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## ST PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - PV

### *On The Road to Damascus...*

The Weekly Email Blast

March 23, 2018

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**On the Road to Damascus:** What is this phrase talking about?!

St. Paul is our patron saint here at the Episcopal Church in Pleasant Valley, NY.

Before he was an Apostle dedicated to the life and mission of Jesus Christ, he was someone who violently persecuted followers of Jesus. When he was on a journey to

Damascus to continue persecuting the earliest Christians, he had a conversion experience that is recounted specifically in the Acts of the Apostles and in Paul's letters to the Galatians and the Corinthians.

Paul's life was changed in a moment with a blinding flash of light and a voice from heaven.

His conversion began on that day when he "saw the light" – and for the rest of his

days he shows us that conversion is both a defining moment AND a way of life.

Come walk with Jesus as Paul did so many centuries ago.

Where will this Damascus road lead us? We will find out together.

With Jesus as our guide and as the ultimate path itself, getting ourselves on the road is all we need to do to begin. See you on the road to Damascus!

*Mother Megan*

to read more: <https://www.episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/paul-saint>



## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES 2018**

### **Palm Sunday (March 25<sup>th</sup>) services:**

**8:00 AM and 10:00 AM.**

Before the 10:00 AM service, we gather in the Parish Hall and process together to the church, remembering Jesus' triumphant entry

### **Maundy Thursday (March 29<sup>th</sup>) service:**

**Begins at 7:00 PM** in the church.

Every year on this night we conclude the service with the solemn stripping of the altar, after which the **Night Watch Vigil** begins. All are welcome and invited to sit in the silence of the church, offering this time to God.

Many people have shared over the years about the special meanings of this time of silence/prayer/reflection/worship. For those wishing to watch and pray for an hour during the time after the Maundy Thursday service (9pm) until 8am

on Friday morning, there is a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall or the back of the Church.

**Good Friday (March 30<sup>th</sup>) service:**

**Begins here at 12:00 PM** and includes the Lord's Passion and Holy Eucharist from the reserved sacrament.

**Our Pleasant Valley Ecumenical service on Good Friday includes walking the Stations of the Cross together and pausing at different churches along the way for readings, reflections, and prayers.**

**6:30 PM** gathering time at the PV Presbyterian Church.

**The Great Vigil of Easter (Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>):**

**This service begins promptly at 7:30 PM at St. Paul's.**

On this most holy night, in which our Lord Jesus passed over from death to life, the Church invites her members, dispersed throughout the world, to gather in vigil and prayer as we share in his victory over death.

**Easter Sunday (April 1<sup>st</sup>) at St. Paul's:**

- **8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I**
- **10:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II with music and egg hunt for children**

*AND, For the Early Risers:*

- **6:30 AM PV Ecumenical Easter Sunrise Service**
- Mill Park in Pleasant Valley (across from Carl's Barber Shop)





Palm Sunday is the Final Day: Please contact Marilyn Kirchner in person at church or by phone or email (845-635-3431 [Userk3939@aol.com](mailto:Userk3939@aol.com)) with the names of those you would like to honor and remember with Easter flower memorials here at St. Paul's.

Flower offering envelopes are available in church on Sunday. You may send a donation in at any time. God bless you and keep you as we remember and pray together.

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### **A FEW ADDITIONAL NOTES...**

1. Palm Sunday & Easter: please bring children with you to church as we will not have childcare available on those days. Thank you!
  2. Easter Vigil & Easter Day: We offer our deep thanks to all our hospitality teams, and we will not have coffee hour after these services. Thank you!
  3. Bible study will not meet during Holy Week or the week after Easter (March 28th and April 4th).
  4. The Holy Eucharist with prayers for healing on the 1st Wednesday of the month is moved to the next week (April 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm), and bible study will resume the following Wednesday (April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1pm).
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*Thank you*

**A Giant Thank You  
to All of Our Volunteers  
this past Weekend  
at Our Annual Irish Dinner!**

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**For those celebrating birthdays & anniversaries:**

Rudy Macak  
Trudy Rouse

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A Memorial service for Warren Albert Baldt, father of Anna DeMarco, will be held on Tuesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm in the church.

Everyone is invited.

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The next vestry meeting is on Monday, April 9th at 7pm.

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**First Wednesday:**

**1:00 PM HE-RT II w/prayers for healing ADA Access**

**6:45 PM - Ecumenical Food Pantry**

PV United Methodist Church - **Volunteers Welcome!**

**2nd-5th Wednesdays:**

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

**Thursdays:**

**Evening Prayer 6:00 PM - Church**

**Sundays:**

**Adult Education 11:30 AM - Sepe Room, Parish Hall**

**Rector's Office:**

Walk-ins are welcomed and invited.

Days may vary during the week due to off-site commitments.

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Stay connected through our Parish Website ([www.stpaulspv.org](http://www.stpaulspv.org)), our weekly email blasts (sign up at [stpaulspv@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulspv@gmail.com)) and on Sundays with bulletin announcements. Mother Megan is also available by appointment during the day. Please contact her to set up a time to meet together. Her Sabbath time is Thursday and Friday

**Pastoral Care:**

The Rev. Megan E. Sanders, Rector

**In case of pastoral emergency:**

Please call the Rector on her cell phone: 917-751-9568. Hearing your voice is important to me. Please no text messages. You may also contact on elf the wardens:

Roger Tumbarello: 635-1220

Nancy Adams: 635-1448

They are able to reach me and will relay your message.

*If you or someone you know wishes to receive a Pastoral Visit, please call/email Mother Megan.*

***--God Bless You.***



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