

# PASSAGES

FEBRUARY 2021

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
DOYLESTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA



# FROM THE RECTOR

Greetings to you in Christ.

There is a lovely canticle in *The Book of Common Prayer* called “A Song of Creation”, which comes from the *Song of the Three Young Men*, an apocryphal portion of the Old Testament book of Daniel. You may recall the story of “Daniel and the fiery furnace”—how Daniel and his three friends, living in exile in Babylon, refused to worship king Nebuchadnezzar’s golden statue, and so were thrown into a furnace of blazing fire. As they walk into the flames, they all begin to sing an elaborate song “as with one mouth,” praising God for all the glories of creation.

And right in the middle of their song, they sing this line:

*Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold,  
drops of dew and flakes of snow.  
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord,  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.*

I have been thinking a lot about this verse lately—no doubt due to all the snowy weather we have received this year. For some, frost and cold and flakes of snow conjure idyllic scenes: children sledding, snow days, hot cocoa, and fires in fireplaces. For others, they represent danger and desperation: icy paths, scarcity of nourishment, and a constant struggle to keep warm amidst failing electricity or none at all (our neighbors in Texas are especially struggling with this right now). I am normally inclined to think about these elements as, essentially, neutral phenomena, which we may either choose to bless or curse depending on our unique circumstances.

But perhaps that is a wrong way of thinking. Perhaps I should think about them as creatures, like me, whose very existence in the world is itself a giving of glory to God—irrespective of anything else. The chill and cold glorifies the Lord not because it is useful, or even desirable, but simply because *it is*. Likewise, you and I—“men and women everywhere,” in the words of the song—give glory to God not because we are especially good or talented or wonderful people (though we may very well be!). We glorify the Lord because *we are*. Whether we intend to glorify God in our lives, or whether that is the furthest thing from our minds, our givenness as creatures will do it all the same. The whole earth sings the praises of God. The whole earth is full of his glory.

I take peace in that thought. There is nothing that I nor anyone else can ever do that will thwart the glory of God in the world. Even the frost and the cold, and the ice and the snow sing the praise of God’s glory.

Perhaps that is a word that might warm our hearts on a cold winter’s night, till the snow melts away and the flowers appear on the earth, and the music of the birdsong is heard once again.

In Christ’s peace,

Daniel+



# February 17<sup>th</sup>

St. Paul's will observe Ash Wednesday at **12:00 noon**. This service includes the Ash Wednesday liturgy, the Imposition of Ashes, and Holy Communion. Come and join us as we are invited to the observance of a holy Lent.

## Ash Wednesday: Socially Distanced and Public Imposition of Ashes

**1:30pm-3pm**

Trinity Buckingham Episcopal Church  
Parking Lot  
2631 Durham Road, Buckingham, PA 18912

**5:30pm-6:30pm**

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Yardley  
Parking Lot  
47 West Afton Avenue, Yardley, PA 19067

*\*Persons will be able to receive ashes on forehead in conjunction with their parish's virtual liturgies. Persons are to stay in car and drive-up to station to receive ashes. Walk-ups welcome as well.*

*\*In keeping with the commandment to "Love your neighbor as yourself," the wearing of masks is mandatory to receive ashes. If you do not have a mask and still wish to receive ashes, please see the Deacon on-site.*

## Commemoration of The Blessed Absalom Jones

The Bishop requests our presence at the Virtual Diocesan Commemoration of The Blessed Absalom Jones on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Born in slavery, Absalom Jones was the first African-American priest in The Episcopal Church. He was ordained to the priesthood in The Diocese of Pennsylvania in 1802. A more comprehensive biography and description of the service can be found [here](#).

Registration to the commemoration can be found [here](#).

If you have any questions, contact [Deacon Matthew](#).

# THE GREAT GERANIUM GROW



You are invited to join in a  
St. Paul's Parish wide event...  
The Great Geranium Grow (GGG).

