

# SUNDAY MESSENGER

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 12, 2017



## WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH

We are glad you are here, and we invite you to enter fully into worship today, and to receive Communion or a blessing. Feel free to take any information about the parish located at the entrances. Don't be afraid to tell us more about yourself by filling out one of the cards located in each pew or on information tables.

Join us as we strive to make northeast Bergen County a place where God's grace is freely known and shared by all!

## ABOUT THE LITURGY & SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

Again we hear a portion of the Sermon on the Mount. Matthew's Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of Moses. In today's reading Jesus speaks of various requirements of the Law. Those who live in his way will follow the Law inwardly, not simply outwardly. Jesus' own relationship to God as God's Child is revealed in his teaching. Our relationship as children of God, given to us in Baptism, grows through the way of living what he taught.

In today's reading from Hebrew Scripture, we hear from the closing portions of Deuteronomy. The setting is the plains of Moab, as the Israelites prepare to cross the Jordan into the Promised Land. The writer of Deuteronomy retells Moses' and the people's passage for the later Hebrews in the centuries following the return of the exiles from Babylon. The most immediate preceding chapters have given an updated versions of laws those in earlier books. Times have changed since Sinai: the people were semi-nomads then; now they are farmers and shepherds. It is a time of religious revival, of new commitment to God. After having recalled the covenant with God in Deuteronomy, today's climatic passage offers a choice: keep the laws in love and obedience,



or suffer the consequences of following other paths. Keeping the Law because you love God will have many benefits, including long life

Today's psalm is the first section of Psalm 119. The whole of Psalm 119 was written in the form of an acrostic, each verse of each section beginning with the same letter of the Hebrew

alphabet. In the section we share today, for instance, each verse begins with Aleph, corresponding to our A. The whole of Psalm 119 is a celebration of the glories of the Law of Moses.

In the second reading Paul continues to seek to deal with division in the Corinthian church between cliques loyal to him and those loyal to Apollos. His approach is to suggest that each member of the Body is essential, and that it is God alone who is building up the church through the varied ministries we are given.

The liturgy is an excellent reflection of our life in the church—each of us has a role to play, and all of our individual liturgical actions and words combine to make the work of the people of God.

## HOLY DOODLING OR YOUR NOTES FROM TODAY'S SERMON & WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 30:15-20, Psalm 119:1-8,1 Corinthians 3:1-9, Matthew 5:21-37.

### PRAYERS

For those in need of immediate prayers: *Don; Douglas Hammond; Richard Glaspie; Elvis Santos; Asha Rai, Tami Fitzherbert and the Davis Family.*

For those in need of continuing prayer support: *Sally Ricottone; Marie Ryan; Nazera Wright; Yvonne Baldwin; David Eversley; Lilliam Gonzalez; John Herbert; Ina Martínez; Jeffrey McAllister; Cynthia McDonald; Trey Nelson; Fredelia Smith; Carol Yaner; Phillipa McLeod; Ron Morrison; Sharon Wells.*

For those serving in the military or in harm's way: *Austin Herbert, Nicholas C. Basile, Kahlil Savery, Justin Sheldon and Nagelia Harrison Sheldon, Ken Lambert, Nadi Kassem, Justin Coca, Antonio Ramirez, Joseph Hill, Jerrod Wilson, Marc McDonald and Gregory Halstead.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week: *Sophia Howell, Amina Yamush, Barbara Stackhouse, Delores Murray, Ruby Diaz, Doris Long Thurber, Linda La Rosa, Tobenna Ibeabuchi, Oluwafemi Olusegun A. Ogunsola, Elizabeth McLoone.*

Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Communion: *Central Africa; in the Diocese of Newark: Church of the Atonement, Fair Lawn, Good Shepard, Fort Lee, and All Saint's, Glen Rock.*

Our partners in faith: *Light & Salt Korean Presbyterian Church, St. Michael Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahado Church, Church of the Good Shepherd, Fort Lee; and Congregation Kol HaNeshama.*

For those who have died and those who mourn them.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COFFEE HOUR:** Please join us after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments. Thanks to our host today, Margaret King.

**CENTER FOR FOOD ACTION SOUPER BOWL:** Thank you for the ways we help our neighbors. We gathered \$731 for the Center for Food Action!

**ADULT FORUM CONTINUES THIS SUNDAY:** We had a great start to our *Who is My Neighbor?* series. Rabbi Fred Elias of Congregation Kol HaNeshamah is a great teacher and involved everyone in his "hands-on" approach. There are three more sessions on Judaism. Guild Room following the 10:30 am service. *More information may be found on the following page.*

**HOBOKEN THIS SUNDAY:** St Paul's provides food for the Hoboken Shelter every second Sunday of the month. Please bring your cooked food items to the kitchen by 5:30 pm this Sunday, February 12.

**GIVING ENVELOPES FOR 2017:** If you your requested giving envelopes for 2017 by submitting a pledge card, you will find your envelopes on the table in the Atrium.

**NEXT BIG SCREEN MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP:** The highly acclaimed *Moonlight*. "At once a vital portrait of contemporary African American life and an intensely personal and poetic meditation on identity, family, friendship, and love..." It is currently in many local theaters. Our discussion is Monday, February 27, 7 pm. in the St. Paul's Library.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Leviticus 19:1-2,9-18; 1 Corinthians 3:10-11,16-23; Matthew 5:38-48; Psalm 119:33-40.

**FLOWERS AND GREENS** may be given in memory of loved ones, or in thanksgiving. Please notify the Parish Office or sign up on the bulletin board in the Atrium. Flowers may be given at any time in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving. Contributions are always welcome toward the weekly cost of \$50.

