

On The Road to Damascus...

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Weekly Email Blast  
December 3, 2020

For those celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries:  
This Week:

Jenny Lee Martens, Rebecca Tumbarello, Stephen Garrison, Todd Hixson, Zachary Ferris.  
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Alice Cann  
Organist and Friend

This week St. Paul's mourns the loss of our beloved church organist Alice Cann. Alice was part of our St. Paul's family for close to 30 years, and an inspiration to all of us both on and off of the Organ bench. Thank you Alice for the time and dedication you put into playing your beautiful music for us every Sunday morning. And thank you to our St. Paul's family for the all the love, kindness, and support that you gave Alice over the years.

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I, personally, will miss my Sunday morning drive with my good friend Alice. Thank you Alice for your love and friendship. May you Rest in Peace. You will be forever in my heart.  
Rick Harris

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The WHO DOES WHAT for December is published to our website at WhoDoesWhat. ([http://www.stpaulspv.org/uploads/1/0/0/6/100634162/1220\\_wdw.pdf](http://www.stpaulspv.org/uploads/1/0/0/6/100634162/1220_wdw.pdf)). Christmas services will be listed in a separate chart as we are still working that out. Stay tuned!  
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Christmas Eve services will be at 1:30 PM and 4:30 PM. Holy Eucharist Rite II with Carols & Hymns. This year, due to COVID-19, we will be asking everyone to make reservations. Please email the church at [stpaulspv@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulspv@gmail.com) or call and leave a message at 845-635-5894. We will need the following:

1. Name
2. Number of people attending
3. Service you want to attend
4. Phone number to reach you

Overflow seating will be provided in the Parish Hall with a Video/Audio link and Eucharistic Ministers for Communion.

We are also thinking of adding Christmas Morning service if attendance warrants it. Please let us know if you are interested in that. Everyone is always invited!  
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Memorial intentions for Christmas Flowers are due by Sunday, December 14th. Please email your list of names to the church at [stpaulspv@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulspv@gmail.com) of those you wish to memorialize. Checks may be made out to St. Paul's with the memo line reading Christmas Flowers.  
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St Pauls has a new, easy way to pay your pledge or donations. It is called Tithe.ly.

Tithe.ly is a free service that allows us to collect pledges and other monies directly from your credit or debit card in a safe and secure way. You can make a one-time payment or set up recurring payments. We can even use it during fundraisers like Soup to Go!

Tithe.ly is totally in your control. You can stop payments, change payments or add payments whenever you want. It simply automates what you are already doing, saving you the need to write a check or bring cash to church. If you have any questions, feel free to ask Rita Carver. She can help you set it up.

Just click on the link below.

It will take you to the website where you can sign up for free, Tithe.ly (<https://get.tithe.ly/>)

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The next Vestry Meeting will be on Monday, December 14th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. This is a very important meeting as it is the last Vestry Meeting of the year and is when the Vestry discusses and votes on the Annual Budget. The nominating committee will also be discussed and formed.

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The Thrift Shop is open for business...Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10AM to 1PM. Staffed with wonderful volunteers. Stocked with extraordinary bargains. Come one, come all. Support St. Paul's year-round fundraiser. Please spread the word to your friends and neighbors. They are having a bag sale on clothing and shoes - \$5/bag. And all jewelry is 50%!

We are in need of VOLUNTEERS! Are you called? Can you help? We need people at various times to check in and manage the inventory. We also need people to help cover our store hours. Please contact Ginny Johnson for more information. This is an important fundraiser for St. Paul's and every hand can help.

If you have donations, please reach out to Ginny Johnson (635-2702 (tel:635-2702) ) to let her know. She is scheduling drop-offs at a rate the volunteers can handle.

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Please join me in welcoming our upcoming Supply Priests who have graciously answered our call to cover for Father Mike during his January/February vacation. We will be blessed to have Rev. Deborah Dresser for all of January and Rev. Chuck Kramer for all of February!

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St. Paul's Micro Service

St. Paul's Micro Service is continuing although slightly altered. We now record the following in the church during our 10:00 AM service:

1. Opening Hymn
2. Readings & Psalm
3. Gospel & Sermon

After the service concludes, the videos will be edited and then uploaded to our YouTube page. Please look for the videos in a Playlist with Sunday's date by 3:00 PM at the latest. Feel free to watch and enjoy whether or not you attend the service in person.

YouTube (<https://bit.ly/2Wmf1Kh>)

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Bishop's Corner:

If you missed any of this week's inspiring video messages from our Bishops, click on this blue link: Diocese of NY (<https://vimeo.com/showcase/ednyhweaster2020>) and it will take you to the page with all their wonderful videos.

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#### REMINDERS

Adams Gift Cards: Year-Round Fundraising - PLEASE SEE OR CALL GINNY OR DEBBY TO ARRANGE FOR PICKUP IF YOU ARE NOT AT CHURCH.

If you shop at Adams or give gift cards as gifts, our ministries benefit from this fundraiser. Thank You!

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#### Communications

If you use Facebook, please like & follow the St. Paul's page. Also, please invite people you know who may be interested in the mission and outreach ministries at St. Paul's. ALSO, please "Subscribe" to our YouTube channel and let others know about it. Let's get the WORD out!

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#### UPDATED Weekly Ministry Schedule

First Wednesdays -

5:00 PM Ecumenical Food Pantry: PV United Methodist Church, Volunteers Welcome! OPEN WITH CURBSIDE SIGN-IN AND DELIVERY

All Wednesdays:

1:00-2:30 PM Bible Study: Sepe Room, Parish Hall STILL SUSPENDED

Fridays: (every other week, call Liz Whitman for details)

6:00 PM: Evening Prayer, Church RESTARTED!

Sundays:

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I, Church REOPENED!

9:45 AM Sunday School, PH STILL SUSPENDED

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II, Church REOPENED!

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM Adult Ed: Sepe Room, Parish Hall STILL SUSPENDED

1:00 PM Micro Service via YouTube (<https://bit.ly/2Wmf1Kh>)

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In case of Pastoral Emergency:

Please call a warden:

Roger Tumbarello: 845-635-1220 or Rick Harris 845-867-6516.

They will be able to contact the Priest on call for pastoral coverage.

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