



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

Lent/Easter 2020 Edition

From the Rector

Dear Parish Family:

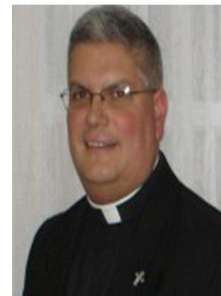
If you have ever dealt with an unruly computer or other electronic device, you may have found that the only way to get things to work the way they are supposed to is to either “re-start” or “re-boot”. I take the Season of Lent as a time to “reboot”. It is a time in which I can look at all the aspects of my life – from how I eat, to how I pray, to my relationship with Jesus and others. It is a time for self-reflection, but not for selfishness. Jesus calls us to love of God, neighbor, and self. If we are to have healthy relationships in all of these areas, then time to reflect on these relationships is crucial.

Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will find the words of the invitation to a Holy Lent found in our Prayer Book. In this invitation we are called to “... self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.” You notice that the self examination and repentance are the goal – prayer, fasting, self-denial, and reading and meditation are aids to our self-examination and repentance.

Take some time during the Season of Lent to “reboot”. If we look at ourselves and repent of that which turns us away from our relationships with God, neighbor, and self, then we truly will be able to celebrate the Great Feast of Easter with a renewed sense of joy!

Holy Lent,

The Very Rev'd Michael D. Moyer OGS



St. Paul's New Intern

Beginning Ash Wednesday and running through October, St. Paul's will be having an Intern who is going through the Ordination Process to become a Vocational Deacon like our own Deacon Dick Bunting. Her name is Chris Sabas, and Fr. Moyer asked her to write an introduction to the Parish Family for this newsletter. Here is what she wrote:

Chris, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I very much look forward to my time at St. Paul's and getting to know each of you. I have been discerning a call to ordination for over ten years. I was employed at the time I heard the Lord, as a lawyer, owning my own practice. I focused primarily on US immigration law (mostly deportation defense, but I also represented two universities and other private business clients) but I also served for a time as a public defender (both in juvenile court and adult court).

Choosing to focus on US immigration law is probably not surprising given my background: I am a naturalized US citizen, born in Iran, to Iranian parents. I do not know my birthday as I was abandoned as a new born in Shiraz. Flown to Tehran, I spent approximately ten months in an orphanage prior to being adopted by my American mother and father, January 1975 (the orphanage selected my birthday as May 10, 1974). We left Iran late 1975. Both of my parents have cited my adoption as being led to Christ; the three of us were baptized together in Tehran. My father

eventually became a United Methodist minister, having recently retired.

It has taken me these past ten to gain clarity concerning my call. I decided to 'retire' from practicing law and closed my practice within a couple of years of receiving God's nudge and set out. I joined Christian Peacemaker Teams ("CPT") (www.cpt.org) which is a faith based, international community that turns faith into action for peace.

CPT places trained teams at the invitation of local peacemaking communities that are confronting situations of lethal conflict. These teams support and amplify the voices of local peacemakers who risk injury and death by waging nonviolent direct action in ways similar to that of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Ghandi to confront systems of violence and oppression.

With CPT, I spent time in Colombia accompanying campesinos (farmers) against guerrilla type forces and the state army; Hebron, Palestine, in the occupied West Bank; and Canada, spending time with a variety of indigenous/Native communities who pushed back against development on sacred ground and/or unceded land as well as treaty territories. One campaign, the Elsipogtog fracking resistance initiative, received international attention. I spent almost half a year with the Elsipogtog band and was present and filmed portions of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) raid of the blockade encampment.

I live in Salisbury. Prior to beginning diaconal studies, I attended worship and participated in the communal life of St. Albans.

Stewardship Thought

Lent is a time in which we are to be particularly mindful of our stewardship of time, talent, and treasure. During the Ash Wednesday liturgy, the celebrant uses these words: "I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word." This invitation to a Holy Lent incorporates all of the areas of our Stewardship. Please make Stewardship a part of your Lenten Rule of Life.

Cluster News

The Ocean Cluster will be holding a Lenten Quiet Day on Friday, 20 March from 10:00 – 2:00. It will be held at St. Paul's in Berlin. Please bring a bagged lunch, and beverages will be provided.

Also during Lent, the Churches of the Ocean Cluster will be collecting items for Hope4 Recovery House in Berlin. As we did during Advent, we will collect paper products, laundry detergent, and monies to be used for the purchase of bus passes (please be sure to make checks out to Hope4Recovery and note "bus passes" in the memo.

