

SUNDAY MESSENGER

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 26, 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.

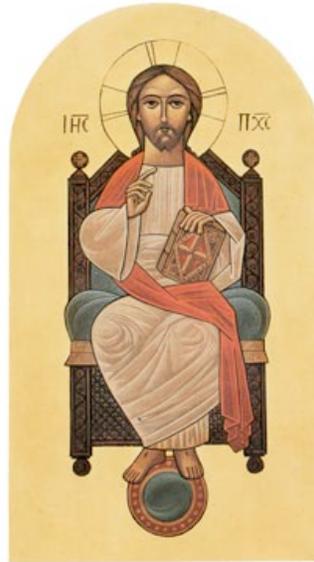
Join us as we strive to make eastern Bergen County a place where God's grace is freely known and shared by all!

ABOUT THE LITURGY AND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

Today is the final Sunday of the Church Year on which we celebrate the kingship of Christ. Since last Advent, we have been reading the Gospel according to Matthew on most Sundays. In this final reading from the Gospel of Matthew we have Jesus' description of the final judgment. Those who will be welcomed into his kingdom are those who show their love to Christ by caring for the outcast and helpless.

The Feast of Christ the King holds the image and symbolism because the triumphant Christ was seen to have motivated the saints and lives on in the Church's memory of their noble actions. The feast now offers the climax toward which all the year moves and toward which individual Christians orient our own lives. The feast holds a further eschatological dimension as the focal point of our lives is animated and drawn together by the Holy Spirit as we press onward toward the consummation of history which fully corresponds to the plan of God's grace and love "to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth (Eph 1:10.)"

The prophet Ezekiel, centuries before Christ, foresaw the coming of the Shepherd-King, sent by God to his people.



This kingship would be one of caring love and of peace to all the human race.

In writing the Corinthian church, Paul sees a greater and more complete picture of the reign of Christ. It is not just of Earth, nor only of the human race, that Christ is King. All the creation is to be brought under his rule, so that in Christ all may be presented whole and redeemed to God.

Our gatherings for worship are meant to be points of departure for us to move into the world in active works of ministry to the hungry, the helpless, the imprisoned, the lonely, the sick, and the dying. The reign of Christ must begin with members of his Body the church making him known in the world,

especially to the least of his brothers and sisters.

Don't forget to reserve your place or place for your friends at the 2017 Tricky Tray!

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURES: Ezekiel 34:11-24, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46, Psalm 95:1-7a.



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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 or follow the *qr* code to the left with your capable electronic device.

PRAYERS

For those in need of immediate prayers: *John Bullough, Dawn Baxter Woodhouse, Crystal Baxter.*

For those in need of continuing prayer support: *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, Pamella Miller.*

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: *Lena Ford, Leah Baker, Princess Ibeabuchi.*

Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Communion: *Sudan, New Zealand, Australia, Washington, DC;* in the Diocese of Newark: *St Andrew's, Harrington Park, St James', Hackettstown;* 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, 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: *The Whole Parish*.

2017 MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN: We raised \$32,285, 129%, of our matching gift goal! Thank you for each of your gracious gifts and offerings! An additional anonymous donor has offered to match any additional gifts beyond our \$25,000 goal, until the beginning of Advent, December 3. Every gift counts!

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURE: First Sunday of Advent: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday School begins 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*, 9:45 am 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!*

MESSIAH: George Frideric Handel's *Messiah* will be presented by the St Paul's Choir, Choir School and orchestra, and soloists Karol Steadman, Giulia Utz, Ravon Middlebrooks, and John-Andrew Fernandez on Sunday, December 3, 5 pm, in the Historic Sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door, \$20/\$10 students and seniors. Everyone is welcome!

TRICKY TRAY: As we move closer to our Tricky Tray, we are in need of donations. The following is a list of suggested donation items. We are in need of Bathroom accessories (towels, shower curtains, rugs, shower heads, vanity accessories); Queen-sized linen (comforter or all-in-one set); Kitchen supplies in a basket (cookbook with can opener, pot holders, dish towels or knives); Dishes (maybe

a picnic set); Garbage pail; Pots & pans; Basket from Bath & Body Works; Basket of popcorn, chips, caramel corn, cheese doodles, corn chips; Microwave; Tote-bag filled with getaway items; Coffee mugs; Black & Decker cordless rechargeable screwdriver; Christmas wrapping paper & decorations. If you can help in any way, please email us at trickytray@stpaulsenglewood.org or call the Parish Office at 201.568.3276. *Together we can make our Tricky Tray a success!*

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2018: If you missed our in-gathering of commitments last Sunday, please do not hesitate to place your pledge card in the offertory. If you desire giving envelopes, please use a pledge card to indicate as such. There are pledge forms on the information tables throughout the Parish facilities.

ADVENT SERIES: Join Fr. Bill and Carrie Allport as they share a study of the scripture used in George Frideric Handel's *Messiah*. The series will be offered on Sunday mornings (9:30 am) and Wednesday evenings (7 pm), beginning Sunday, Nov. 26.

DON'T FORGET!: There will be a Worship Committee Meeting today following our 10:30 am Worship in the Reception Room.

CHURCH CALENDARS: Calendars for 2018 are available in the Atrium.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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| Nov 26 | Altar Guild Meeting |
| Dec 2 | Holiday Tricky Tray |
| Dec 3 | Advent Concert: Handel's <i>Messiah</i> with the St Paul's Choirs and Orchestra, 5 pm |
| Dec 9 | Youth Caroling Night, 5-9 pm |
| Dec 10 | The 152nd Annual Meeting of the Parish |
- MUSIC AT ST PAUL'S
Concert at 5 pm: Cello Trio

I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO STEP UP MY GAME.



THAT MAY BE TRUE...



BUT YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS COMES FROM JESUS, NOT YOUR SERVICE. AND YOUR SERVICE COMES FROM YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.



AND JESUS SEES IT ALL. THAT'S WHY I FEEL LIKE I NEED TO STEP UP MY GAME!



ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATIONS & NOMINATIONS

Annual Ministry Reports: Ministry Reports for the Annual Report of the Parish are due immediately; please submit reports electronically to office@stpaulsenglewood.org, including at least one picture.

Annual Meeting Nominations: Nominations of qualified individuals may be made for the positions of 1 Warden, 3 Vestry members, and 1 Diocesan Delegate.

Notice of Annual Meeting of the Parish: The 152nd Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held in the Parish Hall on December 10, 9:15 am between the morning worship services.

SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8 am: *Margaret King* (Lessons); *Hugh Hall* (Prayers & EM); *James Mosley*. (Acolyte) *Nicole Thomas* (Vestry Host)

10:30 am: *Colin Wolfe* (First Lesson); *Coralius Noble* (Second Lesson, Prayers, & EM); *Ina Martínez*, *George Hill* (Pulpit EM); *Kyra Acquah* (Crucifer); *Madison McDaniel* (Gospeller); *Jonathan Stevens* (Vestry Host)

Fellowship: *The Whole Parish in honor of Thanksgiving*

Counters: *Bev Lannaman and Aubrey McDonald*

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)

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us...

Ephesians 1:17-19

GOAL!



STEWARDSHIP 2018

We have received 27
of our 50 pledge goal
and \$71,500
of our \$148,000 dollar goal

Could you make a choice to give of
\$20-30 per week?

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*

Lisa Keenan, *Financial Accountant*

Gary Mason and George Gill, *Sunday Sextons*

Marteze Golden, *Housekeeper*

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