

SUNDAY MESSENGER

*...for it is God who is at work in you,
enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure. - Philippians 2:13*

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 1, 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

Our continued course-reading from Matthew's Gospel has brought us to a section in which Jesus, in parables, expresses the challenge of living up to the gospel. These parables also contain a warning to those who are "resting on their laurels." The church is always confronted by its Lord's warning that God is not dependent on us. If we fail in our faith and commitment, God can and will give the kingdom to others.

The first reading is a passage from the prophet Ezekiel which calls on God's people to repent and return to God. God will reject those who reject the call, but will forgive all those who return in faith and repentance.

In the second reading Paul tells us that it is in Jesus' willing submission to God's will, even to the point of death on a cross, that the glory of God is seen. We are called to live in the same way, the way of the cross. In that way we will be the means of revealing God's glory in our own time.

As we gather in the Eucharist we find God revealing himself to us in Word and Sacrament, the ongoing means by which Jesus' dying and rising is experienced in the world. We as members of his Body are joined with him in this liturgy not only to receive his salvation but also to continue his work of redemption.

Life is an opportunity. *Life is a journey.* A journey to saying "yes" to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love; a journey to welcome; a journey to invite; a journey to peace; a journey to generosity.

From the moment we draw our first breath to the moment we breathe our last, we are both receivers and givers. How we move from takers of everything given to us to sharing everything we have is one measure of how we live into saying, "Yes."

On our journey to generosity, we learn from our parents and other family members. We learn from friends and church members. We learn through our own actions and from hearing the stories of other generous people.

The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge, and inspire us. Whether it's the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich young ruler, or Zacchaeus, Jesus invites us into what the journey to generosity looks like.

Our Parish has chosen *Journey to Generosity* as the theme for our 2017 Stewardship Series to invite everyone into that journey. It is not simply about how much we give to support the mission and ministry of our parish. The journey is about how we live our lives as the Beloved.

Are we generous in our dealings with others? Are we generous when we welcome the stranger and the strange to church on Sunday mornings? Are we generous in our forgiveness and in our acceptance of forgiveness?

We hope you find our upcoming offerings helpful as your church travels on our Journey to Generosity.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN ENGLEWOOD

Journey to Generosity

A New Perspectives in Abundance

October 1, 2017

How do you see the world, specifically, in terms of scarcity and abundance?

What are some moments in which you have experienced "abundance"?

When have you experienced abundance with, through, by, or from, our St Paul's Parish Family?

When do you experience God's blessings most profoundly in your life?

How will, or have, these experiences impacted your giving to God through the Church?

All creation is a symphony of joy and jubilation.

~Hildegard of Bingen (12th Century)

God's interest is in transforming the world into a household in which all God's creatures can find abundant life.

~Douglas Meeks

We must confess that the central problem of our lives is that we are torn apart by the conflict between our attraction to the good news of God's abundance and the power of our belief in scarcity.

~Walter Brueggemann



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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32, Philippians 2:1-13, Matthew 21:23-32, Psalm 25:1-8.

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 Martnez, 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.*

For those celebrating birthdays this week: *Michelle Moody, Michael Grafton Huggins, Bill Payne, Nagelia Harrison.*

Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Communion: *Philippines*; in the Diocese of Newark: *Calvary, Bayonne; Trinity, Bayonne; Trinity, Allendale; 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 *Susan Gail Mason, Flora De Weerd-Hendrickx, George Matthison*, 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: *Bruce Nelson*.

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:1-7, Philippians 3:4b-14, Matthew 21:33-46, Psalm 80:7-14.

FOOD SUNDAY :We have designated the first Sunday of the month for the collection of food for the Center for Food Action. In October, we are collecting canned meats and fish. Please pick up an jar or two at the store and bring them with you today or this week, The Collection will be blessed with our prayers before delivery after Sunday. Volunteers are welcome to help deliver the food.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: All are invited to our annual commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi with the Blessing of the Animals, in the Historic Sanctuary on Sunday October 1 at 5pm. Invite your neighbors and your veterinarian to come and receive a blessing. Join the Choir School as they lead us in song. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS BEGUN ...Sunday School meets every Sunday morning during the 10:30 am Service, except the second Sunday of each month. We start at 10:30 am and the children join their families in church in time for Communion. Sunday School includes elementary aged children through grade 4.

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 6:30pm 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.

ST PAUL'S CHOIR: The Parish Choir rehearses 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!*

MESSIAH: George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* (Christmas portion) will be presented by the combined choirs and orchestra on Sunday, December 3 in the Historic Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome to join us- even if you don't sing in the choir regularly! We rehearse every Thursday evening at 7:30pm. For more information

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SHAWL MINISTRY: The shawl ministry has some shawls available to be distributed on October 15. If you know of someone who could benefit from the comfort of a shawl, please contact Betty McLoone at 201-387-0226 or the Parish Office with your name, the name of the recipient and the reason you would like to gift the shawl.

HELP SPREAD OUR GOOD NEWS: We are seeking people who would like to share their talent of advertising and social media with St. Paul's. We are looking for volunteers who would like to share with the public the events taking place at St. Paul's through various social media outlet. Share your gifts and passions for God's Mission through St. Paul's, please contact the Parish Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Oct 1 | St Francis' Blessing of the Animals |
| Oct 8 | Youth Leadership Sunday, St Paul's Choir School |
| Oct 15 | Blessing of Health Professionals & Caregivers |
| Nov 5 | Sunday of All Saints & All Souls |
| Dec 2 | Advent Tricky Tray |
| Dec 3 | Advent Concert: Handel's <i>Messiah</i> with the St Paul's Choirs and Orchestra |



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E-GIVING 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.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

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

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.

ALL SOUL'S REMEMBRANCE Since the 1940s, St. Paul's Church has held a service of remembrance to honor loved ones and members and friends of this parish community who have died. This year's All Souls' Vespers will be Sunday afternoon, November 5 at 5pm in the Historic Sanctuary. The combined choirs will sing Choral

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8 am: *Hugh Hall* (Lessons); *Jonathan Stevens* (Prayers & EM);
John Herbert (Vestry Host), *Abigail Allport* (Acolyte)

10:30 am: *Coralius Noble* (First Lesson); *Margaret King & Kai Alston* (Second Lesson, Prayers, &EM) *George J. Hill* (Crucifer); *Madison McDaniel* (Gospeller); *Robin Jackson* (Vestry Host)

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*

Beverley 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)

Evensong, including Herbert Sumsion's Evening Canticles in G, as well as much by Bainton, Oxley, and more. If you wish to include the name of a loved one who has died, please let the Parish Office know by Friday, November 3. Everyone is welcome to attend.

FEEDING (HOBOKEN) SUNDAY: St Paul's has been volunteering for more than 30 years with the help of cooks and drivers to take and serve warm meals to the homeless in Hoboken. Bring your food to the Parish Kitchen before 5 pm next Sunday. We are always looking for volunteers to help drive and serve the dinners on the 2nd Sunday of each month. Speak with Gary Mason with your interest or questions.

2016 MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN: We raised \$32,285, 129%, of our matching gift goal! Thank you for each of your gracious gifts & offerings! An additional anonymous donor has offered to match any additional gifts beyond our \$25,000 goal, until the beginning of Advent. Every gift counts!

Fellowship: *Bruce Nelson*

Counters: *William Payne & George Hill*

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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