



Spiritus Gladius

The Weekly News Letter of the Collegiate Church of
Saint Paul the Apostle, Savannah

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Liberators & Prophets MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Feria MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	St. Mary Magdalene Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am, MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	Feria MP 9:00 am HE 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	Thomas a Kempis Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm

MP - Morning Prayer HS - Healing Service
HE - Holy Eucharist EP - Evening Prayer

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2020

Via Livestream on Facebook [https://
facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/](https://facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/)

9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass
12:15 p.m. Misa en Español
5:30 p.m. Evensong (weekly)
Benediction (4th Sunday)

*There is a 3 pm Mass at St. Bartholomew's,
Chevis Road at Wild Heron Road on the
4th Sundays of the Month*

Remember to Wash your Hands Regularly

The Propers

[Isaiah 44:6-8](#)
[Psalm 86:11-17](#)
[Romans 8:12-25](#)
[Matthew 13:24-30,36-43](#)

Parish Office is closed to in person visits until further notice. For updates on church events call or visit our Web Site at www.StPaulSavannah.org

Parish Survey and Senior Warden Report

Greetings on behalf of the Vestry of St. Paul's!

This year has brought forward a series of challenges and the Vestry has been continuing to meet these trials using God's gifts to the best of our abilities. Since we closed for in-person worship in March, the Vestry has been meeting regularly to adapt our program to address the present situation using alternative methods of communication. We have been holding our monthly meetings online via zoom and the focus of the meetings has shifted to address the needs of our parish in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Watching this illness and its devastation on our health, economic, social, educational and spiritual well-being has been consuming. We are trying to adjust the diocese program for Invite-Welcome-Connect to a growing technological era. Outreach to the members of the parish and determining how to move forward in a time of great uncertainty, however, has been at the top of our agenda. As the science and local conditions seem to change every day, from what we know about the illness to who is most vulnerable, there is a constant shift to local, state, and federal laws and recommendations affecting reopening of churches and rolling closures to businesses. All of this must be weighed together in prayer with what God is calling us to do at St. Paul's.

Throughout this pandemic, we have been following the guidance from our Bishop and Mayor to remain closed to public in-person worship. We have pursued online worship, zoom bible study, and zoom monthly meetings as safe alternatives to stay connected with one another. We recognize that this lacks the connectivity that is made within in-person gatherings and worship within the sanctuary. However, we are striving to be part of the solution to return to these activities and not strengthen the growing number of COVID-19 cases within our community.

On July 1, 2020, the Bishop of Georgia enacted Phase 1 Guidelines for returning to in-person worship. This requires a super majority of the Vestry to certify that certain criteria are met, including a declining number of COVID-19 cases in our area and agreement to adopt safety procedures for worship prior to reopening. Since these guidelines were adopted, we have been working to address these criteria and developed an online survey for you to be a part of the decision-making process. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions about your response to returning to in-person worship: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1GSzCCOqe2X3Zep1mear6cC2GmU4770Q8Vcsd7CPbPAM/viewform?ts=5f021a93&edit_requested=true. A task force is also being formed to oversee the procedures that will be put in place when we return to public in-person worship. If you would like to be a part of the team, please email me at sarahpayton@comcast.net.

With God's help, we know that we are up to this challenge. The Vestry is taking this task very seriously and we look forward to the new opportunities that will be created from this significant change in all of our lives.

With Love,
Sarah Ward, Senior Warden

Parish News and Events



Marc Chagall Museum - "Jacob's Dream"
Nice, France

Sunday Scripture Study Pentecost 7

Genesis 28:10-19a

In this passage from Genesis, Jacob has an encounter with God. He dreams of a ladder that reaches from the earth all the way to heaven, with angels ascending and descending on it. God appears to Jacob and promises him the land on which he is lying and offspring as numerous as “the dust of the earth.” God appears to Jacob at the portal between the familiar and the unfamiliar, the known and the unknown, and there, he finds a new place to worship God. Many of us have been living in an in-between place these past months, with much of our lives turned upside down by the pandemic.

When have you found God in the “in-between” places?

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

The psalmist prays to God in a most familiar and intimate way. He is confident that God not only knows him but has searched him out. God sees

even his most mundane actions of “sitting down” and “rising up,” knows all his inner thoughts, and knows every word he speaks.

How might you invite God into deeper relationship in your life?

Romans 8:12-25

In his letter to the Romans, Paul is writing to a community with tensions that had arisen between Jewish and Gentile followers of Jesus in Rome. Sometimes, it seems impossible that people with different opinions or beliefs could ever come together. As Christians, we are called to something greater, beyond politics, beyond race, and beyond cultural identity, to work for reconciliation and love for all God’s children.

Where do you find hope for reconciliation and love today?

Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

In this parable of the weeds and the wheat, Jesus has an important lesson for us here about how to make choices in our lives, either good or bad. The difference between them is their point of origin, out of whose hand they are planted. We may want to check our motivations to be certain about who plants us in the world and exactly what we are growing into.

In our work to build the kingdom of God, how might some of the seeds we sow become wheat and others weeds?

Meredith Ward, author of this study, is a candidate for ordination to the priesthood in the Diocese of New York and attends Union Seminary

New In-person Worship Guidelines

See the Warden’s Report for information for our parish and a survey for all parishioners.

This Week at St. Paul's

Mass Schedule

As of this writing we will be closed for Public Worship for the foreseeable future, please join us daily for Livestreaming on our Facebook Page

<https://facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/>

Keeping St. Paul's going

Three ways to make your financial contribution. The vitality of St. Paul's depends on all of us

- 1) Join Realm
- 2) use your Banks' Bill Pay
- 3) send your check in the Mail

Year-To-Date

Inflows May 2020

\$156,632.75

Outflows February 2020

\$179,880.83

Balance (-\$23,248.08)

Budget needed each week

\$8,567.00

Offering 07-12-2020

By Mail: \$3,390.00

Online (Realm):\$1680.00

Restricted 07-12-2020

\$50.00

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The Episcopate

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The Most Rev'd Michael B. Curry D.D.
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The Most Rev'd & Rt Hon Justin Welby D.D.
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Canon J. Robert Carter, PhD

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Deacon

The Rev'd Victor Moreno, Deacon

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Music Director & Administrator

Fr. Nathan P. Wilson, Asst. to the Dean

Joe Daniels, Sexton

Grace Downs, Children's Ministries
& Children's Choir

The Vestry

Sarah Ward, Senior Warden, '22

Mark Frissell, Junior Warden, '21

Heather Downs, Clerk, '21

Judy Naylor-Johnson '23, Erick Nowicki '23

Adriana Ramirez '23, Simona Perry '23,

Kris Lee, '21, Jerry Riley, '21

Ana Carter, '22, John Ely, '22

Lorna Smith, '22

Carl Pruetz Treasurer

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Thanksgivings and Memorials

High Altar Flowers

are given to the greater glory of God and in thanksgiving for many blessings by the parish

Our Lady Queen of Peace Altar Flowers

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Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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High Altar Sanctuary Lamp

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Birthdays

Sofia Breton (19)

Maddox Chaney (20)

Jeni Downs (24)

Anniversaries

Mac Fogle and Gary Shelby (19)

Expectant Mothers

Grace Rafield

Katherine Posse de Voest

Departed

Allie Mae (Tootie) Edwards
Wright (19)

Lois Webb (21)

Walter Webb (21)

Robert William Fisher (23)

Charles Lupica (24)

Samuel Derby Collins (25)