The goal is for all of us to grow our own red geraniums and eventually plant them on the St Paul's grounds at Pentecost (5/23/21). To start things off, we will provide some seeds, a starter pot with soil and instructions. You will provide light, water, a bit of warmth, love and prayer. We will compare notes about progress through the Geranium Gazette. Parishioners of all ages are invited to participate. Hopefully, we can be growing by the start of Lent (2/17/21), a time of renewal. **Growing kits are now available.** [Sign up here](#) to pick up your geranium growing kits. For questions, contact [George Wiemann](#), 215-512-7550.

*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**

To schedule an appointment, sign up [here](#)  
or contact the church office at 215-348-5511

## The Little Red House

The Little Red House continues to support residents in our sponsored apartment in the Doylestown location of the Bucks County Housing Group. Our current family is a mother with 3 young children. Your financial donations or gifts of Giant gift cards to the Little Red House enable us to give the residents assistance to get back on their feet. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and support.

Maureen McGraw



## Book Study: I'm Still Here

*Wednesdays at 7:30 PM: February 3 (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.



## 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, Feb. 23 at 7:30pm.](#)  
*Details from John (610-766-1125 or [johnnydogmatic@comcast.net](mailto:johnnydogmatic@comcast.net))*

## Saint Paul’s Social Justice Committee

Our next meeting is at 7:30 PM on February 9th, 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](https://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*

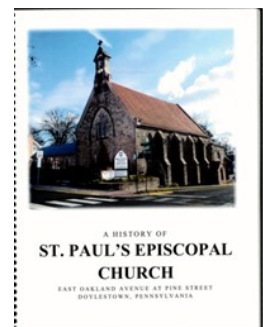


On the wall of St. Paul's library hangs a gallery of portraits depicting twenty of the church's twenty-six rectors, from Reverend George P. Hopkins in 1845 to Father Daniel T. Moore today. All St. Paul's rectors to date are listed below (those with an asterisk are not yet pictured):

George P. Hopkins	1846-1853	Roderick Provost Cobb	1906-1908
Rees C. Evans	1854-1855	Daniel George MacKinnon	1908-1911
William Richard Gries	1855-1861	Robert E. Benedict	1912-1915
John Tetlow	1862-1864	William Yarrow Edwards	1916-1919
Bryon McGann *	1864-1868	William Henry Boswell *	1920-1924
Hurley Baldy	1868-1873	John Lowery Hady *	1925-1927
Thomas K. Coleman *	1874-1875	William Reese Scott	1928-1935
V. Hummel Beghaus	1875-1882	Frank Damrosch, Jr.	1935-1957
Howard T. Widdemer *	1883-1885	John R. Chisholm	1957-1979
James F. Taunt	1885-1887	Edward Garrigan	1979-2004
George N. Eastman	1887-1891	Edwin W. Barnett	2005-2009
James F. Taunt	1892-1893	Christine E. Mottl	2009-2015
Edward Miller Jefferys	1894-1902	Daniel T. Moore	2017-
John C. Gallaudet *	1902-1905		

The portraits were assembled from photographs, most of which had been stored away for many years. Each has been reframed and labeled by committee member, Noralyn Crossley. The Archives Committee continues to search for the remaining rectors' images and hopes to complete the collection in the future.

**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:

- ◆ Sincerest thanks to the many Lectors who enrich our services with their readings.
- ◆ To Robert Ball, for his fine leadership of the Stewardship Committee and the 2021 campaign.
- ◆ To the Ushers for offering their time and talent to ensure that the congregation enjoys a warm yet solemn service.
- ◆ To the Finance Committee for their hard work behind the scenes and on the budget.

**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, July 25, and August 22**

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](mailto:lisafarina1@gmail.com)) or phone (484-633-6000).

*Lisa Farina, Head of the Flower Guild*



## February Highlights

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### Wednesday, February 3

Book Study: *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness*

7:30 p.m. (Zoom)

### Sunday, February 7

The Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, February 9

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

### Wednesday, February 10

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

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

### Saturday, February 13

Virtual Diocesan  
Commemoration of  
The Blessed Absalom Jones  
10:00 a.m. Register [here](#)

### Sunday, February 14

The Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 a.m.