Shrove Tuesday at



We no longer have the "people power" to have our Annual Pancake Supper. As we did last year, we will gather at our local IHOP (off of Route 50 behind the McDonald's)! Just go to IHOP with your family, friends, and Parish Family any time during Shrove Tuesday (26 February) Make sure you tell them that you are with St. Paul's Episcopal Church when you pay your bill. IHOP will keep a copy of the receipts and their corporate office will give a percentage to the Church as a gift!

Here is the wrinkle:

Pancakes are free at IHOP that day! If you would like to help raise funds for the Church, please order other items in addition to your pancakes.

Spread the word!

OUTREACH

During 2019 we were able to support a wide range of organizations. Some of them included:

Meals on wheels, Camp Wright, WYFC, minority scholarship, School Supplies (book bags), Believe in Tomorrow House by the Sea, Operation We Care, Honor Flight, Camp Agape, The Spirit Kitchen, Berlin Baptist Food Pantry. Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Cricket Center, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics Meals on Wheels, Seaman Church, Worcester Youth & Family Center (SAGES & SABERS Programs for Youths), Camp Wright, Hope for Recovery,

OUTREACH FOR 2020

Our tentative Schedule for collecting items for various outreach include the following items. These are the items collected in the Narthex each month.

Jan & Feb: Canned soups (Please consider attaching \$1 bill with rubber band to a few cans – optional)

March: Breakfast foods for Berlin Baptist food pantry (Breakfast bars, cereal, instant oatmeal packs, pancake mix.

April: Can goods

May: Personnel hygiene for Spirit kitchen toothpaste, tooth brushes, bars of soap, shampoo and deodorant for males and females

June: Vacation Bible School (Exact items to be announced in bulletin)

July: School supplies (Exact items to be announced in bulletin)

Aug: Berlin Baptist Food Pantry spaghetti sauce (**in plastic jars NOT GLASS!**) pasta, rice, and canned meats

Sept: can vegetables

October: Breakfast foods, (Individual oatmeal packs, breakfast bars and cereals

Nov: Canned goods canned tuna, chicken ,baked beans, apple sauce (**in plastic jars NOT GLASS!**) **Dec:** Can goods

CHURCH MOUSE

We experienced a slight drop in profits this year. It can be attributed to an extended cold spell in the winter and extremely hot spell in

the summer. In talking with other merchants it was a trend almost all experienced last year. We have altered our Store Hours until March. We will be open from 11:00-3:00 Wednesday to Saturday. We continue to request you bring donations in before by 1 PM if at all possible. And as we have requested previously: Clothing should be seasonal, and not require repair. Please limit amount of items brought to store, larger amounts should be taken to Helen's house, near the Church Mouse. Please call her 443 513-6655 to arrange time convenient to you and her. We do not have room to process large amounts of donations in the store.

We are always in need of jewelry, house hold items and books. (Novels, Cook Books, Children's Books only. (PLEASE No text books, damaged items etc.)

During March we will be displaying (as most town merchants will be doing) art work by local students. Stop in and see. Remember except for January and February we are open on the 2nd Friday of each month for the Berlin "2nd Friday" as well as extended hours during town events.

In closing 2 things to share.

A local family were victims of a recent fire and given clothing and a gift card to purchase much needed items. The mother came into the shop and expressed to Jan B how grateful and appreciated for our kindness at a difficult time.

"Prayer doesn't only happen when we put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. When you hug a friend, that's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends, that's a prayer. When you send off your near and dear ones and say, 'Drive safely,' that's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy, you are praying. Prayer is a vibration, a feeling, a thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, and genuine relationships. Prayer is an expression of your silent being."

Love one another. □□□□

#churchmousethriftshop #spreadinglove♥□

#stpaulseiscopalchurchmd #coolberlin

New Members of the Vestry.



Dave Hammond

After vacationing on the Eastern Shore for most of my life, in 2007, I finally relocated here from Pennsylvania and Shortly after that I met Patty. I've spent most of my career working in the food manufacturing industry in technical sales and later as a business owner.

In 2014, I got my real estate license and began working part time in that industry as a way to transition myself out of all the travel required with the other business. I now am a full time Real Estate agent and maintain a few select clients in the other business.

When Patty and I made the decision to begin our search for a church, St. Paul's was recommended to us by a colleague. We are both so happy to have found a church family that is so welcoming.

Patty and I live in West Ocean city with our two dogs, Lelia and Molly. Patty is also a Real Estate agent.

I enjoy hunting, fishing, boating and the beach. I am also an amateur photographer and enjoy shooting wildlife, particularly at Assateague Island. Patty is my best friend and the love of my life. We work and play together and that is something we are particularly proud of.



