

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Epistle

August 2021

Love God. Love others. Help others love God.

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.

From the Desk of Father John

We are blessed in so many ways here at St. Paul's. Once again we are fortunate to be the recipient of the gift of Diane Kimble's estate. I first met Diane at a funeral I was called to officiate at some time ago while at Christ Church. Do not remember who the funeral was for but Diane was in attendance. The next Sunday Diane showed up for the 8 o'clock service and kindly stated, "She thought she would come to church". Thus it began. Diane attended church every Sunday as she did while at St. Paul's. When leaving Christ Church to come to St. Paul's she kindly assured me that she was coming as well, and thus she did. Diane was happy to be in church and sit and read the Prayer Book before the services began. She was always early and was just content to be in the pew.

Over the years we got to know each other and, for as much as I knew about Diane, there was much I did not. Several years ago she asked me to be her Health Care Proxy, Power of Attorney and Executor of her Estate. You really don't know someone until you have to go through their personal effects. Diane was very specific about her health care directives and I thank her for that but it still doesn't make those decisions any easier. You weigh their wishes very carefully in the palm of your hands as you make those decisions about their care and treatment. Diane's affairs were very organized and everything was in place for me to conduct her business. In an instant Diane's life changed when she had a stroke. She went from being independent to being confused and not able to return home and live on her own.

This experience has reinforced within me the fact that our lives can change in a moment when we least expect it. Within a month Diane went from life to death. Her apartment is cleaned out and all her possessions have been distributed and the proceeds turned over to the church. You never really know the impact you have on people. You never really know how blessed you really are. How prepared are we when life takes that "snap of a finger turn"? As the prayer on page 504 in the BCP says:

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered, make us, we beseech thee, deeply sensible of the shortness and uncertainty of life; and let thy Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; that, when we shall have served thee in our generation, we may be gathered unto our fathers, having the testimony of a good conscience; in the communion of the Catholic Church; in the confidence of a certain faith; in the comfort of a reasonable, religious, and holy hope; in favor with thee our God; and in perfect charity with the world. All which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fr. John+

Worship at St. Paul's!

With the option for in-person worship, we are holding our Sunday services at 8 and 10 AM both in-person and on Zoom. The 10 AM service will be on Facebook - using my page and then posting it to the St. Paul's Endicott page. Daily prayers, Bible studies, book groups and meetings will continue to be held on Zoom. The Wednesday morning Healing service is now being held in-person in the Gould Chapel, in addition to the Zoom option. If you are not receiving the information to join Zoom by email let Fr. John know so you can be added. You can connect by computer, iPad, smart phone, smart TV, flip phone or even your landline house phone.

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PLEASE NOTE: THIS LINK FOR ALL EVENTS through August 29

Join Zoom Meeting

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A Musical Note



I am pleased to announce that **Jim Apicella** has accepted the position of Director of Music for St. Paul's Church. Jim comes to us with a wide variety of experience in Church music. Jim will begin his time with us on September 1st. More about Jim will be in the September Epistle. Welcome aboard, Jim!

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Stewardship!

Love God. Love others. Help others love God.

Each year a portion of our Annual Budget is set aside to assist local ministries and community organizations. We do this through contributions to the Broome County Council of Churches and the Gould Allocation Grants. This giving is part of St. Paul's ministry to change the world. Our deepest thanks to all who have helped us to change the world one step at a time. Thank you for your generosity and for remembering the church in your will.



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Let us pray for **Janet Kroclic** who passed away June 28<sup>th</sup> and **Diane Kimble** who passed away on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

We extend our thoughts and prayers to all who loved them. They will be forever in our hearts. May God grant them eternal peace.

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Thank You!



Many thanks to **Father John, Mary Cermak, Nancy Elwood, Jackie Fabiano, Marge Johns, Sue Mahon, Matt Moon, Melissa Moon, Dick and Sandy Schwab, Eileen Slofkosky, Jack and Jennifer Westermann, Deb Wirag, and Elaine Yacovoni** for their efforts, either through donations, working the event or both, which made our Hot Dog Roast a success.



Thank you to **our merry mowers** who keep our lawn looking so nice.



Thank you to **Dick Schwab and Jack Westermann** for cleaning the debris from the rain gutters.

