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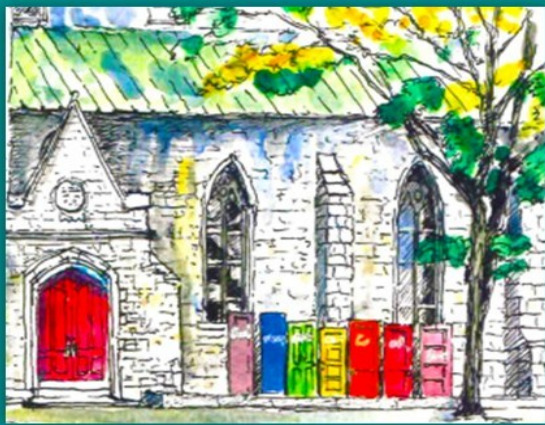
The Newsletter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in
Downtown Syracuse, New York

May 2026

Celebrating 200 Years 1826—2026



St. Paul's Vestry spent most of a Saturday together at our Annual Vestry Retreat on March 21st.



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Or Where You Have Been,
There Is A Place For You At St. Paul's*



God's Creation

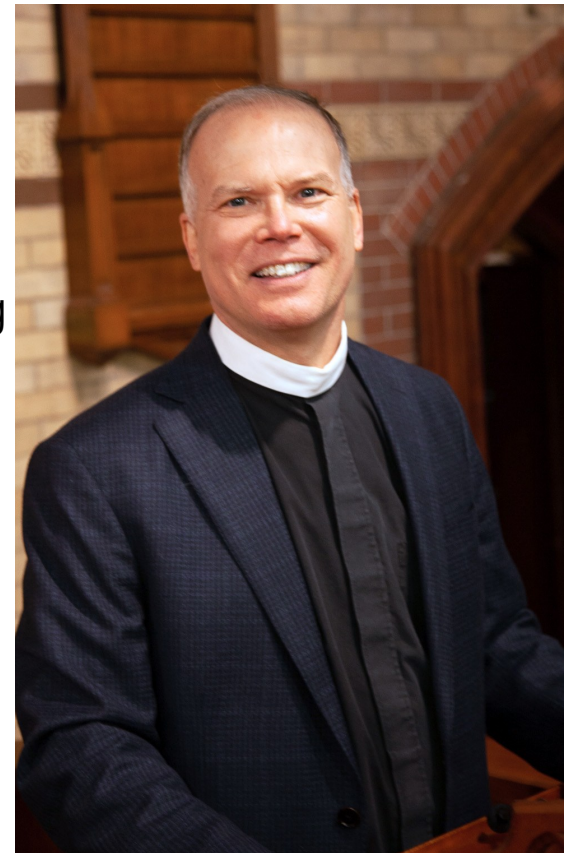
By Fr. Philip

*For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,
Jews or Greeks, slaves or free...
And so now you are the body of Christ
and individually members of it.
1 Corinthians 12:13 & 27*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

It is May of 2026, the month when we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the incorporation of St. Paul's as a church. Thanks to the work of your lay leaders and the eight Bicentennial task forces we will have many opportunities to celebrate and learn more about the history of St. Paul's in the coming months.

As we prepare for our Bicentennial events we see finishing touches being completed for *Open Doors*. Our faithful crew of members has painted the Dining Room and hallways. Our staff is learning how to use the new remote entry system. The contractors are making a few adjustments to make sure the roof is draining properly. The *Open Doors* 'Wall of Honor', exquisitely created by Margie Hughto and her crew of SU students and faculty, has been installed in the Sargent Foyer. The church building looks beautiful!



But there is something at St. Paul's that is even more beautiful than the recently renovated church building. There is a powerful story at St. Paul's that is just as fascinating and powerful as any of the stories in our 200 year old history. The most beautiful, powerful story is the story of God's work at St. Paul's today. The most beautiful, powerful story at St. Paul's in May of 2026 is the story of the work God is doing all around us, and sometimes even through us, today and this week and this month.

