



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 3, 2017

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.

Our Weekly Prayers

We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, our Bishop; Chris, our Dean; John, our Rector and the people and ministers of St. Paul's.

In St. Paul's we pray for the who support the flower and candle memorials and those they celebrate.

In our Parishes: Trinity Church, Boonville; The Rev. Linda Logan, Rector; St. Paul's Church, Brownville; The Rev. Ninon Hutchinson, Priest-in-Charge; Watertown Urban Mission – Jubilee Center, Watertown

In our Diocese: Pray for all those being Confirmed or Received this week

In our Companion Diocese: Pray for Jean, Ita, Maura and Dorothy, martyred Sisters

In The Episcopal Church: Pray for the Rt. Rev. Marian Edgar Budde, Bishop of the Diocese of Washington, D.C.

In the Anglican Communion: Pray for the Rt. Rev. Henry Katumba-Tamale, Bishop of West Buganda (Uganda)

Pray for those in need of our prayers:

Nadine Maruca, Lew Jones, Becky Cizike, Domicelia Dickinson, Midge Wieland, Pat Roberts, Mary Buffum, Janet Kroculick, Louise Pierce, Dale Bachman, Bruce Dailey, Ingrid Elliott, Pat Little (cousin of Sandy Schwab), Josh Banta (friend of Sandy and Dick Schwab), and Louis' dad and aunt.



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

Sanctuary Candle Memorials:



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of **Susan B. Mytro**, from her very dear friend Paula Ryan.

THE "TRINITY" SNOWMAN

When you see a snowman
Three snowballs round,
He is reminding you
That in God, Three in One, are found.

The bottom reminds us of God the Father,
Our strong rock and foundation
The Creator of all living things,
People, tribes and nations.

The middle shows us God the Son
With His arms spread open wide.
Who died on the cross for each of us
Our sins gone, Jesus' love abides.

The head reminds us of God the Holy Spirit
Who is our counselor and friend,
He speaks to our hearts and minds
Transforming us in the likeness of Him.

So when you see a snowman
In the midst of all the wintertime fun,
Listen carefully and he'll tell you,
"Remember God is Three in One".



Liturgical Ministers 12/3

8:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jack Westermann
	2 nd Reading	Luther Chergosky
	Chalice	Jane Parker
	Usher(s)	Will & Mary VanOsten
10:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Ruthie Koerts
	1 st Reading	Judy Shannon
	2 nd Reading	Carl Kinne
	Chalice	Karen Cahill
	Acolyte(s)	Meghan Walton, Kristin Walton, Jordan Jones, Aiden Browning
	Altar Guild	Luther & Dolly Chergosky (8) Sue Hankey (10) Sue Hankey (linens)
	Counters	Bob Pettit & Susette Walton
	Usher(s)	Ken Kidder & Eunice Barton

Liturgical Ministers 12/10

8:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jane Parker
	2 nd Reading	Jackie Reece
	Chalice	Richard Parker
	Usher(s)	Will & Mary VanOsten
10:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jim Garceau
	1 st Reading	Zach Manchester
	2 nd Reading	Ruthie Koerts
	Chalice	Eunice Barton
	Acolyte(s)	Kurt Jones & Sanders Browning
	Altar Guild	Luther & Dolly Chergosky (8) Sue Hankey (10) Sue Hankey (linens)
	Counters	Will & Mary VanOsten
	Usher(s)	Walton Family

Birthdays:

12/3

Jackie Reece

Alaina Browning

12/4

Kurt Jones



12/5

Janet Kroculick

Sandra Williams

Christine Petras

12/9

Thomas Evaneck

Anniversaries: 12/9 John and Susan Young



Prayers of the People and Prayer List

Beginning this Sunday you will notice changes to the Prayer List in the bulletin and the Prayers of the People used during the Liturgy. In the bulletin we will list the prayers for whom we pray within the Church, our parish, the Diocese, the Anglican Communion and our companion Diocese. We will start a new prayer list in the bulletin and will give you space during the Liturgy to mention those you want to prayer for by name. If you still would like their name listed in the bulletin you can fill out a prayer request form found on the table in the back. Don't forget there is also the prayer chain that you can have them added to. Just remember the prayer chain is different than that which is in the bulletin. With the new form of the Prayers of the People you will have time to mention those who are sick, any gratitudes you would like to express and those you want to remember who have gone before us to the other side of life. I encourage you to do this out loud but you may still mention them in your heart. Making this change has come out of the suggestions I heard in the Cottage Visits before my sabbatical. I encourage you in your own prayers during the week to pray for those listed in our bulletin, so take it home and use it in your own spiritual discipline as you offer your intentions. I welcome your comments about this change. I think it will help us to focus more on the content of our worship since the prayers are specific to the readings and the theme for the season.

