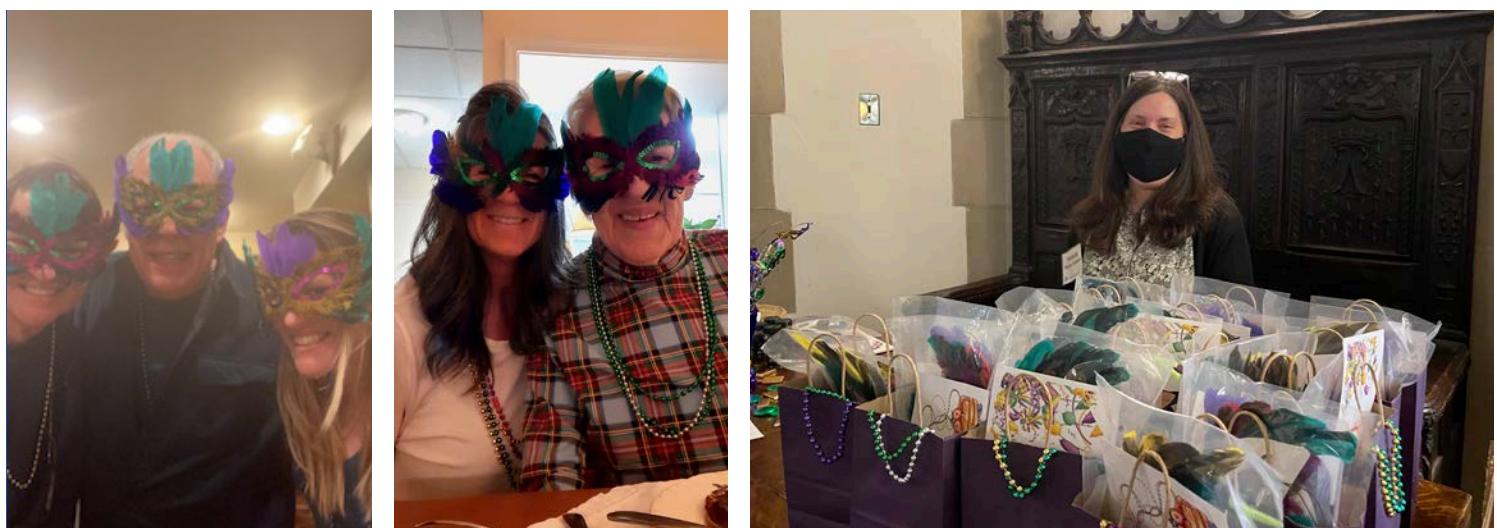




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A HOLY WEEK REFLECTION

Something to Celebrate

The Rev. Brandon Ashcraft



Along with clergy from across the church, I recently attended a webinar to discuss liturgy planning for Holy Week and Easter. The highlight was observing a spirited dialogue between two liturgical scholars I greatly admire. Their comments were both theologically rich and wonderfully practical, but my favorite insight was this: "Holy Week is not time travel."

This comment was offered as a word of caution. It was a warning to avoid curating liturgies as "pious memorials," or occasions for pondering events that happened to Jesus 2,000 years ago.

The speaker was not suggesting that "remembering" has no place in our liturgies. After all, every Sunday in the Eucharist we hear Jesus say, "Do this in remembrance of me." But when there's too much focus on remembering a past event, we create distance between the event and its implications for our lives. Liturgy doesn't only recall God's work in history. It transforms us for participation in God's mission *now!*

In the Maundy Thursday liturgy, we don't observe the foot-washing simply to remember that Jesus washed his disciples' feet. We wash feet to be drawn into humble service, as the body of Christ *now*.

On Good Friday, we don't venerate the cross only to remember how Jesus died two millennia ago. We venerate a cross to marvel at our deliverance from the power of sin and death *today*.

On Easter morning, we don't shout 'He is risen!' as an exercise in historical re-enactment. We proclaim 'He is risen!' because we are members of Christ's risen body. An Easter people *who have been raised from death to life*.

