

OLD ST. PAUL'S BALTIMORE



Finding Inspiration

By The Rev. Mary Luck Stanley

The Spiritual Formation of Children and Youth

For the past fourteen years, we have been intentionally working with our leaders to build programs to support the spiritual development of children and their families. This year we have some spectacular staff and volunteers lined up to lead Sunday School, Children's Worship, Play Group, Nursery Care, and Youth Group. With so many children, and all the new babies in our parish, we are especially grateful to God for these blessings.

Newsletter Cover Art & New Web Site

The art on the newsletter cover was designed by Frank Perrelli of "Perrelli Fine Art and Design." Frank has more than thirty years of graphic design experience, with sixteen years devoted to website development. Frank has designed a brand new website for our Church, and you can view it online at stpaulsbaltimore.org. Each week I will be updating the home page of the web site so that people can stay informed about upcoming events and news.

The Forum

I'm pleased to share the new Forum schedule for this fall, and I want to invite you to join us for these sacred conversations about life. Think of going to The Forum as a chance to enjoy some soul food, or time set aside to nurture your spirit. Consider making it a discipline to come to The Forum on Sundays, knowing that you will be fed, uplifted, and enriched by the experience. The Forum schedule appears in this newsletter, as well as on the new website. We have some amazing guest speakers joining us this fall. Please set aside this time to take care of your inner life, and to feel more connected with your faith community by participating in The Forum on Sunday mornings from 9:30-10:20.

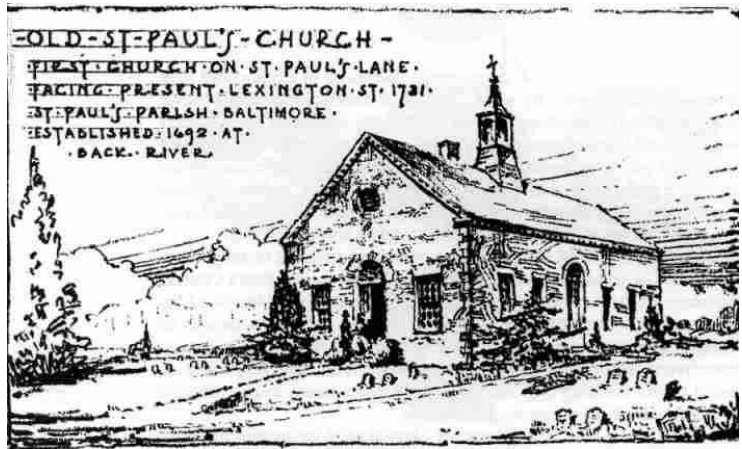
Uncovering the History of our Church's Relationship to Slavery

On November 4th at 9:00 a.m. all are invited to join me at the Church to stand up against racism. That morning the Trail of Souls Pilgrimage, sponsored by the Truth & Justice Commission of the Diocese of Maryland will bring two buses filled with Episcopalians who will visit three downtown parishes to hear about their research into their own histories of slavery. I will present research on the history of St. Paul's Church and share what we have learned thus far. I've invited John Henderson to present about his research into Reverdy Johnson, whose memorial is in our Church. If you are yearning for an end to systemic racism, and you want to make an impact, here is your opportunity to do something important. Please join us that morning to host the bus loads of people who will be coming to Old St. Paul's to hear us tell the story about the role of slavery in the founding of our Church, as well as the heroic stories of past Church leaders who worked for the abolition of slavery as well as the spiritual care of slaves in Baltimore Town.

**You are warmly invited to our 325th Anniversary Celebration
on the morning of Sunday, September 17th
with a 1662 Prayer Book Liturgy at 10:30 a.m.
Followed by a Festive Party**

Art Thou Ready for Our 325th Anniversary Celebration?

On Sunday, September 17 we will have a special celebration of our 325th year. Since our Church was founded in 1692, our liturgy on that day will be drawn from the 1662 Church of England Book of Common Prayer. Not only will the wording be different, but you will experience a slightly different order and inclusion of items that we will not be used to. For example, they used to recite the entire list of the Ten Commandments each Sunday. The



hymns as well as the choir anthems will be from that period. In addition we have hired two special instrumentalists who will play music from the 17th century. Some people might be in costume including the possibility of the Rector wearing a powdered wig (at least at the reception.) A festive reception will follow in the back of the Church. Join us.