In the next twelve months we will learn and retell many powerful, fascinating stories from the past 200 years of our history. Let's understand that none of the stories we learn and retell will be more powerful or more fascinating than the story God is writing in the present tense this month at the corner of Fayette and Montgomery Street in downtown Syracuse.

The new entrances and all the other elements of *Open Doors* are very attractive, but the people God has created and brought together as the congregation of St. Paul's are even more attractive. The congregation that includes you, and the cherished friends you greet, and the new people you greet at 'The Peace' is God's beautiful, powerful creation. In May of 2026, the most beautiful, powerful thing is happening; God is actively forming you and the other members of St. Paul's into an instrument of God's love and grace.

Thanks be to God!



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BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION 1826-2026



SATURDAY
MAY 16TH 3:00 p.m.



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- ◆ COMMEMORATIONS
- ◆ RECEPTION

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Keep St. Paul's Safe

By Fr. Philip

One of the features of *Open Doors* is a series of improvements in our building security. The most visible example of this is that our new security system includes 8 security cameras on the outside of the building, but this is just one facet of the improved security.



There is one part of our building that has not changed at all in the past 140 years: the enormous red doors on Fayette Street. We love these big red doors. They symbolize the gracious welcome we feel when we enter, the gracious welcome we extend to others, and the gracious welcome God extends to us each time we return to God in prayer, in worship, or in service.

But the big red doors are the weak link in the security of our building. Several times in recent months our members have arrived at St. Paul's early in the morning, and discovered these doors were unlocked or ajar. This happened because someone decided to leave the building through the big red doors when they weren't supposed to. You should only exit St. Paul's through the big red doors if they are unlocked and open, such as when Derek Lane, our security person, is present.

Please help keep St. Paul's safe by following this rule:

If the big red doors are locked, and you are leaving the building, do not let yourself out through the big red doors. Please leave through the parking lot door or through the Montgomery lobby door.

St. Paul's Vestry at Work

By Fr. Philip

In the Episcopal Church, the Vestry has a role that is like the U.S. Congress. Just as the House and Senate are the first, and most fundamental branch of government, the Vestry plays the primary leadership role in the governance of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Your Vestry makes decisions about any large expenditures and creates a budget for each year. Your Vestry makes decisions about the building, such as approving the design for the *Open Doors* Wall of Honor in the Sargent Foyer.

We believe the church is stronger and healthier when our members have more information, and accurate information, about the work of the church. So our Operations Manager, Judy McAdoo-Pelton, has created a new section of St. Paul's website, the 'Vestry Page'. The Vestry Page includes 'file drawers' with four different labels: Draft Agendas, Draft Minutes, Reports & Resolutions, Archives. You can find the link to the Vestry Page at the bottom of the home page in the 'More About St. Paul's' section.



If you are interested in learning more about the work of our Vestry you are welcome to read the Minutes of our recent meetings, or read through resolutions being considered. The Vestry page is password protected. The password is the same as for the church directory. We don't publish the password, but it's easy to remember. You can learn the password by asking one of our Wardens any member of the Vestry.



Our Shared Story: Introducing St. Paul's Bicentennial History Project

By Amy Mangram

The Bicentennial year of celebrations is fast approaching. Your Bicentennial History Committee has been hard at work researching and reflecting on the events of the past 200 years to help us honor this extraordinary milestone! The more we delve into this project, the more we are struck by the remarkable resilience of the St. Paul's community. From its humble beginnings in the small Village of Syracuse, through the Civil War, two World Wars, the Great Depression, shifting city demographics, and countless other challenges, the Church has continually adapted and thrived, faithfully caring for its congregants and for the wider Syracuse community.

