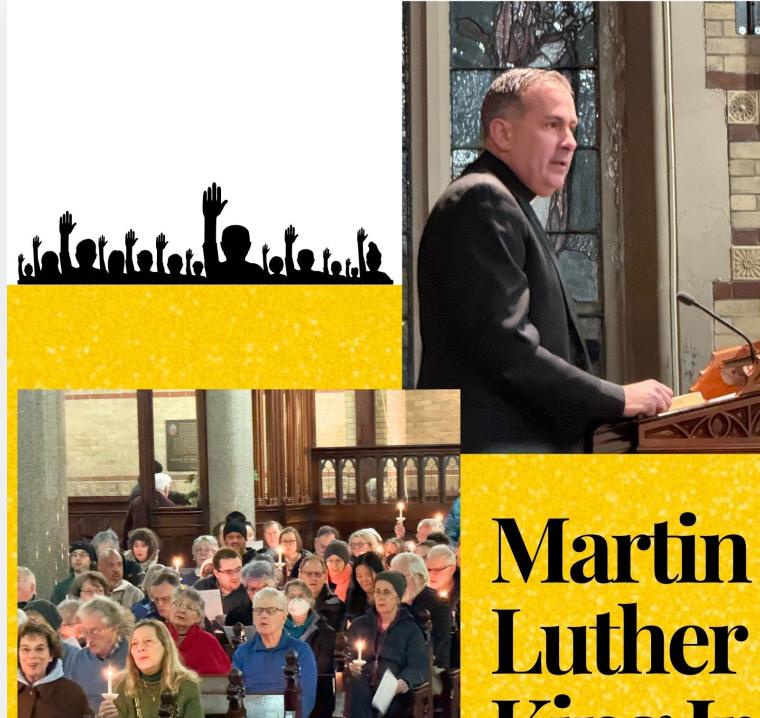


The Courier

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in
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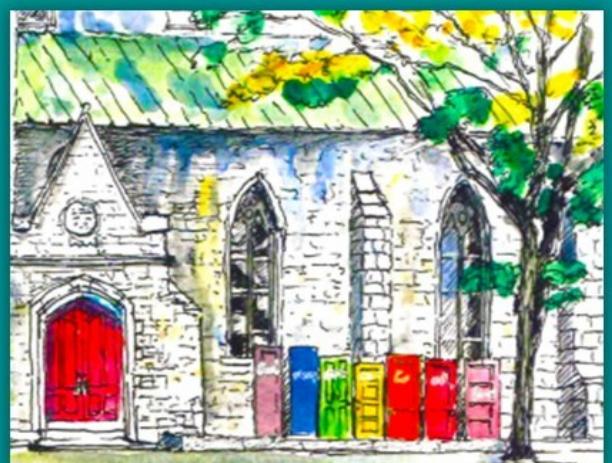
Martin
Luther
King Jr.
Prayer
Vigil



January 19th



On January 19th, Martin Luther King Day, St. Paul's hosted a candlelight vigil attended by over 200 people from our community. The vigil included prayers, singing, readings from scripture, and readings from the Rev. Martin Luther King, and was organized by a group of local clergy, including Fr. Philip.



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

Thanksgiving

*I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.*

Matthew 25:35

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Especially this year, we are blessed to be together in this place. This month I have two thanksgivings to share with you.

First, I am grateful that you are very welcoming to new members and visitors when they come to St. Paul's. As was true in 2022, 2023 and 2024, many visitors have come to St. Paul's in the past year. Thanks in part to your generous welcome, some of these visitors have become members of our congregation.

If you have been attending St. Paul's for a year or two, you might not feel like you have been with us for a long time. But here is something remarkable; if you have been attending worship for a year or two, there are many Sundays when you know more about St. Paul's than ten or twenty people sitting in the pews.

If you have attended St. Paul's more than a few times, I hope you will be one of the people who is welcoming new people to our congregation. If you have attended coffee hour more than a few times, I want to encourage you to be someone who invites visitors to join us for fellowship after worship. If you aren't sure whether the person you are greeting is a stranger or a veteran you haven't met before, you could say something like this: "I'm pretty new here. Have you been attending St. Paul's very long?"

For some of us, reaching out to meet and greet new people is easy, and for some of us it takes more effort. Regardless of whether your greetings are big and talkative, or welcoming in a quieter way, I want to thank you for your efforts to make St. Paul's such a welcoming place.



I also want to thank each and every one of you who have made pledges of financial support to St. Paul's for 2026. Some of us are able to pledge larger amounts, and some of us are able to pledge smaller amounts. Regardless of the size of your pledge, each and every contribution from our members plays a crucial role in supporting St. Paul's as we strive to be witnesses to the power of God's love.

Fourteen months ago, in December of 2024, our Vestry took a bold step. We created a budget for 2025 that included \$160,000 in member contributions. This is the highest amount we had budgeted for contributions since I arrived in 2016.

Then it seems that God worked a little miracle among us, because in 2025 our members contributed more than \$175,000. Your generosity has brought strength to us in our time of need, because 2025 was also a year when St. Paul's received several unanticipated bills for construction expenses. Thanks to you, St. Paul's is well-prepared for our third century of ministry in downtown Syracuse!