We are pleased to welcome visiting musicians, Mark Janello and JT Mitchell, who will help us to celebrate our 325th parish anniversary by offering their combined expertise and artistry in historic music from around 1692, the year of our founding. Mark Janello, harpsichordist and Chair of the Department of Music Theory at Peabody, has performed with the Baltimore Symphony and Bach Sinfonia, to name only two. JT Mitchell, baroque flutist and Master's candidate at Peabody, studies baroque flute with Gwynn Roberts and harpsichord with Adam Pearl. Entering his second year at Peabody, JT is quickly becoming a much sought after performer of early music throughout the region. Our visiting duo will perform before the service and afterwards during our celebration at the back of the sanctuary. What a treat!

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, September 24 during the 10:30 a.m. Service.

All students, teachers, and educators are invited to come forward at announcement time to have their backpacks blessed for the new school year. This is an important time of year with many going back to school. Our church wants to pray for students, teachers, and educators to have a wonderful year. All ages are invited to participate.

Kick off of our Education & Fellowship Programs

All ages and stages are invited to join us on Sunday, September 24th, when we will start the new season of The Forum, Youth Group, and Sunday School.

Children's Worship

As part of our worship ministry, this program happens during the 10:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word, so that young children and parents can gather in the Undercroft for songs led by our musician, Joe Smith, with the Good News presented by the clergy.

Newcomer Party

Those who have joined the Church in the past year are invited to join us for a special party hosted by Gary Montgomery and Wayne Larson in their beautiful home. Save the date of Sunday, November 12 in the evening for this special event.

The Greening of the Church

On Sunday, November 26th, all ages are invited to stay after the 10:30 service so that we can enjoy decorating the church for Advent and Christmas, while sharing lunch together. Jeanne Neifert and Mary Luck Stanley are coordinating this event and we need the help of some volunteers. So let us know if you can assist with hosting the lunch, etc. that day. All others, adults and children and youth, are most welcome to stay and decorate the church for the holidays. There is no Education Hour on this date, FYI.

Advent Wreath Making Event

All ages are invited to join us on Sunday, December 3rd so that each household can create a beautiful evergreen Advent Wreath to adorn the family dinner table for the four weeks leading up to Christmas. Supplies will be provided for this event that will take place in the Undercroft. Volunteers are needed so contact Jeanne Neifert or Mary Stanley if you want to help us get ready, especially on the day before the event. We will be asking for donations to offset the cost of the supplies.

Receptions after Church

Thanks to Carrie Smedstad and her team of Hospitality Volunteers, we are back in the swing of providing great coffee and delicious treats every Sunday after the 10:30 service. Join us!

What's Ahead?

By The Rev. Mark Stanley, Rector

325 and Counting

On Sunday, September 17 we are going to have a special celebration of our 325 years of worship and service as a congregation. Three hundred and twenty five years is a pretty long time. If a generation is roughly 25 years, then our congregation has been around for 13 generations. It was so long ago that the Salem witch trials were going on during the same year as our parish's founding – 1692. For the liturgy on that Sunday we will be using the prayers from the 1662 Anglican Book of Common Prayer. The music will also be from the late 1600's. After worship, we will have a festive party in the back of the church. And I have a powdered wig I plan to wear at the reception! This is an event you will not want to miss.



New Staff

You will read in this Newsletter about the new staff who are leading ministries in the fall. Audrey Gagnon brings a wealth of experience as she joins us as our Youth Minister. Jeanne Neifert has been part of our congregation and will be fantastic leading our Sunday School. Carrie Smedstad began last spring and we are thankful she will continue overseeing our receptions after church. John Walker will be our substitute organist while Katie El-Diwanly is on Parental Leave. We are blessed to have these gifted leaders on our church staff.

Asking for Two Hours and 15 minutes

Again the fall I would like to make an appeal that everyone consider Sunday morning as a **two hour and 15 minute experience**. One hour of this time is for worship. Central to what we do as Christians is to be strengthened spiritually as we gather to offer our prayers and praise to God. Another hour is for the education. This is the chance for all ages to learn and grow in our faith. Please know that your regular presence at the forum and your children's presence at Sunday School or Youth group makes a difference. That final 15 minutes – that is for fellowship after church! We have such a terrific community and here is an ideal way to greet new people as well as deepen ongoing relationships. In the midst of busy lives thank you for making the effort to carve out 2 hours and 15 minutes on Sundays for God, for yourself, and for your community.