Throughout the Bicentennial year (May 2026–May 2027), you will see several physical expressions of the committee's work. These will include:

- Monthly articles in the *Courier* highlighting people or events central to our history
- Weekly "history bites" in the church's email updates, offering brief snapshots of significant moments in our past
- A semi-permanent installation in the Hansen Dining Room featuring a timeline of the church's history
- An educational speaker series exploring local topics that provide context for the community in which St. Paul's was founded and grew

Our research draws on the archives of St. Paul's Church and the Onondaga Historical Association, local newspaper accounts, and two key texts: *The History of St. Paul's Church, Syracuse, NY, 1826–1961* by W. Freeman Galpin (1961) and *The Great Gray Spire* by John Philip Jones (1985).

The History Committee includes Betsy Barker, Liz Belden-Handler, Amy Mangram, Doug Mouncey, and Laurie Sanderson. It is led by Marion Greenhalgh, with support from the Bicentennial Steering Committee co-chairs, Derina Samuels and Anita Wagner.

On behalf of the committee, we hope you enjoy learning about the history of our church as much as we have enjoyed uncovering it.



The deadline for the June Courier is Sunday, May 17



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A reminder: Please do not put in formatting such as **indents or bullets**. We will add those during editing.



Part Time Custodian

By Fr. Philip



In 2020, in order to correct an imbalance between our income and our expenses, St. Paul's eliminated our full-time Sexton (Custodian) position. This was a difficult decision for St. Paul's, because our Sexton, John Pizzi, was beloved by the members of our congregation, but this change was financially necessary. Though planned in 2019, this decision went into effect in the Spring of 2020, when the church building was closed by the Covid Pandemic.

In 2021 we were preparing to reopen the building and resume limited in-person activities, and we decided to hire a cleaning service to take care of our custodial needs. The next several years included a return to in-person activities. 2023-2025 also included the disruptions of the *Open Doors* renovation project, which reduced our use of the toilet rooms, kitchen and dining room for more than two years. We are grateful to our cleaning contractor, *Dovesview LLC*, for helping keep our building clean during several years of changes and extra layers of dust created by the construction.

During the past four years our members and staff have changed our orientation toward the building. Members now do much of the work of setting up tables and chairs for events. Groups of members have banded together to take on some significant tasks, such as painting the kitchen, dining room and hallway, and replacing light fixtures in the kitchen. Our staff has also banded together to take on many of the tasks that were formerly accomplished by our sexton, including moving trash bins to the curb, making calls to contractors and arranging for service, letting contractors into the building, and much, much more.

Our congregation has been growing steadily, year by year, since 2022. With more people using the building, and more demands on our staff, this seems like the right time for St. Paul's to hire a dedicated person to care for our building. This will be a part time position for the foreseeable future. Our members and staff will continue to be responsible for several of the tasks that were formerly handled by a full-time Sexton.

In the weeks after Easter, our leadership team interviewed many candidates for our part-time custodial position. Sometime in the first week or two of May, we are expecting to inform our members about the person who has been hired. Our part-time custodian will begin their work with a 90-day, provisional contract. We look forward to having a person on our staff dedicated to the task of taking care of our building and supporting the ministry of St. Paul's.



- 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
- JOSEPH VANABLE 5/29



Children's Formation

By Jeanne Avery

After months of preparation In September 2021 the doors of the Chapel opened for four three- year- old children. They were so adorable, shy but only one crier. We would sit on the floor the children would stand and we would be taller. The Chapel space appeared to be huge, we had more chairs than we needed. No one knew what they wanted to do. Such control. Now five years later we have grown to nine children from 10 to 2 years old and one pre-teen. They can assist in telling the stories, they have opinions, they have a plan for the day, the room is so much smaller, and we know they could be tested on bible stories and do very well.



Macie's Baptism Photo by Willson Cummer

Macie was baptized on Easter Sunday. When she came through the door of the sacristy she climbed up the steps of the font and hugged the angel. My heart!!!!

We have some exciting things happening in the month of May. We are concluding the program after the Sunday of Pentecost. We will resume in September 2026. We thank and wish Barbara Bell the very best with her new life adventure this June.

Save the Date for Serving at the Samaritan Center

By Davida Hyland

On Saturday June 6, St. Paul's will serve dinner at the Samaritan Center and help will be needed between 12:30 and 3 p.m.

