St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Canton, Ohio

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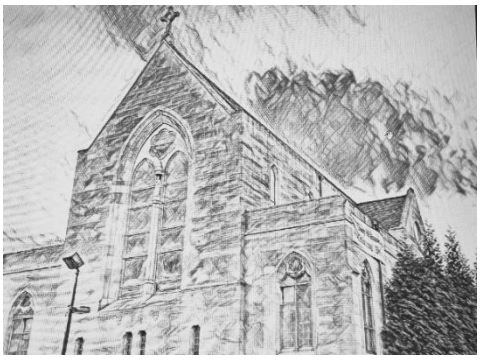
Sunday, April 14, 2024

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome to St. Paul's

Online and in-person services begin with music at 10:25 a.m.



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Our mission
St. Paul's is an exceptionally welcoming Episcopal community in downtown Canton, grounded in faith, and called by God's Love to minister to the world.

The Third Sunday of Easter

Readings and Psalm
First Lesson: Acts 3:12-19
Psalm: Psalm 4
Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-7
Gospel: Luke 24:36b-48

Prelude: *Improvisation on Sursum Corda* by Leo Sowerby

The Word of God

ENTRANCE HYMN: *"That Easter Day with Joy was Bright" (Puer nobis)* (H 193)

OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen!

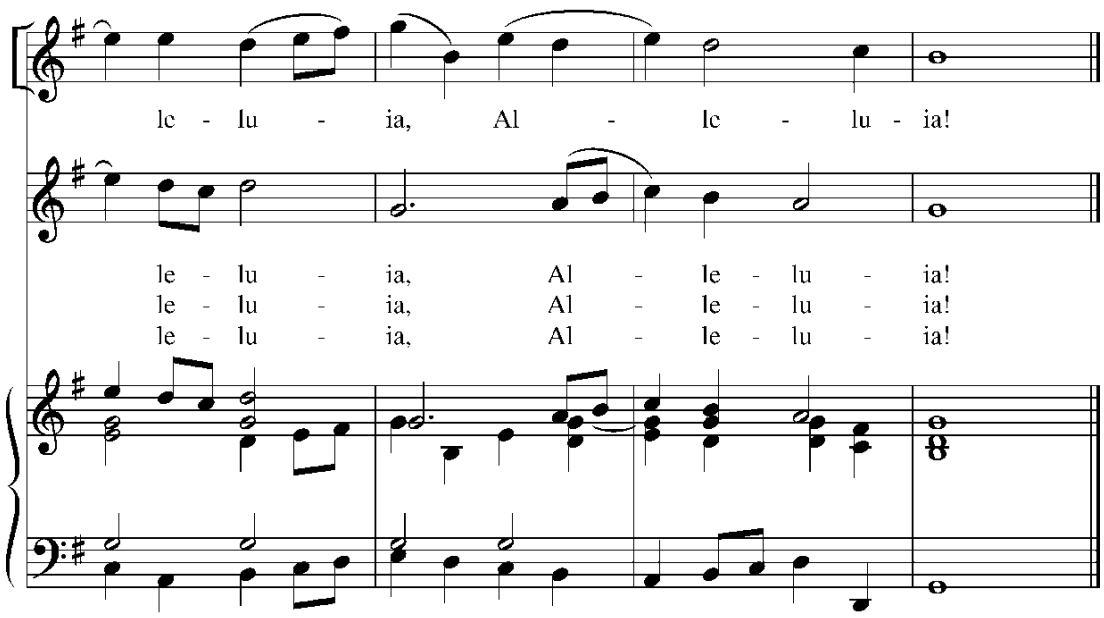
People The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE: *"Christ Our Passover"* (WLP 880)



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. ***Amen.***

The Lessons

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

The people sit.

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

[12][Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you
stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?[13]The God of
Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified
his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though
he had decided to release him. [14]But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked
to have a murderer given to you, [15]and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised
from the dead. To this we are witnesses. [16]And by faith in his name, his name itself has
made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has
given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. 18In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. 19Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 4

Remain seated.

1Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
2"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
3Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
4Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
5Offer the appointed sacrifices, *
and put your trust in the LORD.
6Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
7You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
8I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

Remain seated.

A Reading from the First letter of John.

1See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.
2Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.
3And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
4Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. 5You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. 6No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. 7Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: ***"Who Would Know the Mind of Jesus"***
All stand.

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GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

All stand.

