



The Season of Lent

The first day of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. The ashes used to make the sign of the cross on the forehead are ashes from the burned palm branches of the previous year's Palm Sunday. The words spoken by the priest at the time of receiving the ashes are "remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

The word "Lent" comes from an old English word meaning "lengthen" and often referred to the season of spring when the days lengthen. Lent is the forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter, excluding Sundays, which are feast days. Lent is also a time of penitence and is called the Lenten Season, a time of fasting. Many people will take on an obligation for Lent – attending a Bible Study, being in church every Sunday, saying more prayers or offering help to the neighbors. You make the decision what to take on, if you want to. Some people give up their dessert, cookies, ice cream or junk food. Again you make the decision what to give up.

At first Lent was 36 days of fasting. By the reign of Charlemagne, about 800, four days were added to the 36 days. This made it correspond to Christ's 40 day fast in the wilderness. Giving up a certain item in Lent, reminds us of Christ's time in the wilderness when he was tempted, but he was strong and did not give into temptation.

Since Sunday's are feast days in Lent, you can have what you gave up, but within reason. The color purple is a symbol of penitence. The altar, pulpit, lectern, all crosses will be vested in purple. The chasuble, the outer garment the priest wears, is also purple. Easter – the Queen of Feast – is a glorious day in the church year, but for you to have that glorious day, you should experience a solemn and penitential Lenten Season.

Linda Barnes

Mark Your Calendars

Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Service each week.

Tuesday, Feb. 11,
6:30 p.m. Vestry
Meeting.

Wednesday, Feb. 12,
8:30 a.m. Episcopal
Advocacy Day.

Saturday, Feb. 22,
7:00 p.m. "Love of
Music" Benefit
Concert.

Sunday, Feb. 23,
10:15 a.m. Worship
Committee Meeting.

Tuesday, Feb. 25,
4:30-7:00 p.m. Shrove
Tuesday Pancake
Supper.

Wednesday, Feb. 26,
Ash Wednesday
Service ~ **Noon** at St.
Paul's. **7:00 p.m.** at
Shepherd of the Glen.

Saturday, Feb. 28,
11:00-2:00 Voter
Information day.

Mondays, 9:00-10:30
a.m. Crochet time.

St. Paul's Annual Congregational Meeting

Change. Transition. Moving forward. These four words summarize St. Paul's 2019 year. Last year's minutes were read and approved. New vestry members were elected and welcomed. They are Suzanne Bourg and Phyllis Weston. Heartfelt thanks was given to our continuing vestry members, Kathleen Alexander, Stephen Jones, William Toole, Wendy Gahm, and our officers, W. Jeffery Spaulding - Senior Warden; Peter McIntosh - Junior Warden; Linda Sharp – Treasurer and Nancy McIntosh - Registrar. Outgoing Vestry Members, Carrie Brown and Landon Reeve were thanked for their service. Elected to be delegates to the 236th Diocesan Convention were Carrie Brown and William Toole.

All goodness and love went to Fr. Bill and Pat who are providing spiritual nourishment and guidance for our church family during this period of transition. St. Paul's expressed appreciation to all for their service and dedication.

The state of the church was highlighted through the Vestry and committee reports. St. Paul's challenges, opportunities and hopes were reflected in the discussions. Over all the consensus seemed to be that energy and enthusiasm has rebounded in our parish community and with God's help we will discern our path forward.

All church business and reports can be found in the Annual Journal. Extra copies are available on the parish hall table.

A Closing Prayer for Annual Meetings

God of our coming and going, God of our past, our present, and our future, we have met, we have celebrated, we have remembered. We have looked to the future, shared hopes, and dreamed dreams, and now we go out into the world in which we do most of our living and our ministering.

As we take our worship, praise and prayer from this place and into our daily lives, may our lives be sustained through the love of our Heavenly Father. May we feel the presence of our Saviour walking beside us, and know the power of the Spirit in both our actions and our words. Amen

A Note of Very Sincere Thanks

Your very warm and thoughtful cards and gifts were/are a very important and special part of our Christmas and New Year celebrations. What a vibrantly rich parish family there is at St. Paul's, and we are many times blessed to be welcomed into it. May our journey together open up for all of us even more enriching gifts!