Philip +

Why Martin was a Prophet

*Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.
Hate for hate only intensifies the existence of ... evil in the universe.
The strong person is the person who can cut off the chain of hate,
...and inject... that strong and powerful element of love.*

Martin Luther King, Jr., 1957

Martin Luther King, Jr. is the only American honored with a holiday in his name. There is a good reason for that. Martin Luther King led us through one of the most difficult struggles in the history of our nation, to a time when there was much more freedom and harmony among the people of the United States. Martin did this by leading us to address some of our most fundamental, destructive problems, the problems of racism, division and inequality. Martin helped us understand that the division, anger, bitterness, violence, fear, ignorance, and resentment that run through the history of the United States are spiritual problems.

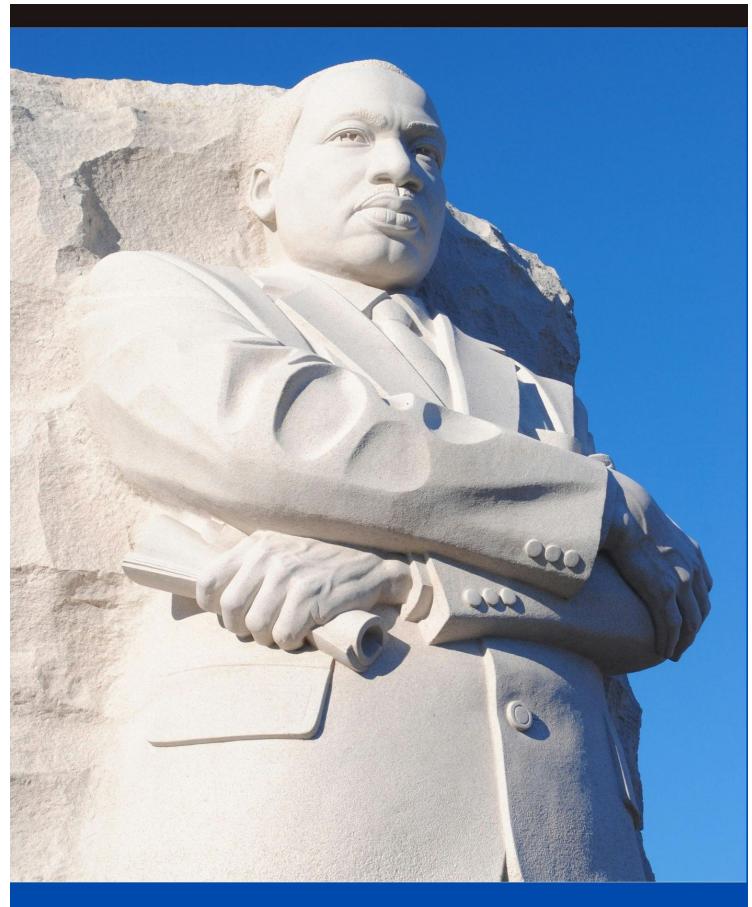
In 2026 we find ourselves in a time of great challenges, much like the time of the Civil Rights movement of 1954-1968. One of our young people heard the words of Martin Luther King about responding to hatred with love, and replied, "I'm not sure I can do that." That is exactly the point. I applaud this young person, because they understand the challenge that lies before us. It is never easy for any of us to truly love our enemies. Martin understood the difficulty of loving our enemies. So Martin insisted that people work together, in community.

We cannot overcome the challenges of our present time by working as individuals. We cannot be healthy and strong during a time of increasing violence and government sponsored terrorism if we refuse to work with others. We will respond to the challenges of the current time with courage and love, only if take strength and wisdom from one another and work together, in community.

The people of St. Paul's took some of our first steps in responding to our current challenges with love and courage on Martin Luther King Day. St. Paul's hosted an inter-denominational Candlelight Vigil on January 19th, and welcomed 200 people into our church. I invited our leaders to come early and welcome people from many different congregations, or no particular congregation.

The leaders of St. Paul's responded in large numbers. One of them stood out in the freezing cold for 45 minutes and missed most of the vigil, because we changed the location of the rally from outside, to inside St. Paul's, because of the cold weather. Your leaders are following the example of Christ, putting the needs of others ahead of themselves, the same way Martin did. The result of their generous leadership was a time of joy and hope. In the singing, in the prayers, in the readings from Martin Luther King, and in the candlelight, we were surrounded by the love and strength God intends for us.

Father Philip +



Senior Warden's Report

By Joseph Moorman, Senior Warden through our Annual Meeting



Why are the members of St. Paul's willing to give of their time and talent to make it such a vibrant downtown institution? A new book may provide the answer.

"Mattering: The Secret to a Life of Deep Connection and Purpose" by the journalist Jennifer Breheny Wallace argues that feeling we are valued and having the opportunity to add value - in other words, making a difference, or mattering - is a core human need. Ms. Wallace writes that mental and social health crises are surging and that social media, the pace of modern life, and polarizing politics are considered the usual suspects to blame. But she feels there is a deeper crisis, an "erosion of mattering." People need to recognize their impact, that they are relied on and prioritized, and that they are known and invested in.

People making a difference - mattering - are evident every day of the week at St. Paul's. In the back of this issue of The Courier is the monthly calendar listing of activities and groups. You will see bible study and contemplative prayer, choir rehearsal, and committee meetings. Unlisted are weekly activities like the Altar and Flower Guilds preparing the Sanctuary for Sunday worship, ushers, Godly Play, coffee hour volunteers, pastoral care, and, of course, Fr. Philip composing his Sunday sermon.