If you have done this before you know how important and rewarding it is. And if this is a new opportunity for you, give it a try! St. Paul's has a long history of supporting the Samaritan Center and this continues to be an important ministry for us. Some of our members take regular shifts and can tell you more. Talk with Doug Mouncey, Anita Wagner, Betsy Elkins or me if you have questions about what is involved.



Please let me know if you can help so I can let the Samaritan Center know who is coming (201 898-3478). At least 15 folks are needed to serve and clean up. Thanks for considering this!



St. Paul's First Church Building

By Marion Greenhalgh

Our Bicentennial Celebratory Year starts during this month of May. As Chair of the Bicentennial History Task Force, you will be seeing at least one article in each Courier about St. Paul's history. You will also be seeing a weekly synopsis on 'This Week, or Day, at St. Paul's'. Eventually, we will be designing and installing an edited timeline on the Hansen Dining room wall and putting the complete timeline on St. Paul's website.

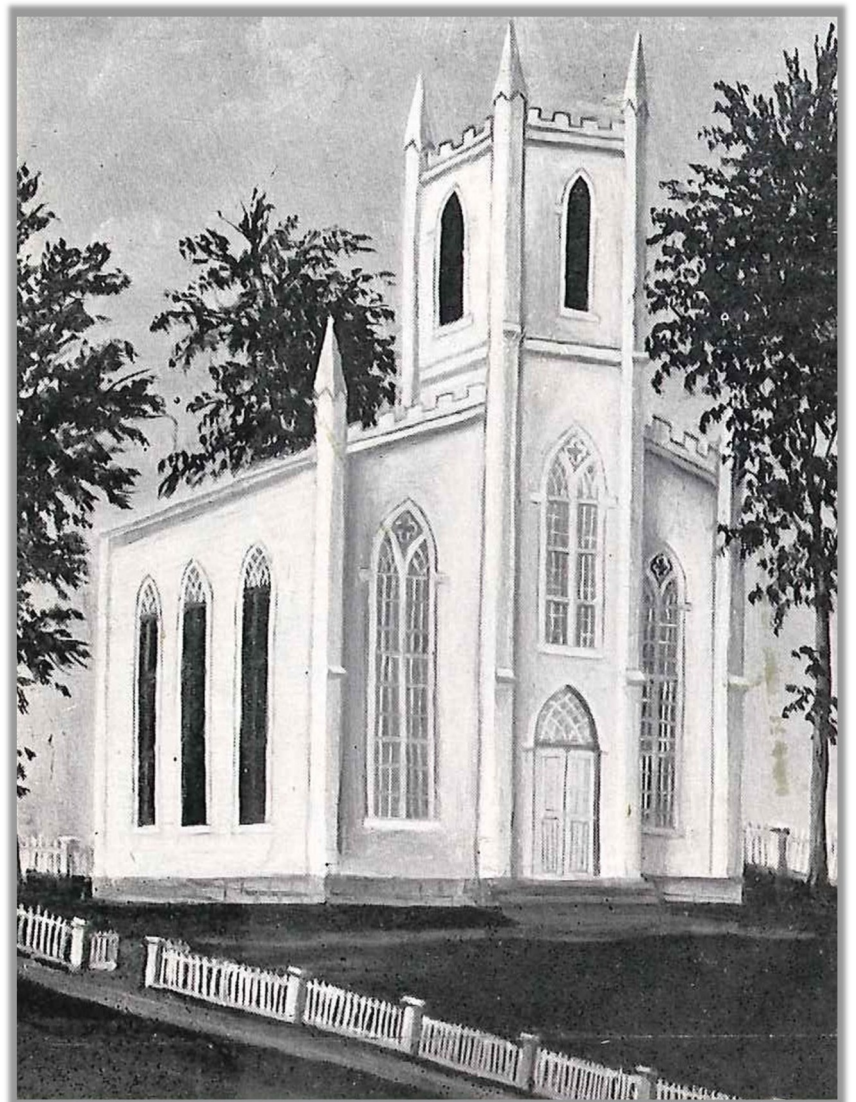
I kickoff the year with a description of St. Paul's first church, built on the triangle bound by East Genesee, Washington and Warren Streets in Syracuse. The building was started in 1825 and finished in 1827.

