



SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH

The Episcopal presence in Doylestown since 1846

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Which of you walks in darkness and sees no light? . . . lean on God. Isaiah 50:4-10

On a trip across western Nebraska, I had the opportunity to gaze across the vast fields as we traveled along the back roads. As I looked out, I saw an old lean-to set up in a remote pasture. Letting my mind wander, I imaged cattle or horses seeking shelter, finding comfort from the harsh storms and wind that move across the plains.

I could also see how we humans need our lean-tos in the storms of life which come upon us when our bodies are too weary to work, our spirits are too hurt to struggle, and our hearts are too pained to care. Our lean-tos can be anyone or anything that brings us a sense of hope, a pause from the pain, a bit of strength to sustain us, a little vision for guidance, a touch of happiness.

We all need lean-tos; we all need to be lean-tos for others. That's the blessing of human love and compassion. There are moments in our lives when we feel weak, downtrodden, and miserable. If we are fortunate, others will stand by us and walk with us. They will be patient with our pain, speak encouraging words, and listen long hours to us. They will believe in us when our own belief is in shreds. They will watch patiently with us until our life begins again.

Lean-tos are not permanent havens; they are temporary but essential shelters when the storms rage around us or inside of us. We need to trust others for comfort, support, and vision when our spirit is weak and visionless, but in the end, we have to accept our responsibility and make our own decisions. They can

cheer us on and cheer us up, but they cannot do our growing for us.

I have learned much from the lean-tos in the life of Jesus. The more I have been able to get inside his human story, to sense what his thoughts and feelings might have been, the more I see how he, too, needed shelter, refuge, and strength from life's tough situations. He felt the stresses and struggles that we feel on our own journeys. He knew what it was to need others.

Jesus leaned on his friends in his grief when he received the news of the death of his cousin John the Baptist. He "withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves" (Mt. 14:13). Surely his heart was full of grief and sadness. He undoubtedly sought the comfort of being alone with those who had also known John and who understood how much he hurt.

Jesus also sought the lean-to of his friends as he traveled the roads during his ministry. Bethany, the home of Lazarus, Mary, and Martha, was a welcome haven for him, a place where he could be "at home" (Lk. 10:38-42). Scripture does not give us details, but we can imagine how helpful it was for Jesus to be able to speak of his struggles and his troubles with good friends. Perhaps that is why Jesus felt that Mary's listening was more significant than Martha's dinner plans. Mary's listening presence was a wonderful lean-to for Jesus.

Jesus learned all his life to lean on the One he came to know in his solitude. That is why his cry from the cross is doubly agonizing to hear: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt. 27:47), that is, "My God, the one from whom I have always gained my strength, now, at this desperate time in my life, where are you to lean on?" Jesus needed his lean-tos, and so do we.

The Hebrew psalms are filled with images of God as a shelter, a stronghold, a rock, and a fortress, someone who revives our soul and girds us with strength. God is a comfort in illness and a light in the darkness.

What a wonderful opportunity we have to take our troubles to this God and receive encouragement, strength, consolation, compassion, and full acceptance. I encourage you to identify your lean-tos, your shelters and places of comfort. Identify what keeps you from leaning on God, or others, when you need to. During this month of March, take time to notice the lean-tos around you: park shelters, umbrellas, awnings, and trees. As you see these shelters, remember also your spiritual shelters, and give thanks.

In the shadow of your wings I take refuge, until the destruction is past (Ps. 57:1).

Pastor Chris+

Vestry 2010

George Achilles, Doug Esser, Mark Grande and Mary Ellen Wilson were elected to the Vestry at the Annual Meeting on January 31, 2010.

The Vestry Officers for 2010 are as follows:

Jeanie Hosutt ('10), *Rector's Warden*
Kay Johnson ('10), *Accounting Warden*
Bill Angell ('11), *Treasurer*
Peggy Davis ('12), *Secretary*

Real Blood Donors Save Real Lives.
Every donation can save up to three lives.
Join us and help make a difference.



