The Weekday Kalendar

Monday

Chair of St. Peter
MP  9:00 am  
HE  12:15 pm  
EP  5:30 pm  

Tuesday

Polycarp
Bishop & Martyr
MP  9:00 am  
EP  5:30 am  
HE  6:00 pm  

Wednesday

St. Matthias
Lauds  6:45 am  
HE  7:00 am  
MP  9:00 am  
EP  5:30 pm  

Thursday

Ethelbert
King & Confessor
MP  9:00 am  
HE  10:00 am  
EP  5:30 pm  

Friday

Ember Day
Lauds  6:45 am  
HE  7:00 am  
MP  9:00 am  
EP  5:30 pm  

The First Sunday in LENT

February 21, 2021

Via Livestream on Facebook https://facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/  
9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:00 a.m. Solemn Mass
12:15 p.m. Misa en Español (online)
5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer/Mass  
(On the Church Lawn)
Benediction (4th Sunday)

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

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The Proper

Genesis 9:8-17  
1 Peter 3:18-22  
Mark 1:9-15  
Psalm 25:1-9

Parish Office is open for phone calls Monday Through Thursday, 10am-12:00pm
No in-person visits are allowed at this time.
Reflections

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

As we stand at the beginning of Lent, if you are like me it always arrives before I expect it. Fortunately for us the seasons of the Church year do not depend on whether we are ready or feel like entering the opportunity they provide for walking more fully in the pilgrimage which is ours in Christ Jesus. Rather they hold up to each one of us the opportunity to enter the vision which is ours as inheritors of the Kingdom. Baptism has made us part of the rich heritage of God. Especially as God works in the person of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. As we cycle through each year, engaging at various levels with the ebb and flow of the Christian life, there is always the possibility that we will become more fully what God intends us to be - sons and daughters who desire God and wish to live fully in the reality of God’s love and to enthusiastically share that love with all who are sent our way.

The season Lent is our opportunity to strip our daily routines to the essentials; so that we might become more open to the vision which is ours in the Christian life. One of the reasons we take the brass and art out of the church and cover up the beauty of St. Paul's during Lent is to remind us that the bare necessities should be our mode of operation during this season. Ultimately Lent can be a season of empowerment. The implicit challenge of the season is one of making choices - asking ourselves to consider what it is that we believe and what will we do to enable those beliefs to flourish. Therefore, the Church makes recommendations about meatless days, and not attending parties or gala events. She also recommends a measure of abstinence in all areas of life to encourage the exercise of disciplined acts of devotion as well as focused charity and alms giving.

Amid the Pandemic and the reality that our movements and ability to socialize is severely limited, we have a unique opportunity this year. Rather than contending with the fast pace of life and its attendant stresses and strains, we can choose to embrace with determination the present opportunity to live an intentional Christian life. Lent is a time when we can recapture something of the joy which results from “living in the world but not of the world.” In addition to the normal pattern of devotion which I hope each of us practice daily, all of which should be directed toward the enhancement of our relationship with God and our neighbor, may I suggest that each of us set one evening aside with a special meal that includes devotions and readings from scripture. A handy framework is provided in the Book of Common Prayer in the section devoted to Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families beginning of page 136. May I also remind everyone of the many opportunities which are ours at St. Paul's for the increase of devotion - Daily Morning and Evening Prayer, Daily Mass, Thursday Morning Bible Study and Mother Lauren’s class on the Way of the Cross, Wednesday at 6pm. I also recommend Bishop Frank Griswold’s course on Sunday’s at 5:30pm called Liturgy and Life (details on the News & Events Page). Another resource is made available by the Society of St. John the Evangelist - SSJE.org/comepray. Follow the link and it will provide a wealth of support for Lent. In addition, remember, we have regular times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), and Stations of the Cross on Friday.

With purpose let us continue to dedicate ourselves to the observance of a holy Lent that the joy of Easter may be more abundant in our lives. WWIII
Vestry Retreat

The Vestry is holding their annual retreat this Saturday, February 20th from 9:00am - 11:00am. It will be a virtual session and is open to all members of the parish. If you would like to attend, please contact Lorna Smith at lorna.smith10@gmail.com for a link to the session.

