

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

February 26, 2021

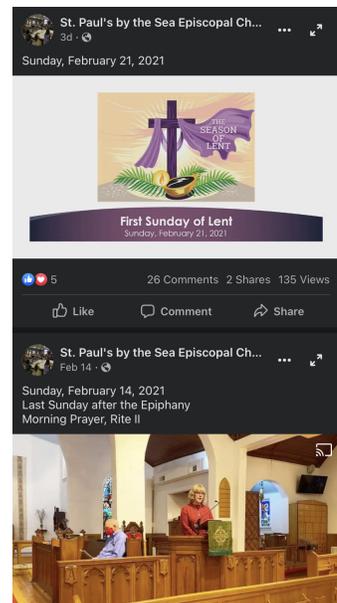


Bishop's Visitation

We are pleased to announce that Bishop Marray will visit St. Paul's by-the-Sea and celebrate the Eucharist at 10 am on Sunday, March 14, 2021. This service will be streamed live, however, it is still undetermined if we will be in-person. Mark your calendars!

Tune In!

During this time of suspended in-person worship, it is easy to forget that church services are taking place. We used to rise on Sunday morning with the intention of going to church at either 8 am or 10 am. It was our routine, and our routines have certainly changed during the pandemic. The good news is that we are live streaming to Facebook a 10am service every Sunday! We have new equipment that has improved the viewing experience and the sound quality. You can sit in your favorite chair with a cup of coffee or tea and worship along with the live video. *Be sure to LIKE us on Facebook and you will receive a notification when we go live.* Weekly bulletins are posted on the homepage of our website (www.stpaulsbythesea.org) so you can follow along with the service.



Front Steps Replacement

Mitrecic Construction is gearing up to replace the front steps beginning sometime next week at the earliest. However the second week in March is more likely given all the rain we've had recently.

The work should take 3 days or so to complete, barring any issues discovered during removal of the old steps.

Bishop's Lenten Reflection

"Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil"
(Matthew 4:1)

The Season of Lent has a significantly crucial role in the advancement of deepening the faith within the individual Christian and corporate church. All through the history of the church, the act of contrition, repentance, spiritual transform, charity toward the other

and almsgiving have defined the character of the church. As we are in this solemn penitential season, we as disciples of the risen Lord are called to robustly embody our Lord's model by paying careful attention to and understanding the ramifications of the devil's lure to distraction and attempts to redirect our focus from God unto things that are secular and mundane, earthed in our own ego or sense of self-importance. The TRUTH is that it is patently difficult to stay riveted to the virtues distinguishing Christ-like ideals that this season invites us to incorporate and practice. This reaffirmation of mind, body and soul toward the things of God calls forth a deliberate and determined sense of WILL to remain attentive to our Christian faith formation.

This is the first paragraph of the Bishop's reflection. [Click here](#) to read the entire text.



February 28:

Rite II Morning Prayer service with music, officiated by our Lay Worship Leaders. [Click here](#) for a PDF version of the bulletin so you can follow along.

March 7:

Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, officiated by Fr. Ron Knapp.

To view the February 21 Holy Eucharist service, [click here](#).

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook so you will receive notifications when we are live and when a post has been added. Click the Facebook icon below.

Birthdays

Karen Gordon (3/4)

Mark Kirby (3/4)

Adam Showell (3/5)

Michael Rutka (3/6)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Paul's, Vienna, and St. Mary's, Tyaskin, and for their Priest-in-Charge, the Rev. Dennis Morgan and his spouse, Jane.

Pledge Update

To date, 27 pledges totaling \$61,026 have been received. This leaves us \$18,974 short of our \$80,000 Pledge Goal for 2021. If you have sent in your pledge, thank you. If you have not, please consider doing so and helping us achieve our goal. St. Paul's by-the-Sea needs your support, especially at this time. Thank you.

Emergency Contact Information

If you wish the church to have an emergency contact on file, in case you cannot be reached, please get in touch with Karen Gordon, our Pastoral Liaison. You can reach her by phone or text at 302-236-0592 or by email at dbriangordon@aol.com.

Memorial Brick Sale

Memorial bricks are being offered for sale through the end of February. They are available in two sizes: 8x8 (\$500 each) and 4 x 8 (\$250 each) Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available.

If you are interested in ordering a brick, [click here](#) to download a brick form. You can also contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658.

