

The E-pistle

Bringing you news of St. Paul's, Morris Plains

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To submit copy for the April edition, simply send your copy no later than May 1 to Rosemary Halstead in the Parish Office at stpaulsmp@optonline.net. For periodic updates on events worship and parish life between these monthly newsletters, visit our website www.stpaulsmp.org or check out and "like" our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/St-Pauls-Church-in-Morris-Plains-295565470823334/>



It's Not Too Early to Plan for Summer

Each summer Cross Roads, our diocesan camp, offers a wide array of summer programs for children. A week at summer camp can provide as much Christian formation as a few months of weekly Church School classes. And all of this is provided in a fun, exciting environment. Registration for summer camping opportunities is now open. And if you've never been to Cross Roads, they're holding a few Open Houses to introduce the camp to families – April 21, May 19 and June 2 all starting at 10:30 am with a lunch provided. You can learn more about Cross Roads or register for camping or one of the Open House dates at their website www.crossroadsretreat.com or pick up their brochures on the information table outside the Lounge.



It's Easter Season, those great 50 days when we celebrate Christ's resurrection. That makes it a particularly good time to ponder how we at St. Paul's share that good news with the wider world.

We currently have an ongoing donor relationship with the Interfaith Food Pantry, and have recently established a community garden plot to grow and donate fresh produce to them in the summer. We've done financial collections for a variety of Episcopal and local charities, and have some seasonal giving projects that turn up every year around Christmas and Thanksgiving. Sometimes we organize volunteer opportunities with Habitat for Humanity. But should we be doing more? Are there areas of want and need in our community that we as a congregation might address in a hands-on way?

Anyone who's interested in assessing our current activities and brainstorming ideas on what we might do together to expand parish outreach ministries is invited to attend an outreach discussion on Monday, April 9 at 7:30 pm in the downstairs Christian Education Room. If you can't make the meeting but have some ideas to share, send them along to either Erica Park erica_nicola@yahoo.com or Fr. Paul at rectorstpaulsmp@optonline.net

Christian Education for Adults

Wednesday morning Bible Study: The Book of Daniel

Our final study subject before a summer break will be the apocalyptic book of Daniel. We'll meet for discussion in the Lounge from 10-11:30 am on the following dates: 4/11, 4/18, 4/25, 5/2, 5/9, and 5/23. A flier with weekly reading assignments is available on the Hillview Avenue bulletin board. Simply come and bring your favorite bible.

Tuesday Evenings: The Pilgrim Series: Part 7 on the Bible

On Tuesday evenings in the Christian Education Room (downstairs) from 7-8:30 pm we continue our look at the Bible We'll meet to complete this topic on 4/10, 4/24, 5/1 and 5/8. All are welcome, you'll simply want to purchase your own copy of the booklet *Pilgrim: A Course for the Christian Journey, Part 7: The Bible* through Church Publishing or Amazon. Orders may be placed online through their website www.churchpublishing.org. And the final booklet in the Pilgrim series, *Part 8: Church and Kingdom*, will begin on 5/15 and run through mid-June.

Fellowship

There are a variety of opportunities for us to come together as a parish community in fellowship! We have a picnic, a pool party, a baseball game and a potluck dinner to name just a few. Our weekly Sunday Coffee hour might also need a makeover. Many hands, make light work ... and this is fun work! If you would like to share your ideas and help plan out the calendar for the rest of the year, please contact Leena Varughese at leena_devassy@yahoo.com. A brainstorming meeting can be scheduled once we have a team formed.

SPRING Grounds Clean Up



Two nor'easters with heavy snows have left our church property in need of a little TLC as spring arrives. Volunteers who can help with raking and some mild regrading of gouged out grass are encouraged to come out on Saturday, April 28 starting at 9 am for a work day. We hope to put everything in order to make the place look fabulous as the spring flowers start to bloom in our garden beds.

The Vestry met on Tuesday, March 20 and . . .

- Approved a charge for a new committee to review the parish by-laws to be chaired by John Squillace
- Approved a charge for a new committee evaluating our building use policies and fees charged for use headed up by George Coogan and Jamie Greenlees
- Organized Vestry liaison relationships for the following ministry areas: Fellowship (Leena Varughese); Buildings & Grounds (George Coogan); Outreach (Erica Park); Worship, Christian Education & Pastoral Care (Mary Beth Wenrich). Liaisons for Communications and Fundraising are pending.

- Re-affirmed an old Vestry commitment to transfer ownership of used graves in Rosedale Cemetery, Linden to either the families of those buried in the graves or St. Andrew's Church, Newark at the discretion of the Rector, who was empowered to negotiate the transfer.



