



3RD SUNDAY *OF* *Advent*

December 17, 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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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.



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 Gould Allocation Committee

In our Parishes: We pray for Trinity Church, Canastota; The Rev. Jim Heidt, St. Mark's Church, Candor; The Rev. Geraldine Bissell-Thompson

In our Diocese: We pray for all the Staff and Caretakers of St. Margaret's House and Ecumenical Center, New Hartford

In our Companion Diocese: We pray for Mision San Esteban, The Rev. Alfredo Lopez

In the Episcopal Church: We pray for the Rt. Rev. Donald Johnson, Bishop of the Diocese of West Tennessee

In the Anglican Communion: We pray for the Rt. Rev. Peter Munde Yacoub, Bishop of Yambio (Minye, Sudan)

Pray for those in need of our prayers:

Bill Krska, Nadine Maruca, Lew Jones, Becky Cizike, Domicelia Dickinson, Midge Wieland, Pat Roberts, Mary Buffum, Janet Kroclic, Louise Pierce, Bernice McManus (friend of Dolly Chergosky), Susan, Donna Krzyzewski (sister of Marilyn Karlson), Dale Bachman, Bruce Dailey, Ingrid Elliott, David Fenty, Dick Russell (cousin of Sandy Schwab), Josh Banta and Rick Berry (friends of Sandy and Dick Schwab), Louis' dad and aunt, and Carol Petras (Jackson Petras' grandmother).



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.

Volunteers Needed for WoC Memorial Luncheons

The WoC is looking for two volunteers to head up a 4th team to oversee memorial luncheons. We have some very experienced teams that are more than willing to give you guidance, and people from the church always come forward to help with all tasks. We have 3 standard menus that are used, so there are no surprises. Duties would entail purchase of food (remember, there are two of you heading up the team so shopping can be divided), cooking (with the help of others), setting up the tables (again with the help of others), and clean up (need I mention with the help of others – especially someone who knows how to operate the dishwasher). Plus, a call to Connie Hess will insure a more than ample supply of baked goods will arrive in time for the luncheon. We now have 3 teams and we rotate the teams. If a team is unavailable we will go on to the next team on the list. Many of you have been regular volunteers at our memorial luncheons and know the ropes, so please give this some consideration...and remember, even if you aren't that familiar, we have great coaches on hand ready to work with you to get you up to speed. Please see me for further information.

Sandy Schwab, Chairperson

Liturgical Ministers 12/17

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| 8:00AM | Presider | The Rev. John Martinichio |
| | Lay Assistant | Mary Cermak |
| | 2 nd Reading | Dolly Chergosky |
| | Chalice | Debbie Dieffenbacher |
| | Usher(s) | Chip Kinne |
| 10:00AM | Presider | The Rev. John Martinichio |
| | Lay Assistant | Karen Cahill |
| | 1 st Reading | Lynne Jones |
| | 2 nd Reading | Jim Buffum |
| | Chalice | Steve Koerts |
| | Acolyte(s) | Ruthie Koerts & Lukas Parker |
| | Altar Guild | Luther & Dolly Chergosky (8) |
| | | Sue Hankey (10) |
| | | Sue Hankey (linens) |
| | Counters | Scott Kidder & Dick Schwab |
| | Usher(s) | Walton Family |

Please let the office know if you can fill any open ministries.

Liturgical Ministers 12/24

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| 8:00AM | Presider | The Rev. John Martinichio |
| | Lay Assistant | Mary Cermak |
| | 2 nd Reading | |
| | Chalice | |
| | Usher(s) | Chip Kinne |
| 10:00AM | Presider | The Rev. John Martinichio |
| | Lay Assistant | Jane Parker |
| | 1 st Reading | |
| | 2 nd Reading | |
| | Chalice | Richard Parker |
| | Acolyte(s) | Meghan Walton & Kristin Walton |
| | Altar Guild | Luther & Dolly Chergosky (8) Sue Hankey (10) Sue Hankey (linens) |
| | Counters | Will & Mary VanOsten |
| | Usher(s) | Bob & Suzanne Pettit |