Sometimes I feel that the church directory is a master list of members that make a difference at St. Paul's. During my term on the Vestry, I've seen how every member does something that makes a difference, and because of that, everyone can feel what they do matters. Jennifer Wallace recommends creating a culture of mattering. That is already the culture of St. Paul's. Building our "mattering core," as Wallace terms it, leads to stronger relationships, navigating life's challenges with resilience, and ultimately finding greater happiness and purpose.

So, why are so many members willing to give of their time and talent to make St. Paul's the vibrant institution it is? I think the answer is that what you do matters.

In Person & Live Stream



**Sunday,
February 15
4:00 p.m.**

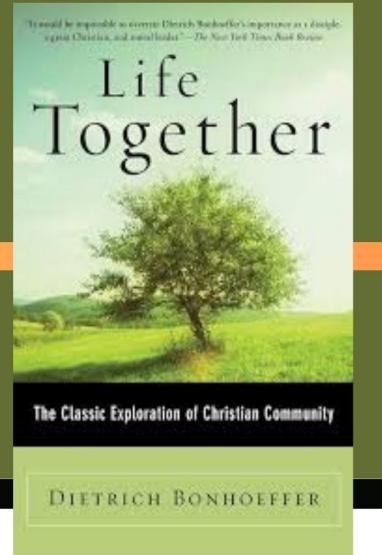
Evensong



Please join us for a quiet, reflective time of beautiful music, scripture and prayers.

Lent Book Study: *Life Together by Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

"...the Christian needs another Christian who speaks God's Word to him...again and again when he becomes uncertain and discouraged...the Christ in his own heart is weaker than the Christ in the word of his brother; his own heart is uncertain, his brother's is sure." *Life Together*



The great German theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, helps us understand that the Christian community of the church is different from every other type of community, because in the church, our relationships with one another are mediated by our relationship with Christ. Living in Germany as the Nazi government took more and more terrible actions against the Jews and other minorities, Bonhoeffer wrote a book about living in Christian community in 1939: *Life Together*

Join SPC Readers for our Lent Book Study of *Life Together*. The reading assignments are not long, but each one is powerful. We meet Mondays at 7p.m. for 60 minutes on the Montgomery Zoom Channel during the season of Lent.

Dates: Feb 23, Mar 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 7-8 p.m.



Location: Montgomery Zoom Channel

Contact: Fr. Philip or Georgette Schmidt

Pastoral Care Meets February 1st: Sharing the Bread that Sustains Us



By Fr. Philip

You are invited to join me **Sunday, February 1st at 11:45 in the Hadley Chapel** for St. Paul's Pastoral Care Team Meeting. Our February meeting will begin with instructions and discussion about bringing communion to people who are not able to come to St. Paul's. We are holding this training because we need more people who are prepared and willing to bring communion to those who are house-bound. Even if you have never done this type of ministry before, I hope you will consider joining us for the training, and I hope you might consider being a home-communion minister.

This meeting is open to everyone! Almost everyone at St. Paul's participates in caring for others in some way, by making a phone call, sending a text, inviting some to lunch, or visiting someone in their home. Members who attend Pastoral Care Team meetings take some time to coordinate their activities and make sure no one is being left out.

SOUP AFTER THE SERVICE

Come and join us for a Lenten prayer service at 12:10 p.m. followed by a delicious lunch with homemade soup and bread.



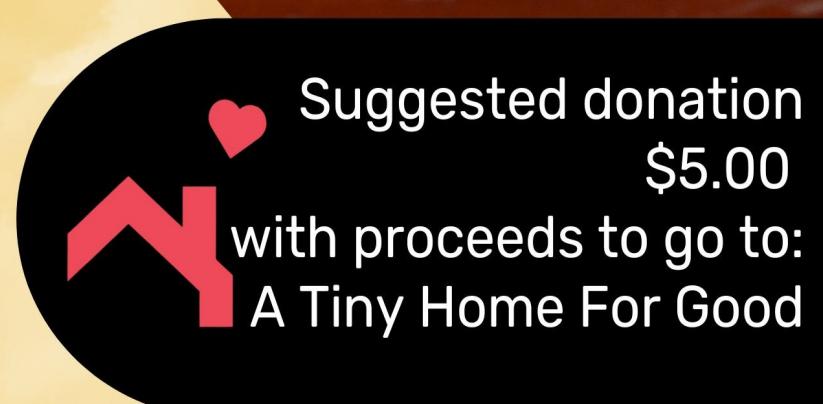
Wednesday, February 25:
Black bean soup & cornbread

Wednesday, March 4:
Pasta Fagioli & focaccia bread

Wednesday March 11:
Hearty Tomato Soup & pita wedges

Wednesday March 18:
Spicy Peanut Soup & French bread

Wednesday March 25:
Winter Minestrone & whole wheat bread



Soup is Back During Lent!

By Betsy Elkins

It has been six years since we have offered homemade soup (and bread) lunches at St. Paul's, and we are excited to be resuming this piece of hospitality, having paused it during Covid and Open Doors construction. Many of the folks who actively participated in this work are no longer able to help, but I am happy that there are new folks interested in joining in this work. If you are one of them, let me know. We are very grateful to Margaret Sherwin who has again offered to provide cookies for these lunches.

