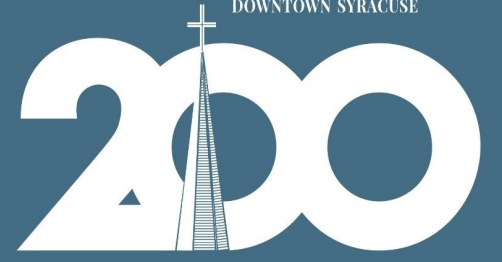


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June 2026



*St. Paul's Spring New Members Class was the largest in recent memory. Our new members include: (Back row, L-R) Joffre Cevallos, Daniel Mayer, Anna Amaya, Peter Vanable, Artemys Lunae, Jeanne Chu and (Front row, L-R) Heather Lavender, Jim Greenwald, Joseph Vanable, and Isiah Lavender. Emily Lunae attended new members class but is not shown in this photo.*

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## What Remains Unchanged

By Fr. Philip

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

We are celebrating the 200th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's. Thanks to the efforts of our Bicentennial History Task Force, many fascinating stories of the history of St. Paul's are being rediscovered and retold. You can find a growing collection of stories at our website and in our weekly electronic newsletter.

At the same time we are deeply engaged in the new work of our congregation. We are appreciating and learning about the many improvements to our building that were completed through the *Open Doors* renovation. (See the article about Security on page 6.) One month ago we celebrated the installation of the *Open Doors* Donor Wall in the Sargent Foyer, a beautiful work of art created by Margie Hughto and a team of artists from Syracuse University. (See pp 14-15)

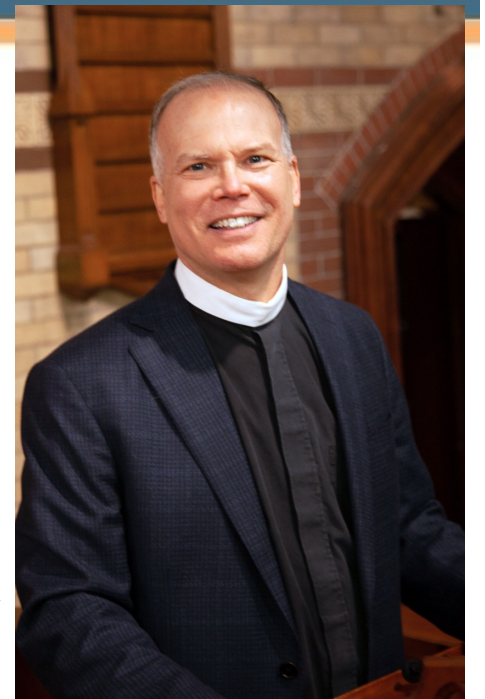
Looking forward, in June our partners at *A Tiny Home for Good*, will begin work on a ten-unit residential facility for senior men who have experienced homelessness. Construction of the facility, on the second floor of the Parish House, will begin with demolition of interior structures and removal of hazardous materials. (See p. 3) A group of our members and staff have been overseeing the completion of renovations to the two large apartments on the third floor of the Parish House. We expect these will be occupied by the end of the summer. Finally, the Vestry's main concern for 2026 is the rebuilding and repaving of our parking lot.

No doubt I have left several other important projects off this list; our Vestry, our congregation and staff are not 'sitting on our laurels' during our Bicentennial Year. As we look back at the many changes in our parish, and give our attention to the many tasks we have taken on in 2026, I try to keep in mind that the most important things have not changed, and will not change in the future.

We proclaim, and will continue to proclaim, the same message of the resurrecting power of God's love. We are guided, and will continue to be guided in our faith, by the same four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. We serve, and will continue to serve, our neighbors in need. We seek, and will continue to seek, the face of Christ in the strangers who enter our doors. We treat, and will continue to treat, each person, no matter their background or status, as God's beloved children.

We are inspired by the story of salvation told in the Hebrew Scriptures and in the New Testament. Every Sunday we celebrate and share in the triumph of God's love in the sacrament of communion. We worship one Lord, the one we call the Lord of love. We practice, and will continue to practice, one of the most difficult tasks for Jesus' disciples: reconciliation and forgiveness. In all things and in all times, we are sustained by God's unfailing grace.

These most important things in our lives have not, and will not, change.





## *A Tiny Home for Good* Begins Construction!

a tiny home  
for good.

By Fr. Philip

After four years of preparation, St. Paul's partnership with *A Tiny Home for Good* (ATHFG) is moving into the next stage: construction!