In this most holy week of the church year, we do more than remember what happened to Jesus. *We celebrate what has happened to us.*

How good it will be to celebrate these liturgies together, in person, for the first time in three years. Thanks be to God!

Cover Photos

Our cover photos come from our Shrove Tuesday at Home celebrations. If you took a photo and would like to add it to our collection, there's still time. Just email them to Nathaniel: npowell@stpauls-church.org

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Loaves and Fishes

Jeff and Carol Spero

Our enjoyment of sharing a home-cooked meal with good friends, combined with the many references in scripture to “breaking bread together,” made our decision to volunteer with the Loaves and Fishes ministry easy and fitting. So, in the early fall of 2018, we began our involvement with the kind and generous volunteers of the St. Paul’s Loaves and Fishes ministry, dedicated to “filling the hungry with good things.” Feeding the hungry is central to our shared Christian values, and includes a healthy dose of community.

Upon arriving at the kitchen door of the New Life at Calvary Church, we would find ourselves with a busy group of Loaves and Fishes volunteers preparing a delicious dinner to a host of deserving guests. Never did a time exist when we weren’t made to feel welcome and vital in the effort to alleviate hunger and loneliness in our community. What a wonderful way to live out our Baptismal promise to “seek and serve Christ in all people, loving our neighbor as ourselves.”

Monthly meals continued fearlessly throughout the global COVID pandemic under the steadfast leadership of Jennie Kaffen and Julie Dornback. When Washington National Cathedral Canon Missioner Rev. Leonard Hamlin said in his Morning Prayer message of February 10, 2022, “God rewards risk-taking faith,” his words were a perfect description of the fortitude of Loaves and Fishes volunteers!



We are now helping to guide this wonderful ministry and are finding it an enriching and joyful experience. Due to evolving community needs, we embarked upon a new phase in March. We now serve monthly meals to residents of The Haven Home, a temporary overflow shelter for women and children seeking a stable and loving home, guided and protected by God’s ever-present love. Not only are we grateful for the unselfish generosity and kindness of every member of our group, seldom is there a Sunday when a fellow parishioner doesn’t stop us to introduce him or herself and say thank you. We say thank you to the good people of St. Paul’s. You all share in the success of this ministry! Finally, an unparalleled reward for us has been to get to know and work with Rev. Brandon, who heads up

St. Paul’s Outreach ministries and whose kind and generous spirit always keeps us on track. Thank you friend. We couldn’t do it without you!

We seek anyone who has a desire to serve and to have fun at the same time. We always welcome newcomers! We are grateful for any contribution, whether it is cooking, baking, transporting, or serving, occasionally or regularly. Any cooks or bakers unavailable on the serving dates may leave their contributions in the St. Paul’s kitchen refrigerator or freezer, or in the Church office for cookie drop-off.

For further information, please contact us at cjmspero@gmail.com, or Rev. Brandon at bashcraft@stpauls-church.org.

Meet Another EpiscoPAL Pair

Diane Bush

Every St. Paul's newcomer is offered an EpiscoPAL for their first year here. Existing parishioner Pals get to know the newcomer, invite them to events, and welcome them into our parish life. To learn more, contact Rev. Jessie at jdodson@stpauls-church.org.

Stephen and Erin Whaite

Stephen and Erin came to Cleveland from Wilmington, Delaware, by way of the University of Pittsburgh. They were in Wilmington, Delaware, where Erin was completing a Pediatric Residency program after living in Pittsburgh from 2010 to 2018. Erin has her Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of Pittsburgh with a Bachelor's degree in Neuroscience. Stephen has his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh.

