

SUNDAY MESSENGER

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 8, 2018



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 AND SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

On this Sunday of Easter, we always have as the central reading the account of Jesus' appearance to the apostles on Easter Day and on the following Sunday. In that second appearance Thomas, who had not been with them the first time, comes to believe in the Lord's resurrection and acclaims Jesus as Lord and God.

The preferred reading on every Sunday in Eastertide is from the Acts of the Apostles. This book is about the life of the early church as it lived in the joy of the Lord's resurrection, which gives us a model for our own life in the Body of the risen Lord.

Each Sunday of the Great Fifty Days is a time to explore the life we share in Jesus Christ's dying and rising, a life which begins for each of us at our Baptism and which is renewed in us each time we celebrate the Eucharist.

Poignant to the power of Christ's rising is the commemoration of the prophetic witness and martyrdom of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Born on January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, he was the son and grandson of Baptist preachers, steeped in the Black Church tradition. To this heritage he added a thorough academic preparation, earning the degrees of B.A., B.D., and Ph.D. in Systematic Theology from Boston University.

After becoming pastor of a church in Montgomery, Alabama, King was catapulted into national prominence

as the leader of the Montgomery bus boycott. He became increasingly the articulate prophet, who could not only rally the Black masses, but could also move the consciences of Whites. King founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference to spearhead non-violent mass demonstrations against racism. Many confrontations followed, most notably in Birmingham and Selma, Alabama, and in Chicago. King's campaigns were instrumental to the passage of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964, 1965 and 1968. King then turned his attention to economic empowerment of the poor and opposition to the Vietnam War, contending that racism, poverty and militarism were interrelated.

King lived in constant danger: his home was dynamited, he was almost fatally stabbed, and he was harassed by death threats. He was even jailed 30 times; but through it all he was sustained by his deep faith. In 1957, he received, late at night, a vicious telephone threat. After preaching at Washington Cathedral on March 31, 1968, King went to Memphis in support of sanitation workers in their struggle for better wages. There, he proclaimed that he had been "to the mountain-top" and had seen "the Promised Land," and that he knew that one day he and his people would be "free at last." On the following day, April 4, he was cut down by an assassin's bullet.

PLEASE MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO THE PENTECOST MATCHING GIFT CAMPAIGN.
EVERY GIFT COUNTS!

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

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE: Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 1:1-2:2; John 20:19-31; Psalm 133

PRAYERS

For those in need of immediate prayers: *Darrell Walker, Emeka Okafor Sr., Johann Mullings, Byron Babb, John Carson, Laura Antal and Family, Priscilla Kleinman (Mother of Mark Trautman), Deneen Cooper, Edith Holiday, Kathy Johnston.*

For those in need of continuing prayer support: *John Bullough, Nazera Wright, Yvonne Baldwin, David Eversley, Lilliam Gonzalez, Cynthia McDonald, Trey Nelson, Carol Yaner, Phillipa McLeod, Sharon Wells, Patti Banks, Rebecca Johnson, Pamella Miller, Crystal Baxter, Dawn Baxter Woodhouse, John Mayo.*

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: *Kaileen Alston, Neil Charlery, Vinton South Jr., Katherine Downes, Mary Johnston, Jaclyn Moody.*

Cycle of Prayer, Anglican Communion: *Province of the Indian Ocean; in the Diocese of Newark: St. Luke's, Phillipsburg; Christ Church, Pompton Lakes; St. John's Memorial, Ramsey; 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.
Dorothy Burns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE HOUR: Please join us after the 10:30 service in the Parish Hall fellowship and refreshments. Thanks to our host today: *Jeff Johnson*

NEXT SUNDAY'S SCRIPTURES: *Acts 3:12-19; 1 John 3:1-7; Luke 24:36b-48; Psalm 4*

KIDS' MASS: Invite a kid 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.

MARTIN LUTHER KING CELEBRATION: Welcome to the Rev Mack Brandon, guest preacher at today's 10:30 service and *Trinity Song*: Lynda Hayes, Tangy Major, and Doreen Washington.

PARISH FAMILY: THANK YOU to Altar Guild, Eucharistic Ministers, Choristers, Acolytes, Lay Readers, Ushers and volunteers for making our Holy Week and Easter services so beautiful.

HOBOKEN SHELTER VISIT: All are invited to join the ministry of feeding the homeless. Please bring your **prepared/ready to eat** food items to the Parish Kitchen by 5:00 pm, drivers and servers are needed, and you are invited to join in this ministry of feeding the homeless.

THE SECOND SUNDAY YOUTH EVENT: The next event will be Saturday, April 14 from 6-9 pm, in the Parish Hall. Feel free to bring your friends for a Kids' Night Out! Please bring \$5 to contribute to dinner and snacks.