Fr. Bill and Pat

To my friends,

Just a short note of thanks for your support of my recent participation in the **2020 Polar Bear Plunge for Special Olympics Maryland**. In case you have not yet heard, the event this year was a HUGE success. When I checked this morning (Monday), the Plunge website was displaying donations in excess of \$3,278,000. I know from past experience that it takes some time to tally all of the donations, so we can expect an event total somewhere in the \$3.4 million range. Truly spectacular!

These funds are critical to ensure that more than 8,000 Maryland Special Olympics athletes have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sporting, health and learning opportunities throughout the year... all at no expense to them or their families. Having been involved with Special Olympics for several decades, I can assure you that your donations are



changing lives and helping to create a community of inclusion, dignity and respect for those with intellectual disabilities.

Greg Shipley, John Newnan and I spent the week in Sandy Point working with SOMD staff to set up for the event. We took our plunge on Wednesday afternoon when there were no crowds. The weather was in the upper 40's and the bay temperature was comparatively balmy - around 40 degrees. It may be that I am getting older, because the water seemed **REALLY COLD** this year...despite the moderate weather. Thankfully, it only hurts for a few minutes! Thanks once again for your support. Your generosity and support is truly appreciated!

Jeff Spaulding

St. Paul's is looking for a musical accompanist two (2) Sundays a month, to help us celebrate our church services. Our service is 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning.

St. Paul's is located at 16457 Old Frederick Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771

If you love music and would like to earn a little extra money, please give us a call at 410-489-4411 or send an email to stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net.

We have an organ and a keyboard. Other instruments are welcomed.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be Tuesday, February 25, 4:30- 7:00 p.m. (All You Can Eat) The menu is: pancakes, (plain, chocolate chip, pecan), sausage, applesauce, dessert, orange juice, milk coffee and tea. **Free will offering**. Sign-up sheets for the needed food items and help are on the parish hall table. Please take a look at the sign-up sheets and see where you can help. Please tell your neighbors, friends and relatives about our supper. Bring them with you when you come to eat your pancakes on "Fat Tuesday." Take out available.

February 26, Ash Wednesday Service at St. Paul's 12:00 noon ~ Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes.

All are invited to join Shepherd of the Glen Lutheran Church for the evening Ash Wednesday Service at 7:00 p.m.

A BIG THANK YOU to Dana Fritzges for hosting a Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, January 14, at her home. Everyone brought a delicious dish. If you went away hungry, it was your own fault! All attending had a great and fun time. Thanks Dana for an enjoyable afternoon and the warm hospitality.

Many Thanks to all who brought cans of soup for January's Soup-er Sundays. All the soup goes to the Mt. Airy Net Food Pantry. Your donations will help fill the shelves at the food pantry. Mt Airy Net is a much needed ministry located in Calvary United Methodist Church. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to all who brought food for our Congregational Meeting. All the food was delicious with a nice variety. We do have great cooks at St. Paul's. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Weather Related Cancellation

Given the season, we want to remind you of the process that will be used if there is a need for a weather-related cancellation of church services.

- Fr. Bill, Pete or I will speak on Saturday if there is a threat of snow or ice on Sunday morning. Depending on the circumstance, we may have to wait until early Sunday morning to make the call. Not only do we need to ensure that the roads are safe, but we also need to ensure that the parking lot, walkways and steps at the church are clear of ice and snow. If we decide to cancel service, the following will occur:

- An email will be sent to the entire congregation announcing the cancellation.
- A message referencing the cancellation will be on the church's phone voicemail.
- Vestry members will call those members that we know do not have email access.
- A sign will be placed on the front and back doors of the church referencing the cancellation.

Also the Church and the Thrift Shop will be **Closed** when Howard County Schools are cancelled due to the weather.

Jeff Spaulding, Senior Warden

Stewardship and Scrip

Thanks to you Scrip is producing more of a profit than in past years. Now that we have developed a habit of buying Scrip, let's keep up the great work. In addition to our regular Scrip, special orders are always welcome.