Following a 12:10 prayer service led by Joe Russo and David Webb we will offer a soup lunch with bread on these five Wednesdays during Lent at 12:30: February 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25. (Not Ash Wednesday or the Wednesday during Holy Week.) We have planned the menu that is listed below. However, we offer this disclaimer: "the menu is always subject to change depending on availability of ingredients and the whim of the cooks!"

As was our practice in the years we offered soup lunches in the past, we will ask for a small donation (suggested \$5, unchanged from 2020) which we plan to pass along to our partner organization *A Tiny Home for Good*. We hope you will join us, whether you attend the prayer service or not! "Worries go down better with soup." (A comforting Yiddish proverb)

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Lenten Prayer Service

Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

February 25th through April 1st

Beginning February 25, which is one week after Ash Wednesday, and continuing every Wednesday through Holy Week, a midday prayer service will be conducted at St. Paul's. The service is based upon the Daily Office and combines Psalms, Scripture readings, canticles and prayers for the Lenten season. Commencing at 12:10 pm, allowing even those working in downtown Syracuse to attend during the lunch hour, the service will be held in the chancel area of the church and lasts approximately 20 minutes. The service provides an opportunity to center ourselves and prayerfully focus on this sacred season. Any questions, please contact Joe Russo.

Cider and Sweet Treats Social at the Holiday Sing A Long Party At the Downtown YMCA Senior Residence

By Debbie Bogan, Parish Liaison for St. Paul's YMCA seniors outreach ministry and Chet Wilk

It was a wintry day on December 17th. The inclement weather conditions did not thwart twelve St. Paul's volunteers from venturing to the YMCA for a holiday party with the Y seniors and staff. There was a large turnout. It was a joyous and festive occasion enjoyed by all. Tim Schmidt played guitar and led a fun filled sing a long, keeping in tempo with the holiday season. We enjoyed a pizza lunch sponsored by Kira Dirghalli and Cyrus Reed, coffee sponsored by Betsy Elkins and delicious, sweet treats made by Jeanne Avery and Georgette Schmidt. We distributed 30 poinsettia plants sponsored by Barry Pickard and greeting cards made by the St. Paul's Sunday school.



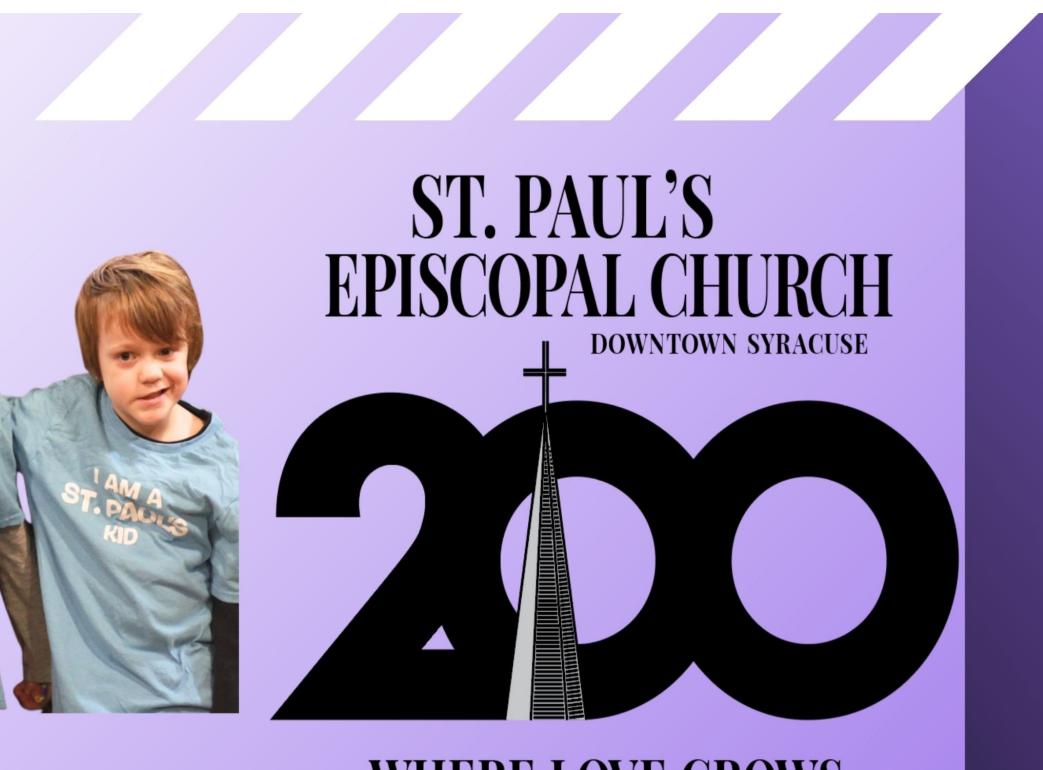
Thank you, St. Paul's YMCA outreach ministry volunteers, for making it a great day for our Y senior friends. The Y volunteers included Jeanne Avery, Debbie Bogan, Ruth Brown, Hal Brown III (thanks Hal for delivering the pizza), Chris Deets, Kira Dirghalli, Betsy Elkins, Sophie Harris, Jessica King (welcome Jess to the Y team!), Doug Mouncey, Georgette and Tim Schmidt, Chuck Stewart, and Chet Wilk.