Liturgical Ministers 12/24

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| 6:00PM | Presider | The Rev. John Martinichio |
| | Lay Assistant | Jim Garceau |
| | 2 nd Reading | Kristin Walton |
| | Chalice | |
| | Acolyte(s) | Kurt Jones, Kristin Walton, Jordan Jones, Sanders Browning |
| | Usher(s) | Lorraine Jones & Marge Johns |
| 10:00PM | Presider | The Rev. John Martinichio |
| | Lay Assistant | Karen Cahill |
| | 1 st Reading | |
| | 2 nd Reading | |
| | Chalice | Chip Kinne |
| | Acolyte(s) | Ruthie Koerts & Aiden Browning |
| | Altar Guild | Luther & Dolly Chergosky (8) Sue Hankey (10) Sue Hankey (linens) |
| | Usher(s) | Scott Kidder & Ken Kidder |

Birthdays:

12/19 Louise Pierce

12/20 Peg Penrose

12/21 Daryl Spak



| December 18-24 | | |
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| Monday | Advent Service with Holy Eucharist | 5:30PM |
| Tuesday | CHOW | 1:15PM |
| Wednesday | Holy Eucharist with Healing Service | 9:30AM |
| Thursday | Bible Study | 9:00AM |
| | CHOW Delivery | 10:00AM |
| | CHOW | 1:15 PM |
| | Blue Christmas | 6:30PM |
| Sunday | <i>Advent 4 / Christmas Eve</i> Holy Eucharist | 8&10AM |
| | Christmas Eve Services | 6&10PM |

CHOW Holiday Wish List

Please consider donating to the CHOW Pantry so we can provide some holiday foods for our CHOW community. Holiday Wish List includes: Chunky soups, crackers, cookies, jams or jelly, cake mixes or frosting, puddings, jello. Thank you for your support and encouragement this past year. We have all done a great job!



Mary Cermak, Chair

Youth Group News!

Trinity Canteen

December 31st



Youth Group has been rebooted and is open to all members of St. Paul's in grades 7 through 12. We will be hosting Trinity Canteen on December 31st. Come join us!

Jennifer Westermann



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.



Sunday at the Movies

January 7 after 10 AM Service



On Sunday, January 7th, the Women of the Church invite you all to join us after the 10 a.m. service for a wonderful movie of faith and determination. **ALL SAINTS** is based on the inspiring true story of a tiny Episcopal Church in Smyrna, Tennessee destined for closure. John Corbett plays the newly ordained rector whose first assignment was to minister to the twelve member parish while overseeing the closure. Together with a group of destitute refugees from Southeast Asia, and the grace of God, they plant the seeds for a future that might save them all. This movie is rated PG and is sure to get the New Year started with an uplifting message. A light lunch will be served, and of course there will be plenty of popcorn.

Sandy Schwab, Chairperson



Decorating – Come help decorate the church and the tree TODAY at 11 AM.

Poinsettia Memorials Due Today

Today is the third 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 **TODAY** to be included in the bulletin.



Advent Holy Eucharist Services

Monday, December 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 on 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.



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.

Advent 4 / Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24th

December 24th Services will be as follows: Advent 4 will be at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m. (there will be no music at the 10:00 a.m. service) and Christmas Eve will be at 6:00 and 10:00 p.m. If you would like to serve at **any of these services**, please let the office know.



VESTRY

NOMINATING COMMITTEE is now accepting names for the 3 vestry positions vacant (a three-year term). Names can be given to Jennifer Westermann, 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 11th; 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.'

General Job Description for all Vestry Members

All vestry members should strive to the best of their abilities to:

- Have a love of God and demonstrate a commitment to following the way of Christ;
- Be active in and knowledgeable about the congregation, its programs and governance;
- Be fair, interact well with people and strive to earn the respect of the members of the congregation;
- Purposefully strive to "check one's ego at the door;"
- Purposefully strive to be a servant of the people without the need to be the "most important person" in the congregation or the need to be the one with the right answers to everything;
- Have enthusiasm and vitality for this ministry.

All vestry members should be able to make the following time commitments:

- Vestry meetings, committee work;
- Vestry retreat(s);
- Weekly worship services (rotating occasionally if more than one);
- Congregational events: coffee hours, meals, fundraisers, adult education programs, etc.;
- Diocesan meetings, as necessary;
- Annual meeting.

All vestry members are responsible for:

- Being a liaison to a Ministry within St. Paul's;
- Offering talents to support the congregation's ministry;
- Praying daily for the rector, leaders and members of the congregation;
- Pledging financial support early in the stewardship campaign;
- Being active ministers of the Gospel in daily life and work;
- Bringing one's whole self to the table; being present – mind, body, and spirit;
- Risking openness with one's ideas, beliefs and desires.

Father John