- In April *A Tiny Home for Good* received the last portion of funding needed to complete the project.
- In June the contractor hired by *A Tiny Home for Good* will begin demolition of internal structures and removal of hazardous materials from the second floor of the Parish House.
- During the next 12 months *A Tiny Home for Good* will build ten single-occupancy apartments, a community room and staff offices on the second floor of the Parish House.
- Later this summer the third floor apartments will be rented to tenants at market rates. Tenants will always have access to their apartments via the center stairway.
- Also later this summer, the Montgomery Street lobby (the entrance for the *Tiny Home for Good* facility) will receive a beautiful piece of artwork: a display of tiles created by Margie Hughto for the donor wall, but ultimately not incorporated into the Sargent Foyer display.



One of the reasons why St. Paul's Vestry has strongly supported this partnership is that we have a relationship of mutual support with the leaders of *ATHFG*. The most recent example of this has to do with an unfinished part of the second floor. If you've taken the elevator to the second floor you will notice that there is a lower stop at the north side lobby and an upper stop on the main part of the second floor. *ATHFG* has determined that their residents will not be using the north side lobby, but they have offered to rebuild this lobby as part of their project. This will save St. Paul's at least \$50,000 in potential construction costs.

We give thanks to God for our shared ministry with *A Tiny Home for Good*!

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## Time for Rest

By Fr. Philip

I will be taking most of my annual vacation time during the month of June. According to the rules of the Episcopal Church, when the Rector is away the wardens are in charge. You are in good hands, with Ieva Doyle and Joe Russo as (respectively) your senior and junior wardens. During the month of June, if a pastoral emergency arises I ask that you contact either Ieva or Joe. They will be in touch with a priest if the need arises. We are delighted that one of our own members, the Rev. Perry Mouncey, is able to lead worship services during my absence.



## Join Us for Worship on July 4, 2026

By Fr. Philip

2026 is the 200th anniversary of the founding of St. Paul's and it is the 250th anniversary of the birth of the United States of America. On July 4th we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

This year, for the first time in several years, we will hold a Morning Prayer service on the Fourth of July. Our service will include hymns, prayers, and readings from scripture. We know many of our members have plans for picnics and other celebrations later in the day, so we have planned a worship service for 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 4th. I encourage you to join us and bring family members or friends who might be interested.



# 4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY SERVICE

Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

This year, for the first time in several years, we will hold a Morning Prayer service on the Fourth of July. Our service will include hymns, prayers, and readings from scripture.

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St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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## Calling All Graduates

DEADLINE  
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WEDNESDAY  
JULY 15

We would like to honor any graduates in the Summer Courier.

Please email by July 15th to [offices@stpaulsyr.org](mailto: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!**



## St. Paul's has a New Custodian!

By Fr. Philip

Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Paul's had a full-time Sexton. A Sexton is a specific type of church employee. Traditionally, the Sexton of the church was responsible for cleaning and maintenance of the building, but also had other duties, such as taking care of the church graveyard (including digging the graves). In some churches the Sexton also took a role in church services, or in preparing the altar area for church services.

In 2019 St. Paul's Vestry made the difficult decision to not have a full-time Sexton as part of our church staff beginning in 2020. We made this decision for financial reasons.

Beginning in 2021, St. Paul's contracted with Dovesview, LLC to provide cleaning services for the church. Our experience with Dovesview was positive; we are especially grateful to Cyrus Grant and his team at Dovesview for helping us make our way through four of the dustiest years in the history of St. Paul's. At the end of 2025 our Vestry made the decision to hire a part-time custodian instead of a cleaning service, to take care of our cleaning needs.

In the weeks after Easter I reviewed over 100 applications and interviewed 15 candidates to fill this role. With the advice of the Personnel Committee, I chose Nicole Steele to serve as our new custodian. Our contract with Dovesview ran through the end of May, but we asked Nicole to begin working for us at the beginning of May because there was lots of deep cleaning to do in order to prepare St. Paul's for our Bicentennial.

As you can see in the photo, Nicole has been hard at work, up on step ladders and underneath the pews and getting into every little dusty corner of the building, making our building look beautiful again!

Since Nicole is a custodian, and a part-time custodian, her responsibilities are primarily related to cleaning the building. She will not be setting up chairs and tables in special configurations for meetings, and she will not be responsible for fixing broken windows or other maintenance and repair tasks. Nicole grew up in Camillus and lived most of her life in the Mountain West states. She returned to Camillus a few years to help care for her parents. Nicole is an avid bird watcher and loves working with animals. One of her previous jobs was being barn manager for a ranch with a barn full of horses. Nicole loves all kinds of music and tells me that her favorite part of the job is cleaning the nave when Jim Potts is practicing the organ. She seems to be happy working in this special, beautiful building with plenty of beautiful music in the air!