American Red Cross
Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, March 12

3:30 to 8:30 pm
in the Parish Hall

Please contact Barbara Massey at 215-348-8456
if you are interested in donating.

If you have any questions about eligibility to donate,
please call 1-800-GIVELIFE.

16 year olds are eligible to donate
with parental consent.

CHRISTMAS IN DOYLESTOWN

As described in the Annual Meeting Report, the 2009 Christmas in Doylestown broke previous records with \$17,650 in profits that were distributed as follows:

\$7600 to the BCHG (Doylestown Homeless shelter)

\$7600 to Saint Paul's General Fund

\$290 to St. Paul's for the apartment we sponsor at the Homeless Shelter (Dollhouse Raffle proceeds)

\$2160 to ECW (Bake Table, Cat's Meow, Raffles)

Thank You for helping to make this possible!

2010 Pledge Update:

91 Pledges received as of 2/14/2010 for \$221,678

14 increased pledges for an additional \$5,211

Total (pledges + increases) \$226,889

If every pledge was increased \$5/week we would be very close to balancing the 2010 budget. The Vestry is asking parishioners to prayerfully consider how they might increase their 2010 pledge. Please notify the Treasurer with any changes: in writing or by email to finance@stpaulsdoylestown.org. 2010 Pledge Forms are available at the tract rack. ***Many thanks to all of you who have recently increased your 2010 pledge!***

Third Saturday Movie Night Social:

The monthly movie group met in January and felt that they would like to continue meeting on the third Saturday at the County Theater and visit back at the parish hall afterwards. There was also a good deal of talk about starting up a family movie night that would be held in the parish hall perhaps on the second Friday with earlier hours (5:30-7:30) which would include a pizza supper, so if this would appeal to your family please contact Wendy Brumbaugh at 215-257-7431 215-257-7431 or email wendybrumbaugh@hotmail.com.

If you are in need of a nice evening out, meet us at the theater around 6:45 on Saturday, March 20th. Decaf, dessert and discussion back at the parish hall immediately following.

Did you know???

The following stores have programs that give back to non-profit organizations.

Acme Tape Saver Program – Submit any Acme receipts into the collection jar on the track rack. Acme will give St. Paul's a 1% rebate for all collected receipts. No card is necessary to receive this benefit. However, using your Acme Super Saver card will give you reduced prices on sale items at the store.

Box Tops for Education - Before you throw away any box or carton, look to see if the item has a participating Box Tops for Education logo. Each small rectangle, when turned in, equals ten cents. There is a collection slot located next to the back door to the parking lot. This program benefits Small Wonders at St. Paul's.

E-scrip Program – Register your **Genuardi's Store Card** at www.escrip.com and set **St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Group ID #1001616)** as one of your three groups to receive donations. Up to 3% of all purchases get automatically deposited into our church account. If you don't have other organizations that are members of escrip, you can also designate **Small Wonder at St. Paul's (Group ID # 2437507)** as another group to receive benefits. There are many organizations in the area that can benefit from your food shopping. Also, if you like to use the internet to shop, feel free to use the E-scrip online shopping mall at www.escrip.com and click on the Online Mall logo. All purchases made through this link will benefit St. Paul's too. There are over 1,000 of your favorite online merchants listed. Visit www.escrip.com today.

Redner's Warehouse Markets – Have your “Redner's Pump Perks Card” scanned at the checkout register, then place your food store receipt, with the Save-A-Tape Program on the bottom, into the collection jar on the track rack. Redner's Markets will also give St. Paul's a 1% rebate for all collected receipts. **You get to save on your gasoline purchases too!** With this “Redner's Pump Perks Card” for every \$100 you spend, you can receive \$0.10 off your next gasoline purchase at participating Sunoco Stations. The card does not need to be registered online to use. Grab a card and start saving!

Staples – We receive \$3 for each recycled HP, Dell, Brother, Canon, Epson, Kodak or Lexmark used ink jet cartridge that you bring in to be recycled. The proceeds from this recycling help to defray our office expenses. Please put your cartridges in the special black and green container near the track rack. Thank you!

