



**Last Sunday of Pentecost
November 26, 2017**

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

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The Rev. John Martinichio
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Director of Music
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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:

11/30 Steve Koerts
Donna Williams



Sanctuary Candle Memorials:



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of **John Perestam**, from his loving wife, Linda Littell.

Altar Flowers:

Life is not the same; my love is gone and it hurts.



The flowers on the altar this Sunday are given in loving memory of and in thanksgiving for my husband, **John** on our wedding anniversary. Love, Linda 

November 27-December 3		
Tuesday	CHOW	1:15PM
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist with Healing Service	9:30AM
Thursday	Bible Study	9:00AM
	CHOW	1:15 PM
	Bells	6:00PM
Sunday	Holy Eucharist	8:00AM
	Lessons & Carols	10:00AM
	Adult Choir	9:00AM
	Sunday School	10:00AM
	Chimes 4 Jesus	11:00AM
	Rector's Forum	11:00AM

Rector's Forum for November



There will be no Rector's Forum today due to the Advent Workshop.



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 Thursday, December 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mention Mom's House in your purchase and a percentage will be donated to the organization. On-line orders can be made from 12/9 through 12/14 at www.bn.com/mybookfair. Enter Mom's House I.D. #12077327.

Have breakfast with Santa to benefit Mom's House at the Endwell United Methodist Church, 3301 Watson Blvd., Endwell on Saturday, December 2nd from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults, \$5 for ages 5-12. Children under 5 are free. Tickets are available at the door. There will be live Christmas music, bake sale and gifts. Pictures with Santa are \$3.



Liturgical Ministers 11/26

8:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann
	2 nd Reading	Garvin Alexander
	Chalice	Chip Kinne
	Usher(s)	Mary Gilfoyle & Patricia Wallace
10:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Ruthie Koerts
	1 st Reading	Suzanne Pettit
	2 nd Reading	Bob Pettit
	Chalice	Barb Dailey
	Acolyte(s)	Meghan Walton, Kristin Walton, Jordan Jones, Aiden Browning
	Altar Guild	Lynn & Bill Freeman (8) Marge Johns (10) Lynn Freeman (linens)
	Counters	Jack Westermann & Chauncey Depew
	Usher(s)	Ken Kidder & Eunice Barton

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)	TBA
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 & Suzette Walton
	Usher(s)	Ken Kidder & Eunice Barton

Pray for those in need of our prayers: Bill Krska, Nadine Maruca, Lew Jones, Becky Cizike, Domicelia Dickinson, Midge Wieland, Pat Roberts, Mary Buffum, Anthony Langevin (grandson of Scotty Race), Diana Palmer (friend of Sylvia Fulk), Mike Baran (friend of Suzanne & Bob Pettit), Susan Chergosky, Dick Russell (cousin of Sandy Schwab), Bonnie Moore (friend of Lynn Freeman), Russ Race (husband of Scotty Race), Lynne Gosart (friend of Toni Van Order), Janet Kroculik, Ann Kotasek (friend of Connie Hess), Louise Pierce, Heinz Schwab (brother of Dick Schwab), Bernice McManus (friend of Dolly Chergosky, Judy Finlayson, Donna Krzyzewski (sister of Marilyn Karlson), Tom Hall (Verona & Ken Kidder), and Bonnie Pewterbaugh and Joe Evanco (friends of Sue Jones), Dale Bachman, Jim Pursell (friend of Linda Littell), Claudia Godoy, James Bevilacqua, Scott Kidder (son of Ken & Verona Kidder), David Whalen (friend of Harold and Ingrid Elliott), Bruce Dailey, and Ingrid Elliott.



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.

Advent Workshop

TODAY at 11AM

St. Paul's Annual Advent Workshop will take place today following the 10:00 a.m. service. Join us as we craft a decoration for the Christmas Season. This is a family event; *all* are welcome.



Eunice Barton

Movin' On Luncheon

Monday, December 11, 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.



WOMEN OF CHURCH

Saturday, December 2nd



Looking ahead to December, Saweeba Athar of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque on Route 26 in Vestal has invited the Women of St. Paul's to attend a special day of learning about the Muslim faith and the life of the prophet Mohammad, which will be held on Saturday, December 2nd. The program, which will commence at noon, will include interpretation of Mohammad's teaching on education, the role of women and children in their faith, the true meaning of Jihad, and the relationship of Islam with Christianity. Lunch and socialization will follow at 1:00 p.m. and also offer the opportunity to ask questions. This event is open to women from all faith communities so please feel free to bring a friend. Many women from our parish have participated in the past and found it to be so meaningful they return each year. We do need to have an exact count from our parish and guests by the Sunday before Thanksgiving, so please ensure that you sign up on the form at the back of the church, as well as listing any guests you are bringing. Please note that wearing head scarves is always appreciated but not mandatory so please feel free to do whatever is most comfortable for you.

WoC Holiday Luncheon

Wednesday, December 6th 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 sign-up 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

Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 21, 6:30PM



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.

Poinsettia Memorials

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of Advent. We remind you that there are no 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.



Movie at St. Paul's

Saturday, December 9th at 2:00PM



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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 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.

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

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. Suggested items are: stuffing mix, canned yams, cake mixes, brownie mixes, jello, pudding, canned fruits/vegetables, canned cream of mushroom soup and/or free grocery store hams or turkeys if you have too many. Thank you for your continuous support!

Mary Cermak, Chair

A New Little Free Library – Child Size

You may have noticed a new addition in front of St. Paul's. We have added a second Little Free Library, which is designed to be at a level easily accessed by children. **Ted Wolf**, who built our initial library, also designed and constructed the children's library. Just as the initial library was designed to look like St. Paul's, he designed the children's library to look like the front of the Christian Ed Building, and made it large enough to accommodate even the tall children's books. Costs of materials were covered by the Women of the Church and Ted donated his time and talent. Thank you, Ted for all your hard work! We now welcome the donation of children's books to fill our library. Please feel free to bring in new or gently used books and add them to the library.





December Happenings!

Advent Holy Eucharist Services

Mondays, December 4, 11, 18, 5:30PM
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.

Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 3, 10 AM



LESSONS & CAROLS

the promise of the Messiah - the birth of Jesus
Scripture - carols - choral music - hymns

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 on December 3rd. If you are interested in reading, please sign up in the back of the church.

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.