## A Church that is Welcoming and Safe

By Fr. Philip

As a congregation we have two tasks that are equally important:

- We want to be welcoming, and share the hospitality of Christ with all people.
- We need our church to be a safe place for children and adults.

As disciples of Jesus our task is to do both of these things at the same time!



One of the ways we make St. Paul's safe is by having clear guidelines and procedures, especially when it comes to our care for our most vulnerable members. Our Vestry members, Staff, team leaders and Sunday School teachers are required to participate in *Safe Church* training. This training helps us learn how to identify and find alternatives to situations that leave our members vulnerable.

We also help keep our members safe by making use of the building to create layers of security, giving more protection for those who are most vulnerable. The new security system that was installed as part of *Open Doors* have given us many more tools for making our building a secure place. For instance, our new security system has nine video cameras, located outside and within the building. This makes our parking lot a safer place.

Beginning this summer you will likely come in contact with one of the most important features of our new security system. There is a new door located at the bottom of 'the ramp', adjacent to the Sargent Foyer toilet rooms. Beginning in June, the ramp door will be locked during worship services. This will increase security for the *Godly Play* program significantly and will ensure that visitors to St. Paul's are not wandering, unattended through the four floors of the Parish House.

As with the other doors of the Parish House, the door at the bottom of the ramp can be unlocked with a fob that is programmed to open it. Our church staff, team leaders, Godly Play teachers, and parents of the children have been given fobs to unlock this door. Please help keep our congregation safe by not propping this door open on Sunday mornings.

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## Office Hours and the New Doorbell

By Fr. Philip

Now that *Open Doors* construction is complete our staff has been able to return a more normal schedule. Most weeks the church office is open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 10-4. Fr. Philip is normally in the office on Mondays and Tuesdays, and works from home on Wednesdays. Judy is normally in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesday, and works from home on Mondays and Thursdays. This means that, for example, during the month of June when Fr. Philip is on vacation, you may not find someone in the office on Mondays. Doug Mouncey and Jim Potts are often at St. Paul's five or even six days a week, but they do not have set office hours.

We are very glad to have our new entry system, which allows us to unlock the door to the parking lot from the main office on the other side of the Parish House. If you come to St. Paul's during office hours, in most cases you can expect a member of our staff will be able to answer the doorbell and let you in. If you come to St. Paul's on a Thursday, Friday or Saturday, in many cases there will not be someone present to answer the doorbell and unlock the door. In order to be sure that there will be someone at St. Paul's to open the door, please contact us in advance.



# Formation News

By Jeanne Avery

## “Is there Photography led by the Spirit?”

We are excited to offer to the members of St. Paul's something very new and exciting. Our own Willson Cummer has offered to lead a two-session free workshop for all people that love to take pictures. Willson has taught at Cazenovia College and Syracuse University. All you have to bring is the camera you use.. You will find much more information in this Courier on page 11. Sign -up today.

**The Senior program on Aging** will continue this fall on the Second Sunday of each month, concluding by December. The next Courier will have the dates of specific programs.

## Children's Ministry in the Chapel

Another program year has ended! As we begin the new program year we will no longer have babies- time certainly flies by. The baby equipment has been put away. I have to admit, I woke one morning and my first thought was someone new will come with newborn twins! Barbara Bell is leaving us, as we wish her a happy life, I panic.

The Chapel program must have at least three people each Sunday. When a child wants to see what their parent is doing or use the facilities an adult must go with her/him. Both sets of bathrooms are wonderful but the locations are difficult from the chapel. This takes much more time than one would think. Hence the need for three people.

The older children are wonderful with the little ones, however, if it is a noisy day, the older children and I sneak away to the Brewster Room for the lesson. As the little ones have figured out the steps they join us. It is really cute and sweet. If you have suggestions for coverage or new program ideas, please feel free to contact me over the summer.



*Barbara Bell and Vivian enjoying a quiet moment in the nursery.*

Many thanks to the Rev. Phyllis Palmsa, Joseph Von Sauder and Kira Lane and of course Barbara Bell. September we begin our sixth year.



# St. Paul's Second Church Building

By Marion Greenhalgh

Hello Friends,

Continuing with our Bicentennial Celebratory Year, below is a description of St. Paul's second church, built on the northwest corner of Warren and Fayette Streets, the site of an old Post Office. The building was started in 1841 and finished in 1842. The first St. Paul's Church was sold to St. Mary's Catholic Parish (all but the bell) and moved to the northwest corner of Montgomery and Madison Streets in 1842.