January 2010

Dear Forward Day by Day Reader:

Because of ongoing budget restraints and until further notice, Saint Paul's will no longer provide free copies of Forward Day by Day. If you wish to continue receiving this publication, you may either:

- Order your own subscription using the order form inside the front cover. This option, though more costly to you, would deliver Forward Day by Day to your mailbox. OR
- Order your own subscription via the church office using the order form below. Our charge will be \$5.00 per year (4 issues) and your copy will be left at the tract rack for you to pick up. 2010 orders (with payment) must be received in the church office by March 15th.

*We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused.
Thanks to the generosity of several parishioners
additional copies were available last year.*

2010 Forward Day by Day Order Form

Yes, I wish Saint Paul's to order Forward Day by Day on my behalf at the cost of \$5.00 per year. I understand that my copy will be available for pick up at the tract rack.

Name:

Phone:

MY ORDER:

No. of subscriptions: _____ @ \$5 =
\$ _____

No. of LARGE PRINT subscriptions: _____ @ \$5 =
\$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

Please make checks out to "Saint Paul's Church" with 'Forward Day by Day' on the memo line.

Questions? Call Angie at 215-348-5511 x10

EASTER MUSIC MEMORIALS

Please use the form below for returning your offering for Easter music and the names of those you wish to be remembered. Please make your check payable to **SAINT PAUL'S CHURCH, note "Music" on the memo line of your check, (separate checks please for music and flowers)** and mail it, or drop it off at the church office. The **deadline** for having the names in the Easter bulletin is **Monday, March 29.**

PLEASE PRINT NAMES

OFFERING FOR EASTER MUSIC MEMORIALS

PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING PERSONS

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Offering: \$ _____

Please give Christian names (Jean Smith, not Mrs. John Smith).

EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

Please use the form below for returning your offering for Easter flowers and the names of those you wish to be remembered. Please make your check payable to **SAINT PAUL'S FLOWER GUILD (separate checks please for music and flowers)** and mail it, or drop it off at the church office. The **deadline** for having the names published in the Easter bulletin is **Monday, March 29.**

PLEASE PRINT NAMES BELOW

OFFERING FOR EASTER MEMORIAL FLOWERS

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Requested by: _____

Offering: \$ _____

Please give Christian names (Jean Smith, not Mrs. John Smith).

JOB SEARCH GROUP: The group supports adults in our local area who are out of work and searching for jobs. Basic job search training will be provided to help build your Resume and develop skills for networking and interviewing. You will be part of an ongoing mutual support group until you land a job. The group meets Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Saint Paul's Conference Room.

BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is our entrance into the body of Christ as members of our one Holy Catholic Church. Through our Baptism we are then entitled to participate fully in the life of the Church. Baptism is especially appropriate at the Easter Vigil, on the Day of Pentecost (50 days after the Easter Vigil), on All Saints Day (1 November) and on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (first Sunday after the Epiphany which is 6 January). However, baptism can be arranged at other times, in consultation with the priest. Two preparation meetings are required prior to the day of Baptism. Please call the church office at 215-348-5511 if you are seeking Baptism for yourself or your child.

CHRISTMAS ATTIC DONATIONS are now being accepted. Please place your donations (marked 'Attic') in the coatroom on Sunday morning or drop them off at the church office during the week.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS



SUNDAY, MARCH 14

Please remember to
set clocks forward one hour.

PASTORAL CARE

IF YOU ARE HOSPITALIZED – IMPORTANT

If you or your loved one should be hospitalized or homebound, contact the church at 215-348-5511 or send an e-mail to Office@StPaulsDoylestown.org.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS and HEALING MINISTRIES

Weekday Intercessory Prayers can be offered at the close of Evening Prayer. If you have a specific need for healing, direction, guidance, or thanksgiving call the church office, 215-348-5511 with the name(s), specific need or thanksgiving, and the dates for the prayers. If you know of someone of the parish to be included in the Sunday mass intercessions for needs or thanksgiving, please call the parish office at 215-348-5511 with your name and dates of prayer. This weekday prayer ministry is opened to all to participate.