Forum Schedule for Fall 2017

Sundays, 9:30-10:20 a.m., at The Grand, next door to the Church

September 24, 2017 My Top Ten Inspirational Works of Art

Join The Rev. Mark Stanley who will give a slide show presentation of his personal favorite works of art. From Michelangelo's David to Durham Cathedral, hear what artworks inspire him the most. The Rev. Mark Stanley is Rector of Old St. Paul's Church.

October 1 The Holy Shroud: Journey of Discovery

Join Gary Vikan on his 35 year quest to solve the mysteries of the Shroud of Turin: when and where it was made, by whom, and how, and why. He will explore questions related to the authenticity of the shroud, which many have claimed to be the burial shroud of Jesus. Gary Vikan recently stepped down from being the Director of the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore, and he continues to write books on the history of great art.

October 8 Lamentation

Lament is one of the most common forms of prayer in the Hebrew scriptures. There are more psalms of lament than psalms of praise or thanksgiving. This forum will explore the following questions: What is lament, and how is it different from complaining or from grieving? Is there lament in the New Testament? Is lament a valid act for Christians in light of the resurrection and God's victory in Christ? Led by Rebekah Eklund, who teaches Scripture, Theology, and Ethics at Loyola University Maryland. She is also an ordained minister in the Evangelical Covenant Church.

October 15 Uncovering the Hidden History of St. Paul's Church

Join the Rev. Mary Luck Stanley, Associate Rector, and Mr. John Henderson, attorney and judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, to learn about research into the history of St. Paul's Church with regards to slavery, abolition, and the ongoing struggle for equality. Bringing parts of our history out of the darkness and into the light will be a real contribution to our collective efforts to deal with the legacy of racism.

October 22 Spirituality for Confronting White Supremacy; a pastor in Charlottesville

Lutheran pastor Lura Groen will reflect on her experience responding to the call for white clergy to come to Charlottesville to stand up to white supremacy. What spiritualities from our traditions can help those of us who are doing anti-racism work?

October 29 The 500 Year Anniversary of Martin Luther Sparking the Reformation

On October 31st, 1517 a monk named Martin Luther triggered a spiritual revolution that had worldwide consequences. What was at stake for him? How do his actions impact us today? Join The Rev. Mark Stanley to explore the meaning of this pivotal moment in the Protestant Reformation.



November 5 Life is Good: keeping your balance while juggling

Join The Rev. Mary Luck Stanley to explore the many ways modern life conspires against our efforts to strike a wholesome balance. It can seem like a never ending struggle as we strive to remain healthy while also living large. Come and have a conversation about ways that our faith tradition can bolster our efforts to seek wholeness and wellbeing.

November 12 The Music of Healing

When his sister Miriam is stricken with illness, Moses prays a short but effective one-line healing prayer, "please God, heal her." When we sing this and other sung prayers for healing, we call upon God to strengthen our loved ones, and ourselves. Join Kim Komrad, who is the ordained Cantor at Kehilat Shalom, a Jewish Synagogue in Gaithersburg, MD.

November 19 Just War and the Children of Abraham

With wars and rumors of war, how should the children of Abraham (Jews, Christians, and Muslims) respond? Contemporary just war theory is a Christian invention, but it does not hold up well in the light of the Love commandment and the nuances particular to Judaism and Islam. Our discussion will examine just war theory and consider some alternative Christian responses to it. Led by The Rev. Dr. Chris Dreisbach

November 26, No Forum

All ages are invited to help with the Greening of the Church, at 11:30 a.m., includes lunch

December 3, No Forum

All ages are invited to participate in an Advent Wreath Making Event in the Undercroft, from 9:30-10:20 a.m.

December 10 Partnering for A Moral Cause: Growing the Good in Our Children

We are all on the same team! Raising children with the goal of fostering the growth of goodness is a shared aspiration, but at times, parenting is lonely, frustrating, and countercultural. We will discuss how to build bridges with the many stakeholders in our children's lives and have an open dialogue about the opportunities and challenges we face in our modern and busy world. Join Penny Evins who is a mother, wife, educator, aunt, community builder, and Head of St. Paul's School for Girls.