The second St. Paul's Church was built of native stone in the late Gothic, Perpendicular, style. Its vestry room was located at the west end of the building with a north outside entrance door. The east main entrance rose five stone steps from the ground to a porch which opened into the nave. Dimensions of the church were 51 feet N-S by 116 feet E-W. The stone base was three feet above the ground, and the walls were two feet thick. The nave was about 40 feet high and the walls, to north and south, were supported each by four buttresses, surmounted by pinnacles. There was a churchyard to the south of the building which had a front of 39 feet along Warren Street. The whole site was enclosed by a white wicket fence.

Above the east entrance was a tower made in two parts, the bottom part of stone and the top of wood. The bottom section was only about ten feet higher than the roof and was pierced by twin lancet windows on each side, and held a 1,700-pound bell. The bell came from the first church and had been recast of bronze in 1843 by O. Hanks of Troy, NY. The stone half of the tower had a pinnacle at each corner. Above this was a wooden belfry pierced by louvered windows on each side. Mounted on the belfry were battlements with four finials, each with a lightning rod. The total height of the tower and belfry was 110 feet. Towards the end of the church's life the wooden extension to the tower was removed.

The nave had three large, clear, tri-formed lancet windows on each side, and a comparable window of five lancets set in the west wall above the chancel. All windows, doors, and the ceiling had flat arches. The roof had wooden shingles. The interior was chaste and simple. It was heated by stoves and lit by oil lamps hung from the ceiling. The ceiling was plain and virtually horizontal. It had a fine Perpendicular-style arch at the entrance to the Chancel. The nave had two aisles which divided the nave into three sections. The center section faced the sanctuary and contained the choice seats. The other two smaller sections faced the chancel walls. Each pew had oak buttons on the door. Most pews (around 90) were leased or rented, though one was for "widows". The total number of worshippers who could be seated was about 600. The chancel was a carpeted platform raised three steps from floor level. On the second step was the lectern and pulpit. Beyond the top step was a recessed, rectangular sanctuary, in which were the Bishop's and Rector's chairs, a communion rail, and an altar (or table as it was called then, and topped by the block of Onondaga limestone from the first church). The large window over the altar had reredos on either side which went almost to the ceiling, and the adjacent walls were painted blue. There may have been a small sacristy south of the altar. At the east end of the church was an organ loft and gallery from which a stair, leading from the belfry, gave access to the first floor. The organ came from Zion Church on Onondaga Hill. The chancel furnishings were furnished by the "ladies" of St. Paul's.

In 1846, several changes were made to the physical structure of the church. A stone ell was constructed off of the southwest end of the church for a Parochial School. A new organ was installed. Colored glass was placed in the upper part of the windows, along with possibly adding window shades. Also, a new wooden fence was built around the property.





## St. Paul's Summer Rummage Sale

By Doug Mouncey

As you work on your spring cleaning, please save things for our Rummage Sale which will run July 24 – July 26.

We're asking that items for the sale be delivered to St. Paul's from **Sunday, June 28 – Sunday, July 19.**



Items that are appropriate for the sale should be clean, working (needed repairs have been made; instructions and accessories are included); and clothing should be new or gently used. Items will be grouped during the sale (for example, clothing, books, kitchen & household, curios & collectibles, shoes, jewelry, etc. We cannot accept any underwear, lingerie or bathing suits or items such as old sports equipment (skis, golf clubs, etc.), dvds, or puzzles/games that are missing pieces.

Please contact Doug Mouncey at [assistant@stpaulsyr.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulsyr.org) with any questions.

## Volunteers Needed for Open Church During the Arts & Crafts Festival in July

By Laurie Sanderson

St. Paul's has opened their doors for several years during the arts and crafts festival. People often are looking for a place to visit, perhaps sit and rest awhile and use a restroom.

Some are even interested in tours and with this being our bicentennial, there is a lot to share!

But we need to have volunteers taking shifts to cover the hours. Laurie Sanderson will be in charge of coordinating this and there will be a sign up sheet available.



*There will be lots of photos from the Bicentennial Dinner in the August edition of The Courier. We managed to catch Anita, Ieva, Liz, Sylvia and DJ as they were making early preparations for the dinner.*



# Pizza Social for the Senior Residents At the Downtown YMCA



St. Paul's will host a pizza social at the Downtown YMCA senior apartments 330 Montgomery St. on **Wednesday June 10 at 11:30 a.m.** If you would like to participate in any way, get in touch with Debbie Bogan, Parish Liaison for the YMCA seniors ministry.



