



# *St. Paul's Quarterly Newsletter*

*St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worcester Parish*  
*3 Church Street, Berlin, Maryland 21811*

*Lent/Easter 2022 Edition*

From the Rector...

Dear Parish Family:

Another newsletter deadline has approached, and I am still Rector at St. Paul's! I get very frustrated when I hear of people who still believe that the Covid Pandemic is a hoax. If it is, then I wish someone would tell the Japanese government, because it has affected our lives tremendously. But seriously, I find myself in an interesting position. I continue to be happy here, but also look forward to a new adventure in Japan.

On to the subject at hand – Lent and Easter. The night before Lent begins, we have traditionally had pancakes. This year, as we continue to be cautious about going out in public, I thought that perhaps a fun thing we could do is to combine our Game Night with a Mardi Gras/Shrove Tuesday celebration. You will find elsewhere in this newsletter information about a special Game Night on March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will begin at 6:00 p.m. The idea is that everyone who attends via Zoom will have prepared an appetizer, main course, and dessert for themselves. We will spend time enjoying our food and having conversation and then play a Game before the next course. I hope you will consider joining in the fun!

Ash Wednesday we will have one Eucharist with the imposition of Ashes at 10:30. Then our Lenten journey begins. This year, because of the unpredictable nature of our lives together, I have decided that we will simply have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at noon. This will be offered In Person at the church and also virtually online on our Facebook page.

Something else we are doing together is we will be praying for one another. This is a prayer project by the churches in the Ocean Cluster. You will be mailed a postcard with the name of someone for whom you are asked to pray during Lent. It will most likely be someone from one of the other churches in the Cluster. I hope that everyone can take the time to pray for the person on your postcard. Information on this is also found on another page in the Newsletter.

As we approach Easter, more information will be sent out about Holy Week services and Easter Day. You will find on another page in the newsletter the opportunity to contribute towards the Easter flowers. The past two years we have not had as many flowers, but this year I hope that we can do so.

As you prepare for Lent, take some time to think about a Lenten Rule of Life. This should include "self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." (Book of Common Prayer, Pg. 265)



We enter the Seasons of Lent and Easter with the same sense of unpredictability as we have at Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. We will continue our lives together as Priest and Congregation until such time as the borders are opened and my paperwork is completed!

Holy Lent,

### Ash Wednesday

This liturgy, which begins our 40 day journey of Lent, will be celebrated at 10:30 on Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. We will have our traditional Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes.

## OCEAN CLUSTER NEWS

The Ocean Cluster of churches, St. Paul's Berlin, St. Paul's by-the-Sea and Church of the Holy Spirit, has not been able to have our three-parish events for the last couple of years, due to Covid. We are anxious to have members of all three churches remember that we are a group, and that when we can, we do things together.

With that in mind, we decided it would be a good Lenten project to pray for members of the Cluster, and not just our own church members. So we are going to have a postcard prayer project. Each household in the Cluster will get a postcard, asking them to pray for a certain randomly selected household in the Cluster during Lent. We think this will encourage prayer during Lent, but also remind us that we are all in this together, as a group of churches. And it will strengthen our bonds as fellow Christians and Cluster members when we can meet again in person.

## CHURCH MOUSE UPDATES

Despite both challenging and different issues during the past 24+ months that the Church Mouse has had to contend with during the COVID Quarantine we have been able to continue our mission. Naturally we have made some changes in our operation.

The days open have decreased, we are no longer open on Monday and Tuesday. At one point we totally closed for a brief period of time. Upon re-opening we were very strict with the wearing of masks by both staff and guests.

With the size of the store and the fact we have 2 dead end aisles (no room to rotate around) we limited the amount of customers at one time to 6. Yet despite these changes we have been able to "hang in there" and continue to fulfill our mission.

We have had to be even more selective on items received. It has become necessary to cut back on the amount and type of clothing items we accept. Please feel free to contact Helen (443 513 6655) if you have any questions as to what is acceptable. We can always use jewelry, mugs and books. **PLEASE NO** technical manuals, text books etc. Our best sellers are novels and children's books. Puzzles and board games have become a big seller during the COVID Shutdown. The boxes should be taped shut and of course no missing pieces.

As you most likely are aware our shop is very small and with very little storage space. PLEASE do not bring donations to the store if at all possible. We normally request that they be taken to Helen's house where they are sorted, tagged and stored until needed. In addition parking is almost always an issue in town, so it is much easier for you to use this method.