December 17 Going to School in Black & White: A Duel Memoir of Desegregation

Join Cindy Geary, a member of our parish, and LaHoma Romocki as they tell their stories about when they were both teenage girls, one white and one black, while school desegregation was happening in Durham North Carolina in 1970. As an adult, Cindy worked for nearly 30 years doing international reproductive health research. LaHoma is a professor of global health at North Carolina Central University. Their book is coming out this fall and will be available for sale at The Forum.

December 24 Christmas Eve Break, No Forum

December 31 New Year's Eve Break, No Forum

Children's Formation

By Jeanne Neifert, Sunday School Director

Children who are out of diapers through fourth grade are invited to participate in our Sunday School groups on Sunday mornings during the education hour from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m., gathering in the undercroft. Using the Episcopal curriculum "Weaving God's Promises", teachers design weekly lessons for the children that are both fun and informative, covering the basics of the Christian faith. The classes are led by volunteer teachers who are committed to creating the kind of Christian community where our children will be nurtured in the knowledge that they are loved by God.

There are three groups: Little Lambs is geared to children aged three and out of diapers through kindergarten, the Rainbow Room is for children in kindergarten through second grade, and the Breakfast club is for students in third and fourth grade.

Safe Church Policy: In order to create a safe and secure setting, the whole downstairs undercroft area is reserved for children's programming during Children's Worship and the Education Hour. We follow the Safe Church policy outlined by the Diocese of Maryland which maintains open access for parents to programs in which their children are participating.

Our guiding principle is to continually strive to live the words of our Baptismal Covenant, "To respect the dignity of every human being." As a church, we strive to rise above the norms of our culture by modeling self-discipline and an extra measure of patience, kindness and care of the emotional well-being of others, especially the children in our midst.

Weaving God's Promises is a Christian education program for children from age 3 (and out of diapers) up to 11-12 (5th-6th grades). The curriculum is titled *Weaving God's Promise* after our process of faith formation in which we learn how God's promises of salvation are inextricably woven into our lives. The goal is to teach children the ways of Christ, not only in the church but also in the world, and to give them a solid preparation for entry into the youth program, which in turn will prepare them for Christian adulthood. Through this church school curriculum, we hope to foster the spiritual formation and growth of our children in Christ's love and mercy, to teach a spirit of forgiveness and reconciliation and to send our children out into the world as Christ's ambassadors.

To learn more, contact our Sunday School Director, Jeanne Neifert at sn612@comcast.net.

Youth Group

By Audry Gagnon, Youth Minister

Hey Episcoopeeps! Our new program year begins on September 24, 2017. Join us at 9:30 on Sunday mornings in the upper room. During this time, we have conversations about faith and issues affecting our lives, we get involved with our community by engaging in service projects, and we have fun hanging out with friends.

After church we will grab a quick lunch as we head down to Camden yards to catch the Orioles game. Tickets are \$15 each. RSVP to Audry at acgagnon@charter.net by September 17th if you can come! Throughout the year we will have events outside of our regular Sunday mornings. These include group activities as well as diocesan youth events!

Youth Group Events

September 24, 2017- Fall Kickoff, Orioles Game

October 29, 2017- Halloween Scavenger Hunt after church

Diocesan Events

January 5-7, 2018- Province 3 Youth Retreat, Ocean City

March 16-17, 2018- NYC Nightwatch

Hi y'all! My name is Audry Gagnon and I'm your new youth minister. A little bit about me... I'm originally from Suwanee, Georgia. I graduated from the University of Georgia with degrees in Religion and International Affairs. I moved to Baltimore last year to do Episcopal Service Corps, where I served at the Diocese as the Intern for Justice. In my spare time I love to go hiking and I read like crazy, so if you got recommendations for hiking spots or want to nerd out over Harry Potter stop by and say hi!

Play Group

By Kate Brantley, Community Builder for Families with Infants and Toddlers

Our church continues to grow, especially when it comes to the youngest members of our congregation. I can hardly believe how many babies have been born into the parish in the past year, and how many families with young children have started attending OSP! It truly makes my heart so joyful to see and hear them on Sunday morning.

We at OSP know that parenting young children is hard (and wonderful) work, but connecting with other families in a similar age and stage can help lighten that load. We are excited to continue our Infant and Toddler programming, with a monthly playgroup for families with children aged 0-3. We will provide coffee, snacks, and a place for parents and kids to hang out, enjoy each other's company, and play. We will gather in our wonderful Nursery on the lower level of the Church.

