

PASSAGES

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ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA



FROM THE RECTOR

Dear People of St. Paul's,

Greetings to you in Christ.

I write to you on the eve of Epiphany, also known as Twelfth Night. As the conclusion to the Christmas season, it marks the transition from one mystery to the next. Christmas shows us the mystery the *particular*: how the eternal, immortal, transcendent God assumes a very particular human form: a child born in Bethlehem. And Epiphany will show us the mystery of the *universal*: how a child born in Bethlehem will become the Savior of the nations and the Light of the world.

Not everyone has an appetite for grand mysteries, which may transport the mind but cannot be grasped by sight, sound, touch, taste, or smell. Sometimes we must use our senses to receive a theological insight. Sometimes we need an object—say, for example, a flower. I admit that I do not know much about flowers (I am learning ... slowly). Perhaps the gift of a flower can be enough to experience the mystery of God's grace in a new way, a way that has not before been known.

On the fifth day of Christmas, a group of members (the Brotherhood of St. Andrew) took poinsettias from the church, which were used in our Christmas celebration, and delivered them to the homes of more than 30 other members—particularly those who are on our prayer list, and those who have had a particular difficulty staying connected to the church during this pandemic. It may not have been a gift of *five gold rings*; then again, a gold ring could never smell anywhere near as lovely. Perhaps this simple gift, the gift of a flower, may even have been enough for some to experience the mystery of God's grace in a new and unexpected way.

I pray the same for you—that you would know the grace of God, which is higher than the utmost heights and more inward in the inmost depths. A grace which may be discovered through a theological mystery or by the gift of a flower. The grace which is available to each and every one of us, if we are willing to receive it.

May the peace of Christ—our newborn King, our Star of wonder—be always with you.

Daniel+



ANNUAL MEETING

The Vestry invites you to the Annual Meeting of our parish on

Sunday, January 31, 2021

The Annual Meeting will take place in a virtual format this year, after the 10:00 mass. Those without access to computer technology will be invited to attend the meeting in-person. Further information to follow, including login details.

Book Study: I'm Still Here

Wednesdays at 7:30 PM: January 13, 20, & 27 (via Zoom)



A new book study on the topic of race and faith is forming at St. Paul's. The book is *[I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness](#)*, by Austin Channing Brown—"an eye-opening account of growing up Black, Christian, and female that exposes how white America's love affair with "diversity" so often falls short of its ideals." Join us for a discussion of this book over the course of three sessions via Zoom. This study is being facilitated by the Rector, and initiated by the work of our Social Justice Committee. You can find the book [online](#) and at local bookstores. RSVP for this study by contacting Fr. Daniel Moore.



DIOPA Soul Care for Caregivers Ministry

The 2020 coronavirus pandemic has brought into stark relief the courageous, ongoing, and whole-self-sacrifice of frontline caregivers, those who care for the sick and their families in hospitals and the community. The pandemic has multiplied the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual risks and stressors and is jeopardizing the health, and often the very lives of these dedicated caregivers. The Diocese of Pennsylvania lay and clergy members have come together to address these realities. ***Our mission is to provide prayer and support for Frontline Caregivers.***

An important ministry of the Diocese right now is to pray for our frontline workers: healthcare professionals, social workers, and teachers who are in trenches with this pandemic. We also are called to pray for the sick and suffering during this time. Intercessory prayer is a fundamental and vital ministry of The Church, and during my time on the Covid units the intercessory prayer of the saints in Heaven and on Earth have sustained me. If you would like information on how to commit to this ministry and sign-up for intercessory prayer and for a prayer list please contact me at matthew.simpson@stpaulsdoylestown.org.

[Sign-up today as an intercessor!](#)

Email questions and/or **names to be added to the prayer list** directly to soulcare@diopa.org.

Want more information? [click here](#)

Save the Date!



American Red Cross
Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter

BLOOD DRIVE
Thursday, March 4
from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall



Bible Study via Zoom

A Bible study led by Nancy and John Humphreys meets on the first and fourth Tuesday of each month. The topic: the ancestry of Christ. Ancestry has become a popular topic in our culture. Did you know that the ancestry of Jesus includes saints and sinners, insiders and outsiders, a murderer, a prostitute, and more than a few kings? Join us as we learn about our

“spiritual ancestry” in this study of the first chapter of Matthew’s Gospel.

[Click to join this Zoom Bible Study on Tuesday, Jan. 5 and 26 at 7:30pm.](#)

Details from John (610-766-1125 or johnnydogmatic@comcast.net)

Saint Paul’s Social Justice Committee

Our next meeting is at 7:30 PM on January 12th, the usual 2nd Tuesday of every month. Join us on Zoom via this link: [Click here to join the St. Paul’s SJC Committee Meeting](#) (Meeting ID: 979 0144 7389). Contact co-chairs [Jill Dulany \(267-664-0227\)](#) or [Jim Massey \(215-280-8716\)](#) with any questions. All are welcome!