Currently, Erin is a Pediatric Care Fellow at University Hospital Medical at Rainbow Babies and Children's Medical Center. Stephen is a Technical Auditor for Reliability

First Corporation, monitoring compliance with the M.E.C. Reliability Standards within the electric power industry. Both have a variety of interests and hobbies, which include music and reading. In her limited time outside of work, Erin enjoys crochet projects. Stephen enjoys running, cycling, and playing tennis. Both have played a musical instrument. Erin played cello, and Stephen grew up playing piano, drums/percussion, and has played guitar in churches and college groups with more contemporary worship styles. Their household includes two cats, a 9-year old tabby named Paige and a 6-year old black cat named Bear.

Both Erin and Stephen have recently been members of congregations of the Presbyterian Church in America, but the move to Cleveland prompted them to explore different church traditions in 2021. Proximity to their home in University Heights, the number of service options, demonstrated focus on safe pandemic protocols, outdoor



summer services, and scripture-filled liturgy were all factors in drawing them to St. Paul's. Erin and Stephen have appreciated the welcoming and inclusive public worship and are excited to continue to meet other parishioners. They have appreciated the Young Adult Group events they have been able to attend. Stephen has also enjoyed participating in the men's spirituality group and other periodic discussion groups around scripture or related topics.

Meet Another EpiscoPAL Pair

Diane Bush



Jared and Kyra Nay

Jared and Kyra Nay are current parishioners who are EpiscoPALS to Stephen and Erin Whaite. They report that as COVID continues to improve, they are excited to do more in-person events and meet more with Stephen and Erin. Jared and Kyra felt welcomed to St. Paul's from the beginning, especially by Maureen Kilroy's friendly face week after week. They also had a great confirmation group and miss Artt and John, who moved to Texas. They have participated in Young Adult programs and the Foyer group. Kyra has enjoyed attending the Advent and Lent program over Zoom.

They met and married in Boston in 2012. Jared grew up in Waxahachie,

Texas, while Kyra grew up all over: Thousand Oaks, California; Jakarta, Indonesia; Raleigh, North Carolina; Seattle, Washington; Conway, Arkansas; and Akron, Ohio. Jared was raised in the United Methodist Church, and Kyra grew up attending nondenominational Evangelical churches.

They bought a house in University Heights in December 2016 and began attending St. Paul's in 2017. Both are drawn to the inclusive, affirming, and liturgical nature of the Episcopal Church. Kyra attended a few Episcopal services in college and found her new spiritual home in the Episcopal Church after working through the deconstruction of her Evangelical background. Both

were confirmed in May 2018. As a testimony to their commitment to St. Paul's, they have recently moved to Akron but are still attending St. Paul's.

Before moving to the Cleveland area, they lived in Syracuse, New York. Kyra received her B.A. from Gordon College (linguistics) and her Master's of Library and Information Science from Syracuse University. She currently is the head of the children's department at the Maple Heights branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. She enjoys board games, hiking, and reading. She recently served on the 2022 Sibert Committee. (The Sibert Award is presented annually to the author and illustrator names on the title page of the most distinguished information book for children published in the U.S. in English during the preceding year.)

Jared has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of North Texas in New Media Art. He works as I.T. Manager for Global Mac IT and enjoys video games, programming, repairing electronics, and quality bourbon.

They have a two-year-old golden retriever named Brinkley, named after the Golden in *You've Got Mail* (one of Kyra's favorite movies).

Jared and Kyra are a wonderful couple to help Stephen and Erin Whaite learn about and enjoy St. Paul's.

Holy Week and Easter

Palm Sunday, April 10

Holy Week begins as we commemorate the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and move to the story of his rejection and crucifixion outside the city gates.

Holy Eucharist

7:45 a.m. | *St. Martin's Chapel*

Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. | *beginning in Tucker Hall*

Holy Eucharist

LIVESTREAM

11:15 a.m. | *Nave*

Haydn's *Seven Last Words of Our Savior*

4 p.m. | *Nave*

Join Karel Paukert for Josef Haydn's *The Seven Last Words of Our Savior on the Cross*, a work commissioned in 1786 for the Good Friday service at Oratorio de la Santa Cueva in Cádiz, Spain. The seven main meditative sections are based on seven expressions attributed to Jesus during his crucifixion.