We appreciate the warm welcome we always receive from the YMCA and are thankful for Cheryl in the Residence Office and Chris the Maintenance man for

setting up the party room and helping us get the flowers and food into the Y.

Our next social at the Y will take place on February 11 at 10:30 a.m. Contact Debbie Bogan for more information. (see the poster on page 12)





BICENTENNIAL GEAR

These St. Paul's folks are super happy with their Bicentennial gear!

Would you like to order some swag for yourself?

An order form will be included in the March Courier.



Annual Meeting Report

By Ieva Doyle, Senior Warden as of our Annual Meeting

Many thanks to Father Philip and Mark King for pulling out all the stops and coming up with great solutions to lead us in a graceful Zoom worship service on Sunday, January 25, as a winter storm threatened. Thanks also to Derina Samuel, Cathy Wolff, and Matthieu van der Meer for then leading us in worship. Everything proceeded without a hitch, owing to careful planning and willing leaders.



Following worship, Father Philip, Mark, Doug Mouncey, Anita Wagner and others kept things going with our Zoom Annual Meeting. Everything, again, proceeded smoothly, in large part due to the attention paid ahead of time to every detail. Additional recognition goes to all of you who participated that day. It was great to see everyone's smiling faces, cups of coffee or tea in hand, ready to worship God together and join in the work associated with the life of our congregation.

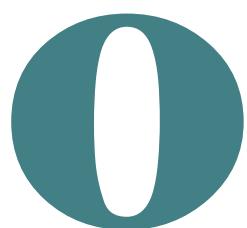
Through that work, the nominees for the three Vestry positions and one Warden position were duly elected. The Nominations Committee (Tom Cantwell, Willson Cummer, Marion Greenhalgh, DJ Igelsrud and I) thanks Catherine Gerard, Amy Mangram and Joseph von Souder, who were elected to serve three-year terms on the Vestry, and Joe Russo, who was elected to serve a two-year term as Warden.

Following the Annual Meeting and on the recommendation of the Nominations Committee, the Vestry appointed Isiah Lavender to serve out the two-year term vacated by Joe Russo's move to the Warden position.

Thanks be to God for such faithful participants in the life of our parish and for electing new leaders who have graciously agreed to serve. I look forward to working with and serving St. Paul's together with you.

St. Paul's Honored by PACNY

By Betsy Elkins



On December 5, 2025, The Preservation Association of Central New York (PACNY) held its annual awards ceremony and reception at St Paul's. And this group awarded St. Paul's a Stewardship Award for our Open Doors project and the work we did to preserve our beautiful historic building. Hearing positive reactions to our project from people with strong interest in architecture and historic preservation was very gratifying.



The keynote speaker for this event was Bob Jaeger of Partners for Sacred Places, the group that had been our consultant throughout Open Doors. Many of us heard Bob speak at a similar event over ten years ago at St. Paul's and immediately thought that we needed to work with this group as we discerned what to do with our spaces and how to do it! We were happy to have Bob in our building again and to show off our good work.

In his address Bob spoke of how organizations should work to preserve and utilize historic buildings in sustainable ways. And he outlined steps to make this happen. Without directly saying this, he was describing what we have done at St. Paul's. We seem to be the "poster child" for how to do this work well! It was a proud night for St. Paul's, and we were honored to host this important group and to receive their award.

Shrove Tuesday

Join Us on
Tuesday,
February 17th

5:00 p.m.
Worship Service
Hadley Chapel

5:30 p.m.
Pancake Supper

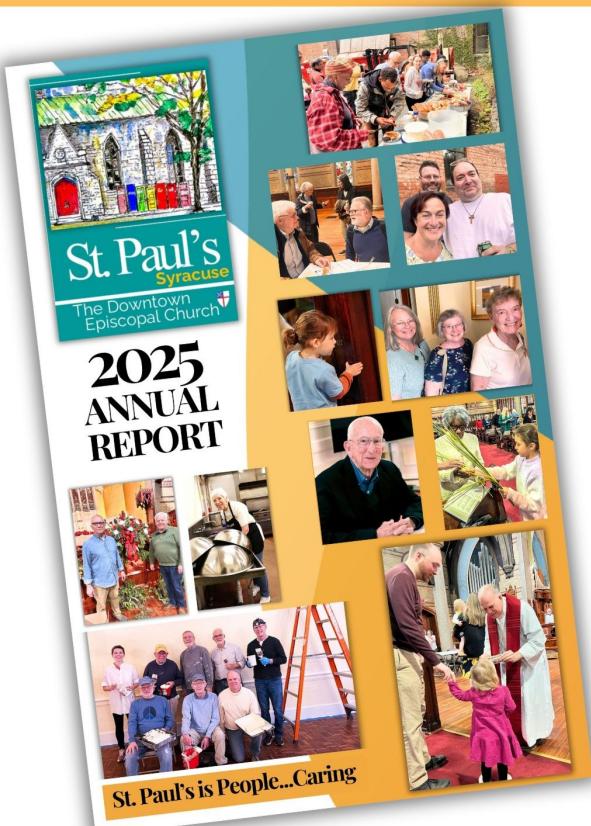


Ash Wednesday Services at St. Paul's



Wednesday,
February 18th

8:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.