The first St. Paul's Church was a white clapboard wooden structure - 41' by 52', which sat on a two-foot wall of cut stone. It had a shallow pitched roof above about 20' high side walls. A square tower rose almost a further twenty feet above the roof at the east end. There was some plain castellation around the four sides of the top of the tower and at the east and west ends of the roof. The four corners of the church and tower were all crowned by pinnacles. Three small lancet-shaped windows of plain glass, with green shutters, were on each of the long walls. Three long, clear lancet windows were on the east wall - one above the door and one on each side of it. There was one lancet window on the west wall above the altar. The unusual arrangement of a west end altar was probably due to the topography of the site. Upon entering the church on the east side, one would see a vestry room on the right, and stairs on the left leading to a raised gallery above the visitors' heads. There were two side aisles in the nave which held rows of closed, colonial type pews with doors and foot stoves, which also extended on both sides of the Chancel. One of these pews near the Chancel was traditionally occupied by young men. The Church had a raised pulpit, a large lectern, and a fine Altar topped by a slab of Onondaga limestone (which was eventually transferred to the Altar of the second St. Paul's). This Church could probably provide seats for about 200 worshippers, and about three-quarters of the pews were rented. It was lit by candles until 1831. In front of the church, facing east, was a lawn and shrubbery, a straight walk to the church door and a low white picket fence surrounding the lawn. At the east end was a well, used by the public.

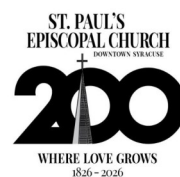
September 12, 1827, the church was consecrated by Bishop Hobart, Bishop of New York State and rector of Trinity Church in New York City. The first administration of the Holy Communion followed soon afterwards, to eight recipients.

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The First St. Paul's Church



1826 to 1842



The parish's first building stood in the block bounded by Warren, East Genesee and Washington Streets. This early wooden structure, measured just 41 by 52 feet, was painted white and featured green shutters, rented box pews and a double-decker pulpit.



St. Paul's Summer Rummage Sale

By Doug Mouncey

Thank you to everyone who attended the first planning session in March for the St. Paul's 2026 Rummage Sale.

As you begin 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 with any questions.



Common Threads



Father Philip



Gabby on Palm Sunday



The Easter Vigil



Church Family Life



Artemys Lunae, Liz Handler & Emily Hubbard



Sylvia Lewis receiving palms from Vivian



The Vestry Retreat



Maundy Thursday



The Children learn about Palm Sunday



Stained Glass Windows #1

Terms and the White Memorial Window in the Chancel

By Marion Greenhalgh

St. Paul's has some gorgeous stained-glass windows. Hopefully, most of you have read the descriptions of what each window biblically represents. But do you know about the people in whose memory these windows were donated, and who donated them? I found this history to be very interesting, and hope you will, too. With this article, I am starting a series on the memorial side of our windows. 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.

Let's start with some technical terms:

“Lancet windows” – tall and narrow windows influenced by Gothic-type buildings. All of St. Paul's windows are this type except the small rose (round) window over the east door opening onto Fayette Street. In the White memorial window of the chancel there are five “lancets”.

“Mullions” – are the vertical bars or piers dividing the window into sections.

“Traceries” – are the decorative frames or divisions at the top of a lancet window.

Metal “Saddle” bars – secure the entire window at regular intervals, tied with wire and soldered to the “leads” (comes) which hold together the various elements of the design.