*DJ Igelsrud with one of the YMCA residents*

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## Haiti Education Mission—An Update

By Sandi Yingling, Treasurer for HEM

Once a year the Haiti Education Mission underwrites a medical clinic for the village of Paulette. It is the only medical opportunity for the villagers. Children and their parents, many of whom are also attending classes, don't learn well if they are sick. Everyone gets an overall health checkup and sometimes it uncovers serious health issues like typhoid, malaria, respiratory infections, high blood pressure, diabetes, or skin infections. The clinic costs \$5,000 and is paid solely from donations. This year's clinic was held in March and treated 400 people.



Recently there was a musical performance at Pebble Hill with a free-will offering for this medical clinic. Our own musicians, Jessica King (bassoon) and Tim Schmit (guitar), plus three others entertained us for over an hour. We raised almost half the costs of next year's clinic. We are grateful for those who participated, those who attended (many from St. Paul's), and those who baked cookies or brought cheese and crackers for the reception afterwards. Thank you.



# Is There Photography Led by the Spirit?

By Willson Cummer

This workshop is open to all people who take pictures. You may use any camera — from an old cellphone to a high-tech digital camera. The focus will not be on technical matters but on improving one's vision. We will investigate the challenge of making pictures that are in some way "spiritual."

The workshop will run on Tuesday, August 11 and 25, from 9 to 11 AM. We will meet in the Brewster Room. The first class starts with a student review of inspiring photography books (don't worry: it won't be rainbows and sunrises). We'll talk about work we could make close by St. Paul's and then head out for about an hour to take pictures.

After the first class, students will make 10 prints sized 4"x6" prints from their photo walk (at a drugstore, online or on home printers). I will give respectful feedback and encourage students to consider which images work well — and why. I will encourage student observations and discussion.

After the review of student prints we will again consider the question of spirit-led photography and head out to make more pictures.

About me: I'm a landscape photographer and teacher who lives in Fayetteville. I'm fascinated by places where the natural world shares space with humanity. I find the suburbs to be visually-rich places, as they are neither urban nor rural, but have aspects of both.



Waterways like the Erie Canal, which played such an important role in Upstate New York's development, are things I like to explore. I'm also interested in small village parks, which show people's imperfect but sincere efforts to share and enjoy the natural world.

I've been teaching photography since 1999 -- at Cazenovia College, Syracuse University, Light Work and the Grunewald Guild in Leavenworth, WA.

Projects of mine are online at [WillsonCummer.com](http://WillsonCummer.com)

**To sign up for this workshop call or text Willson at 315-863-3487.**



# Stained Glass Windows

## North Aisle, Window #1, The Little Rose Window

Continuing with our St. Paul's stained-glass windows series, the next window is the little rose window located over the northeast exit doors near the Peace Altar. Again, I thank and take the information from a booklet entitled This Is St. Paul's, Stained Glass Windows, by Lester G. Wells, St. Paul's Historiographer, 1965.



In October, 1909, a young priest, a native of Barbados, and his wife, came to St. Paul's as an Associate Rector. The Rector of St. Paul's at this time was Canadian Reverend James E. Empringham. Father Reed was 26 years old, had studied at Trinity College, Toronto, and had engaged in pastoral work there until his appointment to St. Paul's.

He and his wife were given use of an apartment in the newly finished Lockwood Memorial Parish House. When Mr. Empringham went to Europe in the early summer of 1910, Curate Reed had charge of the parish. On August 4, 1910 he died of tropical malaria. A memorial service was held on August 8, at which a close friend, the Rev. J. Malcolm-Smith of Baldwinsville officiated. The Vestry expressed sorrow at his death and paid high tribute to his "character, spirituality, and effective work at St. Paul's". In 1919, the earlier proposed memorial to him took fruition when the charming little rose window was installed – "the gift of friends". This is called a "rose" window because it is circular in shape, not referring to the color. It is a beautiful little window!



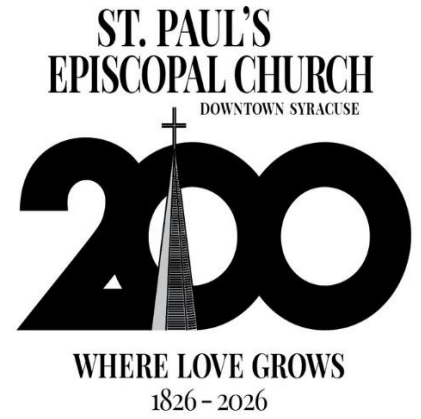


# Arria Huntington Presentation

**Sunday, May 31st  
11:30 a.m.**



Arria Huntington



On Sunday, May 31, we will welcome Catherine Baratta to introduce us to the life and work of Arria Huntington, daughter of Bishop Huntington, the first bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, 1869-1904.