### Monday, February 15

Presidents' Day  
Office Closed

### Tuesday, January 16

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

### Wednesday, February 17:

#### Ash Wednesday

Imposition of Ashes &  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
12:00 p.m. Nave

### Sunday, February 21

The Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 a.m.

### Tuesday, February 23

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

### Sunday, February 28

The Holy Eucharist Rite I  
8:00 a.m.

The Holy Eucharist Rite II  
10:00 a.m.

## Parish Register

### *Funeral*

- Paul R. Sullivan on January 16, 2021

## Anniversaries in February

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### Birthdays:

February 4 Allan Mohr  
 February 7 Nancy Dunston  
 February 8 Bill Burke  
 February 10 Paul Hernandez-  
 Cuebas  
 Aaron Guffey  
 William Pitts  
 February 11 Sherrie Prizer  
 February 13 Kaitlynne Burke  
 February 14 John Caughie  
 J. T. Massey  
 February 15 Audrey Jackson  
 February 16 Andrew Esser  
 February 17 Pat Achilles  
 William DelPizzo  
 Charles Dorsett  
 February 18 Pike Stephens  
 February 20 Barbara Lawler  
 Caroline O'Malley  
 Audrey Cassarella  
 February 21 Diane Happ  
 February 22 Carol Hsu  
 February 24 Tom Smith  
 February 26 Kyle Seckinger

### Confirmations:

February 3 Jacquelyn Grande  
 Robyn Mohr  
 February 5 Shih-Ying Hsu  
 February 7 Rea Boylan  
 February 12 Mary Rose  
 February 26 Michelle Morel  
 Marian Wentworth  
 February 28 John Caughie

### Marriages:

February 23 Gene and Eileen  
 Reilly

### Baptisms:

February 1 Michele  
 McGroggan  
 February 2 Mason Lillie  
 Hunter Menkins  
 Kim Parsons  
 February 20 Paul Henderson  
 Christin Sawhney  
 February 25 Amy Kirk  
 February 27 Keith Henderson

### Departed:

February 1 Madeleine Geiger  
 February 2 Adelaide  
 Rickenbacker  
 James Stanley  
 February 3 George  
 Wiemann, III  
 February 4 Mildred Roessler  
 February 5 Richard Awrans  
 Marjorie  
 Seivwright  
 February 6 David  
 Rickenbacker  
 Catharine Kappauf  
 Lenore Curtin  
 February 7 Bert Smith  
 Alfreda Bean  
 Janet Maurer  
 February 10 Samuel  
 Rockafellow  
 Dorothy Bilyk  
 February 11 Clarence Hawk  
 Reuben Dunbar  
 February 13 Dorothy Redfield  
 February 14 Robert Paxson, Jr.  
 Marie Lightcap  
 Harriett Greenholt  
 February 17 George Kerr  
 Robert Dunston  
 February 18 Howell Hastie  
 Geraldine Gardy  
 February 20 Daniel Buckley, Jr.  
 Jane Wetherill  
 Victor Ruehl  
 February 22 Arthur Leatherman  
 February 24 Robert Maier  
 February 26 Martha Buck  
 February 27 George Thompson  
 Paul Fern  
 February 28 Ada Justice

**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](mailto: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 fulfil 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](mailto:office@stpaulsdoylestown.org).

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18901.

Phone 215.348.5511

Fax: 215.348.4966

[www.stpaulsdoylestown.org](http://www.stpaulsdoylestown.org)

Parish Office Hours: 9am-5pm

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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

## The Vestry of St. Paul's

**Rector's Warden ('22)** Elizabeth Pitts, 610-864-3811

**Accounting Warden ('23)** David Taylor, 215-534-1295

**Secretary ('22)** Jill Dulany, 267-664-0227

**Treasurer (Non-Vestry)** Doug Esser, 215-285-0843

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