Did You Receive a Copy of the Annual Report?

Amongst other great information, in this 36 page report, there are many before and after photos of the Open Doors project.

Please be sure to pick up a print copy in the sanctuary. You can also read it online on our website: www.stpaulsyr.org

Winter Clean Up Week

Now that our renovations are nearly finished, it's time for us to clean out the closets and clean all of the paintings and other valuables out of the Rector's office where they have been stored, and put everything in its proper place. We need people to help in whatever way they can, for ten minutes or for an hour or two. During Winter Clean-up Week some of our normal activities (like Monday Bible Study) may be cancelled.

Here is our clean-up schedule:

Monday, Feb. 9th 1-3 pm

Tuesday, Feb. 10th 1-3 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 11th 1-3 pm

Sunday, Feb. 15th 11:45-12:45 followed by a Soup Lunch

Things to Do

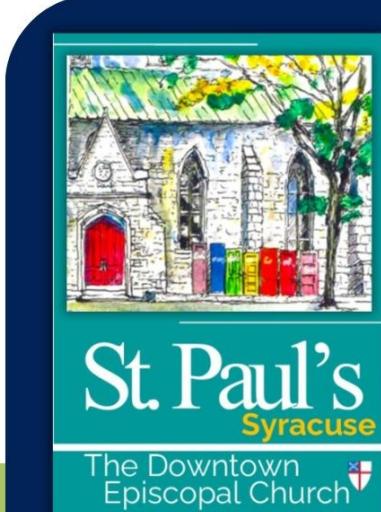
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In Case of Emergency, Please Call My Priest.

Reverend Philip Major
315 726-2636

Magnets

Emergency Contact magnets with Fr. Philip's phone number are available to our members. Please ask

Fr. Philip or one of the wardens for one for your refrigerator.



Juice & Donut Social for the YMCA Seniors



Wednesday February 11

St. Paul's will host a juice and donut social at the YMCA senior residence on Wednesday February 11 at 10:30 a.m. If you would like to join in the fun, please get in touch with Debbie Bogan.

Who is My Neighbor? Eliphine Mésidor

By Georgette Schmidt, Haiti Education Mission Inc.

Eliphine Mésidor was born in the small village of Paulette in northeastern Haiti. She is an elementary school teacher and she also works at the Ecole Normale (State Teachers College) where she is responsible for training the future teachers in Haiti. Eliphine is married and is the mother of two boys, an 8th grader and a sophomore in High School.

For the past 15 years, she has volunteered for the non-profit called FEED. She supports, advises and orients the children who are most at risk in Paulette and in the neighboring villages. Eliphine is responsible for the scholarship program and she is also the financial advisor for FEED. She works closely with Launiel who is responsible for all purchases for FEED such as uniforms, food for the school lunches, medicine etc..

With Serge and Launiel, Eliphine serves on the executive council of the FEED Foundation. FEED is a French acronym which stands for Foundation for the Development of Children at Risk. The Haiti Education Mission Inc has worked closely with FEED since 2009. This month let us pray for Eliphine as she serves the community of Paulette and guides the scholarship students and the future teachers in Haiti.



Open Pantry Drop Off



The third Saturday of each month from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.
You can drop off food at the E. Fayette St. door.

Children's Formation

By Jeanne Avery

We had an incredible Advent Season. Barbara Bell became the weekly presenter of Godly Play. Each week of Advent had a different focus. The first week was the Prophets, second was Mary and Joseph, third the

Shepherds and finally the Magi. Kira Lane supplemented the program with Christmas crafts. Barbara was a wonderful storyteller and we all were joy filled as Christmas arrived.



We were delighted in the Christmas Service. The children took a more active part this year. They did beautifully. The coordinator of the chapel program spent many hours in prayer. She finally heard a message directly from God saying "Relax, they got this!" And they certainly did their very best. We had visitors with children who joined us.

In the Chapel, Jesus has been born, has gone to the temple and has been baptized. Joseph von Souder was our guest presenter for the baptism.

Godly Play has a presentation on Martin Luther King. We are adding **The Armor of God**. *Ephesians 6:10-18*. In the presentation for children it is focused on the protection and courage that God gives us in our daily lives. They will have costumes with a Helmet of **Salvation**, a shield of **Faith**, Breast Plate of **Righteousness**, Belt of **Truth**, Sword of **Spirit**, Shoes of **Peace**. We are prepared for all the children to join in the parade of costumes which will be fun but please don't test the two year olds on the information. We will be returning to the Godly Play Schedule in February. We encourage you to volunteer to present a parable.

Common Threads

St. Paul's Common Threads will be meeting on

Monday, February 9th at 7:00

at the home of Tim & Georgette Schmidt
309 Scottholm Boulevard, Syracuse

All people are invited to this time of fellowship, embroidering, knitting, crocheting, mending, etc.

For more information contact Betsy Elkins or Georgette Schmidt.
You may park on the right hand side of the long driveway.

Adult Formation: Preparing for What Lies Ahead

By Jeanne Avery

The Formation program at St. Paul's is approaching our third session, Feb. 8 at 11:45am - 12:45am. with The Rev. Perry Mouncey discussing your hospital visit and what to expect. Mother Perry is a priest, a nurse, and a Chaplain at Upstate and is a friend to us all at her home parish, St. Paul's. The goal of Mother Perry's presentation is to prepare us for hospitalization, to know answers before we must face the questions.