Catherine Baratta, PhD, is a native of Solvay, NY and a professor of social work at Central Connecticut State University. While Catherine was working on her PhD at Syracuse University, exploring issues on the care of women in the 19th century, she uncovered Arria Huntington and the many areas Arria was involved in, in the care of women and children. Dr. Baratta was given access to the Huntington Family Library, located in Amherst College, MA, and uncovered so much.

The Huntington name appears on many places around Syracuse, and many have assumed they were named for the bishop, but no, they are for Arria!

We hope you will attend her talk at 11:30 am after church on May 31st to hear what Arria has done for our community.

To enter, come to the big red doors at 220 E. Fayette Street in Downtown Syracuse.

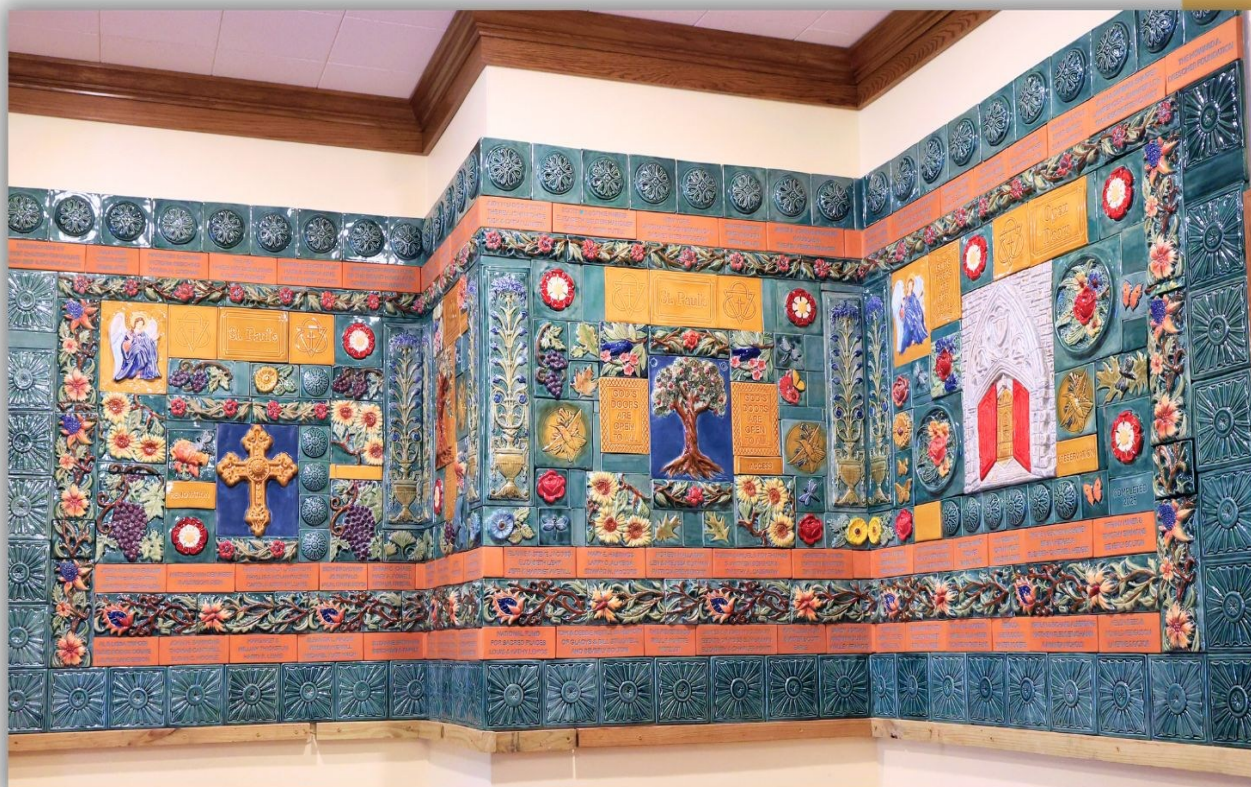




## Donor Wall Reception with Ceramic Artist Margie Hughto and Her Team



Doug Mouncey  
and David Ridings



On April 22, we celebrated the completion of the Open Doors Donor Wall. The effort was conceived and led by renowned ceramicist Margie Hughto of Syracuse University. A large crew of artists from SU, both students and faculty, contributed their creative efforts. Many of them are shown in these photos.



