



December 18, 2016

Sunday Services: 8:00 A.M. and 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday Eucharist and Healing Service: 9:30 A.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: 12/19 Louise Pierce
12/20 Margarite Penrose
12/21 Daryl Spak



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), Dennis Tallevi (friend of Sylvia Fulk), and Mike Baron (Suzanne & Bob Pettit's son-in-law).



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.

Congratulations!



Katherine Helyn Saleeby was born Saturday 12/10 at 11:09 am. She is 8lbs 3oz, 20.5 inches and has a full head of dark hair! Mike and Lauren Kiley Saleeby are the proud parents and we send our congratulations and our prayers to them.

Advent Holy Eucharist Service

Monday, 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 this Monday at 5:30. Make Advent a time to rest, wait and yearn for the celebration of the birth of Christ.



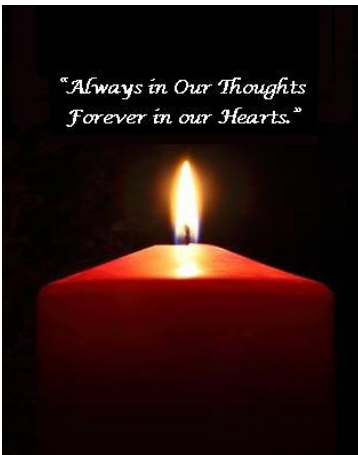


Please consider making the holidays a little brighter by donating unwrapped gifts for children who are newborn to 21 years old with the majority being 10 to 17 years of age. The Children's Home also accepts checks payable to "Children's Home," 1182 Chenango Street, Binghamton, NY 13901. Please designate 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), journals.

The first Christmas after you lose someone is hard.



You will feel like not celebrating, but you will go along with it for the kids, for the family.

It will hurt.

The presents not bought. The chair not sat in. The memories of past Christmases that threaten to suck the joy out of the whole day.

But you will get through it. You may even raise a smile between the tears.

If you can, thank God for the Christmases you had with them.

Light a candle. Cry. Start a new tradition in their memory. Next year won't be as hard. Trust me. (unknown)

Liturgical Ministers 12/18

8:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jane Parker
	2 nd Reading	Garvin 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

Liturgical Ministers 12/24 (Christmas Eve)

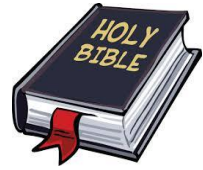
6:00PM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Chalice	Ruthie Koerts & Jim Garceau
	Acolytes	Meghan Walton, Jordan Jones, Kristin Walton
	Ushers	Lorraine Jones, Marge Johns
10:00PM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann
	Reader 1	Jack Westermann
	Reader 2	Karen Cahill
	Chalice	Chip Kinne
	Acolyte	Kurt Jones
	Ushers	Scott & Ken Kidder

Liturgical Ministers 12/25

9:00AM	Presider	The Very Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jane Parker
	1 st Reading	Jane Parker
	2 nd Reading	
	Chalice	Eunice Barton
	Altar Guild	Dolly & Luther Chergosky Sue Hankey (linens)
	Counters	Jack Westermann & Chauncey DePew
	Usher(s)	Will VanOsten

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina will 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 19-25		
Monday	Advent Service with Holy Eucharist	5:30PM
Tuesday	Lectio Divina	6:00PM
Wednesday	CHOW	1:15PM
Thursday	Holy Eucharist with Healing Service	9:30AM
	Bible Study	9:00AM
	CHOW Delivery	10:00AM
	CHOW	3:45PM
	Hand Bells	6:00PM
	Vocal Choir	7:00PM
Saturday	Christmas Eve Service	6:00PM
	Christmas Eve Festive Choral with Holy Eucharist	10:00PM
Sunday	<i>Happy Birthday Jesus!</i> Christmas Day Service	9:00AM

Rector's Forum



There will be no Rector's Forum today since we will be decorating. On January 8th we will put Christmas decorations away for another year. Forum will resume on January 15th.

Lock on Christian Ed Door



Please use both hands when opening the Christian Ed door. There is too much stress on the lock if the door is pulled open with the key.

Acolyte News!

I am pleased to announce that Ruthie Koerts and Georgia Wilber have agreed to be our new Acolyte Masters. I appreciate their willingness to undertake this important ministry. Further details as to training sessions will be forthcoming. If you have a desire to be an acolyte please contact either Ruthie or Georgia.



Poinsettia Memorials

TODAY is the last day to 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.



Christmas Tree Decorating

Today at 11AM



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

Youth News

Please note, there will be no Sunday School on Christmas Day or New Years Day. We will resume on January 8th.



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!*



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 redcrossblood.org/rapid pass!

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!

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