

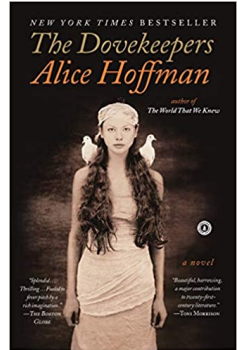
St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

February 18, 2022

The Dovekeepers & Masada by The Rev. Penny Morrow

At the turn of this century I traveled to the Holy Land with a small group from St. Paul's by-the-Sea. In preparation for the trip we were each assigned a topic to explore and report back on at our next meeting. My given subject was 'Masada'. Oh that I could have read 'The Dove Keepers' by Alice Hoffman, our now latest SPBTS book club best-seller, then. Sadly, it had not even been published until eleven years later!



This book is beautifully written. It is an incredible telling of the mountaintop siege and ultimate defeat of the last Jewish settlement by the brutal Roman armies in the Judean desert circa 70AD. Reading about the Romans' unstoppable building of a tower from the desert floor up to Masada's summit in order to capture and enslave the Jews, was as real to me as the reality of rising up on a shaky tram along those still hot treacherous cliffs today.

But this is a story every bit more about the resilience of women. Four independent women who each eventually find their way to Masada bringing with them a sense of both hope and desperation. There was also the burden most women carry of feeling one way while being expected to act in another. The four principle women we follow have each arrived at Masada by a different path. I was deeply moved by how they slowly began again to trust themselves and each other, to share their disappointments, their tragedies and secrets while caring for the doves, always aware of the crushing loss of Jerusalem, the fear of the Romans, and the catastrophe awaiting them.

I loved this beautiful book; it has been a second journey for me. I hope you will seek it out and read it, or better yet, join our discussion this Monday at 7pm on Zoom!

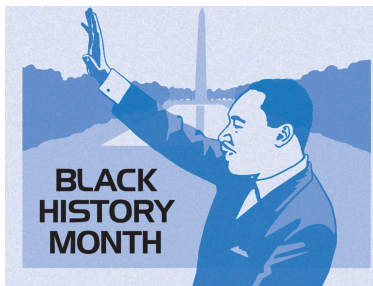
P.S. History tells that two women and five children somehow managed escaping the carnage...

If you'd like to join the discussion Monday evening call 410-289-3453 or email office@stpaulsbythese.org the church office to have Zoom link sent you.



The ancient fortress of Masada

Click on the photograph to follow a link to a video showing amazing aerial views of the ruins.



Celebrating Black Voices In The Episcopal Church

Monday, February 28, 2022 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM ET

In celebration of *Black History Month*, you are invited you to join us for an honest conversation with five Black leaders who serve The Episcopal Church. Collectively, their service to the Church spans more than 150 years and each of them continues to serve in ways that make a difference.

Hosted by the Church Pension Group's (CPG) People of African Descent affinity group, we will explore the panel's experiences and thoughts around **Becoming Beloved Community**; examine themes around social justice, diversity, equity, and inclusion; and discuss the challenges and opportunities they see in a predominantly white Church.

We hope you can join us for this candid conversation. **REGISTER TODAY**

Sacred Ground: A Film-based Dialogue on Race and Faith

A Series - Six Thursday Afternoons

March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21, May 5, and May 19

4:00pm - 6:00pm via Zoom



The Retreat House invites you to participate in **Sacred Ground**, a curriculum that is part of the Episcopal Church's long-term commitment to racial healing, reconciliation, and justice in our personal lives, our ministries, and our society. The core of this series is the vision of *beloved community* – where all people are honored and protected and nurtured as beloved children of God. ***Why Sacred Ground? Learn more and register here.***

[Click Here](#) to view all the Lenten offerings at The Retreat House.



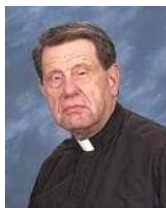
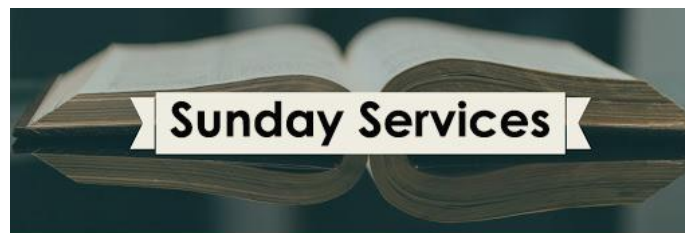
February 18-20 - Boat Show at the Convention Center
February 21 - Book Club via Zoom 7pm
February 28 - Vestry in the undercroft 5:30pm
March 2 - Church Office Closed
March 2 - Ash Wednesday HE & Imposition of Ashes 7pm

- January and February were the last two months to be added to the Roman calendar (c. 713 BC); originally, winter was considered a month-less period.
- Originally, February was made the last month of the calendar year. Eventually (c. 450 BC), February was moved to its place as the second month.



Folklore about February:

- If February give much snow, a fine summer it doth foreshow.
- Fogs in February mean frosts in May.



February 20: Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Eucharist, Rite II service with music, celebrated by the Rev. Carl Mosley. [Click here](#) for a PDF version of the 2/20/2022 bulletin so you can follow along.



Happy Birthday

Jennifer Hallon (2/21)



Online Services

[Click here](#) to watch the February 13th Holy Eucharist service.

Prayer List

Please keep those on our prayer list in your daily prayers.

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera,

Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Fr. Ron Knapp, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Hugh, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Rogers, John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvette Henry Tull, Melvin, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Nancy Wimbish, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Fred Smith, Jean Charles, Tom Shuster, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week—February 20, 2022

Celebrant: Rev. Carl Mosley

Reader: Amy Rothermel

Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper

Usher: Amanda Cropper

Next Week—February 27, 2022

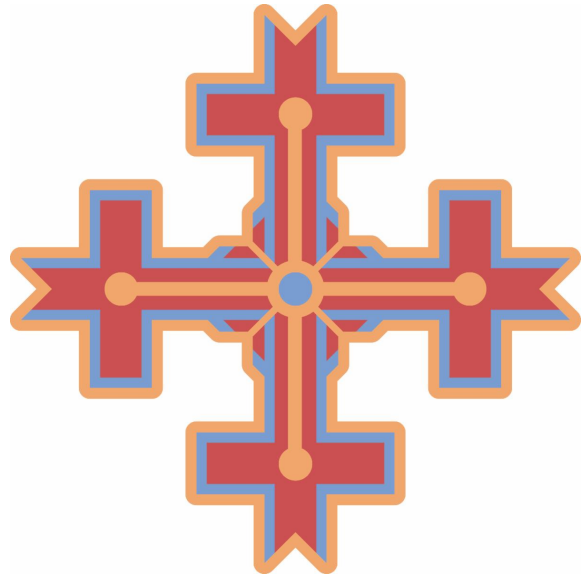
Celebrant: Rev. Carl Mosley

Reader: Nancy Knotts

Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper

Usher: John Knotts

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel



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