Contact Helen 443 513 6655 to arrange drop off. She lives off Broad St just a few blocks from the shop.

Thanks to all that have donated to us. A big **THANK YOU** also is in order for various town merchants that thru the years have donated surplus items from their shops. Berlin's Main Street Program has been a big help to all merchants in promoting the businesses in town. Various town festivals, shows, etc. usually mean more than average sales.

**And a special thanks to the volunteers that have hung on thru the past months enabling us to remain open!**

## OUTREACH

Some of our more recent donations include Samaritan Shelter, Jesse Klump Memorial Fund and Hope for Recovery, Children's Home Foundation, G.O.L.D, gift cards for families, Worcester Goes Purple, Toys for Tots, Christmas for Seniors, ERD, Camp Wright, Cricket Center. We have provided help to several veterans that needed emergency assistance for a deposit on housing. In addition we have been able to help out several families that suffered losses due to a fire in their homes. A gift card to WALMART is always helpful in such situations

**HELEN WILEY**  
Coordinator, Church Mouse Thrift Shop



## Easter Flowers

As we have done for several years in the recent past, we will be using the system that we use at Christmas for purchasing the flowers to decorate for Easter. Instead of people choosing and purchasing flowers from a list, we will be receiving monetary donations and use those donations to purchase the flowers. Thank you for helping us to decorate the Church for Easter!