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### Dear St. Paul's Family,



We would like to send you our heart-felt thanks for your cards, prayers and outpouring of love for the recent passing of my mom, Janet Kroclic, on June 28, 2021. It is truly a blessing we have you in our lives at this difficult time. God bless you all!

Sincerely,  
The Manchester Family

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Office Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. **except for the third and fourth Mondays and Wednesdays of the month** to help accommodate our CHOW clients. The hours on those days will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.



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## Prayers for Our Ministries



Each week a different ministry area of St. Paul's is featured in the bulletin to highlight, encourage involvement and give thanks for the people who make it happen. During the month of August we pray for the following ministries:

### AUGUST

- |     |                            |      |                     |
|-----|----------------------------|------|---------------------|
| 8/1 | Endicott Police Department | 8/15 | Narcotics Anonymous |
| 8/8 | Ice Cream Social           | 8/22 | Families Anonymous  |
|     |                            | 8/29 | Youth of our Parish |



## All Things Spiritual on Zoom!

**Meeting on TUESDAY until we can meet in-person.**

**No Meeting in August.**

We gather for discussion about a chapter in the book during each meeting. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, after the 9:30 AM prayer service.** We continue *We Were the Least of These (Reading the Bible with Survivors of Sexual Abuse)* by *Elaine Heath.* We will read *Chapter 3.*

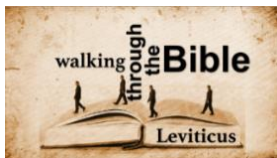
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## A Letter of the Bible – II Peter on Zoom!

**Meeting on TUESDAY until we can meet in-person.**

**No Meeting in August.**



We continue our Bible discussion with the Letters in the New Testament. This is different from the Thursday morning Lectionary Study which uses the Sunday Lectionary as its basis. Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:30 AM prayer service.** *We will be discussing the Book of James.*

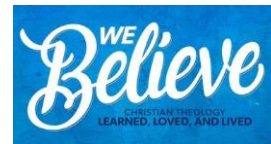
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## All Things Theological on Zoom!

**Meeting on TUESDAY until we can meet in-person.**

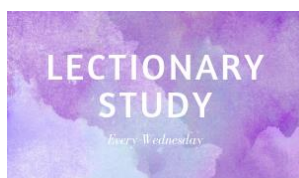
We will continue the book by Joan Chittister *The Gift of Years-Growing Older Gracefully.* We will be reading Chapter 3 on Fear. The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, after the 9:30 AM prayer service.**



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## Lectionary Study on Zoom!



Lectionary Study is held on Thursday mornings following the 9:30 AM Prayer Service. This is an informal way of studying the Scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday. Brew a second cup of coffee and lend your thoughts as to what you feel God is saying to you. A short prayer service will precede the study.

Ruthie Koerts



## Flower Memorials



- 8/1 available
- 8/8 available
- 8/15 available
- 8/22 The flowers on the altar this week are in loving memory of our beloved Grandpa, **Frederick Doolittle**, given by Tori Jo Kakusian and Sgt. Michael F. Kakusian.
- 8/29 available



## Sanctuary Candle Memorials



Available 8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22, 8/29.

Note: Please call the office (748-8118) any time during the month if you would like to designate the altar flowers or candles in memory of a loved one, to recognize a special event or simply in thanksgiving for God's many blessings. Dates may be shared.



## AUGUST

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|------|------------------|------|-------------------|
| 8/1  | Richard Chadwick | 8/18 | Mark Vallone      |
| 8/2  | Richard Williams | 8/19 | Deb Wirag         |
| 8/4  | Nanda Cook       | 8/19 | Bob Pettit        |
| 8/5  | Carl Kinne       | 8/20 | Karen Cahill      |
| 8/7  | Michael Saleeby  | 8/20 | Hudson Hinman     |
| 8/8  | Eileen Slofkosky | 8/22 | Scott Manchester  |
| 8/11 | Florence Andrade | 8/24 | Beverly Costello  |
| 8/11 | Ted Wolf         | 8/28 | Will VanOsten     |
| 8/12 | Carl Dollmetsch  | 8/28 | Kurt Besemer      |
| 8/13 | Brandon Cardone  | 8/28 | Tommy Vallone     |
| 8/17 | Barb Hunsinger   | 8/31 | Molly Martinichio |