Looking forward to ALL participating in this fundraising effort by ordering more Scrip in the New Year. Thanks for your support this year.
Pete McIntosh, Chair



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 11~ Vestry Meeting, 6:30 pm

Wednesday, February 12, Episcopal Advocacy Day

Saturday, February 15, The Absalom Jones Commemoration 10:00 a.m.

Saturday, February 22, ~ Benefit Concert at St. Andrew's Glenwood, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 23, ~ Worship Committee Meeting following the service.

Tuesday, February 25, ~ Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26 ~ Ash Wednesday Noon at St. Paul's.

7:00 p.m. at Shepherd of the Glen. All welcome.

Episcopal Advocacy Day, Wednesday, **February 12**, Miller Senate Building, Annapolis. All are welcome to come and learn about diocesan priorities for advocacy as well as how to advocate. **Register to attend** on the Diocesan Website. Maryland's General Assembly Session began January 8. **Sign up to receive action alerts during the session** on the Diocesan Website

Annual Absalom Jones Commemoration

Feb. 15, 10am -1pm at the Episcopal Diocese of MD. Will feature the Rev. Gayle Fisher-Stewart, PhD. The theme "Congregations; How to survive and thrive. All Welcome.

Reparations Workshops

The Reparations Committee is offering a series of workshops throughout our diocese to provide a better understanding of what reparations means and how our Baptismal Covenant calls us to engage in actions that promote and offer reconciliation, restoration and restitution. Workshops are approximately two hours.

- **February 9, 2:00 p.m.**, St. John's, Ellicott City
- **February 23, 2:00 p.m.**, Emmanuel, Cumberland
- **March 22, 2:00 p.m.**, St. Mary's, Abingdon

St. Paul's Nearly New Thrift Shop: One stop for all of your apparel/shoes (Infant – Adult) and household needs at bargain prices!

Hours: Wednesdays, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.;
Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays, 11:30 – 3:00 p.m.
Come and see all of our affordable items including, toys, books, CDs and DVDs.

The Thrift Shop needs volunteers to man the store at least one day a month on a regular basis and helpers to sort and restock on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Last month, thanks to all of our customers, the shop earned more than \$2796. Thanks!

Phyllis Weston & Kathy Audia

Happy Birthday to:

Charles Samuel	Feb. 01
Pat Marquis	Feb. 04
Jeni Cassera	Feb. 14
Norma Prentice	Feb. 19



St. Paul's is a house of prayer. Prayers for healing are an integral part of our worship. We remember and pray daily for all the sick, the shut-ins and each other. Soon, St. Paul's will be blessed with 2 Holy Water Fonts, an enrichment to our worship, praise and thanksgiving.

The prayer list will be refreshed every January.

- Please help us keep the prayer list updated by filling out the attached prayer request form below (on bottom of page 7) or the insert in the Sunday bulletin.
- Place form in alms basin or pink prayer box on the Stephen Ministry table in the parish hall.
- For emergencies or unexpected situations Call the church office. (if leaving a message be sure to include your name and phone #)
- Names can be deleted or added at any time using the prayer request form.

- Make additions/deletions to the prayer list posted on our bulletin board.
- Thanks to all that have submitted their request. Those names are listed below.

Prayer List

Nancy McIntosh; Sandra & Stanley Napier; Gerlinde Phlaumer-Yeater; Natalie Gahm Trudi & Dave Lawson; Pat Marquis; Susan Kelley; Landon Reeve; Bryan Landry; Terri Coates



Prayer for Healing

Lord God, in a universe that seems so immense it is easy to feel insignificant as we stand here today. Yet we know that we are precious in your sight – unique individuals loved and blessed in so many ways. We stand in awe of the one who has created all things and dedicate this time and all our days to your service. Accept this offering we pray, our sacrifice of praise and worship. Amen

Pastoral Concerns

Pastoral issues and concerns are important to us. Please contact the church office, (410) 489-4411, Monday through Friday, 9:00-12:00. Parish Email: stpaulschurch-mtairy@verizon.net



Vestry Officers & Members

Jeff Spaulding: Senior Warden
Pete McIntosh: Junior Warden
Treasurer: Linda Sharp
Registrar: Nancy McIntosh
Wendy Gahm
William Toole
Kathleen Alexander
Stephen Jones
Suzanne Bourg
Phyllis Weston



St. Paul's "A Shining Light in the Community"

VISION STATEMENT

Our Vision is: A community of faith ministering to those in need of justice, reconciliation, hospitality, sanctuary, and growth in their spiritual journey.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is: To carry the good news of Jesus Christ into the community by word and deed and to help all people experience God's presence in their daily lives.

