



2ND SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 4, 2016

Sunday Services: 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service: 9:30 A.M.

Office Hours: Mon. - Thurs. 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

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Rector
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Our Mission Statement

We welcome you to join us on our journey as we strive to share the love of Jesus through worship, Christian Education, fellowship and service to each other and the community beyond our walls.

Welcome to St. Paul's

We welcome you to St. Paul's Episcopal Church. If you are new, returning after a time away or have been here week after week, it is our hope that you feel welcomed and comfortable in this church. We are all travelers and seekers together on a journey of faith. We very much hope you will find your time with us one of renewal and refreshment. As you walk with us, may your faith deepen with the hope that you will continue on this journey with us, here at St. Paul's. If we can be of any assistance to you on your faith journey, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Birthdays: 12/4 Kurt Jones
12/5 Janet Kroculick, Sandra Williams,
Christine Petras
12/7 Margie Britton
12/9 Thomas Evanek

Anniversaries: 12/9 John and Susan Young

Pray for those in need of our prayers: Pray for those in need of our prayers: Bill Krska, Nadine Maruca, Lew Jones, Becky Cizike, Domicelia Dickinson, John Perestam, Harland Payne, Midge Wieland, Pat Roberts, Mary Buffum, Anthony Langevine (grandson of Scotty Race), Muriel and Bruz (Louis' aunt and uncle), and Bill Dwyer (friend of Connie Hess).

We pray for those serving in our military: Matthew Cole, Douglas French, Kevin Bradley, Daniel Sanoja, Brandon Marcello, Grant Cuprak, Danielle Ullman and Michael Kakusian.

Advent Holy Eucharist Services

Mondays, December 5-December 19, 5:30PM

The hustle and bustle of the Christmas Season can often overshadow the true meaning of Christmas. During Advent, join us for a Eucharistic Service each Monday at 5:30 in the Gould Chapel. Make Advent a time to rest, wait and yearn for the celebration of the birth of Christ.



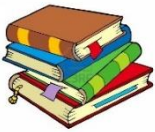
Rector's Forum for December



During the month of December the Rector's Forum will meet today and December 11th. Topic will cover, prayer, evil, freedom, Trinity, death, Commandments and Sacraments. There will be no Rector's Forum on December 18th since we will be decorating. On January 8th we will put Christmas decorations away for another year. Forum will resume on January 15th.



Please consider making the holidays a little brighter by donating unwrapped gifts for children who are newborn to 21 years old with the majority being 10 to 17 years of age. The Children's Home also accepts checks payable to "Children's Home," 1182 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. Please designate that the funds are for "gifts." Take a tag off the tree in the back of the church to fulfill a child's wishes this Christmas! Place all items under the tree.



Come to a book fair to benefit Mom's House at Barnes & Noble in the Town Square Mall on Friday, December 9th, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mention Mom's House in your purchase.

On-line orders can be made from 12/9 through 12/14 at www.bn.com/mybookfair . Enter Mom's House I.D. #11803673.

Poinsettia Memorials

After the season of Advent, poinsettias will adorn the altar for the Christmas Services. If you are interested in donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one please fill out the appropriate form (available in the back of the church) and put it into the box at the back of the church. After the service, the flowers will be delivered to our parishioners unable to leave home. Checks should be made to St. Paul's with Christmas Flowers in the memo line. A donation of \$20 is suggested. Forms need to be in by Dec. 13 to be included in the bulletin.



Liturgical Ministers 12/4

8:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Mary Cermak
	2 nd Reading	Luther Chergosky
	Chalice	Chip Kinne
	Usher(s)	Will and Mary VanOsten
10:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Karen Cahill
	1 st Reading	Kelly Parker-Seeley
	2 nd Reading	Barb Dailey
	Chalice	Steve Koerts
	Acolyte(s)	Meghan & Kristin Walton, Jordan Jones, Kurt Jones
	Altar Guild	Dolly & Luther Chergosky (8) Sue Hankey (10) Sue Hankey (linens)
	Counters	Bob Pettit
	Usher(s)	Lorraine Jones & Marge Johns

Liturgical Ministers 12/11

8:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher
	2 nd Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher
	Chalice	Luther Chergosky
	Usher(s)	Will and Mary VanOsten
10:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Georgia Wilber
	1 st Reading	Karen Cahill
	2 nd Reading	Carl Kinne
	Chalice	Jim Buffum
	Acolyte(s)	Meghan Walton
	Altar Guild	Dolly & Luther Chergosky (8) Sue Hankey (10) Sue Hankey (linens)
	Counters	Jim Buffum & Lorraine Jones
	Usher(s)	Suzanne & Bob Pettit

Christmas Services

Please call the office if you would like to serve at either the Christmas Eve Service on December 24th at 10:00 PM, or at the Christmas Day Service on December 25th at 9:00 AM.



