



## **Third Sunday of Advent**

**December 11, 2022**

**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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### **Covid Update: Effective August 21, 2022**

**Masks are OPTIONAL unless you are a high risk for COVID or have been exposed to a person with COVID.**

Sanitation procedures will continue.

## **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.

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## Our Weekly Prayers



We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop, DeDe, our Bishop; Trula, our District Dean; John, our Rector, and the people and ministers of St. Paul's. We pray for our elected officials: Joe, our President; Kathy, our Governor; Jason, our County Executive; and Linda, our Mayor.

**In St. Paul's:** We pray for Flower and Candle Memorials.

**In our Parish Family:** We pray for Marilyn Karlson and for Jennifer and John Kakusian.

**In our Parishes:** We pray for the people of Grace Episcopal Church in Elmira and their priest, the Rev. Jenny Scott-Jones, and the people of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Endicott and their priest, the Rev. John Martinichio.

**In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador:** We pray for the people of Misión Virgen de Guadalupe and their priest, the Rev. Juan Pablo Alvarado.

**In the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of Central Pennsylvania and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Audrey Scanlan.

**In the Anglican Communion:** We pray for the people of the Anglican Church of Kenya and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Jackson Ole Sapit.

### **We remember in our prayers our homebound:**

Bill & Florence Andrade, Shirley Babuka, Ray and Anneliese Besemer, Mary Buffum, Jenell Clayton, Nanda Cook, Beverly Costello, Harold & Ingrid Elliott, David Fenty, Dan & Bette Knight, June Palmer, Peg Penrose, Louise Pierce, Bill Smith, Ted Snyder, and Carole Walton.



### **Prayer List:**

Carol Marker, Claudia Green, Don Russell (Sandy Schwab), and Lyndon Joseph (Marilyn Karlson).

### **We pray for those serving in our military:**

Michael Kakusian and Matthew Cole



## Annual Pledge Cards

If you have already sent in your annual pledge card, we thank you for your support! If you have not, this is a gentle reminder to **send in your pledge card either by dropping it off at the office, the offering plate in church, USPS or place your card in the drop box located at the corner of the Christian Education building.** If you requested envelopes for 2023, they are available at the back of the church. Please let us know if you do not see yours. Thank you.



## Calendars

The 2023 Liturgical calendars and the Coleman & Daniels planners are now available in the back of the church. A donation of \$2 is welcome for the Liturgical Calendar. We thank Coleman & Daniels Funeral Home for the gift of the planners.



## Children's Home

Once again St. Paul's parishioners will have the opportunity to help make the holidays at little brighter for the children at the Children's Home in Port Dickenson.

The big request is for gift cards because they enable the kids to feel like they have their own money to spend. They also provide a great teaching opportunity of how important it is how and where we spend our money.

The most requested gift cards are for 5 Below, Subway, Family Dollar, Walmart, Target, and iTunes. Please purchase in \$10 or \$20 increments. Please place any cards purchased in the box at the back of the church.

**NOTE:** If amount is not indicated on card, please indicate it with a sharpie marker.



**Liturgical Ministers – 12/11**

8:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John R. Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jennifer Westermann
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Jackie Reece
	Chalice	Jack Westermann
	Usher(s)	Mary Gilfoyle
	Altar Guild	Jennifer & Jack Westermann
10:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John R. Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Steve Koerts
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Zach Manchester
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Michelle Wolf
	Chalice	Sue Mahon
	Acolyte(s)	Ruthie Koerts
	Usher(s)	Scott Kidder & Matt Moon
	Altar Guild	Sue Hankey
		Barb Becker - Linens
	Counters	Will & Mary VanOsten

**Liturgical Ministers – 12/18**

8:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John R. Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Mary Cermak
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Marilyn Karlson
	Chalice	Jennifer Westermann
	Usher(s)	Mary Gilfoyle
	Altar Guild	Jennifer & Jack Westermann
10:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John R. Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jim Garceau
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Elaine Yacovoni
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Sanders Browning
	Chalice	Sandy Schwab
	Acolyte(s)	Paul Georgiadis
	Usher(s)	Susette Walton & Kristin Walton
	Altar Guild	Sue Hankey
		Barb Becker - Linens
	Counters	Scott Kidder & Dick Schwab



Let us pray for **Bob Bakalar, Sr.**, father of Bob and Annette Bakalar, who passed away December 6<sup>th</sup>. We extend our thoughts and prayers to all who knew and loved him. May God grant him eternal peace.

