

SUNDAY MESSENGER

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 26, 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

On this final Sunday before Lent we always have as our Gospel reading the account of Jesus' Transfiguration.

This event is chosen primarily because it marks the turning point in the story of Jesus. It was on this occasion that Jesus clearly foretold his approaching death and resurrection. Thus, we are pointed in our Lenten pilgrimage toward the cross and Easter.



On this, the final Sunday after the Epiphany, the Transfiguration of Christ is the central theme. This event was the most striking manifestation of Jesus' divine identity during the days of his ministry. It was also in this event that Jesus made his first clear reference to his approaching death and resurrection, which is the reason we commemorate it on the Sunday before Lent. The two greatest men of God from the past, Moses and Elijah, joined him—representing the Law and the Prophets, God's primary means of self-revelation prior to Jesus—and discussed with him what lay ahead.

The Old Testament reading records Moses' meeting with God on Mt. Sinai in an event like the Transfiguration. His

forty days and nights with God on the mountain are a prefiguring of our time with God in Lent.

The second reading also points us toward Lent. The goal of Paul's life is given as the model of our goal in Lent, "becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain to the resurrection of the dead."

Today the church uses the Easter word Alleluia for the last time until the Resurrection is proclaimed at the Great Vigil on Easter Eve. In many churches the ancient "farewell to Alleluia" hymn ("Alleluia, song of gladness," Hymn 122 or 123, The Hymnal 1982) is sung at the conclusion of the service today. Alleluia is omitted from the liturgy throughout Lent in order that its restoration at Easter will underscore our experience of renewal on that day.

It is in the liturgy of the Eucharist, above all, that God's people continue to meet and know the Lord. We become eyewitnesses to Christ's continuing work of redemption in our lives, and we are called to manifest his love for all people in lives transfigured by our own relationship to him.

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: EXODUS 24:12-18, 2 PETER 1:16-21, MATTHEW 17:1-9, PSALM 2.

PRAYERS

For those in need of immediate prayers: *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, Kablil 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: *Sam Acquah; Gerald Escala; Lynn Brice; Ryan Ziemba; Ken Acquah; David Eversley; Karen Lynch-Ewers; Cordelia Pierson; Laurence Akwei; Bill Allport; Andrew Forte.*

Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Communion: *Upper Nile, Sudan; in the Diocese of Newark: St. Andrew's, Harrington Park; St. James, Hackettstown.*

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, especially *Leona Fox, Anthony Clark, Emma Pestaina, David Greenblatt* 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, George and Tara Hill.

ADULT FORUM CONCLUDES THIS SUNDAY: Our *Who is My Neighbor?* series with Rabbi Fred Elias of Congregation Kol HaNeshamah continues in the Guild Room following the 10:30 am service. *More information may be found on the following page.*

NEXT BIG SCREEN MOVIE DISCUSSION GROUP: *Moonlight*. "At once a vital portrait of contemporary African American life and an intensely personal and poetic mediation on identity, family, friendship and love..." This highly acclaimed film will be shown (for free) here at St. Paul's on Sunday, February 26th at 6pm in the Reception Room. A discussion of the film will follow on Monday February 27th at 7pm in the St. Paul's Library.

EUCCHARISTIC PASTORAL VISITOR TRAINING: Get the training you need to bring Communion to members of our parish who are unable to get to Sunday services on March 4, 2017: Gathering at 9am; Workshop, 9:30am; concludes with Eucharist and healing prayer at 12:30pm. Fr. Allport, presenter Please contact the Parish Office (201.568.3276) by Tuesday February 28th to let us know if you are coming. Hope to see you there!

LAY PASTORAL VISITORS: a brief catch up meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 28th at 7pm in the Vestry Room. For more information, speak with Hugh Hall, Robin Jackson, or Deacon Joanne.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE: Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Romans 5:12-19, Matthew 4:1-11, Psalm 32.

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.

HELP! We need your help in the Parish Office on Wednesdays! See the sign-up poster in the Atrium or call the Parish Office (201-568-3276) for more information!

FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Mar 4 Eucharistic Visitor Training, 9 - 12:30 pm
- 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 Historic Sanctuary*
- 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 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**

DON'T FORGET!

This Sunday, February 26, concludes 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 9:15 am Forum time.

UPCOMING ADULT FORMATION

Lenten Adult Forum Series

A Garden's Tale: Moving from Crisis to New Life Through Lent

Sundays of Lent, the Guild Room, 9:15am with Video reprise the following Sunday at 11:45am. Join Carrie Allport for an in-depth exploration of the grace that Christ brings that moves us from the chaos and broken of our lives to the abundant new life through Christ's Resurrection. Using the Lenten scripture and horticultural images as a primer, Mrs. Allport will explore the themes of Crisis; Burial; Fertilizer/ Living Water; Light; and New Life.

Lenten Bible Study

Wednesdays in Lent with Soup Supper, 7pm in the Conference Room, following the 6:30pm Healing Service. Join Fr Allport in a

manuscript study of the book of *Revelation*. No requirements for you except a willingness to ask questions and enter scripture in community. The study gives an foundation to understand the this unique and misunderstood portion of scripture.

Lenten Series - Big Screen Theology

Sundays of Lent, the Reception Room, 6 pm, for movie screening, and Mondays of Lent, the Library, 7 pm for discussion. Come on Sunday evening, 6 pm to the Reception Room to watch the film of the week. Then join us on Monday evening at 7 pm in the Reception Room for discussion and discovery.

Films will include: *Fences* (PG-13, 2016) with Denzel Washington and Viola Davis; *A Thousand Words* (PG-13, 2012) with Eddie Murphy; *Moana* (animated, 2016). The specific viewing schedule will be posted on Ash Wednesday.

Lenten Quiet Days

Take a mini-retreat to center your heart and spirit during Lent at our Quiet Day. Saturday, April 1. 9a-1pm. Dcn. O'Neill will offer a time of guided contemplation, periods of reflection, and prayer-filled community exploring the nature of *Forgiveness*. Bring your own lunch.



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) 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!!



We have raised \$1500 of our matching gift goal so far. Can you make a gift today to help?

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*

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George J. Hill (2019¹), Robin Jackson (2018³)

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Nicole Thomas (2019¹)

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

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