April Celebrations in the Parish

Birthdays

4/1 Kelly Hemenway
 4/14 Sebastian Stone
 4/15 Kerri Lee Farrell, Zoe Hart
 4/16 Eric Hart, Buck Pettus,
 Deborah Poetsch, Jasper Stone
 4/18 Christy Campbell
 4/19 Jesse Michael, Ivy Stevens
 4/22 Marlene Gearhart
 4/25 Christian Smith, Amelia Patterson
 4/28 Robyn Friedman, Jean Mangum

4/29 John Fuller
 4/30 Greg Langford
 5/1 Sujai Michael
 5/4 Denise Winship, Jon Bell, Paul Fuller
 5/5 Tom Jones

Wedding anniversaries

4/15 Doris & Rich Taubald
 4/20 Sallie & Bob Sullivan
 4/25 Carol McCrea & Jamie Lubin

The Capital Campaign IS Coming Soon

Quietly, behind the scenes a lot of work is being done to launch the long-awaited Capital Campaign at St. Paul's. Based on the work of last year's feasibility study, we're taking three major projects into the campaign: 1) Restoration of the Bell Tower and West Wall, 2) Elimination of dampness associated with drainage and 3) Restoration of the failing mullions (those concrete surroundings) that encase our leaded glass windows. Completing these projects will address a host of deferred maintenance issues that plague us and will stabilize our 90 year old building to ensure that we have a solid home base from which to do ministry for our next 100 years.

Tom Jones and Rob Whitestone have agreed to serve as co-chairs for the campaign and are hard at work assembling a leadership team to provide the necessary work components for a successful campaign. We'll need helpers to do communications work and produce campaign materials, plan and host kick-off and celebration events, do computer-based tracking of pledge activities and generating reports, and other office tasks. We also need to identify and train gift workers to supplement the Wardens and Vestry who've all signed on for this task. Don't be surprised if you're asked to get involved. It will take a dedicated effort from everyone to make our campaign a success. You'll hear more in the coming months. Stay tuned.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jeanette DiGiacomo who oversaw the Argyle Fish 'n Chips Fundraiser and everyone who baked, sold tickets, setup and cleaned up, served meals or ran those take-out meals up and down the stairs! We raised \$1,052 in this first fundraiser of the year.

Search for the XI Bishop of Newark

On February 28, 2017 Bishop Mark Beckwith called for the election of the next Bishop of Newark. Bishop Beckwith was consecrated the 10th Bishop of Newark on January 27, 2007 and will retire upon the consecration of his successor.

Canonically, the **Standing Committee** has the responsibility of overseeing the transition from one bishop to the next. They appointed the **Search/Nominating Committee** to search for and nominate the persons best suited to serve as

bishop in our diocese, and the **Transition Committee** to facilitate the election and consecration of the next bishop and support the current and next bishops, their families and the diocesan staff during the transition.



Stay up to date on the Bishop Search! To read about the latest news & events and sign up for email notifications, go to: dioceseofnewark.org/bishop-search

The Candidates

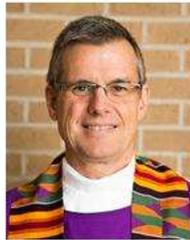
This is the final slate of candidates recommended by the Search/Nominating Committee and approved by the Standing Committee. Learn more about the candidates at dioceseofnewark.org/bishop-search.



The Rev.
Carlye J. Hughes
Diocese of Fort Worth



The Rev.
Lisa W. Hunt
Diocese of Texas



The Rev. Canon
Scott G. Slater
Diocese of Maryland

"We believe these individuals possess the skills, qualities, experience and spiritual grounding necessary for the office of Bishop, and we are excited to commend them to the Diocese of Newark."

The Rev. Joseph Harmon,
President of the Standing
Committee.

What's Next: Meet, Vote, Celebrate

Meet: Walkabouts — May 4, 5 & 6, 2018

All members of the diocese are invited to attend a "Walkabout." It's an opportunity for you to meet the candidates, and for the candidates to address your concerns and questions.

Friday, May 4 at Saviour, Denville

9 AM - 12:30 PM for Clergy only
1:30 - 5 PM for both Lay & Clergy

Saturday, May 5 at Calvary, Summit

9 AM - 12:30 PM for Lay only
1:30 - 5 PM for both Lay & Clergy

Sunday, May 6 at St. Paul's, Englewood

1:30 - 5 PM for both Lay & Clergy

To attend a Walkabout, RSVP by **5 PM May 2** at: dioceseofnewark.org/form/rsvp-walkabouts

Vote: Electing Convention

— Saturday, May 19, 2018

The Deputies who represented their churches at the Annual Diocesan Convention in January 2018 will also have the responsibility of voting for the XI Bishop of Newark.

Celebrate:

Retirement Luncheon for Bishop Beckwith

— Saturday, September 8, 2018

Consecration of the XI Bishop of Newark

— Saturday, September 22, 2018

Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will officiate.



Here endeth the E-pistle