Come, Pray: Lenten Series Zoom

This series from the Community of St. John the Evangelist (Episcopal monastic community in Cambridge, MA) is centered on a weekly 20-minute video and invites participants to explore and experience diverse prayer practices alongside the Brothers through joining our regular, livestreamed worship, special services, and online teachings.

Each Sunday, beginning February 14, 2021 we will send an email with a link to the week’s video conversation and some resource notes to guide your prayer that week. To sign up, email: SSJE.org/subscribe and select "Monastic Wisdom for everyday living."

Lenten Series with Bishop Frank Griswold

The Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Bryn Mawr, PA is sponsoring a Zoom evening prayer and discussion with former Presiding Bishop Frank Griswold on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm: “Liturgy and Life: Renewed By Your Word and Sacraments”; email office@goodshepherdrosemont.com to receive the password.

To make a reservation for the Ash Wednesday Masses or 5:30pm Sunday Mass, click on the link listed below: (If you do not choose to use the online reservations system, you may call the church office at (912) 232-0274.)

Make a Reservation on Realm
This Week at St. Paul’s

Sunday Lay Minister
Alan Boulton

Sunday Lector
Billy Wooten

Mass Schedule
As of this writing, we are opening the church to limited in-person worship (phase one of the Diocesan plan). You may join us daily for Livestreaming on our Facebook Page https://facebook.com/stpaultheapostlesavannah/

Holy Communion is available at the Main Door after the 10am Mass until 11:15 am

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 Through December 2020 $453,184.69.00
Outflows Through December 2020 $429,025.10

Budget needed each week $8,567.00

Offering 02-14-2021
By Mail: $1,772.83
Online (Realm): $1,543.00

Restricted 02-14-2021 $1,135.00

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The Episcopate
The Right Reverend Frank S. Logue
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The Most Rev’d Michael B. Curry D.D.
Primate, Episcopal Church, USA
The Most Rev’d & Rt Hon Justin Welby D.D.
Archbishop of Canterbury

Honorary Assistant Clergy
Canon J. Robert Carter, PhD
Fr. George B Salley, Jr
The Rev. John G Anderson
Lutheran Pastor in Residence

Staff
The Very Rev’d Dr. Wm Willoughby III, OStJ
Rector & Dean of Savannah
The Rev’d Leonel Polanco
Latino Missioner
The Rev’d Lauren Flowers Byrd
Parochial Vicar
The Rev’d Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB
Deacon
The Rev’d Victor Moreno, Deacon
Robert McDowell Fogle III
Organist/Choirmaster & Administrator
Joe Daniels, Sexton
Grace Downs, Children’s Ministries & Communications

The Vestry
Sarah Ward, Senior Warden,’22
Mark Frissell, Junior Warden,’23
Judy Naylor-Johnson,’23, Erick Nowicki ’23
Adriana Ramirez ’23, Simona Perry ’23,
Kris Lee, ’21, Alan Boulton, ’22
Charles McMillan, ’24, Laura Walker, ’24
Ana Carter, ’22, Lorna Smith, ’22

Remember to Wash your Hands Regularly

Altar and Shrine Flowers
Lent is a penitential season and flowers are usually associated with rejoicing. For this reason, the altars are bare, and we use none of the usual symbols of rejoicing

High Altar Sanctuary Lamp
No donation for the Altar lamp was received this week.

Our Lady Queen of Peace Altar Lamp
No donation for the Altar lamp was received this week.

Donations in memory or in honor of someone may be made using this link: https://forms.gle/2RyfyFcZNetPvW1F6
Or by picking up a form located on the piano in church.

Feb 21 - Feb 27, 2021

Birthdays
Peter Morris (21)
Phyllis Boulton (26)

Departed
Martha Hoagland Embry (21)
Jeffery Michael Fox (22)
Philip Joseph D’Arcy (24)
Richard Edward Witt (25)
Fr. Roger Jack Bunday (26)
Katherine Metts Collins (26)