**THE WEEKLY PRAYER** list in the Sunday announcements includes those members and friends of the Parish who are in a temporarily serious or critical situation. Names placed

on the weekly list will be removed after thirty days unless the Parish Office is notified to keep them in continual prayer. Intercessions will remain on the continuing prayer support for an additional 60 days unless further intentions are requested. Please remember in your prayers all those listed. If you would like to ask for specific prayers or seek pastoral care, please contact the clergy through the Parish Office by phone (201.568.3276) or email [pastoral@stpaulsenglewood.org](mailto:pastoral@stpaulsenglewood.org).

### FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Feb 12 Adult Forum-after 10:30am Service
- Feb 25 Vestry Retreat, 9 am-2 pm
- Feb 27 Big Screen Movie Discussion-7pm
- Mar 1 Ash Wednesday
- Mar 4 Eucharistic Visitor Training
- Mar 5 St Paul's Choir School Evensong  
Christ Church, Short Hills
- Mar 11 Second Saturday Youth, 6-9 pm
- Mar 19 Lenten Vespers with the St Paul's Choir  
School, St Paul's Choir, and the Adult Choir of  
the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood,
- Mar 26 St Paul's Choir School Concert  
Convent of St John Baptist, Mendham, 4 pm

### SCHEDULE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1, 2017

- 7 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion *in the Chapel, 30 minutes to get you on your way to school or work*
- 10 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion *in the Chapel*
- 11 am Imposition of Ashes and Holy Communion, Rite I *at Church of the Good Shepherd in Fort Lee*
- 5 pm Imposition of Ashes *with our Choir School in the Chapel*
- 7 pm: Imposition Ashes and Holy Communion *in the Historic Sanctuary*

### EGIVING AT ST PAUL'S

Please feel free to make a gift and offering in thanksgiving to God. To take advantage of our electronic giving options, please visit online through your electronic device: [stpaulsenglewood.org/egiving.html](http://stpaulsenglewood.org/egiving.html) or follow the *qr* code to the left with your capable electronic device.



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**STEWARDSHIP IS  
COMMITTING OURSELVES & OUR  
RESOURCES TO JOIN GOD'S MISSION**

## ADULT FORMATION

This Sunday, February 12, continues our series on *WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?* with Rabbi Fred Elias of Congregation Kol HaNeshama sharing his knowledge and experience of Judaism. He has an engaging approach and there is plenty of time for questions and answers. The presentation, together with the discussions will be video-recorded then re-shown the following Sunday at the more usual 9:30 am Forum time.

## UPCOMING DATES

LENTEN SERIES – Sundays of Lent, March 12, 19, 26, April 2 and 9  
*A Garden Tale: Moving from Crisis to New Life Through Lent* Presented by Carrie Allport  
LENTEN QUIET DAY – Saturday, April 1

## MUSICAL EVENTS & MISSION

‘MUSICIANS FOR MERCY’ CONCERT:  
Join Giulia Utz and Mara O’Kelly, with members of the Choir School for their inaugural concert on Sunday, February 19 at 5 pm in the Historic Sanctuary. The program will be a mix of songs and instrumental solos, and will conclude with a folk song sing-along. A free will offering will be taken for the St. Paul’s Church School choir camp scholarships and the Safe Passage Project. The Safe Passage Project provides free legal counsel to immigrant children in New York City facing deportation. More information about the project can be found at [www.safepassageproject.org](http://www.safepassageproject.org).

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

March 19: Lenten Vespers with the St Paul’s Choir School, St Paul’s Choir, and the Adult Choir of the First Presbyterian Church of Englewood



### CAN YOU HELP BRING THE POWER OF EASTER RIGHT NOW?

A generous donor in the Parish Family has invited all of us to deepen our stewardship and giving from God's abundance as we journey towards Easter. The anonymous donor has offered to match your additional financial gift beyond your pledge or regular giving up to \$25,000. So if you can make a gift, the abundance is doubled. This additional stewardship and giving will mean \$50,000 of God's abundance and the transformation of our attention to further God's Mission through St Paul's. Make a gift online through Parish website ([stpaulsenglewood.org](http://stpaulsenglewood.org)) and "Make a Gift" link, or use a labeled envelope available in the Atrium or front of the Historic Sanctuary. We can do it right now!!

### HEAD OF THE CHURCH

Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

### BISHOP OF THE CHURCH

The Rt. Rev. Mark Beckwith, Bishop

### THE MINISTERS OF THE CHURCH

All the People

### 2017 VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. William H. Allport, II, *Presider*

Michele Simon, *Warden*

Max McDaniel, *Warden*

Beverley Lannanman, *Treasurer*

Albert Griffiths (2019<sup>1</sup>), John Herbert (2017<sup>1</sup>)

George J. Hill (2019<sup>1</sup>), Robin Jackson (2018<sup>3</sup>)

Rafael Martínez (2017<sup>1</sup>), Aubrey McDonald (2017<sup>0</sup>)

Coralius Noble (2018<sup>2</sup>), Jonathan Stevens (2018<sup>1</sup>)

Nicole Thomas (2019<sup>1</sup>)

### ST. PAUL'S STAFF

The Rev. Dr. William H. Allport II, *Rector*

The Rev. Joanne O'Neill, *Deacon of the Parish*

Kai Alston, *Director of Christian Formation*

Mark A. Trautman, *Director of Music*

Colleen Habick, *Parish Administrator*

Lisa Keenan, *Financial Accountant*

José Sánchez, *Interim Sexton*

Gary Mason & George Gill, *Sunday Sextons*

Marteze Golden, *Housekeeper*

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