/Uber)

Items That Must Be New:

- Hand sanitizer
- Paper towels
- Baby wipes
- Twin-size mattresses
- Twin-size box springs
- Full-size mattresses
- Full-size box springs

- Personal Care Items:

- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Toilet paper
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Lotion
- Deodorant
- Bars of soap
- Feminine hygiene pads

- School Supplies:

- Backpack
- Box of #2 pencils
- Pencil sharpener
- Pack of colored pencils
- Eraser
- Folder
- Notebook
- 2", 3-ring binder
- Pack of highlighters

- Cleaning Products:

- Toilet cleaner
- All-purpose cleaner spray
- Trash bags
- Mop
- Kitchen sponges
- Dish soap
- Kitchen trash can
- Small waste basket
- Laundry detergent



How to help the Afghan refugees

from Interfaith Works: <https://www.interfaithworkscny.org>

- 1. Donate Goods.** We welcome donations of new or gently used household goods, furniture, coats, hats, blankets and school supplies to support newly arrived refugees. Kindly remember that we work to *affirm dignity*, so all donations must be in excellent condition.
 - *Interested in details on how to make a donation and what is currently needed? Please email Daryl Files or call her at 315-449-3552, ext. 208.*
- 2. Volunteer.** Volunteer with InterFaith Works' Center for New Americans. Volunteer tasks might include conducting one-on-one public transportation trainings, becoming an English tutor, or coaching a refugee through writing a resume for a first job in the U.S.
 - *Interested in volunteering? Please fill out our Volunteer application.*
- 3. Become a Community Sponsor.** Community Sponsors are groups of individuals (such as local clubs, businesses, university communities, faith groups, sports teams, book clubs) who commit to providing support (including financial and/or in-kind) to New Americans in order to support their welcome and integration.
 - *Interested in becoming a Community Sponsor? Please fill out our Community Sponsor application.*
- 4. Become an Ambassador.** Ambassadors are groups of individuals (from a civic organization, cultural organization, community group, spiritual/faith group, etc.) who walk shoulder to shoulder with new arrivals to support them during the initial resettlement period (first 90 days).
 - *Interested in becoming an Ambassador? Please email Daryl Files, Community Engagement Specialist, or call her at 315-449-3552, ext. 208, or email Sarah Hewitt, Community Engagement Coordinator, or call her at 315-449-3552, ext. 232.*



Welcome Kits

Ongoing Collection Specialty Sponsors may elect to collect and compile kits for clients. We ask that kits are packed into reusable plastic bins (for example, Rubbermaid bins) so that families or individuals can keep them and use them for storage. To affirm dignity, we ask *that items are new or like-new*. Kit options are as follows:

HOSPITALITY KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Teapot	<input type="checkbox"/> Syracuse Calendar	<input type="checkbox"/> Blanket	<input type="checkbox"/> "Welcome" Doormat
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tea	<input type="checkbox"/> Map of Syracuse Area	<input type="checkbox"/> Slippers	<input type="checkbox"/> Notebook/Pens
PERSONAL CARE KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Umbrella	<input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes (4-6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Lotion	<input type="checkbox"/> Bars of Soap (3)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Conditioner (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Band-Aids	<input type="checkbox"/> Feminine Hygiene Pads
BEDROOM KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper	<input type="checkbox"/> Razors/Shaving Cream	<input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant (2 men, 2 women)	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Size Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/> Full-Size Sheet Sets (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pillows (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Pillow Cases (4)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin Sheet Set (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Twin-Size Blankets (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Comforter(s)	
<i>*Bedroom kits need to include new items. Sheets and pillows cannot be used, even if in like-new condition.</i>				
KITCHEN KIT 1	<input type="checkbox"/> Dishes (for 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Cups/Glasses (for 6)	<input type="checkbox"/> Mugs	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels
	<input type="checkbox"/> Dish Towels (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Forks, Knives, Spoons	<input type="checkbox"/> Potholders	<input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towel Holder
	<input type="checkbox"/> Garbage Bags	<input type="checkbox"/> Trash Can (11-13 gallon)	<input type="checkbox"/> Dish Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Silverware Tray
KITCHEN KIT 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Mixing Bowls (2-3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Large Pot w/ Lid	<input type="checkbox"/> Spatula	<input type="checkbox"/> Cooking Utensils
	<input type="checkbox"/> Frying Pan	<input type="checkbox"/> Reusable Containers	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Can Opener
	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Pot w/ Lid	<input type="checkbox"/> Cutting Board	<input type="checkbox"/> Sponges	<input type="checkbox"/> Baking Dish
BATHROOM KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Bath Towels (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Washcloths (6-8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower Curtain (w/ rings)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Towels (4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Small Waste Basket	<input type="checkbox"/> Bathmat	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Paper
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shower Liner			
HOUSE CLEANING KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Mop & Bucket	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Brush	<input type="checkbox"/> Lightbulbs	<input type="checkbox"/> Toilet Cleaner
	<input type="checkbox"/> Broom & Dustpan	<input type="checkbox"/> Dryer Sheets	<input type="checkbox"/> Dish Soap	<input type="checkbox"/> Trash Bags
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack of Sponges	<input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Detergent	<input type="checkbox"/> Tissues	<input type="checkbox"/> All-Purpose Cleaner Spray
SCHOOL KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpack	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-Ring Binder	<input type="checkbox"/> Eraser	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack of Highlighters
	<input type="checkbox"/> Box of #2 Pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil Box/Pouch	<input type="checkbox"/> 12" Ruler	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack of Crayons
	<input type="checkbox"/> Pencil Sharpener	<input type="checkbox"/> Pack of Colored Pencils	<input type="checkbox"/> Folders (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Notebooks (3)
BABY KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Box of Diapers	<input type="checkbox"/> Sippy Cups	<input type="checkbox"/> Diaper Bag	<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Blanket
	<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes	<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Bottles	<input type="checkbox"/> Pacifier	<input type="checkbox"/> Car Seat (optional)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Body Wash	<input type="checkbox"/> Diaper Rash Cream	<input type="checkbox"/> Baby Bibs	<input type="checkbox"/> Stroller (optional)
<i>*Diapers require closer coordination with IFW for sizing</i>				
WINTER KIT	<input type="checkbox"/> Warm Scarves	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Warmers	<input type="checkbox"/> Snow Shovel	<input type="checkbox"/> Wool Socks (optional)*
	<input type="checkbox"/> Winter Gloves	<input type="checkbox"/> Door Draft Stopper	<input type="checkbox"/> Blanket(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Coats (optional)*
<i>*Coats and socks require closer coordination with IFW for sizing</i>				



Recommendations Now in Order for Vestry Membership Starting January 2022

—by Dick Pilgrim, Junior Warden

It's the season – once again – for considering who might best be recommended to the Nominations Committee for possible membership on the Vestry -- if nominated by the committee and elected at the Annual Meeting in January. As is typically the case, we will have *three* open slots for three-year terms as Vestry “members”, and *one* open slot for a Jr. Warden as the current one moves up to Sr. Warden and the current Sr. Warden cycles off. (Wardens are in two-year terms, and – while not Vestry “members” – sit and vote on the Vestry as members do.)



You are invited to recommend people – including yourself – for these positions, and such recommendations need to be made directly to the Nominations Committee whose members are listed below. That committee then considers all recommended persons and determines who will be nominated for election at the Annual Meeting. The deadline for bringing recommendations to the committee is **Sunday, Nov. 14** of this year.

The recommendation form you're encouraged (but not required) to use is published on the facing page, and it offers some additional information you may like to make note of. Copies of that form will also be available at Sunday services starting October 31, and from the committee members listed below.

This year's committee members include not only myself as committee chair (rbpilgri@syr.edu), but also Mary Hastings (vicbou1922@gmail.com), Tiffany Miner (tminer2@gmail.com), and Sue Wright (swright14620@yahoo.com). You are welcome to bring questions and /or recommendations to any one of us up to and through Nov. 14.

All Saints Flower Memorials

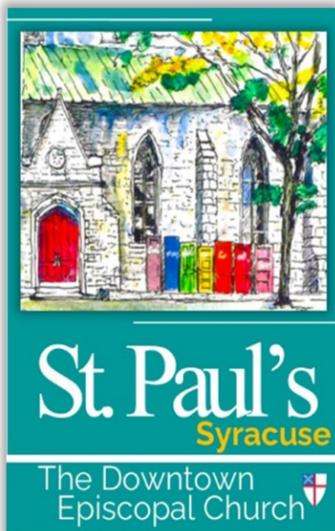


The All Saints Flower Memorials booklet will be published soon.

Please send in any changes, or additions by **Monday, November 1st**. A contribution of **\$10** will be used to **cover the cost of the flower memorials**.