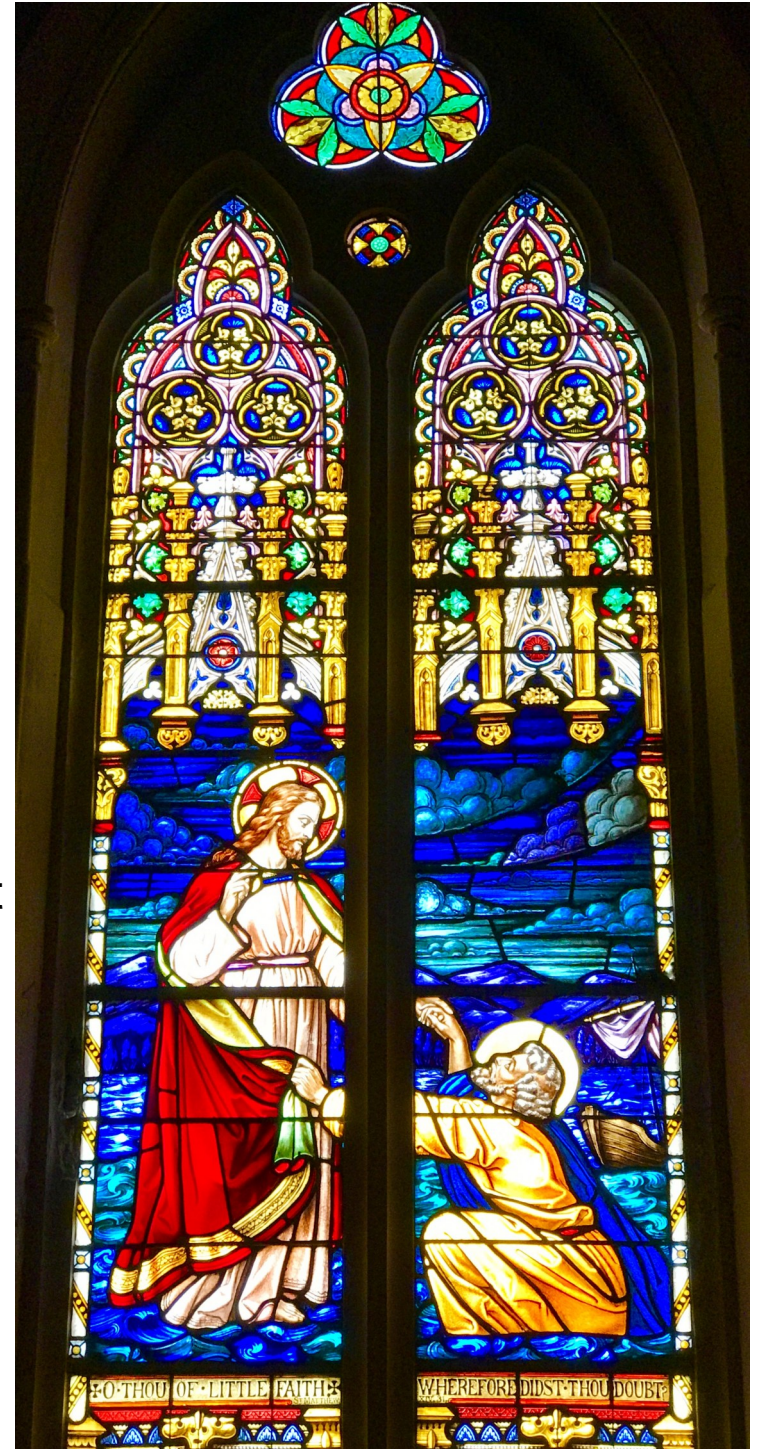
“Tee” bars – are round metal rods which have been fitted into the masonry, supporting the entire window.

“Comes” or lead strips – join each separate piece of glass in the design to its adjoining piece.

The White Memorial Window:

In memory of Hamilton White (b - May 6, 1807, d – September 22, 1865), Sarah Rich White (b – July 11, 1820, d – March 29, 1867), and Barrett Rich White (b – December 17, 1848, d – May 8, 1877). The window was given by Hamilton Salisbury White, Howard Ganson White, Antoinette White Sherman, and Clara White Hall, their children. The window was made by Cox, Buckley and Co., London, and installed in 1885, when the third St. Paul's opened. It has a protective glass on the outside. Small triangular and half-moon shaped glasses, at the top of the lancets, are known as “traceries” and “kites”.

