

# SUNDAY MESSENGER

THE SUNDAY OF THE PASSION

APRIL 9, 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

Today's liturgy is in two parts. The Liturgy of the Palms celebrates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the week of his Passion. After we hear Matthew's [or Mark's or Luke's] account of that event, the celebrant gives thanks over the branches which we carry. In many congregations a procession with branches then moves into the church building, with festive songs of "Hosanna in the highest!" as we enact the event which led directly to Good Friday.

The second part of today's liturgy changes from triumph to tragedy as it focuses on the suffering and death of Jesus. The account of the Lord's Passion is read from Matthew's [or Mark's or Luke's] Gospel, so that we may have a fuller sense of sharing with him in his redemptive acts of dying and rising for our salvation. Today we enter into the celebration of the mighty acts of God which brought about our redemption. During this week, we will rediscover what God has done for us, rediscover the meaning of our Baptism, rediscover the meaning of our sharing in the Eucharist.

This brief selection for the prophet Isaiah declares a firm of confidence in God in the face of great suffering. It may be difficult for us to understand how one person can suffer vicariously on behalf of many. Here the Servant represents

the whole nation of Israel, a sole individual representing the community. The early church regarded this as a prophecy about the Messiah fulfilled by Jesus on the cross, suffering innocent death as representative for the whole of humanity.

Today's Psalm portion is one of three laments combined into a single psalm. It is the prayer of a person doubly afflicted. His wasting disease is no more the cause of suffering than rejection by friends and malicious gossip by adversaries.

Today's epistle is perhaps one of the greatest of texts from Paul's letters. It represents an early Christian hymn. He may have picked it up somewhere on his travels or have written it himself. Like all good hymns it contains sound Christian doctrine. It proclaims faith in the divinity and the humanity of Jesus Christ revealed in his life, death and resurrection.

The Passion from Matthew tells the betrayal, trial and crucifixion story. The good news is in the confession of the centurion, "Truly this man was God's Son." To get its full impact, the whole story should be read at one sitting. At worship we rarely read more than a few verses or paragraphs and so lose much of its impact.

Don't forget to take  
the 2017 Parish Pulse!  
<http://bit.ly/ppulse2017>

Please make a contribution to the  
Easter Matching Gift Campaign.  
Every gift counts !!!

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: ISAIAH 50:4-9A; PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11; MATTHEW 26:14-27:66; PSALM 31:9-16.

### PRAYERS

For those in need of immediate prayers: *Douglas Hammond; Richard Glaspie; Elvis Santos; Asha Rai, Tami Fitzherbert Christine Habick (Sister of Colleen Habick), Phylicia Cook (Cousin of Kia Alston), and the Davis Family.*

For those in need of continuing prayer support: *Sally Ricottone; Nazera Wright; Yvonne Baldwin; David Eversley; Lilliam Gonzalez; John Herbert; Ina Martínez; Jeffrey McAllister; Cynthia McDonald; Trey Nelson; Fredelia Smith; Carol Yaner; Phillipa McLeod; Sharon Wells, Joanne Ibach Pernice (Friend of Kai Alston), Maxine Walker (Aunt of Corliss Noble).*

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, Marc McDonald, and Gregory Halstead.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week; *Colleen Habick, Neil Charlery, Vinton South Jr., Katherine Downes, Lewis Boyton, Mary Johnston, Jaclyn Moody, Kathie Dwight, Andrea Bills.*

Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Communion: *Jerusalem and the Middle East; in the Diocese of Newark: St. Peter's, Livingston; St Thomas, Lyndhurst.*

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 10:30am service in the Parish Hall for fellowship and refreshments. Thanks to our host today, The Ibeabucci Family.

**EASTER RECEPTION:** Please help provide refreshments with the rest of the Parish Family for Easter Sunday. Fill out today's insert and place it in the offering plates to be collected.

**FAMILY & KID HOLY WEEK PACKS:** Make sure you receive your Holy Week Packs, containing special activities you can share together.

**SACRAMENTAL RITE OF RECONCILIATION ("A Private Confession"):** *Should I go to private confession? Examine yourself and your relationship with God and with others. Is there something in the way? Is there something you have trouble forgetting? Private confession is an exercise in complete honesty about ourselves that seeks to remove obstacles to our spiritual growth in Christ.* If you would like for private confession to be a part of your spiritual discipline, or you feel called to make a confession this Lent, please contact Fr Bill so that a time can be scheduled between now and Good Friday.