Questions? Check the article on page 2 for more information about the booklet

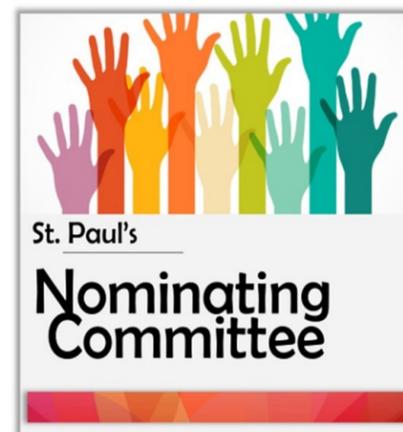
Warden and Vestry Membership Recommendation Form



At the January 2022 Annual Meeting we will elect a Junior Warden (to serve one year as Jr. Warden and one as the Sr. Warden) and three Vestry members (each to serve for 3 years). The Nominations Committee of the Vestry encourages you to recommend qualified persons to serve in these positions using the form below (one form per recommendation). The committee will determine eligibility and select the final nominees. Nominations may also be accepted from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

As you consider qualified persons keep in mind these characteristics of Vestry members from the Vestry Policies and Procedures:

- Be a hands-on leader
- Participate fully in the life of the Church
- Support St. Paul's financially with a yearly pledge
- Attend Sunday worship on a regular basis
- Pray for the Parish, its members and staff



Recommendation

I wish to recommend _____ for Warden/Vestry (circle one) Include a brief description of why you feel this person is qualified on the back of this form.

Note: The person(s) you recommend do not necessarily have to be aware of your recommendation; the committee always verifies with individuals if they are to be nominated by the committee at the Annual Meeting. Please let us know on the back of this form if your recommended person is aware of your recommendation or not, and whether you wish your name to be given as the recommender.

Your Name: _____

Thank you for your help with this important nominating process.

Please submit any recommendations to us by Sunday November 14.

Nominating Committee members: Dick Pilgrim (chair), Mary Hastings, Tiffany Miner, and Sue Wright.



Pastoral Care at St. Paul's

—by *Father Philip*

Especially during the Covid-19 Pandemic, each one of us is under stress. It is vitally important that we have a system of pastoral care that is shared and known by each member of our congregation.

1. Our members stay in contact with one another. This is the foundation. Make connections with one another. Stay in touch with one another. If you see that another member is in distress, or if you are concerned about another member, ask me or Kira Dirghalli for support.

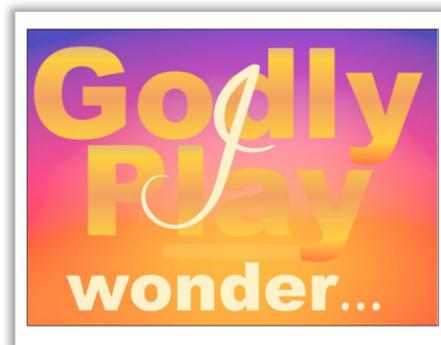
2. We are blessed to have a team of lay leaders who keep an eye on the needs of the entire congregation. Our pastoral care team is especially concerned for those who are sick or have serious medical needs, and those residing in nursing care facilities. Kira Dirghalli is our pastoral care team leader. Please speak with Kira if you are interested in joining our pastoral care team.

3. If you need to talk with me, it is very important for me that you talk with me directly via phone or email. This is true at all times, but during the pandemic some of our members have rarely been in the church building, so I don't have the opportunity to talk with them in person. My cell number is 315-726-2636. Please leave me a message or send a text and I will call you as soon as I can. Many members have called me directly in the last 18 months. I am always glad to hear your voice!

Children's Sunday School

—by *Jeanne Avery, Children's Ministry Leader*

The Godly Play classroom has explored the Holy Bible by using individual books of the Bible made of wood, the story of Creation, Jonah and the Whale, The Mustard Seed, The Good Samaritan. Coming up in November is the Story of Exodus, The Ark and the Flood, The Ten Commandments And then the start of a new church calendar year. Advent is going to be a very busy time in the classroom.



On October 31, the children are being encouraged to come to church in their Halloween costumes! We will be working with the Pumpkin Prayer in class.

November 7 Class is at 9:00 (one combined service in church with one church school class at 9:00.)

Prayer List

Andrew, June, John, Beverly, Sarah and Mary

All those who are living alone

All who are struggling with depression and anxiety.

We pray for the leaders of the church, including:

Michael, our presiding bishop, DeDe, our bishop, and Philip, our rector.