Hamilton White was a vestryman for many years and continued the benefactions of his brother Horace. When he died the vestry passed a resolution stating that he had been “for a long series of years a member of this body” and that he had been “one of the parish's strongest pillars, liberal in his gifts.”





Arria Huntington Presentation

Sunday, May 31st

11:30 a.m.



Arria Huntington

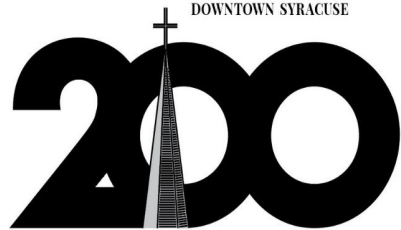
On Sunday, May 31, we will welcome Catherine Baratta to introduce us to the life and work of Arria Huntington, daughter of Bishop Huntington, the first bishop of the Diocese of Central New York, 1869-1904.

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.

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Springtime Social—Plants & Greeting Card Delivery at the YMCA Senior Residence

By Debbie Bogan

It was March 19, 2026, the day before spring and a glorious, sunny, God given day. Nine St. Paul's YMCA seniors outreach ministry volunteers happily hopped over to the Downtown Y senior residence. We hosted a coffee and sweet treats (courtesy of Betsy E. and Georgette S.) social for the YMCA seniors and residence office staff. After some good conversations, we delivered 30 mum plants and greeting cards by St. Paul's Sunday School to the 30 senior apartments. This wonderful event was generously sponsored by Barry Pickard, Betsy Elkins, Kira Dirghalli, and Ruth Brown. Lovely photos by DJ Igelsrud captured the festivities of the day.

Thanks to YMCA seniors outreach ministry volunteers, Betsy Elkins, Chet Wilk, David Morgan, DJ Igelsrud, Georgette and Tim Schmidt, Jessica King, Kira Dirghalli, Ruth Brown and Sophie Harris for participating in this social and making it a great day for the Y seniors.

Thanks to Eric in the Y Residence Office and Chris in Y maintenance for helping us set up this event. As we departed with smiles on our faces, one resident said, "Thank you for coming today. We appreciate all you do for us."

We know that St. Paul's Y seniors ministry matters. We will keep it going.

YMCA Springtime Social



Celebrating Danny's 40th birthday with a Happy Birthday song and cake. Danny appreciates the warm welcome he receives at St. Paul's.



Photos by DJ Igelsrud





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ST. PAUL'S CELEBRATES 200 YEARS

Bicentennial DINNER

Worship • Fellowship • Dinner & Program

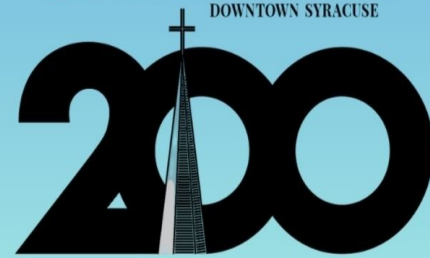
Please join us for a Bicentennial Dinner celebrating the very day, 200 years ago, when leaders of our emerging congregation signed incorporation documents.

FRIDAY MAY 22
5:00 P.M.

\$25 per person

Tickets available during Sunday
coffee hour beginning
April 12 from Ieva Doyle.
Contact Ieva at 315 278-5807
Email: ieva.doyle@gmail.com
Get your tickets by May 10!