Monday and Tuesday in Holy Week

Evening Prayer

LIVESTREAM

7:30 p.m. | *Zoom*

These online services of Evening Prayer include traditional readings and prayers for Holy Monday and Tuesday, along with music and images to aid contemplation. Register for the Holy Week Evening Prayer services or worship online by going to our website: www.stpauls-church.org/eveningprayer.

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 13

Holy Eucharist

11 a.m. | *Judson Park*

Holy Eucharist

6 p.m. | *St. Martin's Chapel*

The texts of this service of Holy Communion wrestle with the hostility and humiliation Jesus endured in his Passion, and Judas' plot of betrayal.

Maundy Thursday, April 14

Family Service with Agape Meal

5:30 p.m. | *Nave*

A service of foot washing and an informal celebration of the Eucharist, followed by a simple Middle Eastern dinner.

Traditional Service with Foot Washing

7:30 p.m. | *Nave* **LIVESTREAM**

This service celebrates Jesus' institution of the Eucharist and includes a ritual foot washing as we observe Jesus' command to love and serve one another. The service concludes with the dramatic stripping away of all adornment from our worship space.



Good Friday, April 15

The Seven Last Words of Christ

12 p.m. | Nave [LIVESTREAM](#)

Spanning the three hours Jesus hung on the cross, this community ecumenical service includes psalms, hymns, prayers, time for silence, and diverse sacred choral works. Seven area clergy persons will preach meditations on the traditional last words of Jesus on the cross. Come for any portion of this service or the whole three hours. The service concludes at 3 p.m. with the tolling of the bells thirty-three times.

Stations of the Cross Family Service

5:30 p.m. | Terrace

Led by children and youth, this interactive service is appropriate for all ages and takes the shape of a journey with Jesus over the last hours of his life. Join us as we walk together through the story of Christ's Passion.

Traditional Prayer Book Liturgy

7:30 p.m. | Nave [LIVESTREAM](#)

On the second and most somber of the Great Three Days, this service includes the reading of the story of Jesus' Passion from John's Gospel, solemn prayers of the church and world, and devotions to the Crucified on the Cross.

Holy Saturday, April 16

Traditional Prayer Book Liturgy

10 a.m. | Zoom

Incorporating prayer and images for meditation, this online service recalls the day when the crucified Christ's body lay in the tomb of Joseph of Arimathea.

The Great Vigil of Easter

8 p.m. | Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland

Beginning near sunset, on the third of the Great Three Days, this service begins by kindling a new fire outside and lighting the paschal candle as a sign of Christ's resurrection light. The service continues by keeping vigil while hearing in Scripture the story of God's work of salvation throughout history and culminates with the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Day, April 17

Join us for this most glorious celebration! Scripture, prayers, rich musical offerings, and the celebration of Holy Communion boldly proclaim the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Holy Eucharist

7:30 a.m. | St. Martin's Chapel

Holy Baptism and Holy Eucharist

9 a.m. | Nave

Easter Egg Hunt

10 a.m. | Fairmount Lawn

Holy Eucharist

11:15 a.m. | Nave [LIVESTREAM](#)



Easter Page

For more information, links, or to worship online, visit our website: www.stpauls-church.org/easter

Meet the Youth Delegates

Lauren Dockery

It is essential to have the voice of young people involved in big decisions, so St. Paul's assigns two youth delegates to the vestry each year. This is meant to be a learning experience for the high school students, but it's also an excellent service to the church. The youth attend monthly vestry meetings and learn all about the business of the church. Though they don't vote in the decision-making processes, they're invited to share their perspective on any matter. This year's delegates are Avery Bandy-Zalatoris and JR Wagner.



Avery Bandy-Zalatoris is a sophomore at Heights High. She has grown up at St. Paul's and participates in both the choir and the C.A.S.T. program. She also enjoys reading, and playing the piccolo and flute. She is grateful for the opportunity to be a youth vestry delegate this year.