Pastoral Care: Just a reminder to contact Father Philip, or Kira Dirghalli if you have concerns or names or changes for the prayer list.

Supporting Beverly

—by *Father Philip*

During the past eight weeks many of us have been especially concerned for Beverly. We have not been able to visit her in person due to Covid-19 infections at Sunnyside. Many of us wish we could do more to support Beverly. Frustrated at not being able to see her, ten days ago I dropped off a small care package and a card for her at the door.



In most cases like this, the church provides some extra support for a family. In Beverly's case, there is no family. We are her main source of support. Many of you are stepping up to give your support, calling her on the phone and sending her notes. Thank you for all of your support for Beverly.

I encourage you to call Beverly or send a note or letter or even drop off a care package if you are able. The number for Beverly's room at Sunnyside is 315-627-7246. Her address is:

*Beverly Bolton
Sunnyside Care Center
7000 Collamer Rd
East Syracuse, NY 13057*

In terms of Beverly's long-term situation, I'm not sure what will happen at Sunnyside in the coming weeks. I know we will need volunteers to help with the work sorting things out in her apartment and selecting a small number of items to bring to her at Sunnyside. This will be a group effort. We will arrange for at least two work parties, including on a Sunday afternoon. Many of us are not comfortable going to Beverly's apartment alone, so we will be gathering at St. Paul's and driving to the Skyline Towers together.

Please call the office on Tuesday or Wednesday or email Doug at assistant@stpaulsyr.org to let us know if you are able to join a small crew to work for two or three hours.

Unique Exhibit at the Everson Museum of Art

—by *Debbie Bogan, Mission and Service Ministry team member*

Congratulations to our Downtown YMCA neighbor, Kafi. Her painting entitled "Heaven's Wrath for the Blood of Martyrs of the war in Iraq" is on display at the Everson through November 14, 2021. Her painting was selected by a panel of judges, and is part of the Unique exhibit coordinated by Arise. Kafi said "I grew up in Bagdad. When I grew up, there was war in my country. I like making arts, crafts, and cooking. Whenever I make art, it makes me happy and brings me peace and joy."



Father Philip will be out of town October 25th through November 4th. Rev. Georgina Hegney will be filling in on Sunday, October 31st.





November Calendar

Monday, November 1, 10:00 am, OD Leadership Meeting—Montgomery Zoom
Wednesday, November 3, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Montgomery Zoom
Wednesday, November 3, 4:00 pm, SPC Readers Group – Montgomery Zoom
Sunday, November 7, 2:00 am Daylight Savings Time Ends—Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
Sunday, November 7, 9:00 am, Single Worship Service at 9:00 am **ALL SAINTS DAY**
Sunday, November 7, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers
Monday, November 8, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting —Montgomery Zoom
Tuesday, November 9, 1:00 pm, Warden’s Meeting – Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 9, 2:00 pm, Bible Study w/ Father Philip — Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 9, 5:00 pm, Vestry Meeting – In Person Brewster Room
Wednesday, November 10, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Montgomery Zoom
Wednesday, November 10, 4:00 pm, SPC Readers Group – Montgomery Zoom
Thursday, November 11, Veterans Day Holiday
Saturday, November 13, Diocesan Convention

Sunday, November 14, Diocesan Convention
Sunday, November 14, 8:00 am, Worship – In person
Sunday, November 14, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person
Sunday, November 14, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers
Monday, November 15, 10:00 am, OD Leadership Meeting—Montgomery Zoom
Monday, November 15, 4:00 pm, Private Meeting—Montgomery Zoom
Tuesday, November 16, 1:00 pm, Warden’s Meeting – Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 16, 2:00 pm, Bible Study w/ Father Philip — Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 16, 7:30 pm, Feminist Theology—Special Zoom Link (see Laurie Sanderson)
Wednesday, November 17, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Montgomery Zoom
Wednesday, November 17, 4:00 pm, SPC Readers Group – Montgomery Zoom
Saturday, November 20, 10:00 am, Open Pantry Drop Off until Noon—Fayette Street Door
Saturday, November 20, 7:30 pm, Concert-Syracuse Friends of Chamber Music

Sunday, November 21, 8:00 am, Worship – In person
Sunday, November 21, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person
Sunday, November 21, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers
Tuesday, November 23, 1:00 pm, Warden’s Meeting – Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 23, 2:00 pm, Bible Study w/ Father Philip — Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 23, 5:00 pm, Buildings & Grounds – Montgomery Zoom
Wednesday, November 24, 1:00 pm, Centering Prayer – Montgomery Zoom
Thursday, November 25 through Friday, November 26—Thanksgiving Holiday

