



December 11, 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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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: 12/15 Marjorie Johns
12/16 Katie Meade, Kory Meade



Sanctuary Candle Memorial: The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of Bud and Elaine Rozina, from their daughter, Beth, and son-in-law, Cliff VanDervort.

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), Bill Dwyer (friend of Connie Hess), Sandra Fitterer (friend of Margie Britton), Diana Palmer (friend of Sylvia Fulk), and Dennis Tallevi (friend of Sylvia Fulk).

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 12 and 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. Make Advent a time to rest, wait and yearn for the celebration of the birth of Christ.



Rector's Forum for December



The Rector's Forum will meet today. 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.



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.



Some ideas for gifts are: Ipod Shuffle, MP3 players, board games, coloring books & crayons for both younger and older boys and girls, arts & crafts kits, Legos, remote control cars, bath & body products (men & women) and journals.

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 Altar Guild in the memo line. A donation of \$20 is suggested. Forms need to be in by Dec. 18 to be included in the bulletin.

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.



Liturgical Ministers 12/11

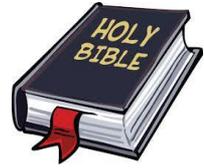
8:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Debbie Dieffenbacher
	2 nd Reading	Bill Dieffenbacher
	Chalice	Luther Chergosky
	Usher(s)	Will and Mary VanOsten
10:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Georgia Wilber
	1 st Reading	Karen Cahill
	2 nd Reading	Carl Kinne
	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

Liturgical Ministers 12/18

8:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jane Parker
	2 nd Reading	Gavin Alexander
	Chalice	Jack Westermann
	Usher(s)	Will and Mary VanOsten
10:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jim Garceau
	1 st Reading	Judy Finlayson
	2 nd Reading	Judy Shannon
	Chalice	Suzanne Pettit
	Acolyte(s)	Kurt Jones
	Altar Guild	Dolly & Luther Chergosky (8) Sue Hankey (10) Sue Hankey (linens)
	Counters	Scott Kidder & Richard Schwab
	Usher(s)	Lorraine Jones & Marge Johns

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina w meet on Monday, December 19 at 6:00 PM in the Gould Chapel at St. Paul's. 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 12-18		
Monday	Movin' On Lunch	12:00PM
	Advent Service with Holy Eucharist	5:30PM
Tuesday	CHOW	1:15PM
	Vestry	7:00PM
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist with Healing Service	9:30AM
Thursday	Bible Study	9:00AM
	CHOW	3:45PM
	Hand Bells	6:00PM
	Vocal Choir	7:00PM
Saturday	Christmas Tree Hunting	8:00AM
Sunday	Holy Eucharist	8 & 10AM
	Sunday School	10:00AM
	Chimes 4 Jesus	11:00AM
	Christmas Tree Decorating	11:00AM

Epiphany

Friday, January 6, 6PM

Join us as we celebrate the wise men's visit to the baby Jesus. After a short service at 6PM, join us in the Fellowship Hall for



an ethnic feast. Please bring a dish to pass reflecting your heritage. Kids, bring your swinging arm, the piñata will

be full! *Please note: Readers are needed for this service. If you would like to read, there is a sign-up sheet on the table in back of the church. If you speak another language, we would love to have you participate but, experience is not necessary!*



Blue Christmas Service

Today at 4PM



You are invited to attend a “Blue Christmas Service” here at St. Paul’s today at 4:00 PM. 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.



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.

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.

Christmas Tree Cutting

Saturday, December 17th, 8:00AM

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!



Christmas Tree Decorating

Sunday, December 18, 11AM

Join us at 11AM next Sunday and help us decorate the sanctuary and the tree. The more the merrier. Got your baking done? Then bring some cookies along!

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.

*A regular contributor means pledging and having that pledge measurable by meeting the pledge obligations, per church records, in the 12 months prior to the election at the annual meeting.

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



**American
Red Cross**



Answer the call...

...Give blood in honor of everyday heroes.

**Blood Drive
Endicott Battle of the Badges
at the
American Red Cross Chapter**

in the Classrooms
620 East Main Street
Endicott, NY

**Tuesday, December 27
12:00 PM to 6:00 PM**

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767), visit redcrossblood.org or download the Blood Donor APP to schedule an appointment. Donate in less time. Complete your reading and questions before...visit redcrossblod.org/rapidpass!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

**Free long sleeve Red Cross t-shirt when you come to donate
December 22 through January 8 while supplies last!**