Looking ahead:

March 8th Erin Glavin Boswell, a nurse with Nascentia Home Care will explain all that is available at discharge from the hospital. Erin has been at St. Paul's her entire life. Erin's is the wonderful mommy to an adorable two year old Macie who will be baptized in 2026.

April 12 Senegal Mabry, a doctoral candidate at Cornell will be presenting on the evaluation that is completed in determining the difference between dementia and Parkinson. Senegal is a new member of St. Paul's.

In Review:

We have had:

Fr. Philip Major, "When to call your priest" and Amy Stetler on Hospice Care.

The Formation Team members have concluded that we should end the program in April and schedule again in September and continue with the second Sunday of each month. In May the Bicentennial activities begin!

Adult Formation Program

Everything You Need to Know as You Age

Each program is from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. following the service

Sunday, January 11th

Hospice of CNY

Amy Shetler, Clinical Educator



Sunday, February 8th

Chaplain at Upstate, Nurse & Priest

The Rev. Perry Mouncey,

Sunday, March 8th

Nascentia Home Care

Erin Boswell, Nurse Evaluator of the Individual



The Syracuse
Orchestra Presents

ORCHESTRA SPOTLIGHT

Schnittke's Moz-Art à la Haydn is based on an unfinished fragment by Mozart and features playful themes from both Mozart and Haydn. The program also features Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 and Stravinsky's chamber concerto, Dumbarton Oaks, which was heavily inspired by Bach's Brandenburg series.

The Syracuse Orchestra will be performing at
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
220 E. Fayette St.
Downtown Syracuse

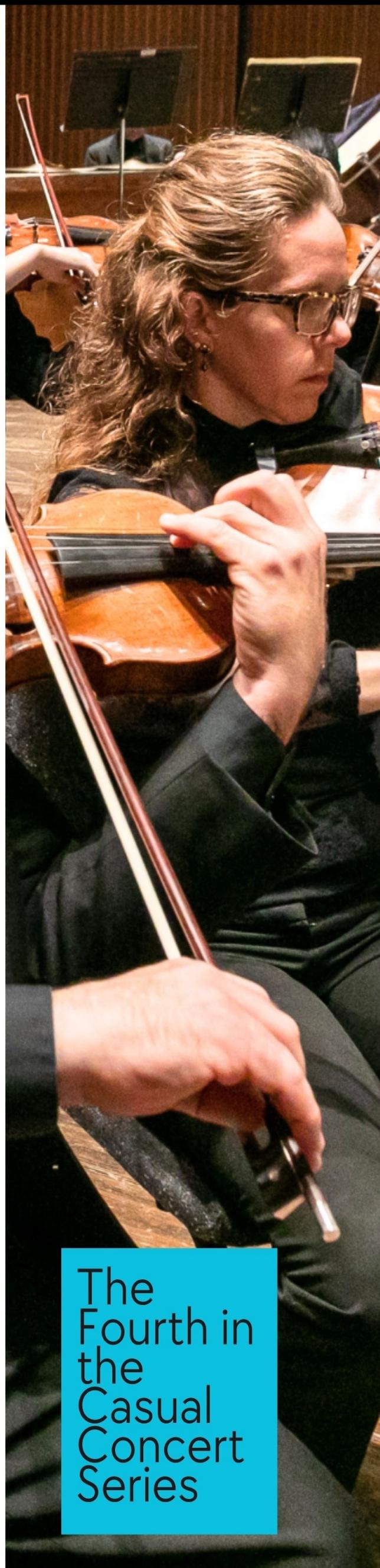
Saturday, January 31

7:00 pm

Sunday, February 1

3:00 pm

Tickets available at the door or online:
www.syracuseorchestra.org



The
Fourth in
the
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The Syracuse
Orchestra Presents
**FOLK MUSIC
INSPIRED**

Enjoy an afternoon of folk music-inspired pieces from Eastern European composers. Ligetti's Concert Romanesc evoked memories of his childhood in Romania, and you'll hear traditional Czech, Romanian, and Hungarian folk dances throughout the rest of the program.

The Syracuse Orchestra will be performing at
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Downtown Syracuse

Saturday, February 28

7:00 pm

Sunday, March 1

3:00 pm

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February Calendar

Sunday, February 1, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, February 1, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, February 1, 11:30 am, Pastoral Care Meeting—Hadley Chapel

Sunday, February 1, 3:00 pm, Syracuse Orchestra Concert

Monday, February 2, 12:00 pm, Bible Study —Brewster Room

Tuesday, February 3, 5:00 pm, Bicentennial Steering Committee, Montgomery Zoom

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

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 8, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, February 8, 11:30 am, Formation Program on Aging—Brewster Room

Monday, February 9, 1:00 pm, Church Clean Up

Monday, February 9, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting—Montgomery Zoom

Monday, February 9, 7:00 pm, Common Threads—Georgette Schmidt's Home

Tuesday, February 10, 1:00 pm, Church Clean Up

Wednesday, February 11, 10:30 am, YMCA Juice and Doughnut Social

Wednesday, February 11, 1:00 pm, Church Clean Up

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

Thursday, February 12, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, February 15, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, February 15, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, February 15, 11:30 am, Church Clean Up