Rector's Forum

Today at 11:00 AM



During the month of December, the Rector's Forum will cover "The End of the World or Heaven on Earth" by Michael Battle. The Forum will be today and next Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

WoC Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 6 at Noon

The holiday luncheon will be held on Wednesday, December 6th at the Ground Round across from the Oakdale Mall in Johnson City, starting at Noon. A signup sheet is at the back of the church. Please be sure to sign up no later than Sunday, December 3rd so an accurate count can be given to the restaurant. We will gather in their private dining room. Everyone will order off the menu and the restaurant is prepared to handle separate checks.

Sandy Schwab, Chairperson

Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, December 11 at Noon

The Movin' On Lunch will be held on the 2nd Monday of December. All widows and widowers are invited to share in this time of food and fellowship on Monday, December 11th, at noon in Fellowship Hall.



Youth Group News!

Youth Group has been rebooted and is open to all members of St. Paul's in grades 7 through 12. We have met twice and are making plans to host Trinity Canteen on December 31st. Come join us!



Jennifer Westermann

Lessons & Carols

TODAY at 10 AM



This historic service tells the story of the fall of humanity and the promise of the Messiah as told in seven short Bible readings, interspersed with the singing of carols, hymns, and anthems. This year the service will take place during the 10 AM service today.

Advent Holy Eucharist Services

Mondays, December 4, 11, 18, 5:30 PM
Gould Chapel

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.



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.



Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 21, 6:30 PM



On Thursday evening on December 21st at 6:30 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 time of fellowship will follow the service.

Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24th

Christmas Eve Services will be as follows: 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (there will be no music at the 10:00 a.m. service) and 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. If you would like to serve at **any of these services**, please let the office know.



December 4-10		
Monday	Advent Service with Holy Eucharist	5:30PM
Tuesday	CHOW	1:15PM
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist with Healing Service WoC Luncheon	9:30AM 12:00PM
Thursday	Bible Study CHOW Bells	9:00AM 1:15 PM 6:00PM
Saturday	Movie Time	2:00PM
Sunday	Holy Eucharist Adult Choir Sunday School Chimes 4 Jesus Rector's Forum	8&10AM 9:00AM 10:00AM 11:00AM 11:00AM

Poinsettia Memorials

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. We remind you that there are no altar flowers during this time. 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 \$25 is suggested. Forms need to be in by December 17th to be included in the bulletin.



Volunteer Help Needed

We are in need of a volunteer for the CHOW Pantry on the first Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. If you can help, please let me know. Also, please consider donating to the CHOW Pantry so we can provide some holiday foods for our CHOW community.



Mary Cermak, Chair

Movie at St. Paul's

Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 PM



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THE SHACK movie will be shown in the Fellowship Hall, on Saturday, December 9th at 2:00 PM. The Social Committee will provide the drinks and popcorn. If you have a favorite snack please bring it along to share.

The Shack was a book made into a movie. It's rated PG 13. The movie takes a look at a father's transformative spiritual journey. After a family tragedy, Mack spirals into a crisis of faith and questions God's existence and life's purpose. Mack is unable to move on until he gets a mysterious invitation to an abandoned shack. There God reveals Himself in the form of three strangers.

Silver Polishing "Party"– Friday, December 15, 10 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 – Saturday, December 16, 8 a.m.

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 in the parking lot at 8:00 am on Saturday, December 16th for doughnuts and hot drinks then head out to Dick White's "tree farm" in Owego. Many hands make the tree dragging easier!



Decorating – Sunday, December 17, 11 a.m. Come help decorate the church and the tree on Sunday, December 17th at 11 AM.