These events are a great opportunity to meet other parishioners and support each other through the "longest, shortest time" that is parenting young children. Please join us on the dates below, and if you have any questions, please contact Kate at brantley.kate@gmail.com.

Dates

September 16	Playgroup, 10:00-Noon, Undercroft
October 7	Parish Day of Service (we will try to make it child friendly)
October 14	Child Friendly Stewardship Party at the Anne & John Henderson's House
November 11	Playgroup, 10:00-Noon, Undercroft
December 9	Playgroup, 10:00-Noon, Undercroft
January 20	Playgroup, 10:00-Noon, Undercroft
February 10	Playgroup, 10:00-Noon, Undercroft

Nursery Care

When young children come to St. Paul's, we want them to feel warm and comfortable as they develop early associations about what it means to be a cherished member of a Christian community. We provide supervised child care on Sundays from 9 am to noon downstairs in the nursery. This program is intended for children ages birth to 3 years while their parents are attending worship or the formation hour. Our child care providers are skilled professional with training in early childhood education. There is a changing table located family bathroom next to the nursery.

Dear Friends of St Paul's,

You are cordially invited to attend an event we are calling **Friends of St Paul's Soirées**. We gather with other members of the St Paul's community for a time of fun, fellowship and a brief reflection on stewardship. There are four events and we invite you to choose the one that best suits you.

October 14, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM, Kids are welcome!
Hosted by Anne & John Henderson, Baltimore (Charles Village)

October 14, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM
Hosted by Vicky & Keith Murray, Towson

October 21, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Hosted by Suzanne & Jim Popa, Ellicott City

October 28, 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Hosted by Jenn & Scott Burkholder, Baltimore (Fells Point)

RSVP to Laura Brodsky at laura@osp1692.org or 410.685.3404. RSVP early to ensure you are able to attend the event of your choice (there are “house capacity” limits on each party). When you reply please indicate your preferred event, the number of adults and number of children. One week prior to the event we will provide you with details on the full address and directions to the location.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We also have many volunteer opportunities and the Stewardship Team appreciates your support in making our Fall Campaign a success. There will be a meeting after church at **11:45 AM on September 10** to learn more about how you can help. Each committee has a leader, but each is also looking for volunteers – so please take a look at the list – and come to the meeting to learn more – or email me with questions.

Friends of St Paul's - Soirees. Lead – Vicky Murray.

We have identified all of our hosts for our Soirees, but every host – can always use help – so we are now looking for “assistants” for each location. Being an assistant will vary – depending on the host's needs and your interests – it could be bringing a dish, serving food, helping with set up or assisting in clean up. Our goal is to create a small team for each host to help make the party a success. So, if you like parties – this is a great committee for you!

Kick Off Sunday(s), October 15 & 22. Lead – Connie Eiseman

There are multiple ways to help make Kick Off Sunday a success – you could bring additional treats for our coffee hour to help make it extra special or help distribute packets on the portico before and after church – always a great way to meet new people!

Thank you Notes. Lead – Eileen Brittain

Ensure that all pledgers are thanked for their pledges.

Storytelling about Life at Old St. Paul's. Lead – Javan Wilson

Do you have a great story to tell about how your experience at Old St Paul's has impacted you or your family's life? Great, we'd like to hear it! We have opportunities for writers and speakers to share their stories.

Early Pledger Celebration at the Ritz Carlton. Lead – Jeanne Neifert

Jeanne and Scott Neifert will once again be hosting the Early Celebration Party on December 2 at the Ritz Carlton. We would welcome your help in preparing food, tending bar, set up and clean up. Last year's party was a huge success – we'd love your help to make this one even better!

We are looking forward to an energetic and fun Stewardship Campaign and we are grateful for your assistance. - Carol Sholes, Stewardship Chair, carolsholes@verizon.net

Growing in Commitment:

An invitation for members of Old St. Paul's

The stewardship team and vestry wish to invite members of Old St. Paul's to take a step toward making a greater commitment to the mission and ministry of our church.

* **If you attend and put money in the offering plate**, you are invited to fill out a pledge card to let the vestry know how much you plan to give in 2018, thus allowing the leadership to estimate what our annual budget will be based on accurate numbers.