JR Wagner is a junior at Saint Ignatius High School, where he is on the sailing team. He has been a member of Saint Paul's his entire life but has participated in youth programs more consistently over the past four years. He has attended youth pilgrimages, and he serves as an acolyte regularly. He is grateful for the opportunity to represent the youth this year.

Acolyte Party and Recruiting!

Are you an acolyte? Do you want to be? We want to thank all of you who served in this stressful and chaotic year, and we want to invite more people to join us by throwing a party!

Acolytes carry the cross that leads the procession, representing our commitment to follow Jesus; they carry the torches that represent the light of Christ, and they even bring in the Gospel Book, which holds the stories of Jesus' life and reminds us how we are called to live in the world.

We will celebrate all the current and future acolytes on **Sunday, April 10 from 1:30 to 3 p.m.** children and youth in fourth grade and above are invited to join us for games, ice



cream, and a training/refresher session. Email Lauren if you plan to attend:
ldockery@stpauls-church.org

Murder With Tomato Sauce

Lauren Dockery

Well, they killed it and congratulations are in order for another fantastic C.A.S.T. production! *Murder with Tomato Sauce* was co-directed by Heights High sophomores Avery Bandy-Zalatoris and Clara Lyford, with costume designs by fellow sophomore, Lucia Mitchell. The cast of 15 included six friends from the community and nine St. Paul's kids, including Linnea Koops, a Shaker High sophomore. Linnea starred as Detective Rathbone, a conniving villain who staged a crime and invited other detectives to solve it over a spaghetti dinner. Mayhem ensued.

At each performance, a full house laughed along as the detectives double-crossed and insulted one another with grandiloquence and sass. Proud parishioners particularly noted the actors' commitment to memorizing such a lengthy script. "Did one of the characters really use the word eschatological?" someone asked after the show. Indeed they did. Three cheers for a job well done to the entire cast!



Around the Parish

Outreach



Lenten Acts of Love

Throughout the season of Lent

The Lenten season calls us to look beyond ourselves to the needs of others in a spirit of self-denial. During our first-ever

'Lenten Acts of Love,' we're offering a series of outreach and service projects to help us live more fully into this spirit of the season. Join with members of the St. Paul's community to experience the joy that is to be found when we heed Christ's call to love and serve our neighbor together! You can find more information and sign up to volunteer by visiting our Lenten webpage: www.stpauls-church.org/lentoutreach.

Fellowship



Senior Saints Luncheon

Sunday, May 1, 12:15 p.m.

It's hard to believe that our last Senior Saints luncheon was in April 2019! After having to cancel the event the past two years,

we are very happy to once again invite all members 75 and over to enjoy a lunch with the St. Paul's clergy, hosted by the vestry and Parish Fellowship Committee, on Sunday, May 1 at 12:15 p.m. in Tucker Hall. Please RSVP to the Parish Office and let us know if you can attend and if you have any dietary restrictions: (216) 932-5815 or email Gail at gmet@stpauls-church.org.



Architectural Tours Offered

Sunday, April 3 and May 22, 12:30 p.m.

Do you know where the four Diocesan seals are in St. Paul's? How about the movie projection booth? Where can you find the image of a German World War II soldier? And just what did Dr. Albert Schweitzer have to say about our organ? William Vodrey (April) and Dave Loomis (May) will lead a free, hour-long tour of the church, beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, April

3 and May 22 in the Narthex (just behind the Nave or main worship space), so you can find out. Whether you've been at St. Paul's for many years or just a few months, there's always more to discover about the beautiful space we all gather. Learn more about the art and architecture of St. Paul's!