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY: Next Sunday, April 15 at 3 pm, we will be hosting churches from Districts 5-10. *We need 4 ushers and 2 parking lot helpers. We welcome all volunteers.* Please contact the Parish Office, or speak with Fr. Bill Allport if interested.

SUMMER PLANNING: If you have kids and youth in your family or household, mark your calendars for St Paul's Day Camp for Elementary Aged Kids, July 16-20. Youth are welcome to help and volunteer. If you have kids and youth entering grades 5-8, consider a week at our Diocesan Summer Camp, Crossroads. Fr. Bill Allport will be chaplain July 29-Aug 4. Speak with Kai Alston or Fr. Bill for more details. For choristers aged 10-18, the Diocese of New Jersey Choir Camp is July 15-18; speak with Mark Trautman for more information.

Do you want the latest news and updates? Be sure to register for the Parish electronic news and updates by following the link at the bottom of the Parish website or fill out one of the contact forms available on the information tables.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Apr 14 Nearly Second Sunday Youth Event, 6-9pm
- Apr 15 Confirmation at St. Paul's, hosting churches from Bayonne (Trinity); Clifton; Harrington Park; Montvale; Nutley; Ridgefield; Rutherford; Upper Montclair, 3 pm
- Apr. 22 Confirmation at St. Paul's, hosting churches from Bayonne (Trinity); Hackensack; Maywood; Oakland/Franklin Lakes; Passaic; Tenafly, 3 pm
- Apr. 28 Confirmation at St. Paul's, hosting churches from Hillsdale; Ridgewood (St. Elizabeth's), 10 am
- May 2 Englewood Historical Society's 33rd Annual Awards Dinner Honoring St. Paul's Church in Englewood for the preservation and restoration of the building, 5 pm
- May 6 RSCM Evensong, 5 pm
- May 20 Pentecost Sunday: *Wear Your Red!*
Seventh Annual Spring Choir Concert

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**CAN YOU HELP BRING THE POWER OF
PENTECOST
RIGHT NOW?**

Two generous donors in the Parish Family have invited all of us to deepen our stewardship and giving from God's abundance as we journey through Easter to Pentecost. The anonymous donors have 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 tripled! Your \$1 becomes \$3. Your \$20 becomes \$60. This additional stewardship and giving will mean \$75,000 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!!

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



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HUMBLE AND CONFIDENT

As we look at the stars and let our minds wander into the many galaxies, we come to feel so small and insignificant that anything we do, say, or think seems completely useless. But if we look into our souls and let our minds wander into the endless galaxies of our interior lives, we become so tall and significant that everything we do, say, or think appears of great importance.

We have to keep looking both ways to remain humble and confident, humorous and serious, playful and responsible. Yes, the human person is very small and very tall. It is the tension between the two that keeps us spiritually awake.

-Henri Nouwen



SERVING THIS SUNDAY

8 am: *Nicole Thomas* (Lessons); *Michele Simon* (EM); *Albert Griffiths* (Vestry Host)

10:30 am: *Abigail Allport* (Lessons); *Veronique Dhont, Kyra Acquah* (EM); *GJ Hill* (Pulpit EM); *GJ Hill* (Crucifer); *Joe Hill* (Gospel); *Choir School* (Torch); *John Herbert* (Vestry Host)

Fellowship: *Jeff Johnson*

Altar Guild: *Dolores Murray, Daphne Hall*

Ushers: *Victor Osunfisan, George Gill*

Counters: *William Payne, George Hill*

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

2018 VESTRY

The Rev. Dr. William H. Allport, II, *Presider*
Michele Simon & Max McDaniel, *Wardens*
Beverly Lannaman, *Treasurer*

Albert Griffiths (2019¹), John Herbert (2020²)
George J. Hill (2019¹), Robin Jackson (2018³),
Aubrey McDonald (2020¹), Coralius Noble (2018²),
Jonathan Stevens (2018¹), Nicole Thomas (2019¹)
Robin Taylor (2020¹)

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*
Diana Rodriguez, *Parish Administrator*
Lisa Keenan, *Financial Accountant*
Jerome Riddick, *Sexton*
Gary Mason and George Gill, *Sunday Sextons*
Marteze Golden, *Housekeeper*

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH TO BE HONORED

The Englewood Historical Society will honor St. Paul's Church in Englewood at its 33rd Annual Awards Dinner on Wednesday, May 2nd for their work in preserving and restoring their nineteenth and early twentieth century structure. The church was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 2014.

Please join us for an architectural talk and tour of the historic church, followed by a cocktail reception and dinner at the Clinton Inn.

5:00 pm Historic and Architectural Tour of the Church

6:15 pm Cocktails

7:00 pm Buffet Dinner

Clinton Inn 145 Dean Drive, Tenafly

\$75 per person

*For tickets please send check by April 20th payable to:
Englewood Historical Society
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For further information email: irmarinac@yahoo.com*