* **If you already pledge**, you are invited to increase your pledge, and follow through by making regular payments to sustain the budget of our church.

* **Once you pledge**, you are invited to help the church by arranging for regular payments to be made to the church, either electronically or through your bank, so that your pledge will automatically be paid and up to date, thus helping the church to keep a steady flow of income throughout the year.

* All members are invited to become **“Sustaining Members”** of our church. Sustaining Members will agree to two components of their giving to the church:

- 1) They agree to have their pledges roll over from year to year so that there will no longer be the need for yearly paper work unless there is a wish to modify the pledge amount.
- 2) They will set up an automatic payment so that pledge payments will stay up to date, thus benefitting the church's income flow.

Parish Day of Service: Making a Difference in Baltimore

Saturday, October 7, 2017 (Rain or Shine)

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

All ages are invited to our Parish Workday

Our Social Justice and Service Committee is working through the Civic Works Ricky Myers Day of Service to arrange this event.

Participants from all over Baltimore will

gather at 8:00 a.m. at the Civics Works headquarters (Clifton Mansion in Clifton Park, 2701

St. Lo Drive, Baltimore, 21213) for breakfast, to get your T-shirts and to build enthusiasm.

Then from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. people will go to designated sites including working on an urban farm, planting trees or clearing a vacant lot. Everyone must register so we know how many people are volunteering. Register by filling out the sign up clipboard on Sunday mornings and then going to the website (civicworks.com/programs/day-of-service) or by emailing Mark Stanley (mark@osp1692.org). The registration deadline is September 24.



Providing Casseroles for Those in Need

A new season calls for an increased energy towards our congregation's contribution to the Casserole Program at Our Daily Bread (ODB), a Catholic charity located just blocks from our church. One in four Baltimoreans lives in poverty; Our Daily Bread provides hot meals for these members of our community and aids with job training and placement. The Casserole Program is the backbone of ODB's meal service and allows groups to contribute frozen casseroles to the food ministry, which when served may be the only hot meal a Baltimore resident consumes all week.

Members of the OSP congregation can become involved by:

1. Picking up a baking tin from the back of the church (recipes and packaging instruction are included)
2. Returning the completed dish to the church freezer on any Sunday morning. This freezer is located downstairs, down the hall, and then make a right to find the church kitchen.

The casseroles will be delivered once a month to ODB. If time or culinary skill keep you out of the kitchen, frozen Stouffer's Macaroni & Cheese trays are also happily accepted. We look forward to the continued success of this ministry! For questions or more information, please contact Kristin Gunther (kgunther@vt.edu).

Community News

The Rev. Mary Luck Stanley has been asked to serve on the Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Maryland. This committee discerns with people who feel called to be a priest or deacon in the Episcopal Church. . . **Christian Smedstad** and **Marcus Kozlowski** are new acolytes. . . **Kaitlyn Coghlan, Larry Fillian** and **Frank Bellino** are new hosts. . . **Lauren Grattan, Sean Brown, Heather Bolster, John Bolster, Beverly Bolster** and **Johnny Bolster** are all new readers. . . We now have a new roof and new air conditioning in our 309 Cathedral Street office building. Our thanks to Property Manager **Gordon Stick** for making this happen. . . Baltimore Choral Arts will have a concert at Old St. Paul's on May 7, 2018. . . In the past months these members of our church each moved from Baltimore: **Amber and Kurt Herzer, Suzanne and Michael Van Landingham, Bob Zdenek, Sung Cha.** We send you off with God's blessings. . . Please keep in your prayers: **Robert Anderson** is recovering from back surgery, **Beth Maybach, Ralph Ferrell, Patricia Drehoff** . . . **Lisa Wilde's** new baby **Daphne** is now out of the hospital. She thanks the people who brought her family dinners during this difficult time. . .

Do You Like to Sing?

We have a short term "pick-up choir" opportunity for any parishioners who may be interested in singing a service with our talented choristers. On Sunday November 19, you will join the choir during our 10:30 a.m. worship. In order to prepare, we ask that you commit to two Thursday evening rehearsals (November 9 & 16, 7:30-8:30 p.m.). The choir will perform two anthems together, an offertory anthem and communion anthem. This will be a fun, "no-pressure" experience for those who like to sing but are not able to make a commitment to our music program. Contact our Director of Music, John Smedstad (jsmedstad@stpaulsschool.org) if you are interested.