EDWINS Fish Fry

Friday, April 8, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

We've all been hungering to regather for food, fun and fellowship. Let's celebrate the arrival of that long awaited moment with a traditional Lenten Fish Fry in the dining room! Our friends from EDWINS will serve up beer-battered fish and chips, shrimp and chips, and fresh coleslaw in our dining room, all lovingly prepared on-site in our kitchen. To-go orders must be placed in advance, and it's recommended that dine-in orders also be placed in advance. All proceeds benefit EDWINS. To order online, go to our website: stpauls-church.org/fishfry.

Volunteers are needed to provide hospitality and to help set up, check in, run orders, and clean up. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Pam O'Halloran: pohalloran@stpauls-church.org.



Big Provincial Gathering

April 28 to 30, South Bend, Indiana

The Big Provincial Gathering is an opportunity to meet new people and connect with others who share your ministry passions. There will be trainings on Thursday, an informational plenary session on Friday, and workshops on Saturday. All are invited to come to this event. The keynote speaker is Gay Clark Jennings, President of the House of Deputies. Registration is only \$50 for the Friday-Saturday portion, and the training on Thursday can be added for \$25. (All of the programming is subsidized through sponsorships. Scholarships are available.) Check out all of the details here: www.provincev.org/bpg2022.html. Contact Heather Barta with any questions: (989) 413-3229 or provinceVcoordinator@gmail.com.

Christian Formation



Baptism on Easter Sunday

Holy Baptism, the sacrament of full initiation into the Body of Christ, will be celebrated on Easter (Sunday, April 17).

After that, our next baptismal celebration will be on Pentecost (Sunday, June 5). If you would like to explore baptism for yourself or someone in your family, reach out to Rev. John: jkennedy@stpauls-church.org.



Confirmation

Sunday, May 29

The Rt. Rev. Mark Hollingsworth will visit St. Paul's on Sunday, May 29, and administer the sacrament of Confirmation at the 9 and 11:15 a.m. services. Contact Rev. John (jkennedy@stpauls-church.org) if you or someone in your family is ready to be confirmed. Adults who have not taken a Confirmation class can sign up for Episcopal 101, which will be offered ahead of May 29.



Episcopal 101

Beginning Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m.

Haven't been confirmed or baptized yet? Or perhaps you just find yourself wondering what, exactly, it means to be an

Episcopalian? Join us for Episcopal 101, a three-session inquirer's course designed to help adults discern and prepare for Baptism and Confirmation, the rites of initiation in the Episcopal Church. Classes are on May 4, 11, and 18 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Contact Rev. John to sign up or learn more: jkennedy@stpauls-church.org.



Adult Forum: A Year of Seeking.

Serving. Loving. Together.

Sunday, April 24 at 10 a.m.

This year in the Adult Forum, we've explored what it means to seek, serve, and love *together* as the people of St. Paul's. We've heard from our clergy, lay leaders, and special guests, including Stephen Post, the Rev. Lois Annich, and Br. Lucas Hall from the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Come for a final forum on "Seeking. Serving. Loving. *Together.*" which will sum up what we've learned in our forums and highlight how we've been living this identity statement out in manifold ways throughout this program year.

Music



Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral

Wednesday, April 27, 6 p.m.

The St. Cecilia, St. David, and Youth Choirs will offer a service of Choral Evensong at Trinity Cathedral on April 27 at 6 p.m. Works by Moore, Lioncourt, Mendelssohn, and Aston will be featured. The Rev. Peter Faass will preach, and organist Nicole Keller will accompany the choirs.



Piano Duo Do's and Don'ts

Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

2021 Cleveland International Piano Competition medalists Byeol Kim and Lovre Marušić will explore the interworkings of the piano duo genre and share their experience working together as a piano duo through conversation and performance. Tickets and more information may be found on Piano Cleveland's website: www.pianocleveland.org.



Choral Evensong at St. Paul's

Sunday, May 1, 6 p.m.

The St. Cecilia, St. David, and Youth Choirs will offer a service of Choral Evensong at St. Paul's on May 1 at 6 p.m. Works by Moore, MacDonald, Mendelssohn, and Aston will be featured. Organist Karel Paukert will accompany.

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Deadlines

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