Amazon Smile has been set up for St. Paul’s. Now when you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase price to the church. Set your bookmarks to this page and designate St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, in Doylestown, PA as your charity of choice today! Please note that St. Paul’s will be listed as St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, Darlington Fund so check to make sure that you have the correct selection. Once charity is set, remember to book mark page so all purchases count!

Care for creation and donate to Saint Paul’s at the same time!

Don’t throw out those ink jet and toner cartridges! Did you know that Saint Paul’s has a green and black collection bin next to the tract rack? By recycling used ink and toner cartridges (all kinds are now accepted), last year we earned over \$400 in credit at Staples. Please drop off your empty ink jet, and other printer cartridges with us and help us continue to save on our office supplies. Many thanks to everyone who is already participating.

BITS OF HISTORY

Stories from the Archives

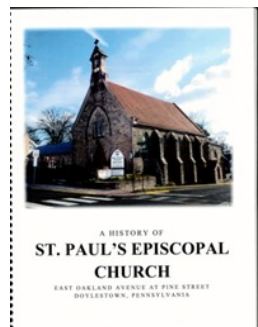


On January 6, 1951, a painting of St. Paul's church appeared on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post*. Done by local artist John Philip Falter (1910-1982),* the painting entitled "Snowy Morning at Church" was reminiscent of Norman Rockwell's work.

According to *A History of St. Paul's Episcopal Church*, the church was seen as "a sample of a bucolic piece of Americana amidst a strife-filled world during the Cold War." To this end, Falter was "intent on capturing an image of a woman who had the rector's ear, while bottlenecking the rest of the congregation."

* Falter's first *Saturday Evening Post* cover was published September 1, 1943, and he produced 128 more covers until the format was changed to photographs. Falter also provided illustrations for numerous other publications including *Esquire*, *Good Housekeeping*, *Cosmopolitan*, *McCall's*, *Life Magazine* and *Look*.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church History
is available
in the Church Office.
Copies are \$25.



A TIME TO BE THANKFUL

As part of this year's theme of being thankful, we will be featuring a thank you section in each newsletter. If you know of someone that needs to be thanked, please inform Angie by phone or email. We have a lot to be grateful for this month:

- ◆ To the Vestry, the Outreach Committee and the Brotherhood of St. Andrew for spreading Christmas joy by delivering poinsettias to the extended congregation of St. Paul's Church.
- ◆ To Doug Esser for his hard work as Treasurer, especially at year end.
- ◆ A special thank you to all the counters for helping count the weekly contributions. Your dedication is a great value to St. Paul's.
- ◆ To everyone participating in all our various ministries – thank you for your hard work throughout the year.
- ◆ To everyone who helped with greening the church for Christmas. The church was beautiful.
- ◆ Thank you to everyone who helped with Christmas in Doylestown Re-Imagined for 2020. We couldn't do it without all the people who assisted with the many preparations for this undertaking.
- ◆ To the Choir of St. Paul's for the lovely music at Christmas and all throughout the year.
- ◆ The children and families of St. Paul's for a wonderful Christmas Pageant and to all who helped organize it.
- ◆ To our Sexton Erich Kessler for watering the many poinsettias.

Thank You... Thank You ... Thank You!



Available Flower Memorial & Thanksgiving Dates for 2021

Thank you to all parishioners who have supported our ministry through their flower memorials and thanksgivings and a special thank you to the members of this guild for their time and efforts. Without everyone's participation the church would not be blessed with our ever changing floral displays to liven up the church! In 2021 we have the following open dates for flower memorials and thanksgivings:

April 25, May 23, July 25, August 22, and September 19

The Flower Guild welcomes anyone interested in being a part of this ministry. You are welcome to observe any current member arrange flowers for Sunday. Please talk to any current member to find out what it's all about. For questions please contact me either via email (lisafarina1@gmail.com) or phone (484-633-6000).

Lisa Farina, Head of the Flower Guild

January Highlights

Friday, January 1

New Year's Day
Office Closed

Sunday, January 3

Online:
Morning Prayer Rite I 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 5

Bible Study 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 6

Online: Noon
The Feast of the Epiphany of
Our Lord Jesus Christ

Sunday, January 10

Online:
Morning Prayer Rite I 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 12

Social Justice Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 13

Finance Committee Meeting
4:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Property Committee Meeting
6:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Book Study: *I'm Still Here: Black
Dignity in a World Made for
Whiteness*
7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Sunday, January 17

Online:
Morning Prayer Rite I 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 18

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19

Vestry Meeting 7:00 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 20

Book Study: *I'm Still Here: Black
Dignity in a World Made for
Whiteness*
7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Sunday, January 24

Online:
Morning Prayer Rite I 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 26

Bible Study 7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Wednesday, January 27

Book Study: *I'm Still Here: Black
Dignity in a World Made for
Whiteness*
7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

Sunday, January 31

Online:
Morning Prayer Rite I 9:30 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist Rite II
10:00 a.m.