Quotes for Your Reflection

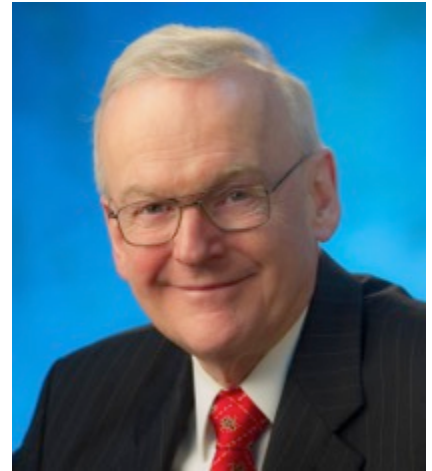
A church that does not provoke any crisis, preach a Gospel that does not unsettle, proclaim a word of God that does not get under anyone's skin or a word of God that does not touch the real sin of the society in which it is proclaimed: what kind of Gospel is that? – Martyred Bishop Oscar Romero

Religion has always been a matter of community building: a matter of building precisely those relations of compassion, fellow feeling and – I dare to use the word – inclusion, which would otherwise be absent from our societies. – Former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams

Substitute Organist John Walker

Our superb organist Katie El-Diwany is expecting the birth of a child in late September. Following that birth she will be taking 3 months of parental leave. During her leave we are blessed to have a world renowned organist playing for us, John Walker.

John is a distinguished teacher, most recently serving as the Professor of Organ Performance at the Peabody Institute. John earned his Doctor of Musical Arts from Stanford University and holds two Master of Music degrees from the American Conservatory of Music. John is the past president of the 16,000 member American Guild of Organists. He has served at many churches including the famed Riverside Church in New York and as the Minister of Music and organist at Brown Memorial Church here in Baltimore. He has traveled around the world giving organ concerts. He has numerous recordings of his organ performance as well as choirs under his direction. It is a real gift to have John offer his talents to our parish during this time.



Upcoming Music at the 10:30 a.m. service

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| September 10 | Return of our Old St. Paul's Choir under the direction of John Smedstad |
| September 17 | Hymns and Anthems from the late 1600's as we celebrate our 325 th Anniversary as a parish. Guest instrumentalists Mark Janello, a harpsichordist, and JT Mitchell, a baroque flutist, will offer period music for our celebration. |
| October 15 | Dr. John Walker begins as organist during Katie El-Diwany's parental leave |
| November 18 | Pick Up Choir sings with our regular choir (Come join us!) |
| December 17 | Join Director, John Smedstad and the St. Paul's Church Choir at 7 p.m. for a festive Christmas concert in the Church. All are welcome! |

Lots of New Babies

Cooper, son of **Kate Widmayer** and **Corey Serio** (and brother to **Charlotte**)

Everly, daughter of **Laura** and **Bobby Turton** (and sister to **Jack** as well as grandson of **Ed Taber**)

Christopher, son of **Jenna** and **Jimmy Canzoniero** (and brother to **Juliana**)

Michael Jr., son of **Dagmara Pychynski** and **Michael Duruamaku** (and brother to **Benjamin**)

Marian, daughter of **Sarah** and **Albert Marquardt** (and sister to **Colin**)

Daphne, daughter of **Lisa** and **Justin Wilde**

Telfair, daughter of **Adrienne** and **Chris Carroll** (and sister to **Walker**)

Hayley, daughter of **Laura** and **Michael Koslow**

Nolan, son of **Erin** and **Nathan Hurd** (and brother to **Maya**)

Cora to newcomers **Tilly Gurman** and **Lance Uradomo** (and sister to **Miguel**)

Weddings

Zoe Bockius-Suwyn and **Rob Rinker**, April 22

Lauran Grattan and **Sean Brown**, June 3

Erica Bauman and **Peter Kimmel**, June 30

Taylor Marino and **Maura Mahoney** will be on September 9

Upcoming Baptisms

On All Saints Sunday, November 5 we will baptize:

Marian, daughter of **Sarah** and **Albert Marquardt**

Cooper, son of **Kate Widmayer** and **Corey Serio**

Telfair, daughter of **Adrienne** and **Chris Carroll**

Hayley, daughter of **Laura** and **Michael Koslow**

If you are interested in baptism or know someone who would like to be baptized, please contact one of our clergy. Upcoming dates are January 7 and February 11.