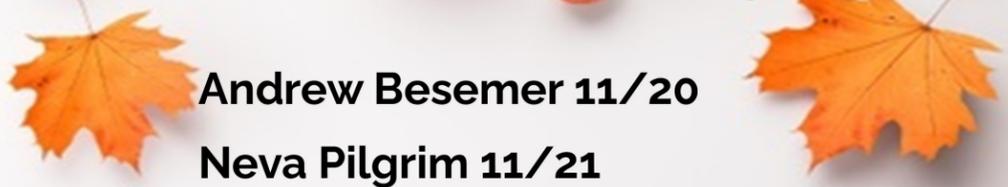
Sunday, November 28 First Day of Advent
Sunday, November 28, 8:00 am, Worship – In person
Sunday, November 28, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In person
Sunday, November 28, 2:00 pm, South Sudanese Prayers
Sunday, November 28, 4:00 pm, Lessons & Carols
Monday, November 29, 10:00 am, OD Leadership Meeting—Montgomery Zoom
Tuesday, November 30, 1:00 pm, Warden’s Meeting – Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 30, 2:00 pm, Bible Study w/ Father Philip — Fayette Zoom
Tuesday, November 30, 7:00 pm, Advent Compline Service — Fayette Zoom



November Birthdays

Hope Irvine 11/5
Sue Wright 11/5
Antonio Caruso 11/6
Meghan Glavin 11/11
Phil Buffham 11/13
Erin Glavin 11/16
Cadence Lewis 11/19

Andrew Besemer 11/20
Neva Pilgrim 11/21
Donna Crisman 11/25
Samantha Fledderjohann 11/29
Jess Fledderjohann 11/29



November Anniversaries

Eric Johnson &
Kerstin Johnson
November 5th

Matthew Fledderjohann &
Amanda Fledderjohann
November 26th



Wreath Sale to Benefit St. Paul's Choir

—by Betsy Elkins

Our annual Christmas Wreath Sale which benefits our choir is now underway. Please complete the order form included with this notice and return it to me (address below) with a check made out to St. Paul's (marked "for wreath sale" on the note line). I must have your order no later than **Sunday, November 7th** so that we may place an order with Hafners for our wreaths. You may also leave your order with me on Sunday October 31 after either service or on Sunday November 7 after the single service that begins at 9.

Your past support has helped the choir immensely and we hope you will order again. Tell your friends about this opportunity to support music at St. Paul's.

Wreaths will be ready for pick up on Saturday December 4 between 10 and noon or Sunday December 5 after services. Arrangements can be made for delivery of your wreath(s) during the week following December 5.

Many thanks to Margaret Sherwin for coordinating this important fundraiser for the choir for so many years. I am grateful for the complete notes she left for me and hope I can execute this task as well as she did. If you have questions please contact me: eaelkins@esf.edu or 315-949-1222.

Betsy Elkins
215 E. Water Street Apt. 3F
Syracuse, New York 13202



Our Annual St. Paul's Choir 2021 Wreath Sale

Purchase a beautiful fresh wreath and support the Choir.

Orders may be placed on Sundays—October 31st and November 7th. Or they may be mailed prior to November 7th. Send to: Betsy Elkins 215 E. Water St. Apt 3F, Syracuse, NY 13202. Wreaths will be ready for pick up on Saturday, December 4th 10:00 a.m. to Noon or picked up on December 5th after services.

Payment must accompany the order.

Order deadline is Sunday, November 7th

Wreath Order Form (*circle your selection*)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Plain
12" \$16.00

16" \$19.00

24" \$30.00

With Bow
12" \$17.00

16" \$20.00

24" \$31.00

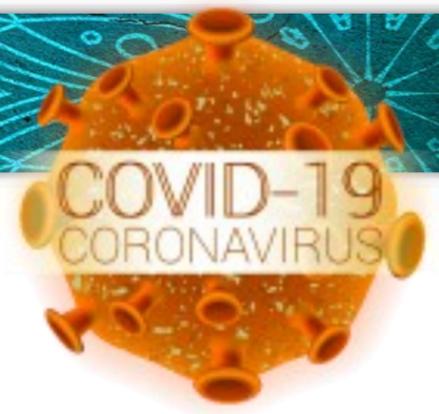
Total: \$ _____



Make Checks Payable to: St. Paul's Syracuse with "Wreath Sale" in the memo.