Anthony Turner

I was born and grew up in Zimbabwe, Southern Africa. I came to the United States in 1970 to study and work. I graduated from George Washington University with a BA in Business Administration (international Business) and worked at the International Monetary Fund from 1972 - 2002. I began attending services at St. Paul's Berlin in 1973 while visiting my summer home in Ironshire. St. Paul's became my home church in 2017 upon moving to a full-time home south of Berlin.

LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES

BISHOP SAN LEADS LENTEN SERIES

BISHOP SAN WILL BE LEADING A LENTEN LUNCHEON SERIES ON ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU'S "NO FUTURE WITHOUT FORGIVENESS: A LOST DISCIPLINE IN THE 21ST CENTURY CHURCH."

Forgiveness is one of the fundamental messages preached by John the Baptist and Jesus Christ. It is a discipline lived out in the act of contrition and clearly defined and intentionally incorporated in private and corporate daily worship. We are trained and nurtured in the Christian virtue of humility which precipitates a contrite heart and broken spirit. David models this attitude in his relationship with God, "the sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit; * a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." (Psalm 51) We pray the act of contrition before we approach the altar of God to receive the sacred and holy body and blood of our Lord and Savior.

Each session is an hour beginning at 11 a.m. ending at noon, followed by a simple meal of soup, salad, sandwich and desserts.

**Come spend your lunch break
in reflection and fellowship.**



**START TIME: 11AM
LUNCH: NO COST
DATES:**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 3RD**

**St. Mary Anne's,
North East
315 S. Main Street
North East, MD 21901**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 17TH**

**St. Mary Anne's,
North East
315 S. Main Street
North East, MD 21901**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 24TH**

**St. Andrew's,
Princess Anne
30513 Washington St
Princess Anne, MD 21853**

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 31ST**

**Holy Spirit, Ocean City
10001 Coastal Highway
Ocean City, MD 21842**

**For further info. call
410-822-1919**

FRIDAYS IN LENT AT ST. PAUL'S 2020

28 February

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
Using our Traditional Booklet

6 March

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
Using the form from
The Anglican Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham

13 March

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
Using a Contemplative Form

20 March

10:00 — 2:00 Ocean Cluster Quiet Day
Held at St. Paul's, Berlin
Brown Bag Lunch, Beverages Provided

27 March

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
Reflections by The Virgin Mary

3 April

12:00 noon Stations of the Cross
The Stations in Song

10 April

12:00 noon Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Flowers

As we did last year, we will be using the system that we use at Christmas for the 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 for:

A Three Parish Pilgrimage
For Wednesday in Holy Week
8 April 2020

Everyone is invited to participate in all or part of our Annual Pilgrimage Experience. This year, we are having the entire Pilgrimage at Church of the Holy Spirit.

The Evening begins at 5:00 p.m.
Evening Prayer
Lead by St. Paul's By-the-Sea,
Ocean City

Followed by
Simple Lenten Supper
Hosted By Church of the Holy
Spirit

(Please sign up, so we know how many will be attending Supper)

Followed by
Compline
Lead by St. Paul's, Berlin



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
- 21 *Ann Woodland*
- 23 *Jody Butler*
- 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*
- 13 *Jonas Cole*
- 15 *Dave Hammond*
- 16 *Esther Taylor*
- 17 *Elizabeth Moore*
- 19 *Emily Sudbrink*
- 20 *Susan Moore*
- 21 *D. J. Thompson*

May Birthdays

- 1 *Jan Bucciari*
- 3 *Alex Moore James Blackmore*
- 4 *Patricia Fisher*

- 4 *Theresa Bruner*
- 5 *Laura Jenkins*
- 6 *Fr. Michael Moyer*
- 7 *Roger Bredehorst*
- 9 *Patrick Reid George DeGroft*
- 11 *Addison Conley*
- 12 *Virginia Barrett*
Bill Blackmore
Missy Freeman
- 13 *Dymphna Jessich*
- 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

- 21 *Bob & Carol Vaughan*

April Anniversaries

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

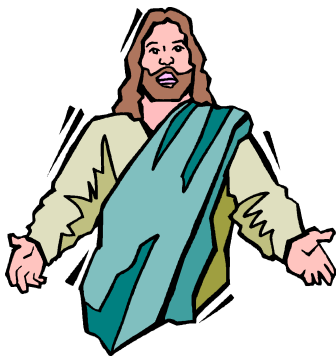
May Anniversaries

- 3 *Fric & Susan Hutchinson*
- 4 *Ordination of Dick Bunting*
- 18 *Joe & Sue Garliss*
- 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: Ray Coates, Jr., Junior Warden: Treasurer: Susan Wellman,

Vestry Members:	Bob Abel	Ray Coates, Jr.	Dave Hammond
Sarah Hooper	Sandy Picella	Deb Ritz	Anthony Turner