Another intercessory ministry meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Conference Room to pray for special needs or thanksgiving. All are welcome to come participate. Call Mary Rose at 215-723-3275.

In your personal prayers, please remember:

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| Janet McGill | Edward Perkins | Marilyn |
| Louise Nelson | Carole Beard | Canterbury |
| Tom Smith's daughter, Kelyn | Joyce & Sam | Doreen Stagg |
| Ed Sturtevant | Palermo's nephew, | Lorna Ludvik |
| Jan Garrigan | Thomas | Fred Paiste |

Also, remember to pray for:

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| The Diocese of Pennsylvania, Bishop Michel, Bishop Bennisson, the Standing Committee, and the Commission on Ministry |
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WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday:

8:00 a.m. Morning Prayer, *Church*

8:30 a.m. Low Mass, *Church*

9:30 a.m. Fellowship, *Parish Hall*

10:30 a.m. Sung Mass, *Church*

LENT

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31

(There will be no Healing Service during Lent.)

Stations of the Cross, 7:30 p.m., Church

Lenten Evening Prayer will be celebrated throughout the Central Bucks Cluster of Episcopal Parishes on the following dates:

- March 3, 7:30 PM, Trinity Church in Buckingham
- March 10, 7:30 PM, Trinity Church in Solebury
- March 17, 7:30 PM, Saint Paul's in Doylestown
- March 24, 7:30 PM, Saint Philip's in New Hope

Please plan to support the efforts of our family of churches in observing this holy season together.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Procession and Mass

10:30 a.m. Blessing of the Palms, Procession and Mass

Holy Tuesday, March 30

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

Holy Wednesday, March 31

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 1

7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

*All-night Vigil before the Most Blessed Sacrament
in the Chapel Garden of Repose*

Good Friday, April 2

Noon Stations of the Cross

7:30 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy

Easter Eve, Saturday, April 3

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter and
The First Solemn Mass of Easter

Easter Day, Sunday, April 4

10:30 a.m. Festive Choral Eucharist

FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Formation

Sunday mornings: 9:30 a.m., *Parish Hall*

Mondays: 7:30 p.m., Education for Ministry (EFM), *Library*

Thursdays: 11:00 a.m., Bible Study, *Conference Room*

Choir Thursdays: Adult Choir, 7:30 p.m., *Music Room*

Youth Formation

Sunday mornings: 9:30 a.m., Sunday School 9:30 a.m.: Rite-13,
J2A, YAC

3-2-10 *Prayer Group*, 7:30 p.m., *Conference Room*

3-10-10 *Book Group Cathedral by*

Raymond Carver 7:30 p.m., *Conference Room*

3-21-10 *ECW*, 9:30 a.m., *Parish Hall*

3-21-10 *Brotherhood*, 9:30 a.m., *Parish Hall*

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays: 7:30 p.m., Job Search Group, *Library*

3-6-10 *Prayer Shawl Ministry*, 10:30 a.m.,
Library

3-17-10 *Prayer Shawl Ministry*, 6:30 p.m.,
Library

3-20-10 *Aid for Friends*, 9:30 a.m., *Kitchen*

Anniversaries in March

Birthdays:

Mar. 1 Russell Gosnell
Stuart Lindberg
Michael Mohapp
Mar. 4 James Frey
Mar. 6 Joseph Donaghy
Sara Frister
Andrew Gazda
Mar. 7 Linda Hastie
Mar. 9 Marie Ciampa
Robbie Marco
Mar. 10 Renee Cauller
Wesley Whitaker
Mar. 11 Deborah Dobs
Mar. 12 James Massey
Mar. 13 Julia Cauller
Michael Frentzen
Joshua Holderer
Linda Ragsdale
Mar. 14 Joe Shute
Mar. 16 Sara Frister
Mar. 21 Peggy Davis
Mar. 22 Shelby Sayer
Mar. 23 Mark Mancilla
Mar. 24 Barbara Massey
Sean Parsons
Steve Prouty
Mar. 25 Christine Prouty
Bernice
Richardson
Prairie
Wentworth-Nice
Mar. 27 Nancy Brangs
Jennifer Esser
David Taylor
Mar. 29 Mary Ellen
Frustaci
Nicholas Molloy
Mar. 30 Pamela Dozier

