

# Second Sunday of Advent



**December 4, 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 our Flower Deliverers.

**In our Parish Family:** We pray for Scott Kidder and for Ken and Verona Kidder.

**In our Parishes:** We pray for the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in East Syracuse and their priest, the Rev. Julie Calhoun-Bryant, and the people of Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Elmira and their priest, the Rev. Robert Adkins.

**In our Companion Diocese of El Salvador:** We pray for the people of El Salvador as we join them in remembering Jean, Ita, Maura, and Dorothy, martyred Sisters.

**In the Episcopal Church:** We pray for the people of the Diocese of Central Gulf Coast and their bishop, the Rt. Rev. James Russell Kendrick.

**In the Anglican Communion:** We pray for the people of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and their prime bishop, the Most Rev. Michael Augustine Owen Lewis.

### **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



## 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

## 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 – 12/4**

8:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John R. Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Jack Westermann
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Dolly Chergosky
	Chalice	Chip Kinne
	Usher(s)	Mary Gilfoyle
	Altar Guild	Jennifer & Jack Westermann
10:00AM	Presider	The Rev. John R. Martinichio
	Lay Assistant	Sandy Schwab
	1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Sue Jones
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading	Lauren Saleeby
	Chalice	Ruthie Koerts
	Acolyte(s)	Alaina Browning
	Usher(s)	Susan Young & Matt Moon
	Altar Guild	Sue Hankey
		Barb Becker - Linens
	Counters	Susette Walton & Kristin Walton

### **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

## We remember those celebrating Birthdays:



12/4 Kurt Jones  
12/5 Christine Petras  
12/10 Kate Saleeby

## We remember those celebrating Anniversaries:

12/9 John and Susan Young (27)



### December 5 – December 11

Monday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
Tuesday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
	All Things Spiritual follows	
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist	9:30AM
	with Healing Service	
Thursday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
	Lectionary Study follows	
	Sleeping Bag Project	1:00PM
	St. Paul's Ringers	6:00PM
	Choir	7:00PM
Friday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
Saturday	Prayer Service	9:30AM
Sunday	Holy Eucharist	8&10AM
	Vocal Choir	9:30AM
	Sunday School	10:00AM
	Rector's Forum	11:00AM
	Chimes 4 Jesus	11:00AM

*Blood Pressure Screenings after both services*

## 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.



## Christmas Poinsettia Memorials



Today is the second 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.

## The Sharing Closet



At the sharing closet held on 11/26 we had 6 adults and 5 kids come in. Several left with a bag of our gently used clothing. One Mom said she just heard about our closet last week and was glad to attend.

Thank you to Claire Hendry and Sue Mahon for working during the closet time. Thanks to Melissa Moon for organizing the children's clothing on a bookshelf and adding size labels. Ideally, this is what we would like to do for all of our clothing. Also, thanks to the unnamed angels who went through donations and organized things.

I'm looking for volunteers for our Sharing Closet through the first half of 2023. Ideally, we will have 3 volunteers for each Saturday our closet is open. Dates available are: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27 - this one is open for discussion on whether to hold since it's Memorial Day weekend, and June 24.

Elaine Yacovoni, Coordinator

## 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. Whether homemade



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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

## Sleeping Bag for the Homeless Project



Our sleeping bag projects are held 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 meeting will be on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.**

Deb Wirag, Coordinator

## 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 on **Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**.

## 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.

## 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.