**We remember those celebrating Birthdays:**

12/15 Marge Johns  
12/15 Cheri Conant



12/16 Katie Meade  
12/16 Kory Meade  
12/17 Paul Georgiadis

**Sanctuary Candle Memorials:**



The Sanctuary Candle burns this week in loving memory of **Joe George**, father of Elaine and Tim Yacovoni.

**December 12 – December 18**

Monday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
	CHOW	11:00AM
Tuesday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
	A Letter of the Bible follows	
Wednesday	Vestry	6:30PM
	Holy Eucharist	9:30AM
Thursday	with Healing Service	
	CHOW	11:00AM
	Prayer Service	9:30AM
	Lectionary Study/Discussion follows	
	WoC Holiday Luncheon	12:00PM
Friday	St. Paul's Ringers	6:00PM
	Choir	7:00PM
	Prayer Service	9:30AM
	Tree Hunting	8:00AM
Saturday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
	Holy Eucharist	8&10AM
	Vocal Choir	9:30AM
	Sunday School	10:00AM
	Chimes 4 Jesus	11:00AM
Sunday	Decorate Church	11:00AM

## Blood Pressure Screenings

Blood Pressure Screenings will be on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after each Service in the Undercroft. This month's screenings will be **TODAY** after both services.



## Christmas Poinsettia Memorials



Today is the third Sunday of Advent. We remind you that simple greens adorn the altar during this time. After the season of Advent, poinsettias will beautify the altar for the Christmas Services. If you are interested in donating a poinsettia in memory of a loved one, please fill out the form at the back of the church. Forms are also available in the December Epistle. 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 suggested donation of \$30.00 will cover the cost of each poinsettia. Please drop off your forms in the box at the back of the church or have them into the office **by December 15<sup>th</sup>** to be included in the bulletin.

## Vestry Meeting

Our next meeting is **December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.**  
**This meeting will be in-person.**



## CHOW Pantry

The CHOW Pantry at St. Paul's is up and running! Our numbers are slowly increasing, and we are seeing new faces from the neighborhood. We are accepting referrals on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> week of each month on Mondays and Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Because of the holidays, the schedule has changed for December. Volunteers are always appreciated!  
**(December Schedule: December 12, 14, 19, and 21.)**



Mary Cermak

## OUR GIVING TREE



It is that time of year again when our Giving Tree normally returns to the courtyard and stays up throughout the winter, offering warm hats, gloves, mittens, scarves and socks to the community. Our Giving Tree will in fact return but will be slightly delayed until the current construction phase is completed – for both the safety of our visitors and the construction workers. We considered placing the tree in other areas of the property, but past experiences with gusty winds confirmed that the shelter of the courtyard is the best place for the tree and its contents. We are hopeful to have the tree up in early December and of course it will remain there as long as the weather stays cold and we have supplies to fill the tree. In the interim, a box has been placed at the back of the church for donations of the warm clothing items listed above. Items can be purchased or homemade, but we do ask that they are not used. Please place the items in a zip lock bag if possible. Once again, your generosity toward this ministry that has been such a success over the past winters is greatly appreciated.

### Women of the Church Holiday Luncheon

**On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>** the Women of the Church will gather **in the undercroft at noon** for their annual holiday luncheon. Your volunteer chefs, Jennifer and Sandy, will provide homemade soup, bread, and a salad bar. For dessert, we are asking that you each bring Christmas cookies.



*Women of the Church*

Whether homemade or purchased – they are always delicious and we will enjoy some with our meal and also fill cookie gift boxes for delivery to our homebound. A sign-up sheet is at the back of the church. Please sign up to assist us in knowing how much food to prepare. There is also a place to indicate if you are able to deliver cookies to the homebound. We hope you will join us for food, conversation, laughter, and lots of Christmas joy.

Sandy Schwab, Chairperson

## Come Join Us!

**Christmas Tree Cutting** – 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 church parking lot at 8:00 AM on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> for doughnuts and hot drinks then head out to Dick White's "tree farm" in Owego. Many hands make the tree dragging easier!



**Christmas Decorating** – Come help decorate the church and trim the tree on Sunday, Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.

## Blue Christmas Service

Thursday, December 22, 4:30 PM



On Thursday evening on December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:30 PM 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.

## Sharing Closet



Our Sharing Closet is open to our neighbors on the last Saturday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. **However, due to the holidays, we will not be open in December and will**

**resume in January.**

Elaine Yacovoni, Coordinator