### AUGUST

- 8/7 Bert and Marilyn Karlson (50)
- 8/7 Ted and Judy Wolf (50)
- 8/11 Bob and Sue Pettit (55)
- 8/24 Bernie and Barb Becker (47)



- 8/27 Jack and Jennifer Westermann (43)
- 8/29 Jenise and Sarah Bowie Soules (6)
- 8/31 Richard and Jane Parker (65)
- 8/31 Bob and Cheri Conant (58)



Are you an August birthday or anniversary but do not see your name here? Please let the office know so we can update our records! We do not want to miss anyone!



Look What's Happening!

# at St. Paul's

### WOMEN OF THE CHURCH



*Women of the Church*

Is it possible? After over a year are we going to once again gather? It is surely looking that way. September may bring us back together once again. Watch the September Epistle for further news and in the meantime give some serious thought to what type of programs and activities you would like to see this year, what kind of socializing you would like to have and how can we best use our talents to further the mission of St. Paul's inside and outside our church. We must also return to discussion on how we keep our Memorial Lunches going. Another area where we can be of service is by setting up a team of people that are willing to cook meals for members of the parish who are ill. Feel free to email me some of your ideas. Let's plan some fun, some fellowship, some education, and some outreach.

Sandy Schwab, Chairperson



# Getting To Know You!

## Judy Finlayson



Judy Finlayson transferred to St. Paul's from Trinity Memorial, Binghamton, 15 years ago. The warmth and sincerity of the members at both the 8 and 10 a.m. services helped her to become involved in life at St. Paul's...and she did that fully! Judy taught Sunday school, sang in the choir, served on the Capital Campaign Cabinet, was a reader, a Eucharistic minister, a member of Vestry, and a frequent participant in Lenten programs and the Rector's Forum. Judy has been very involved in Women of the Church activities, including the sleeping bag and tote bag projects, helping with Memorial Lunches, and attending WoC meetings and programs. She has also been a faithful attendee of Lenten programs and Adult Forum. Judy met her second husband, Duncan Finlayson, when he joined St. Paul's in 2011, and she and Duncan were married by Father John in 2016. Prior to retirement she spent 35 years in education – 4 years as a teacher and 31 years as a school counselor and guidance director. She worked at Kohl's for 5 years after her retirement. Judy says she enjoys her home at Riverside Towers and the community of wonderful people there. Social activities have once again picked up now that things have reopened in her building following the pandemic shut-down, and Judy is involved in many of them, including Glee Club, adult coloring, holiday event planning and swimming in the pool. Her time at home is often filled with good books and crossword puzzles. Judy has a son, Mark Doherty, his wife Rebeccah, and 2 grandchildren – 6-year-old Seneca and 16-year-old Madison. They live in Erie, Colorado.



# Betsy Reeder



Betsy came to Saint Paul’s in the fall of 2019 after moving here from West Virginia. Before retirement a few years ago, Betsy worked as a field biologist. She is enjoying retirement and keeps busy writing novels and a biography. While living in Appalachia, Betsy was drawn to the landscape and history, which stimulated the idea of writing. Betsy’s first novel, “Madam’s Creek”, and its sequel “Broomstraw Ridge” focuses on the lives of fictional characters from the Civil War era. She also has published a coloring book “Birds Nearby”, designed as a fun educational tool to help children identify birds and their behaviors.

After moving to NY Betsy was starting to get involved in church and the community when the pandemic turned everything up-side-down. Like all of us she is happy to see things opening up again and was thrilled to be able to enjoy the local nature club this spring, and especially the joy she finds in our birds and wildflowers. Betsy is considering volunteer options now that opportunities are opening up again, noting that she feels drawn toward hospice work. When living in West Virginia, Betsy had been very active in a tiny Episcopal Church, which she says was a blessing to her. Betsy feels St. Paul’s has the same inclusive and loving openness, as well as caring for the larger community, that was so important to her in her church in West Virginia. The last few months have been consumed with selling and emptying her West Virginia house and buying a home here, which she says has been quite an adventure. She is grateful to have a home close to her daughter and her family and also to have St. Paul’s nearby. Betsy is not the only one that is grateful – we are glad she made her home here with us at St. Paul’s and to have her as part of our church family.