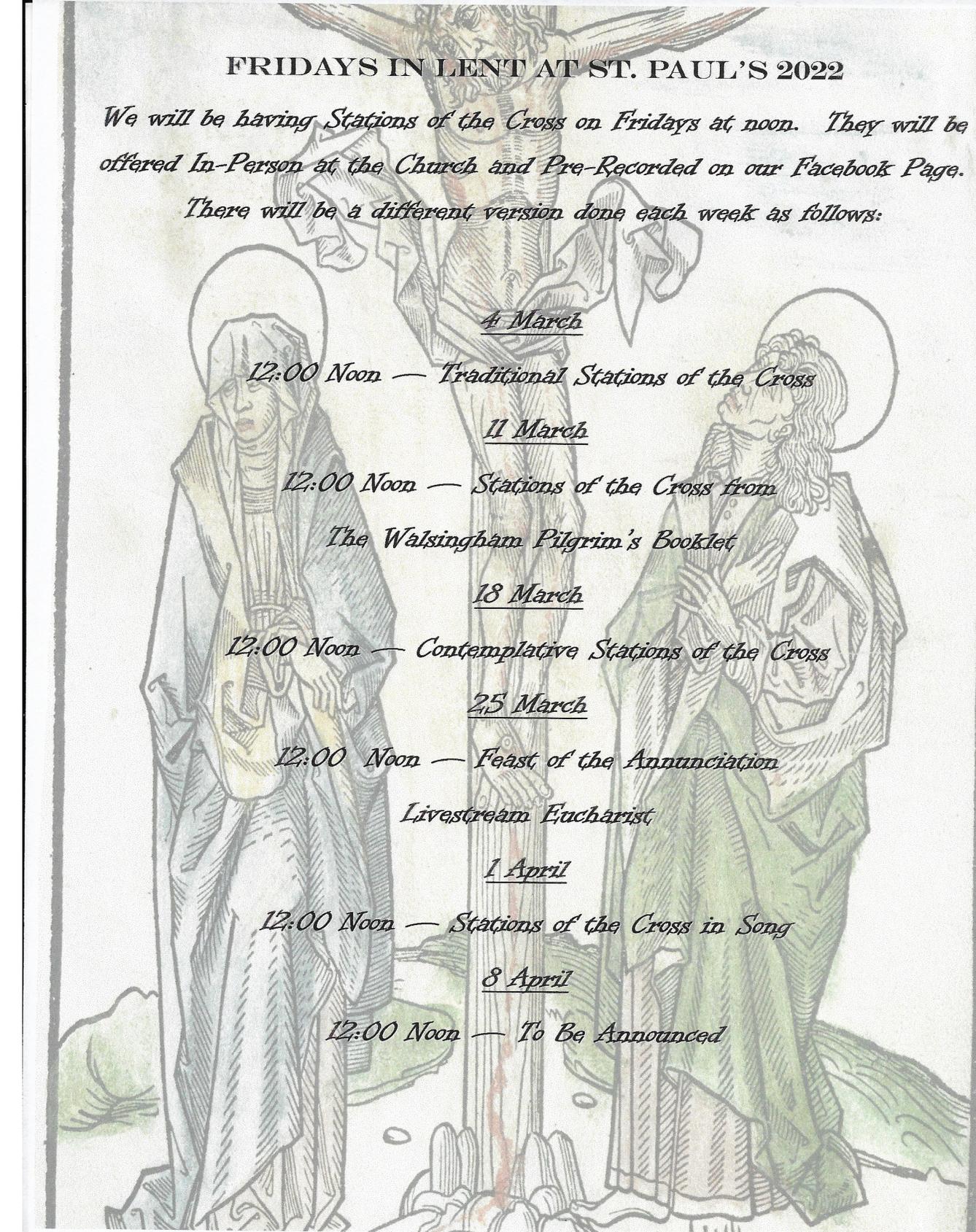
Easter Memorials

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

In Thanksgiving of \_\_\_\_\_



## FRIDAYS IN LENT AT ST. PAUL'S 2022

*We will be having Stations of the Cross on Fridays at noon. They will be offered In-Person at the Church and Pre-Recorded on our Facebook Page.*

*There will be a different version done each week as follows:*

*4 March*

*12:00 Noon — Traditional Stations of the Cross*

*11 March*

*12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross from*

*The Walsingham Pilgrim's Booklet*

*18 March*

*12:00 Noon — Contemplative Stations of the Cross*

*25 March*

*12:00 Noon — Feast of the Annunciation*

*Livestream Eucharist*

*1 April*

*12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross in Song*

*8 April*

*12:00 Noon — To Be Announced*



## *March Birthdays*

- 2 *Savanna Hastings*
- 5 *Hattie Quick*
- 13 *Karen Neville*
- 15 *Faith Stanley*
- 16 *Patty Hammond*
- 17 *Earl F. Conley, II*
- 18 *Diane Brown*
- 20 *Bob St. Clair*  
*Abigayle Conley*
- 24 *Robin Peoples*
- 27 *Betty Hammond*
- 31 *Steve Main*

## *April Birthdays*

- 2 *Carol Vaughan*
- 4 *Fric Hutchinson*
- 6 *Chandler Smith*
- 11 *Bo Duke*
- 12 *Jim Short*
- 15 *Dave Hammond*
- 17 *Elizabeth Moore*
- 19 *Emily Sudbrink*
- 20 *Susan Moore*
- 21 *D. J. Thompson*

## *May Birthdays*

- 1 *Jan Bucciare*
- 3 *Alex Moore James Blackmore*
- 4 *Theresa Bruner*
- 5 *Laura Jenkins*

- 6 *Fr. Michael Moyer*
- 9 *Patrick Reid*  
*George DeGroot*
- 11 *Addison Conley*
- 12 *Virginia Barrett*  
*Bill Blackmore*  
*Missy Freeman*
- 15 *Nancy Lehman*
- 19 *Phyllis Ashley*  
*Loni MacKinnon*
- 25 *Maggie Weil*
- 26 *Judie Short*
- 27 *Sherrie Beckstead*
- 28 *Ellen Bunting*
- 29 *Rachael Pacella*



## *March Anniversaries*

*Bill & Rosanna Bruning*

## *April Anniversaries*

- 7 *Cliff & Jerrie Birch*
- 21 *Charles & Mechelle Nichols*
- 30 *Shirley Hartman &*  
*Gerry Kizina*

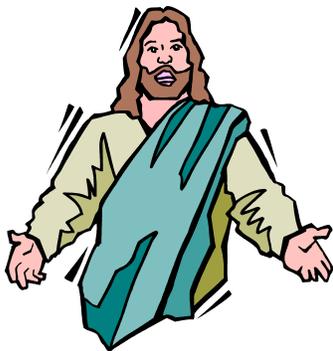
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- 3 *Fric & Susan Hutchinson*
- 4 *Ordination of Dick Bunting*
- 27 *Jim & Jan Quick*

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## *Mission Statement*

*Our Mission is to offer and nourish a relationship with God in Jesus Christ, our Lord, through worship, outreach, fellowship, and study.*

### Vestry and Officers

Senior Warden: Sarah Hooper, Junior Warden: Dave Hammond  
Treasurer: Susan Wellman,

Vestry Members: Bob Abel                      Bill Blackmore                      Ray Coates, Jr.

Dave Hammond      Patty Hammond      Sarah Hooper      Deb Ritz