

SUNDAY MESSENGER

So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones. - Genesis 50:20

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017



WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CHURCH

We hope you find a place to call "home"! 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 eastern Bergen County a place where God's grace is freely known and shared by all!

ABOUT THE LITURGY AND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

We continue to read from the section of Matthew's Gospel which deals with God's forgiveness and our role in extending God's forgiveness to all people. Peter asks Jesus how many times he is to forgive someone who wrongs him. Jesus tells a parable in which he explains that God's total forgiveness of us lays on us the obligation to forgive our brothers and sisters unconditionally.

The first reading sets out the Old Testament's call for us to act with forgiveness to others. This passage brings the story of Joseph to an end interpreting the whole sequence of events that befell him as fulfilling God's purpose. It carries forward the familiar theme of the whole Book of Genesis and the patriarchal narratives that God is the Lord of Israel's history from beginning to end. This is held to be true regardless of the vicissitudes of their individual and by implication tribal experiences.

In words that have comforted countless generations, today's psalm celebrates divine mercy and

grace extended to all who pay God due reverence. In fact, our forgiveness of others is essential if we are to receive forgiveness from God. Jesus repeats this principle in the Lord's Prayer, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. . . ."

Today we conclude our reading through of the Epistle to the Romans, which we began in the summer. Paul calls on Christians to refrain from judging one another. The differences between the ways various ones of us follow Christ are to be accepted. Our responsibility is to love God and each other.

We gather as Christians have always gathered—a community marked by faith and obedience to God's Word. That obedience applies not only to our relationship with God but also to our relationships with each other. We are to be a community marked by acceptance of all and by forgiveness. Not a gathering of perfected saints—we are, rather, a gathering of sinners who have known God's love and forgiveness and who in turn extend that love and forgiveness to all people.

YOU are our neighbors.

No matter who you **vote for**, your **skin color**, where you are from, your **faith**, or who you love, *we strive to be here with you.*

That's what **community means.**

Let's be neighbors!

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HOLY DOODLING, OR YOUR NOTES FROM TODAY'S SERMON AND WORSHIP

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Genesis 50:15-21, Romans 14:1-12, Matthew 18:21-35, Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13.

PRAYERS

For those in need of immediate prayers: *Amy Mcallister, John Herbert.*

For those in need of continuing prayer support: *Sally Ricottone, Nazera Wright, Yvonne Baldwin, David Eversley, Lilliam Gonzalez, Ina Martinez, Jeffrey McAllister, Cynthia McDonald, Trey Nelson, Fredelia Smith, Carol Yaner, Phillipa McLeod, Sharon Wells, Patti Banks, Rebecca Johnson, Ruth Hewlett.*

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

For those celebrating birthdays this week: *Norman Davis, Fredelia Smith, Amy Gambrill, Nicole Awkwei, Richard Pierson, Karlan McCarthy.*

Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Communion: *England*; in the Diocese of Newark: *Holy Trinity, West Orange; Holy Innocents, West Orange; Search for the next Bishop of Newark.*

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

For those who have died, especially *Mark Schlegel, Christine Habick, Susan Gail Mason, Flora De Weerd-Hendrickx* 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 hosts today: *Pat O'Neil & Mary Johnston.*

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE: Jonah 3:10-4:11, Philippians 1:21-30, Matthew 20:1-16, Psalm 145:1-8.

OUR CHILDREN NEED YOU ... Do you LOVE Jesus? Do you LOVE children? We need you! Our Sunday school teachers are very special to us! We are looking for a few good people to assist us in teaching our children about Jesus and our life with God! The commitment is one Sunday a month from October through May. The lesson is sent to you in advance so you can decide how you would like to present the lesson. We will provide the crafts and snacks. We will also be there for any assistance needed! *Easy Peasy!* Please prayerfully consider this contribution to God's next generation of the Church! Thank you for your consideration!