**HOBOKEN DONATIONS:** Every Second Sunday of the Month we bring cooked food to the shelter in Hoboken. If you are making a contribution of food, please make sure to label your item so that we know it is meant to go to the shelter. Please make sure your donations are in the Kitchen today by 5:00pm.

**DON'T FORGET!** We have lots of opportunities for you to join with others in our Holy Week observances. You will find the information on the next page.

**NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE:** Acts 10:34-43; Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-18.

**AWAKE MY SOUL KIDS' MASS:** For Easter Sunday, we ask our families to come to either the 8am and 10:30am worship.

**HELP!** We need your help in the Parish Office on Wednesdays! See the sign-up poster in the Atrium or call the Parish Office for more information!

**NAME TAGS:** Please help by wearing your name tag. Name tags are on the table in the Atrium. If you can't find your name, or you would like a name tag, please sign up for a name tag with a pink slip as they are prepared during the week. Slips are on the name tag table, just drop it in the basket.

**EASTER BAPTISMS:** The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the principal Baptismal feasts of the Church Year. If you or someone you know is interested in receiving the sacrament of Baptism at the Vigil, Sunday, April 15, 2017, please call or email the Parish Office.

**THE TIMOTHY PROJECT:** Our mentoring ministry with young men ages 16-22 is available to the larger community. Please direct any young men you know that could benefit from a mentoring relationship by giving the ministry contact information for follow-up, email [mentoring@stpaulsenglewood.org](mailto:mentoring@stpaulsenglewood.org).

**JUST A REMINDER!** The Parish Office will be closed on both Friday April 14 and Monday April 17.

**CHOIR SCHOOL EVENSONG:** The St. Paul's Choir School will travel to St. Mark's, Teaneck to sing Evensong on Sunday April 23 at 4pm. Everyone is welcome.

**PARISH DATABASE & DIRECTORY UPDATE:** This Spring, the Parish will undertake a full update of the Parish Database and Directory. In order to maintain our accurate data base for the parish, we would appreciate your assistance in updating your family's information, using one of the forms available on the information tables. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact Colleen Habick, Parish Administrator ([office@stpaulsenglewood.org](mailto:office@stpaulsenglewood.org)) or Vestry member Robin Jackson ([robinjackson175@gmail.com](mailto:robinjackson175@gmail.com)).

**FUTURE DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Apr 10-14	Holy Week ( <i>see next page</i> )
Apr 15	Holy Saturday ( <i>see next page</i> )
Apr 16	Easter Sunday ( <i>see next page</i> )
Apr 23	Evensong at St. Mark's, Teaneck, 4pm.
May 7	Spring Parish Meeting Englewood CROP Walk



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### 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.

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

# DON'T FORGET!

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



**Monday** April 10, 2017

4-9 pm Interactive Prayer Path in Historic Sanctuary  
7 pm Holy Eucharist in Historic Sanctuary

**Tuesday** April 11, 2017

4-9 pm Interactive Prayer Path  
7 pm Holy Eucharist in Historic Sanctuary

**Wednesday** April 12, 2017

4-7 pm, 8-9 pm Interactive Prayer Path in Historic Sanctuary  
7 pm Tenebrae in Historic Sanctuary  
8 pm Bible Study

**Thursday** April 13, 2017

4-7 pm, 9-11 pm Interactive Prayer Path in Historic Sanctuary  
7 pm Maundy in Historic Sanctuary  
8:30 pm Vigil of the Hours in Bell Tower

**Good Friday** April 14, 2017

7:30 am Breaking of the Vigil of the Hours in Bell Tower  
11 am Way of the Cross for Children and Families in Historic Sanctuary  
12 pm Solemn Collects with Reserved Sacrament in Historic Sanctuary  
7 pm Way of Cross with Solemn Collects in Historic Sanctuary

### EASTER CELEBRATIONS

**Holy Saturday** April 15, 2017

7 pm Easter Vigil in Historic Sanctuary

**Easter Sunday** April 16, 2017

8 am Contemplative Holy Eucharist in Chapel  
10:30 am Choral Holy Eucharist with flowering of the Cross in Historic Sanctuary  
11:45 am Easter Egg Hunt  
11:45 am Easter Reception



**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 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!!

**23%**

We have raised \$8,000 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*

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>)

Coralus 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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Join the electronic communications of the Parish by following us on Facebook or signing up for daily messages (registration always available at the bottom of the website).

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