Annual Meeting (Zoom)

Parish Register

Funeral

- Carolyn J. Sadowski on December 14, 2020

Anniversaries in January

Birthdays:

January 1 Kim Parsons
 January 4 Jacob O'Donnell
 January 5 Trudie Benton
 January 6 David Lee
 January 9 William Henderson
 January 11 Ruth Carlson
 January 13 Ann Laughlin
 Margaret Mayorga
 January 14 Christin Sawhney
 January 15 Nancy Gifford-
 Humphreys
 Emily Mohr
 January 16 Michael Roberts
 Marian Wentworth
 January 17 Jack Rittle
 January 18 Carol Fox
 January 19 Ken Godfrey
 Susan Nejako
 Hunter Menkins
 January 27 John Humphreys
 Fiona Mayorga
 January 28 Mary Rose
 January 30 Michael DiSandro
 January 31 Jill Dulany
 Mary Smith

Baptisms:

January 1 Katie Carver
 January 5 Pat Rubenstein
 January 8 Peter Dozier
 January 9 Caroline
 Canterbury
 January 10 Timothy Donato
 January 11 Lucas Mohr
 January 19 Jack Rittle
 January 24 Nick Lindberg
 January 31 Marian Wentworth

Confirmations:

January 1 Susan Roberts
 Mary Hernandez-
 Cuebas
 Paul Hernandez-
 Cuebas
 January 6 Chuck Gill
 Sherrie Prizer
 January 8 David Taylor

Marriages:

January 23 Michael and Susan
 Roberts
 January 24 Tom and Mary
 Smith

Departed:

January 2 Laura Brashears
 Alice Burr
 January 3 Ellen Swartzlander
 January 4 Roscoe Magill
 Anna Nelson
 Lois Dixon
 Craig Chandor
 Ella Roessler
 January 5 Frank
 January 6 Swartzlander, Jr.
 Frances Clayton
 January 10 Harry Rever
 January 11 Margaret
 Lancaster
 January 12 Alice Webb
 January 13 Harrington
 Rosenberger, Jr.
 January 14 Helen Happ
 January 16 Georgia Groves
 Joseph F. Firth, Jr.
 January 18 Arthur Edgar
 January 19 Phyllis E. Perkins
 January 20 Gillian Jubinski
 January 22 Ellwood Buckman
 Doris Brashears
 Lee Wagner
 January 24 Anna Sutterley
 Nicholas Palermo
 John T. Brown, Jr.
 January 25 Amelia Berlin
 January 26 Elizabeth Deno
 Howard Brown
 January 27 Charles Miller
 Charles Moyer, Sr.
 Nancy Perkins-Vice
 January 28 Paul Gottschall
 January 29 Daniel Kelly
 January 30 Fritz Geiger

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

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 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 (November 1) and on the Feast of the Baptism of Our Lord (First Sunday after the Epiphany, January 6). Baptism can also be arranged at other times, in consultation with the priest. Please call the church office at 215.348.5511.

MARRIAGE

Because the decision is such an important one, we at Saint Paul's are very serious about the priestly and canonical responsibilities for presiding at a marriage. To be married at Saint Paul's, each couple must meet the basic requirements established by the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church, The Diocese of Pennsylvania and the customs and practices of this parish. Please call the church office at 215.348.5511.

PASTORAL CARE

If a member of our parish is hospitalized, please call the church office at 215.348.5511 or email us at office@stpaulsdoylestown.org, as soon as possible. If you have a specific need for healing, guidance, direction or thanksgiving, please call the church office at 215.348.5511 with the name, specific need or thanksgiving and dates of requested prayer. If you know of someone in the parish who is included in Sunday mass intercessions for needs or thanksgiving, please call the office.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

In Galatians 6, Paul tells us to "carry each others burdens, and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ". Stephen Ministers have been trained and organized to do just that. They provide confidential one on one care, prayer, and support to those who are going through a difficult time in life. If you would like more information you can contact Pastor Thomas Rusert at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Doylestown at 215-348-4004.

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 next month's issue. Please email your information to

office@stpaulsdoylestown.org.

Or, mail to Saint Paul's Episcopal Church
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The Rev. Daniel T. Moore, Rector

The Rev. Matthew D. Simpson, Deacon

Mr. W. Edward McCall, Director of Music

Mrs. Angela Stoots, Parish Administrator

Ms. Kirsten Lowell, Youth & Family Ministry Coordinator

Mr. Erich Kessler, Sexton

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