KIDS' MASS: *Invite a kid and family you know* to our weekly 30-minute Mass for Children, called *Awake My Soul*, 9:45am Sundays in the Historic Sanctuary—it's only 30 minutes a week and is the perfect for early elementary children and younger to engage in our vibrant liturgy and worship on their own level with wiggles included. *Come and join us!*

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS: Join us in the Chapel for the 6:30 pm Holy Eucharist with Healing Prayers. At 7 pm in the Vestry Room, we've begun a new study of Paul's letters to the Galatians and Thessalonians.

MENTORS NEEDED: The Timothy Project is our ministry with young men, ages 16-22, as they approach significant points of discernment in their lives, i.e. college, trade school, employment, independence, fatherhood, new marriage. As our ministry continues to expand and deepen, we need mentors willing to join young men as in their journeys, meeting. Current mentors typically spend one afternoon per month with a young man, with more frequent contacts by telephone, emails, or other means encouraged. Please contact Dr. Albert Griffith, Rodney Jackson, or Gary Mason, to offer your time, wisdom, care, and experience to these young men.

ADULT FORUM: 9:15 am, in the Vestry Room. In September, the Forum will share a weekly exploration of the appointed

readings for each Sunday. Come when you can—everyone is welcome!

ST PAUL'S CHOIR SCHOOL has begun! Any child aged 8 and above is welcome to join us on Mondays and Wednesdays. For more information contact Mark Trautman in the Parish Office.

ST PAUL'S CHOIR: The Parish Choir returns today at the 10:30 service. We rehearse every Thursday evening, 7:30-9:30 pm in the Parish House. Everyone is welcome to join the choir—come for singing and fellowship in a wonderfully supportive community! For more information contact Mark Trautman in the Parish Office. *Invite someone to share their gifts and passions!*

THANK YOU: Thank you to *Bernice Nelson* for donating both her time and her talent to redo the parish cork boards. Thank you to *Rheni Pasricha* for her artistic window tribute to the Shawl Ministry. What a wonderful way to start out the new season!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept 23 Craft Fair
- Oct 1 St Francis' Blessing of the Animals
- Oct 15 Blessing of Health Professionals & Caregivers
- Nov 5 Sunday of All Saints & All Souls
- Dec 2 Advent Tricky Tray



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any additional gifts beyond our \$25,000 goal, until
the beginning of Advent. Every gift counts!*



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SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8 am: *Ben Miller* (Lessons); *Pat O'Neil* (Prayers & EM);
George Hill (Vestry Host)

10:30 am: *Kyra Acquah* (First Lesson); *Helen Yeisley & Ina Martínez* (Second Lesson, Prayers, &EM) *Madison McDaniel* (Crucifer); *Morgan McDaniel* (Gospeller); *Jonathan Stevens* (Vestry Host)

Fellowship: *Pat O'Neil & Mary Johnston*

Counters: *Pat O'Neil & Al Griffith*

SPECIAL REMINDERS

HEALING SUNDAY: This Sunday, like every third Sunday (following the 8am Service & during Holy Communion at the 10:30am Service) there are faithful and caring prayer ministers who are ready to listen to your particular needs, hurts, or concerns, and pray with you on the spot.... right then and there!

INSTEAD OF FOOD: While we normally designate the first Sunday of the month for the collection of food for the Center for Food Action. (CFA) In September, we are collecting school supplies for CFA and the Englewood School District Counselors. Please pick up a few notebooks; pack of pencils and pens; and highlighters or

crayons/colored pencils. Bring the supplies with you any Sunday to be given to children and youth.

HURRICANE ASSISTANCE: Thank you for your continued generosity!

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 & Max McDaniel, *Wardens*

Beverly Lannanman, *Treasurer*

Albert Griffiths (2019¹), John Herbert (2017¹)

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

Rafael Martínez (2017¹), Aubrey McDonald (2017⁰)

Coralius Noble (2018²), Jonathan Stevens (2018¹)

Nicole Thomas (2019¹)

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 and George Gill, *Sunday Sextons*

Marteze Golden, *Housekeeper*

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