## Vestry Meeting

There is no meeting in August.  
The next meeting will be on September 14<sup>th</sup>.



## Racial Justice and Reconciliation Group

The monthly meeting of St. Paul’s Racial Justice and Reconciliation Discussion Group will be held on **Monday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>** immediately following the 9:30 a.m. Monday Prayer Service. Everyone is welcome! If you would like further information, please contact **Nancy Elwood** at 607-239-0404 or email her at: [nelwood1961@gmail.com](mailto:nelwood1961@gmail.com).







## Trinity Canteen

Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>

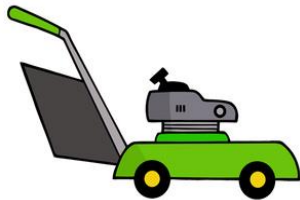
One of the outreach ministries St. Paul's is involved in is preparing and serving meals at the Trinity Memorial Canteen. As you know, we have signed up for the fifth Sunday of the month when it occurs on the calendar. I have made a commitment to them for 2021. The Canteen on August 29th will be coordinated by **Elaine Yacovoni**. Currently, due to the pandemic, we are providing an enhanced bagged meal for around 80 people. A list of items needed will be coming. If you are willing to help, please contact **Jennifer Westermann**. We appreciate any time you can give. Jennifer's email is [skyejenn@stny.rr.com](mailto:skyejenn@stny.rr.com) or you can call or text her at 607-768-1028.



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## It is Merry Mowing Time!



The sun is shining (sometimes) and the rain is raining (often!) resulting in the grass growing! Mowers are needed to keep the grounds neat and tidy. A self-propelled mower is in the shed. If you are willing to help please email or call the office and a schedule will be developed. If it is convenient for your schedule, the ideal mowing days are Thursday through Saturday, so the lawn looks nice for Sunday.



## CHOW Pantry

The CHOW Pantry at St. Paul's is up and running! We are accepting referrals on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays and Wednesdays of each month from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Volunteers are always appreciated!  
**(August Schedule: August 16, 18, 23, 25).**



Mary Cermak



## Sleeping Bag for the Homeless Project

We have started up our sleeping bag projects on the **second Thursday of every month at 1:00-3:00PM**. If you are interested in fellowship, conversation, and fun all the while we make sleeping bags for those less fortunate, please consider joining us. You do not have to know how to sew. Diocese guidelines require that you have been Covid vaccinated.  
**Our next meet will be on Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>.**



Deb Wirag





## Sign Up for Lawn Sitting



The LCI team is continuing its lawn sitting as a means of getting reacquainted with our neighbors. We have potted marigolds to hand out, along with flyers to promote our August Ice Cream Social. It is suggested that the best times to do this are late afternoon and early evening when foot traffic is at its highest. It is also recommended that you sit on the Broad Street side of the church which has greater foot traffic. We are looking for volunteers to join the LCI members in carrying out this activity. If you plan to lawn sit, please email, text or call Sandy Schwab ([sanjrusse@twc.com](mailto:sanjrusse@twc.com) 570 240-3106) with the date and time span (usually 1-2 hours). Sandy will maintain an ongoing schedule, which will help span out our times of sitting, as well as ensure there are marigolds available for you, as well as flyers. Often, we do this in groups of two or more. Please bring a lawn chair. Some members of the LCI team are also interested in walking the block during this time frame and would welcome others. If you are interested in handing out flyers to people you encounter on your walk, we will leave some in the office. Please consider joining us or forming your own team to do this. It is a great way to interact with our community and to once again get to know our neighbors.

Deb Wirag



## Support Twin Tiers Area Veterans DONATE YOUR UNWANTED SHOES LAST CALL!!!

Together we can take steps to not only keep unwanted shoes out of our landfills but also help send Twin Tiers area veterans to see their war memorials in Washington, D.C. free of charge.

Your unwanted shoes (**in at least somewhat decent shape, please**) will be recycled through Funds2Orgs who will pay Twin Tiers Honor Flight per pound of shoes collected, so the more shoes, the more pounds, the more money raised. Twin Tiers Honor Flight will use 100% of money raised to honor and recognize Twin Tiers area veterans.