# St. Paul's Syracuse



Another delicious spread for all to enjoy!



Joe Moorman, Jim Potts



Kira Dirghalli



Marion Greenhalgh, Cathy Wolff, John Woodman, Jane Woodman





## June Calendar

Wednesday, June 3, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, June 4, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal—Last Rehearsal for the Summer

Saturday, June 6, 12:30-3:00 p.m.—Serving at the Samaritan Center

Sunday, June 7, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person-Guest Clergy Rev. Perry Mouncey

Monday, June 8, 3:30 pm Finance Meeting — Zoom

Monday, June 8, 7:00 pm—Common Threads-309 Scottholm Syracuse

Wednesday, June 10, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Sunday, June 14, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person-Guest Clergy Rev. Perry Mouncey

Tuesday, June 16, 5:30 pm, Vestry Meeting—Brewster Room

Wednesday, June 17, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 pm, Feminist Theology—Zoom

Friday, June 19, Juneteenth Federal Holiday

Saturday, June 20, 10:00-12:00 noon, Open Pantry Drop Off

Sunday, June 21, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person-Guest Clergy Rev. Perry Mouncey

Monday, June 22, 1:15 pm, Bicentennial History Meeting—Brewster Room

Tuesday, June 23, 3:30 pm, Buildings & Grounds—Zoom

Wednesday, June 24, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

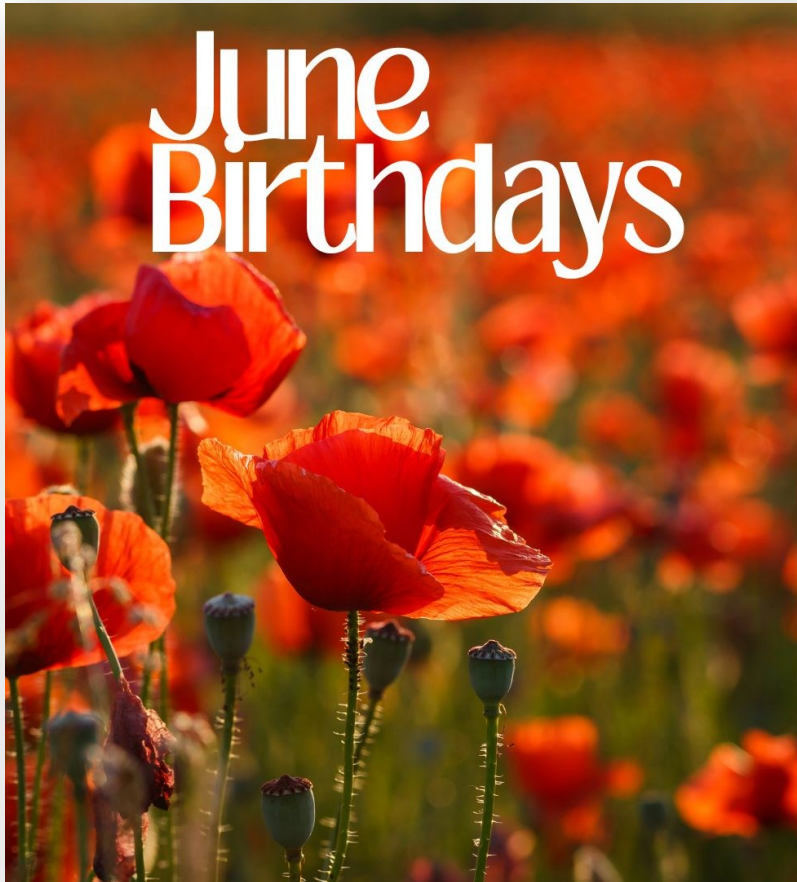
Sunday, June 28, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person-Guest Clergy Rev. Perry Mouncey



*Joe Russo, Nolan Palsma and Father Philip hung the new LGBTQ flag that Liz Handler had purchased for St. Paul's. A true team effort.*