Sunday, February 15, 4:00 pm, Evensong

Sunday, February 15, Deadline for March Courier

Monday, February 16, Bible Study—Brewster Room

Tuesday, February 17, 5:00 pm, Shrove Tuesday Service, 5:30 Pancake Supper

Tuesday, February 17, 6:00 pm Vestry Meeting—Brewster Room

Wednesday, February 18, Ash Wednesday Services at 8 am, 12 pm and 5:30 pm

Wednesday, February 18, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 pm, Feminist Theology—Montgomery Zoom

Thursday, February 19, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 21, 10:00-12:00 noon, Open Pantry Drop Off

Sunday, February 22, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, February 22, 10:00 am, Worship—Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, February 22, 11:30 am, Bicentennial Future Directions —Brewster Room

Monday, February 23, 12:00 pm, Bible Study—Brewster Room

Monday, February 23, 1:15 pm, Bicentennial History Committee-Brewster Room

Monday, February 23, 7:00 pm, SPC Readers *Life Together*—Fayette Channel

Tuesday, February 24, 5:00 pm, Buildings & Grounds—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, February 25, 12:10 pm, Lenten Prayer Service

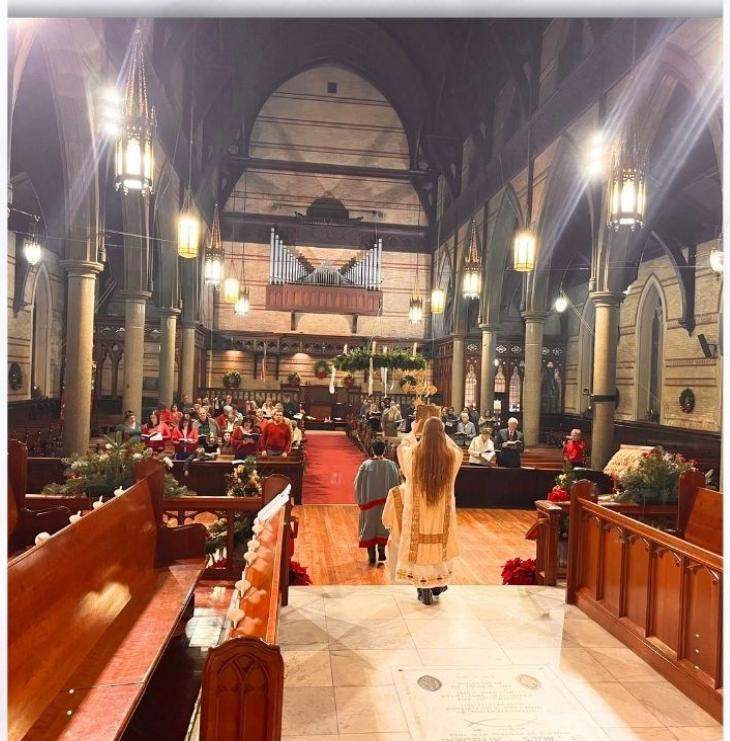
Wednesday, February 25, 12:40 pm, Soup After the Service—Black Bean

Wednesday, February 25, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, February 26, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 27, All Day, Syracuse Orchestra Rehearsal

Saturday, February, 28, All Day, Syracuse Orchestra Rehearsal



Highlights of Christmas Eve!

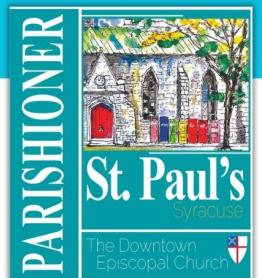
At 4 p.m. our young people led the service.

Kira Lane, Connor Sanderson, and Jacob Sanderson served as readers.

At 9 p.m. our choir created a beautiful, sacred space with their singing.



Important Parking Reminders



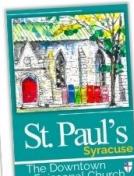
Please do your best to park within the lines of the parking places. We know some lines are hard to see, and may be smaller than a normal parking place dividing line. When cars are not correctly in a spot, we lose valuable parking places on Sunday mornings.



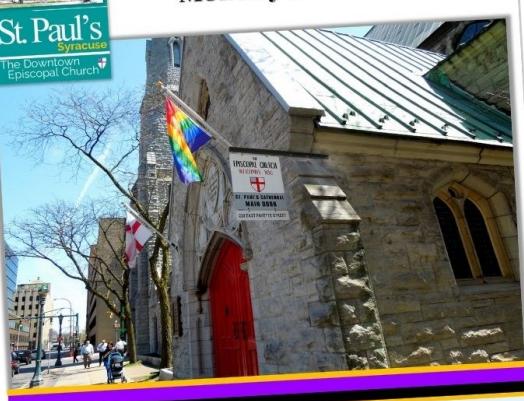
Also, please remember, when you come to the church on weekdays before 5:00 p.m., PLEASE do not park in our tenant parking places that have been paid for. We have a few spots on the fence that are available for St. Paul's but that is about it until the construction is complete. We are so sorry for any inconvenience.



Make sure you have your parking sticker visible. We don't want to accidentally tow your car. If you need a new sticker, please contact Judy. Email: jmcadoo@stpaulsyr.org



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