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[36b]Jesus stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." [37]They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. [38]He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? [39]Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." [40]And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. [41]While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" [42]They gave him a piece of broiled fish, [43]and he took it and ate in their presence.

[44]Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." [45]Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, [46]and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, [47]and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. [48]You are witnesses of these things."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON: *Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry*

Celebrant: Let us affirm our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed

THE CREED (BCP p. 358)

All stand.

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. ***Amen.***

RESURRECTION PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Adapted from the Ministration to the Sick, BCP 456, and *Adapted from the Ministration at the Time of Death, BCP 466

We pray for the church in every aspect and idiom of the world, especially Presiding Bishop Michael, Bishop Anne, Robin our priest, and all clergy. May they find their feet and their voice anew to preach the power of resurrection, to invalidate death and war, to plant peace in the furrows that our Savior has harrowed for us.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for this nation, for a renewal of our common life and purpose; for the courage and conscience of those elected and appointed to positions of authority within it, that the policies we implement may be life-giving for all who depend upon them.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for the world, that all powers of evil and corruption may be trampled under the feet of our Risen Savior, that a new season of peace and justice may arise. We pray especially for those in Israel, Palestine, Haiti, and Ukraine.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for our neighbors, that they may find hope where it is needful, gladness where it is burgeoning, comfort where the earth still lies cold, knowing that resurrection is coming.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, beseeching our Lord Jesus Christ to sustain them with his presence, especially June Geary, Margaret Fox, Laurie Rohr, Brian Berstler, Sr. Rosina, Alisha Rittenour, John Titmas, Ed Sutek, Kamau, Lee Arnold, Ethel, Vickie Simpkins, Jolonda, Bea Bentley, Jackson, Rob Reiner, and Jason Meade. Uphold them and fill them with grace, and give them the victory of life and peace, that they may know the healing power of your love.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

We pray for those who have died. Receive them into the courts of your heavenly dwelling place. Let their hearts and souls even now ring out in joy to you, O Lord, the living God, and the God of those who live.
God of Resurrection, bring our prayers to life!

Celebrant: Holy One, you have made us witnesses
to the good news of the gospel —that Jesus Christ, our flesh and bone,
is risen from the dead. Open our minds to understand these things,
and let your word be fulfilled in us so that we may
share the bread of life with a hungry world;
through Jesus Christ, our peace. ***Amen.***

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

The people greet each other in the name of the Lord

Church Announcements

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN: *"Death Where is Thy Sting"* John Stainer

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

(Please remain standing)

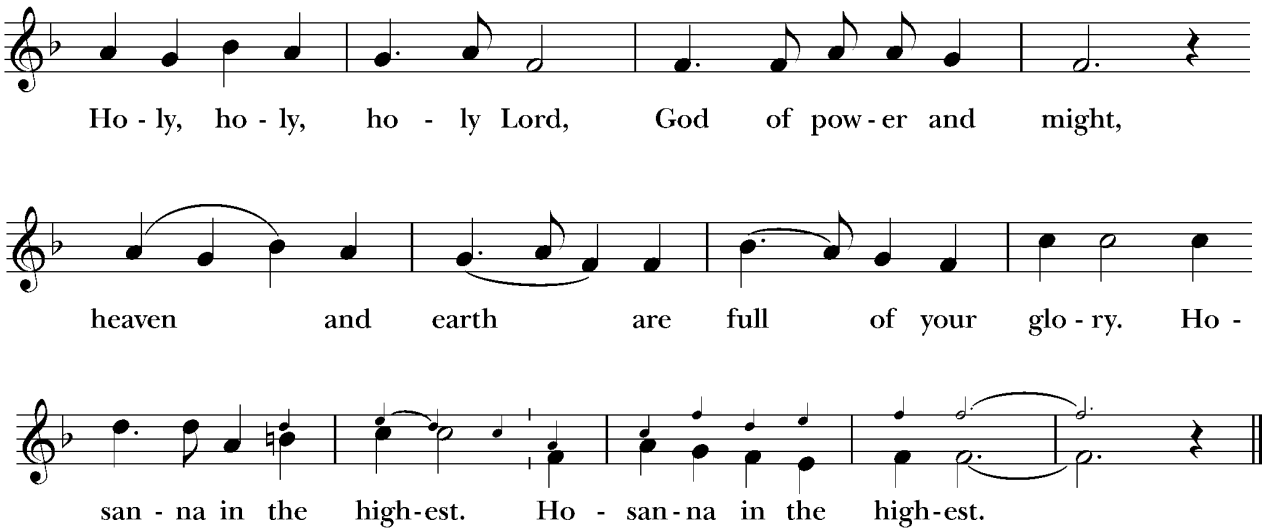
Celebrant	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Celebrant	Lift up your hearts.
People	We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