Prayer for our Vestry Members

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel, St. Paul's Vestry, for the renewal and mission of your Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer List Request Form

Please help us to refresh our prayer list! Take a minute to list those people that you want included on the 2020 list and leave it in the offering plate or in the pink prayer box on Stephen Ministry table.

For 3 months _____

For one year _____

Prayers requested for: _____

Submitted by: _____

Date Submitted _____

VOTER REGISTRATION & INFORMATION DAY REGISTRO DE ELECTORES Y DÍA DE INFORMACIÓN

**Saturday, February 29, 2020
Sábado, 29 de febrero, 2020**

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Iglesia Episcopal de S. Pablo**

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

16457 Old Frederick Road

410-489-4411

Mt. Airy, MD 21771



If you want to register to vote/si se desea registrarse para votar:

- **Bring your Maryland Driver's License or MVA ID Card number or
Traiga su Maryland licencia de conducir o MVA número de tarjeta, o ...**
- **Provide the last 4 digits of your Social Security number
Proveer los últimos cuatro dígitos de seguro social**

**VOTING MACHINE DEMONSTRATIONS
MANIFESTACIONES DE LA MÁQUINA DE VOTACIÓN**

SAMPLE BALLOTS/PAPELETAS DE MUESTRA

NEW REGISTRATIONS/NUEVOS REGISTROS

ADDRESS CHANGES/CAMBIOS EN LA DIRECCIÓN

POLITICAL PARTY CHANGES/CAMBIOS EN LOS PARTIDOS POLÍTICOS

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS/PREGUNTAS Y RESPUESTAS

February 2020 ~ Service Calendar

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO WORK, PLEASE FIND A REPLACEMENT

	February 2, 4 th Sunday after Epiphany White	February 9, 5 th Sunday after Epiphany Green	February 16, 6 th Sunday after Epiphany Green	February 23. Last Sunday after Epiphany Green
	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m.
Greeter/Usher	Linda Barnes	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia	Linda Barnes	Dana Fritzges, Kathy Audia
Chalicer/Acolyte	Pete McIntosh	Jeff Spaulding	Pete McIntosh	Ron Alexander
Lector	Dick Wilcher	Stephen Jones	Carrie Brown	Kathleen Alexander
Psalm	Bill Toole	Lee Hajek	John Tuel	Dick Wilcher
Prayers of the People	Lee Hajek	Al Yeater	Helen Tuel	Nancy McIntosh
Altar Guild	Linda Sharp	Joanne Honsberger	Suzanne Bourg, Linda Barnes	Kathy Audia, Dana Fritzges
Coffee Hour	Ginny Chandler, Helen Tuel	Doris Wilcher, Carrie Brown	Phyllis Weston, Lee Hajek	Nancy McIntosh, Norma Prentice
Counter	Linda Sharp, Linda Barnes	Lynda Sheckels, Kathy Audia	Lynda Sheckels, Dana Fritzges	Nancy & Pete McIntosh

Feb 23 Following 9:00 a.m. service ~ Altar Guild Prepare for Lent

Feb 26 12:00 Noon Ash Wednesday Altar Guild Linda Sharp

February 2020 ~ Church Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
2 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	3	4	5 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	6 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	7 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	8 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>						
9 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	10	11	12 <u>11:00-2:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	13 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	14 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	15 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>		<u>6:30 p.m.</u> Vestry Meeting				
16 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Rite II	17	18	19 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	20 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	21 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open	22 <u>11:30-3:00</u> Thrift Shop Open
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>						
23 <u>9:00 a.m.</u> Morning Prayer	24	25	26	27	28	29
<i>Hospitality Hour Following</i>		Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper <u>4:30-7:00</u> p.m.	<u>Noon</u> Ash Wed Service at St. Paul's <u>7pm</u> service at Shepherd of the Glen			