Baptisms:

Elyse Mancilla
Nan McNamara
Mar. 8 Laura Ragsdale
Mar. 9 Jennifer Edinger
Jan Weidmann
Mar. 12 Barbara Lawler
Norm MacArthur
Christopher
Massey
Paige Renneisen
Mar. 17 Todd Marco
Mar. 24 Kenneth Vollmer
Mar. 27 Trudie Benton
Wendy Curtin
Mar. 29 Lena Gallagher
David Pettibone
Anne Shute
Mar. 31 Curtis Wiemann

Confirmations:

Beth Kingeter
Mar. 1 Glen Cowan
Mar. 5 Trudie Benton
Mar. 11 Nicholas Molloy
Mar. 12 Jane France
Mar. 15 Janet McGill
Mar. 16 Carol Hsu
Mar. 21 Bobbie Gilkerson
Mar. 29 Daniel Lawler
Mar. 31 Robert Ball
Pam Gazda
Sam Palermo

Marriages:

Mar. 17 Stephen
& Mary Ann Gosnell

Departed:

Mar. 1 Paul Cadwallader
Mar. 3 Frank Daly
Frank LaRosa
Mar. 4 John Atkinson
Huldah Porter
Lillian Johnson
Mar. 5 Lillian Moelter
Mar. 6 Howard Francis
Kramer
Mar. 7 Walter Sandewicz
Elwin French
Mar. 8 Edgar Rees
Arthur Folkes
Mar. 9 Elizabeth Ruehl
Mar. 11 Susie
Swartzlander
Ruth Trimbur
Mar. 12 Kathryn Miller
Mar. 14 Edna Hosutt
Mar. 15 Thomas
McKinstry
Mar. 16 Paul Van Auken
Mar. 18 Russell
Richardson
Mar. 20 Georgia Conrad
Pierce
Mar. 21 Alice Gardner
Christopher
Johnson
Mar. 22 Marie Knowles
George Atkinson
Mar. 23 Frances Gilman
Marian Pettibone
Mar. 24 Oliver Evans
Mar. 25 Julia Sharps
Mar. 28 Adelaide
Richards
Mar. 29 Marie Kister
Lydia Dunbar
Mar. 31 Robert Milman
Hodge Laughlin,
Jr.

**If your sacramental anniversaries are not on file,
PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
(215-348-5511, ext. 10)**

LEADERSHIP

The Vestry is chaired by the Rector and seated with elected Members as Stewards for oversight and coordination of Christian Formation, Worship, Buildings & Grounds, Outreach, and Finances. Please speak to them with your insight to ministry opportunities and with “Who God is calling us to be.”

THE VESTRY OFFICERS FOR 2010

Jeanie Hosutt ('10), Rector's Warden, 215-453-9543
Kay Johnson ('10), Accounting Warden, 215-348-7757
Bill Angell ('11), Treasurer, 215-345-5618
Peggy Davis ('12), Secretary, 215-230-9987

Vestry Members

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| John Canterbury ('12) | 215-348-0196 |
| Steve Rubenstein ('11) | 215-345-9276 |
| George Achilles ('13) | 215-348-4837 |
| Robert Ball ('12) | 215-345-6625 |
| Doug Esser ('13) | 215-230-0825 |
| Tom Smith ('10) | 215-340-0153 |
| Mark Grande ('13) | 215-491-6113 |
| Mary Ellen Wilson ('13) | 215-343-5171 |

Submissions for the monthly newsletter must be made in writing, preferably in digital format, to the Parish office by the **15th** of each month for inclusion in the next month's issue. Please email your article or item to the Parish Office at Office@StPaulsDoylestown.org. Or, please mail your article to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 84 East Oakland Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901

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