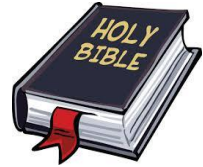
Bible Study



There will be no Bible Study on December 8th. We will resume on December 15th at 9AM.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina continues to meet on Monday, December 5 and December 19 at 6:00 PM in the home of Linda Littell, 525 Airey Ave. in Endicott. Lectio Divina is a meditative way of looking at Scripture. No reservations or notification needed; just come! Speak with Fr. John if you have any questions.



December 5-11		
Monday	Advent Service with Holy Eucharist Lectio Divina	5:30PM 6:00PM
Tuesday	CHOW	1:15PM
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist with Healing Service WoC Dinner/Meeting	9:30AM 5:30PM
Thursday	No Bible Study CHOW Hand Bells Vocal Choir	9:00AM 3:45PM 6:00PM 7:00PM
Sunday	Holy Eucharist Sunday School Chimes 4 Jesus Rector's Forum	8 & 10AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 11:00AM

WoC Holiday Dinner

Wednesday, December 7th, 5:30PM



Women of the Church

On December 7th the WoC will gather for our annual holiday dinner at 5:30 at St. Paul's. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass. We will be having a business meeting following dinner to vote on year-end donations of our funds and to discuss our rummage sale process. Volunteers will also be requested to host the January 29th Trinity Canteen. The evening will conclude with some holiday songs accompanied by Karen Cahill. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.

WoC Sleeping Bag Workshop

Thursday, December 8th, Noon

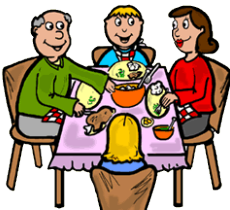
The next sleeping bag workshop is Thursday, December 8th at noon. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass for some lunch and fellowship, following which we will work. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church.



Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, December 12, Noon

The Movin' On Lunch will be held on the 2nd Monday of December. The menu for the day will be meatloaf. All widows and widowers are invited to share in this time of food and fellowship on Monday, December 12th, at noon in Fellowship Hall.



December Happenings!



Silver Polishing “Party” – Friday, December 9, 9:30 a.m. Join us in the Fellowship Hall as we polish the altar silver in preparation for our Christmas services. All are welcome; just bring elbow grease.

Christmas Tree Cutting – Get out your mittens and boots for a hike through the woods in search of the perfect tree for our worship space! We will meet at 8:00 am on Saturday, December 17 for doughnuts and hot drinks then head out to Dick White’s “tree farm” in Owego. Many hands make the tree dragging easier! Please let either Fr. John or the Westermanns know if you are coming so we don’t leave without you!



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Christmas Tree Decorating – Come help decorate on Sunday, December 18 at 11 AM.

Blue Christmas Service



On Sunday afternoon, December 11 at 4 PM you are invited to attend a “Blue Christmas Service” here at St. Paul’s. This service is also known as “The Longest Night” or a “Service of Comfort and Rest”. It is intended for

those who have experienced loss--through death, divorce, depression, or other life challenges--and for those under stress during the holiday season who need a time of rest. With singing and Scripture reading, a homily and Eucharist, this service invites those who attend to take time for themselves. It is a time for healing and acknowledging the pain and stress that the holidays can bring for some. It is intended to acknowledge that for some Christmas is not all we proclaim it to be; some struggle during the holidays and this service helps them to express and acknowledge those feelings. A reception will follow.

Aisle Torches



The aisle torches will be blessed at the beginning of the Blue Christmas Service since this will be the first time they will be used.

Pill Bottles

For those who collect prescription bottles for the Medical Mission, please remember that only the bottles with child-proof caps can be used.



CHOW Notes



Due to the shortages at the CHOW warehouse, our pantry is in need of the following: cold cereal, hot cereal, spaghetti sauce, canned pasta meals, jams/jellies, peanut butter.

Your help during this coming holiday season is greatly appreciated!

Mary Cermak

Vestry Members

NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now accepting names for the 3 vestry positions vacant (a three-year term). Names can be given to Bruce Dailey, the chair of the committee.

A brief history of the person nominated is requested with a form indicating their permission to be nominated. The annual meeting is February 12th; nominations are due by January 1st. The committee is a screening one only, that its only function is to verify that a nominee is qualified to be a candidate in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church, The Diocese of Central New York and the By-Laws of St. Paul's Church. The qualifications are: being a baptized person over 18 years of age, being a baptized member of St. Paul's Church, having been in regular attendance at its worship and has been a regular contributor for at least the last 12 months prior to the Annual Meeting.