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May Calendar



Sunday, May 3, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel
Sunday, May 3, 10:00 am, Worship— Live Stream & In Person
Sunday, May 3, 11:45 am, New Members Class—Rector's Office
Monday, May 4, 12:00 pm, Bible Study—Brewster Room
Monday, May 4, 1:15 pm, Executive Ministry Team—Brewster Room
Tuesday, May 5, 5:00 pm—Bicentennial Steering Committee—In Person in the Brewster Room
Wednesday, May 6, 3:00 pm, May 22 Dinner Team Meeting-Zoom
Wednesday, May 6, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel
Thursday, May 7, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 10, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel
Sunday, May 10, 10:00 am, Worship— Live Stream & In Person
Monday, May 11, 12:00 pm, Bible Study—Brewster Room
Monday, May 11, 7:00 pm, Common Threads—at Georgette Schmidt's home
Wednesday, May 13, 2:30 pm Finance Meeting —Brewster Room
Wednesday, May 13, 3:00 pm, May 22 Dinner Team Meeting-Zoom
Wednesday, May 13, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel
Thursday, May 14, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, May 16, 10:00-12:00 noon, Open Pantry Drop Off
Saturday, May 16, 3:00 pm, BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

Sunday, May 17, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel
Sunday, May 17, 10:00 am, Worship— Live Stream & In Person
Sunday, May 17, Deadline for the June Courier
Monday, May 18, 12:00 pm, Bible Study—Brewster Room
Tuesday, May 19, 5:30 pm, Vestry Meeting—Brewster Room
Wednesday, May 20, 3:00 pm, May 22 Dinner Team Meeting-Zoom
Wednesday, May 20, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel
Thursday, May 21, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal
Friday, May 22, 5:00 pm, Bicentennial Dinner—\$25 per person—see Ieva Doyle

Sunday, May 24, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel
Sunday, May 24, 10:00 am, Worship— Live Stream & In Person
Monday, May 27, Memorial Day—Offices Closed
Tuesday, May 26, 3:30 pm, Buildings and Grounds Meeting—Zoom
Tuesday, May 26, 5:00 pm, Bicentennial Steering Committee—Zoom
Wednesday, May 27, 3:00 pm, May 22 Dinner Team Meeting-Zoom
Wednesday, May 27, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel
Thursday, May 28, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, May 31, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel
Sunday, May 31, 10:00 am, Worship— Live Stream & In Person
Sunday, May 31, 11:30 am, Arria Huntington History Presentation after the service



An Opportunity to Practice Patience

By Betsy Elkins

During Covid I talked about “waiting well” (for the end of the pandemic and for things to return to “normal.”) And I used the expression “stay strong” when I said goodbye and the muscle emoji in emails and text messages. (I still do that! 🍂)

And now I am in a situation which requires an extra dose of waiting well and staying strong. The recovery from a total knee replacement on May 7 is turning out to be just as it was foretold, challenging! It is uncomfortable and painful. It's hard and requires patience and strength. Ironically my son in law Matt who coordinates the Challenge Course for Cornell University (think ropes courses, leadership training, outdoor adventures, lots of physical stuff) had shoulder surgery the day before my knee replacement. Matt and I are experiencing much the same thing, and he puts it this way: “This is an opportunity for us to practice patience!”

I consider myself a strong, independent, busy, organized person who wants things done now and the way I want them done (control freak?) Despite what I say and think about waiting well, I am not very patient. This current situation is overwhelming. I can't do everything for myself and what I can do is done slower than “usual” for me! I don't like having to depend on help for basic things! I have had amazing help and support which is also overwhelming and humbling. I receive messages and gestures of love and support of various kinds every day.

And as I practice patience I am reminded how precious life and simple things are. I have always been grateful that I am strong and healthy and have everything I need. But to be temporarily sidelined like this makes it even clearer. My current situation is not forever. I will feel better and stronger and I already do. This week is better than last week. Today I walked around the block (slowly!) and sat in the sun on my balcony with some coffee this morning. The weather was wonderful.

I look at this rehab as a mini leave of absence from my busy life. A time to concentrate on healing and recovery. A time to feel grateful, blessed and loved. A time to practice patience.

One final thought: The help and support I received from my St. Paul's family was truly amazing. Thank you everyone! If anyone reading this sees a situation like mine in their future, rest assured that your church family has your back.



May Anniversaries

JOHN & JANE WOODMAN

5/1

HEATHER & ISIAH LAVENDER

5/20





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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

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