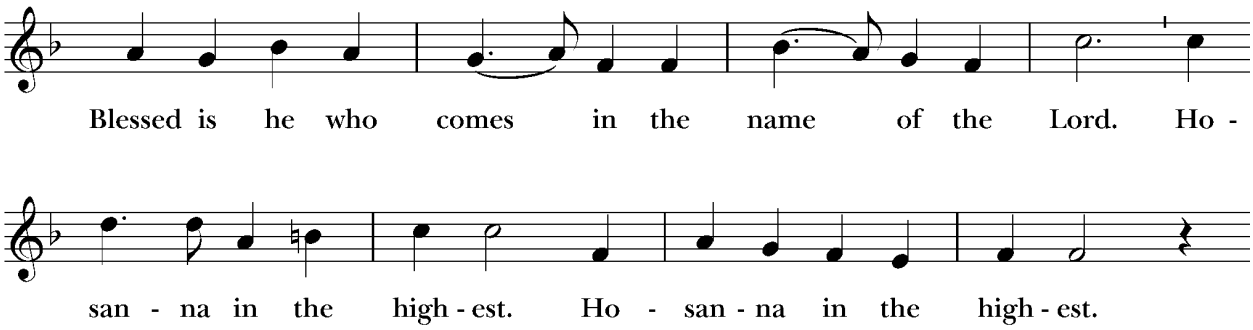
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:, ♪ ♪ ♪

SANCTUS: S 125 Holy, holy, holy (Proulx)





The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." ♪

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. ***AMEN.***

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

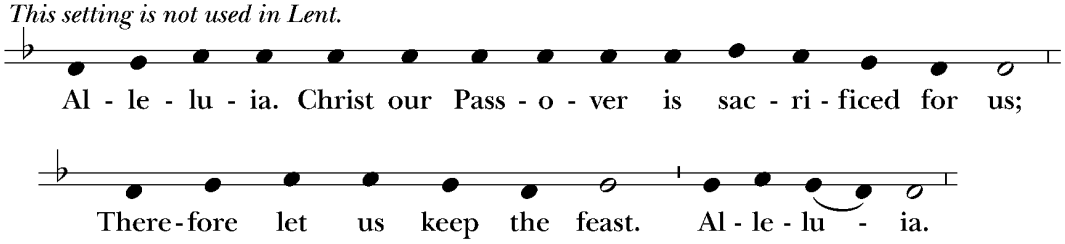
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM: "*S 152 Christ our Passover" (Chant/Martens) (BCP p. 364)*

This setting is not used in Lent.



This setting may be sung full by all, or by the choir, or as a versicle and response.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant: Please join us in praying with our siblings in Christ who are with us online and receiving communion spiritually.

O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament, have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

(St Thomas Aquinas, 1227 - 1274)

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please tell the clergy if you need gluten-free bread. If you come to the communion station for a blessing instead, please cross your arms on your chest. If you are interested in being baptized, please contact the Priest of the parish.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFTS

COMMUNION HYMN: ***"Come, Risen Lord, and Deign to be Our Guest" (H 306)***

All Stand

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together

God of abundance, you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. ***Amen.***

BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people, saying

Go in the peace of the Lord Jesus. May Christ's light shine in your hearts so that you may bring the joy and the hope of Easter to others; And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you this day and forever more ***Amen.***

RECESSIONAL HYMN: "Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing" (Truro) (H 182)

All Stand

DISMISSAL

Priest Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE: ***Improvisation on Truro*** by Richard Shephard

PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S LITURGY:

Priest-in-Charge:	The Rev. Dr. Robin Woodberry
Director of Music:	Edward T. Grimes
Greeters:	David Lewis
Lector:	Jan Smuda
Eucharistic Minister:	Demetrius Carrothers
Crucifer:	Douglas Colmery
Camera/Audio:	David Lewis, David Rotthoff
Altar Guild:	Susan Phillips, Karen Swope
Counters:	Demetrius Carrothers, Jeff Nowlin

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Wednesday Small Group Study

Join us for the Diocesan-sponsored Bible study entitled, "Eclipse 2024: A Study of Astronomical Events in the Bible and Our Lives." We will explore the storm and the sun: Joshua 10:12-14, Habakkuk 3:9-13a. The class is at 10:00 a.m. and will be live-streamed on our Facebook page.