Summer Newcomer's Party

On Sunday June 4 we welcomed newcomers: **Samantha** and **Matthew Clagett**, **Elizabeth Leik**, **Selwyn** and **Stephanie Toa**, **Michael** and **Lauren Koslow**, **Gillian David** with her son **Owen**, **Frank Fillian** and **Larry Bellino**, **Lesley Matthews**, **Cindy** and **Ron Geary**, **Andrew Rosetti**, **Tilly Gurman** and **Lance Uradomo** with their children **Miguel** and **Cora**, and **Ewan Maclean**. It is great to have these new people as part of our congregation.

Some Outdoor Events

Led by Brian Dalina

September 30th - NCR Trail

Join us on the first hike of the program year! On Saturday, September 30th we will be hiking a 5 mile portion of the NCR Trail in Hunt Valley. For those who have never been, it is a flat, gravel path accessible for hikers of all skill levels. We will meet at the Starbucks on St. Paul Pl. at 10 am, down the street from Old St. Paul's to carpool to the trail. I hope to see you on the trails! Contact Bryan Dalina at bryan.dalina@gmail.com with questions and RSVPs.

November 18th - Susquehanna Eagle Hike

Join us for our 2nd annual eagle hike! On Saturday, November 18th we will return to the trails near Conowingo Dam to view the Bald Eagles as they migrate for the winter. There will be a short hike, with plenty of opportunities to see and photograph the eagles as they fish in the Susquehanna River. We will meet at the Starbucks on St. Paul Pl. at 9 am, down the street from Old St. Paul's to carpool to Susquehanna State Park. I hope you will join us for this adventure. Contact Bryan Dalina at bryan.dalina@gmail.com with questions and RSVPs.

Social Justice and Service Committee

We thank these people who have joined this group to inspire and support the outreach ministries of our congregation: **Suzanne Brown, Nicholas Vaught, Julie Villar, Kristin Gunther, Marijke Sütter, and Cindy Geary**. Be on the lookout in the coming weeks for a parish survey about your outreach interests.

Serve a Meal at Our Daily Bread

Our Daily Bread on Fallsway is just blocks from our church and serves lunch to over 600 people every day of the year. Old St. Paul's has a group that volunteers once a month from 9am to 1 pm to help with this ministry. The upcoming Thursday dates are September 28, October 19, November 30 and December 28. If you are interested in volunteering contact Mark Stanley (mark@osp1692.org).

Calendar

September

- 10 Sunday Sunday School Teacher's Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
Choir begins their season 10:30 a.m.
- 16 Saturday Play Group for parents and their infants/toddlers, 10 a.m.
- 17 Sunday Liturgy from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer, 10:30 a.m.
325th Anniversary Party, 11:30 a.m.
- 24 Sunday Education Hour Kick-Off, 9:30 a.m.
Blessing of the Backpacks, 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group to Orioles Game
- 30 Saturday NCR Trail Hike

October

- 7 Saturday Parish Day of Service, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 14 Saturday Friends of St. Paul's Soirees
- 15 Sunday Stewardship Kick-Off
- 21 Saturday Friends of St. Paul's Soirees
- 28 Saturday Friends of St. Paul's Soirees

November

- 4 Saturday Trail of Souls
- 5 Sunday All Saints Sunday with Baptisms
Daylight savings time (an extra hour to come to Education Hour)
- 9 Thursday Pick Up Choir Rehearsal
- 12 Sunday Newcomers' Party
- 16 Thursday Pick Up Choir Rehearsal
- 18 Saturday Parish Hike
- 19 Sunday Pick Up Choir sings
- 26 Sunday Parish Decorating of the Church, 11:30 a.m.

December

- 1 Friday Saint Paul's School & Saint Paul's School for Girls
Christmas Concert, 7 p.m.
- 2 Saturday Early Pledger Party
- 3 Sunday First Sunday of Advent
Intergenerational Advent Wreath Making Event
- 17 Sunday Christmas Concert by the St. Paul's Choir
- 24 Sunday Sunday a.m. services, Christmas Pageant, Late Service
- 25 Monday Christmas Day

From Easter 2017