# St. Paul's Syracuse



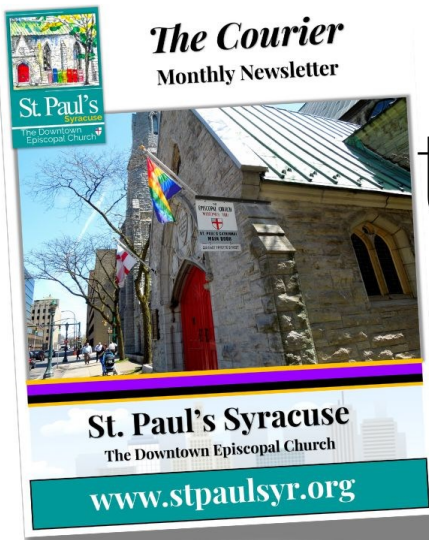
## June Birthdays

KATHLEEN GLAVIN 6/1  
 ISIAH LAVENDER 6/9  
 EMILY HUBBARD 6/11  
 TOM CANTWELL 6/11  
 CATHY WOLFF 6/11  
 SUSAN STINSON 6/11  
 SUSAN DOUPE 6/12  
 SANDY JORDAN-KANDEL 6/14  
 DAVID MA 6/14  
 JESSICA KING 6/21  
 SUSAN MCCLOSKEY 6/21  
 JEAN STANTON 6/26  
 MOLLY GASPARINI 6/30



## June Anniversaries

REV PHILIP & REV KATHY MAJOR 6/1  
 TIM & GEORGETTE SCHMIDT 6/4  
 LAURIE & SANDY SANDERSON 6/5  
 ROBERT & ANITA WAGNER 6/6  
 GEORGE & MARCIA ANDERSON 6/13  
 BETSY & BILL ELKINS 6/15



# The Deadline for the Summer Edition Courier is Wednesday, July 15



(It will be published by July 26th)

Send articles as an attachment using Word or Google Docs or another common word processing program and send any photos as JPG files.  
 A reminder: Please do not put in formatting such as **indents or bullets**.  
 We will add those during editing.



# St. Paul's Syracuse



Enjoying the wonderful buffet



Doug Mouncey



Father Philip showing the Donor Wall



Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe, County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II, Senior Warden Ieva Doyle, Junior Warden Joe Russo, Syracuse Mayor, Sharon Owens and Father Philip.

## Our Bicentennial Celebration May 16, 2026



New York State Senator, Rachel May



We have such wonderful cooks at St. Paul's who put on beautiful spreads for all to enjoy.



# St. Paul's Syracuse



Beth Lehr and Betsy Elkins



Rev. Karen Budney and her husband



The beautiful centerpiece created by Tim Cassavaw



David Morgan



Anita & Bob Wagner, Ruth Brown, Amy & Jeffery Mangram



Doug Mouncey



Catherine Gerard, Anita Wagner, Marion Greenhalgh, Father Philip, Derek Lane



# St. Paul's Syracuse

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## Celebrating 200 Years



**Bicentennial Events for 2026**  
with more to come in 2027

**SATURDAY  
MAY 16 3:00 PM**

### Bicentennial Celebration

Commemorations, celebratory worship and reception

**Community events you could attend beforehand:**

- *Open Up Downtown*, various locations, 10:00 am–3:00 pm, sponsored by Downtown Committee of Syracuse
- *Sacred Sites Open House*, 1:00–2:00 pm at St. Paul's, in collaboration with New York Landmarks Conservancy

**MAY  
22  
5:00 PM**

### Bicentennial Dinner on 1826 founding date of St. Paul's Church Syracuse

Worship, fellowship, dinner  
and program

**MAY  
31  
11:30 AM**

### Legacy of Arria Huntington

Social activist daughter of  
Bishop of CNY, who led St. Paul's  
in 1872. Presenter: Catherine  
Barrata, PhD

**JUL  
4  
11:00 AM**

### Celebrating Our Country's Semiquincentennial and our Church's Bicentennial Celebratory worship service

**AUG  
TBA**

### Neighborhood Picnic

Pop up event on E. Fayette  
Street sidewalk,  
weather-dependent

**SEP  
13  
11:30 AM**

### The Erie Canal: The Ditch that Changed America

Presenter: Derrick Pratt,  
Erie Canal Museum

**SEP  
27  
4:00 PM**

### Organ Recital by Jeremy Filsell

Former organist & choirmaster  
of St. Thomas Church, Fifth Ave,  
NYC, performs in Downtown  
Organ Crawl

**OCT  
18  
4:00 PM**

### Hohenfels Trombone Quartet

Performing works from silent  
films, classical arrangements,  
fun songs and more

**NOV  
8  
3:00 PM**

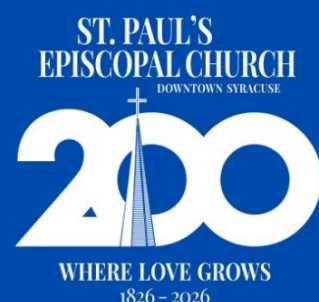
### Syracuse Orchestra Bicentennial Concert

Featuring St. Paul's Suite  
by Gustav Holst



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