Thursday Choir Rehearsal

Choir rehearsal is held on Thursday at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome!

April Birthdays

9th-Hilary Powell, Victoria Simpkins

10th- Matthew Johnson

13th- Douglas Colmery, Carol Sutek

Anniversaries

8th-Richard & Marcia Enslen

April 2024 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 31 EASTER SUNDAY 10:30 am Service	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3 10 am Bible Study	Apr 4 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Apr 5 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)	Apr 6 3 pm Sonneberg Station Concert 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Apr 7 10:30 am Service Robin Vacation	Apr 8	Apr 9 6 pm Courageous Conversations	Apr 10 10 am Bible Study	Apr 11 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Apr 12 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)	Apr 13 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Apr 14 10:30 am Service	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17 10 am Bible Study 6:30 pm Finance Mtg	Apr 18 7 pm Choir Rehearsal 7 pm AA (Blue Room)	Apr 19 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)	Apr 20 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Apr 21 10:30 am Service	Apr 22 6 pm Communications Mtg	Apr 23 7 pm Social Justice Book Group	Apr 24 10 am Bible Study 7 pm Vestry Mtg	Apr 25	Apr 26	Apr 27 11 am HOT Lunch 7 pm AA (Library) 7:30 pm NA (Cmty Rm)
Apr 28 10:30 am Service Rev. Joyce Penfield Robin Vacation	Apr 29	Apr 30				

NEW QUILTING CLASS!

St. Paul's may start a beginner's quilt class if there is enough interest. It will meet once a month and the first session will introduce the process and a few projects.

If you are interested in being a student or facilitating a class, please contact Carol Sutek or the church office for more information.

Monthly H.O.T. Lunch

The next meal will be held on

Saturday, April 27th
11:00 a.m.

Won't you help be the hands, feet and face of God?

For more information or to volunteer, Susan Phillips at 330-806-4358, Carol Sutek at 330-704-1375, or the Church Office at 330-455-0286.

Upcoming Commemorations

Edward Thomas Demby, 1957, and Henry Beard Delany, 1928: Bishops
Sunday, April 14, 2024

[Damien, Priest, 1889 and Marianne Cope, Monastic 1918 of Hawaii]
Monday, April 15, 2024

Mary (Molly) Brant (Konwatsijayenni): Witness to the Faith among the Mohawks, 1796
Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Emily Cooper, Deaconess, 1909
Wednesday, April 17, 2024

Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury and Martyr, 1012
Friday, April 19, 2024

ANGEL CELEBRATIONS

Once a quarter, a public service will be provided to remember and celebrate our dear departed angels who have anniversaries of death during those months.

These services will be held in the Guild Hall and will NOT include communion. But they will be intentionally crafted to fully bring honor to those whom we love but are no longer with us. And prayerfully, they will assist those who are still grieving and healing from their loss. These services are open to anyone who feels the need to attend, not just St. Paul's members, so tell a friend!

The first service will be on **Sunday, June 30th @ 3p**. and will cover dates from January –June.

The next service will be held on **Sunday, September 22nd @ 3p,** and will cover dates from July to September.

If there is someone whom you would like to honor, please fill out the slip below and place in the offering basket, or contact the church office at 330-455-0286, and leave your information.

"Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal." Thomas Moore

In Loving Memory of: _____

Date of Remembrance: _____

Submitted by: _____

WEDNESDAY WHINE NITES

Hey ladies, do you need a night out? A break from the kids, significant other, work, grandkids, or the dog? Well, let's get together at a local establishment for Wednesday Whine Nites for a chance to unwind, have some laughs, sing some karaoke, whine, and of course enjoy some wine, or beverage of your choice. The Whine Nite Schedule is as follows and subject to change:

May 15th, 5-7p: Location to be announced.

July 17th, 5-7p: Location to be announced.

Aug. 21st, 5-7p: Location to be announced.

Let's have some fun! Ladies of all ages are welcome!!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Bishop
The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly

Priest-in-Charge
The Reverend Dr. Robin Woodberry

Staff
Edward T. Grimes, Director of Music

Peggy Neidig, Office Manager

Paul Schmucker, Sexton

Music Begins Sunday Services at 10:25 am are also live-streamed on Facebook.

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