New Covid-19 Guidelines: Please Read!

—by Father Philip



Dear people of St. Paul's,

As we enter the 20th month of the pandemic we continue to make adjustments to our Covid-19 protocols. As of September 15th, the diocese is requiring masks for all persons and for all activities in our buildings. The only exception is to allow the preacher to remove their mask to deliver the sermon, provided there is adequate distance from other people. Similarly, lectors are permitted to remove their masks to read the lessons.

On September 14th our vestry approved a resolution **requiring proof of immunization against the new coronavirus for in-person participation in non-worship activities**. We have two reasons for requiring vaccination for in-person participation:

1. It will help keep people safer. We want to make St. Paul's a safer place for our members. Spread of the new coronavirus is lower among vaccinated groups than among unvaccinated groups of people.
2. It is part of our mission to support the health and well-being of vulnerable individuals and our entire community. False statements in the media and social media have discouraged some members of our community from availing themselves of the opportunity to protect themselves through vaccination. At the point when most of our private and public institutions require vaccination for entry the United States will reach a level of immunity sufficient to reduce spread of SARS-CoV2.

The vestry's resolution goes into affect November 15th. It does not apply to worship. It does not apply to children. Records of vaccination status will be kept by the Rector, will not be stored electronically, and will be held confidentially until these records are no longer needed and shredded, as determined by vestry resolution. People who are not vaccinated are encouraged to participate in activities remotely. Our purpose is to do our part to keep people safe and help end the pandemic.

Here is the text of the resolution in full:

In the interest of protecting the health and safety of the members, staff, and visitors of St. Paul's, the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church announces the intention to require all members, staff, and visitors to provide paper or electronic proof of immunization against SARS-CoV-2 for all activities aside from worship. This requirement will apply to all persons aged 12 or older.

Our purpose is:

1. *To create a safer environment at St. Paul's for all people, especially considering the needs of those with lowered resistance to disease and children currently ineligible for vaccination.*
2. *To support the health and well-being of our entire community, the nation and the world by creating more incentives for all persons to be vaccinated.*

Effective Date. *This requirement will become effective on November 15th, 2021. This requirement will no longer be in effect on June 1, 2022, unless previously terminated or extended by action of the vestry.*

Implementation Details. *Upon the effective date, proof of immunization will be required for entry into the building and participation in any and all church activities Monday-Saturday. Proof of immunization will not be required for entry into worship on Sundays, but proof of immunization will be required for participation in activities following worship services. Persons who are not immunized are encouraged to participate in church activities through electronic means.*

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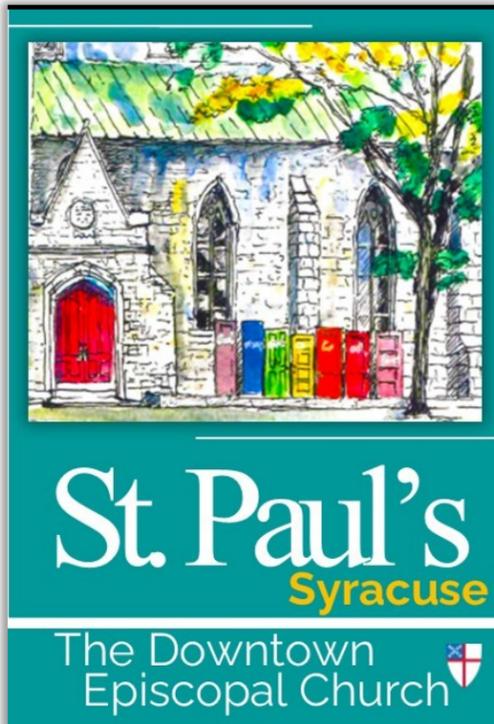
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The rector of the parish shall be responsible for seeing that staff, members and visitors comply with this requirement, and shall exercise pastoral discretion in the exercise of this authority. Leaders of sub-group activities, such as The Caring Place or The Feast, may petition the vestry for exemption from this requirement for their group, but until such exemption is approved, all groups overseen by the Rector and/or Executive Ministry Team of St. Paul's Church are subject to this resolution.

Groups not Covered by this Resolution. Any groups which use St. Paul's buildings under any sort of building use agreement are not covered by this resolution. St. Paul's Vestry takes no responsibility for the supervision or health guidelines of outside groups, such as 12 -step groups, Symphoria, and The Illini 4000.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this change in our guidelines.

Your brother in Christ,



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