If you have shoes to donate (any type), you can drop them off at Cup-A-Jo, 1355 Upper Front Street, Binghamton on Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Or call Cindy at 607-339-9269, Bonnie at 607-754-7491, or Joe at 607-743-2134 to schedule a pickup **through August 31, 2021.**

Twin Tiers Honor Flight is recognized by the IRS as a 501(C)(3) charity and registered with the charities bureaus of New York State and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Learn more at [TwinTiersHonorFlight.org](http://TwinTiersHonorFlight.org).

# Donate NOW





## IT'S ALMOST ICE CREAM TIME

The Ice Cream Social will be here before we know it. **On Wednesday August 11 from 6-8** we will be dishing out an array of flavors to our neighbors, and certainly for ourselves too. Remember, we need your help.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

### We need raffle baskets.



Baskets can be any theme, any size, and do not have to be expensive, but contents should be new. Completed baskets can be dropped off at the office for storage in the former rummage room until the event. Please place a list of the basket contents in or taped to the basket where it can be easily seen. If you have any questions about the baskets call Cassie Manchester.

### We need workers.

Your help is needed to set up, dip ice cream, help at the raffle table and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church or you can call Diane during office hours and ask to be added to the list. If you have any questions call Janet Manchester or Sandy Schwab.

### We need you to join us.

Be sure to come and join in on the festivities, socialize with your friends and get to know our neighbors.



# August Participants' Schedule



**NOTE:** For the time being, the Lay Assistant at 8:00 will read the 1<sup>st</sup> lesson, lead the psalm and the Prayers of the People, and read the Communion by Intention prayer. The Lay Assistant at 10:00 will lead the psalm and the Prayers of the People and read the Communion by Intention prayer.

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|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>August 1</b>         | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                  |
| Lay Assistant           | Mary Cermak                   | Ruthie Koerts                    |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Michelle Wolf                    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Garvin Alexander              | Kristin Walton                   |
| Readings                | Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15           | Ephesians 4:1-16                 |
|                         |                               | Gospel: John 6:24-35             |
| Usher(s):               | Mary Gilfoyle                 | Marge Johns                      |
| Counters:               | Susette & Kristin Walton      |                                  |
| <b>August 8</b>         | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                  |
| Lay Assistant           | Jennifer Westermann           | Sandy Schwab                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Lauren Saleeby                   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Dolly Chergosky               | Barb Dailey                      |
| Readings                | 1 Kings 19:4-8                | Ephesians 4:25—5:2               |
|                         |                               | Gospel: John 6:35, 41-51         |
| Usher(s):               | Mary Gilfoyle                 | Scott Kidder                     |
| Counters:               | Scott Kidder & Lorraine Jones |                                  |
| <b>August 15</b>        | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                  |
| Lay Assistant           | Nancy Elwood                  | Steve Koerts                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Zach Manchester                  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Jackie Reece                  | Jack Wolf                        |
| Readings                | Proverbs 9:1-6                | Ephesians 5:15-20                |
|                         |                               | Gospel: John 6:51-58             |
| Usher(s):               | Mary Gilfoyle                 | Susan Young                      |
| Counters:               | Scott Kidder & Susan Young    |                                  |
| <b>August 22</b>        | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                  |
| Lay Assistant           | Sue Mahon                     | Jim Garceau                      |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Sue Jones                        |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Eileen Slofkosky              | Jackie Fabiano                   |
| Readings                | Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18         | Ephesians 6:10-20                |
|                         |                               | Gospel: John 6:56-69             |
| Usher(s):               | Mary Gilfoyle                 | Susan Young                      |
| Counters:               | Jack Westermann & Susan Young |                                  |
| <b>August 29</b>        | <b>8:00 AM</b>                | <b>10:00 AM</b>                  |
| Lay Assistant           | Jack Westermann               | Sue Mahon                        |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading |                               | Sandy Schwab                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading | Marilyn Karlson               | Ruthie Koerts                    |
| Readings                | Song of Solomon 2:8-13        | James 1:17-27                    |
|                         |                               | Gospel: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 |
| Usher(s):               | Mary Gilfoyle                 | Bruce Dailey                     |
| Counters:               | Scott Kidder & Susan Young    |                                  |