



Spiritus Gladius

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

The Weekday Kalendar

Monday	Nicodemus MP 9:00 am HE 12:15 pm EP 5:30 pm
Tuesday	Jean-Baptiste Vianney MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm HE 6:00 pm
Wednesday	Oswald Lauds 6:45 am HE 7:00 am, MP 9:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Thursday	The Transfiguration of Our Lord Jesus Christ MP 9:00 am HE 10:00 am EP 5:30 pm
Friday	John Mason Neale 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 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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 55:1-5](#)
[Psalm 145: 8-9, 15-22](#)
[Romans 9:1-5](#)
[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

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

Longing To Be Back

This week marked the debut of a church parody called *Dancing Priest Does Hamilton*, a video gone viral created by the Rev. Lonnie Lacy, the rector of St. Anne's Episcopal Church in Tifton, Georgia. The idea for this gift came to Fr. Lacy while he was streaming *Hamilton* on television with his daughter. He saw Lin Manuel's King George III, singing "You'll Be Back" and wearing a robe that brought to mind an actual red cope in the vesting closet of his parish. If you haven't yet been delighted by Fr. Lacy's tender parody, you must find time to enjoy it. It made the Episcopal News Service yesterday, and you can [follow the link here](#). In it, he foretells our return to in-person worship and sings it onward with something close to mad glee, "We'll be back! Time will tell, when we kick this virus back to hell. Oceans rise, empires fall, we have seen each other through it all. When we finally open the door, we will get back together even better than we ever were before. Da da da dat daaa!"

His song takes place in the empty nave of St. Anne's, and there he dances up and down the aisles all dressed up for worship: alb, stole, biretta, and cope. And watching this joyful offering sung into our present season of alienation, it dawns on me how much we all miss dressing up, most especially dressing up to go to church.

Stand up in your favorite suit or heels to hear the Gospel proclaimed in a given parish church, and you feel yourself standing with and within Mother Church herself, whose breadth of being dresses mysteries like the fullness of time, the whole company of heaven, and the daily hard work of telling the truth. Though the pandemic of COVID-19 finds us all longing to "be back" like we were, it's important to remember our faithfulness is not suspended in time. We carry on from home because she carries on forever: the life of Mother Church is eternal, with us wherever we are. Individual parishes, while partaking of that eternal mystery, are temporal gifts consecrated to the glory of God, and thus caught in the lesser mysteries of daily work. The catch here involves things like maintenance and budgets, hands to offer and hands to receive.

The daily life and mission of St. Paul's calls us to rouse ourselves even from a distance. Though vesting in loungewear to attend livestream services from home is merely another way of dressing for church, heaven forbid we mistake it for a calling. Lounging, that is. Forgive me for saying so, but our parish church at 1802 Abercorn is where we name together our *longing*, not our lounging. And that longing is for God. The danger of our present "exile" to livestream is forgetting the actual needs of our parish. St. Paul's calls us to holy service: praying for our brothers and sisters in Christ, checking in with those who need us, supporting our Food Pantry for the hungry, and opening our hearts to God, along with the spiritual discipline of offering what we can to sustain our parish budget.

Your gifts to St. Paul's foster an eternal longing, both for the communion of each other and for Christ in our midst at 1802 Abercorn. While it's true we're not *there* as we were before, our lovely parish church *remains* there: steadfast, as if waiting for us and with us. And remember, no matter where you are, whether at home or within the church building itself, it is Christ who dresses the reality you wear — dresses your everyday flesh — with an eternal longing. And hidden away in your longing to "be back" is the depth of your longing for God's love, a longing already answered in Christ.

So, rest easy, and rouse your spirits with daily prayers and time spent out of doors. Reach out to fellow parishioners. Know your vestry and staff are working on your behalf, discerning best practices in a hard season. And yes, please remember to support the daily mission of St. Paul's.

Mother Lauren Flowers Byrd

Parish News and Events



Feeding the Five Thousand
Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld

Parish Survey Results

Thank you again to everyone who participated in the recent Parish Survey! We had 73 respondents and have compiled the results in the attached document to show the overriding trends and comments. The Vestry, Clergy and Staff will be using this information to improve current online services, establish new programming and as we plan for reopening in the future. Thank you!

In-Person Worship Remains Closed

The Vestry met on Monday, July 27th to consider the criteria established by the Bishop of Georgia for a return to in-person worship. This criteria requires:

1) *A downward trend* in positive COVID-19 test and hospitalizations in our area;

2) Adherence to the Diocese of Georgia Guidance Document and Safer Standards; and
3) Follow contact tracing guidelines for new cases among those who attend in-person worship. The current health data in Chatham County according to the Georgia Department of Public Health shows that both positive COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are on the rise. Until this trend changes, the Vestry cannot certify the worship services to be open for in-person attendance. Online services will continue as a the safest space for us to gather while we work to develop the specific guidelines and protocols for maintaining a clean environment that allows for contact tracing when the health conditions in our area improve and we are able to reopen. As recommended in the Diocese Guidance Document, a Task Force is being formed to focus on safety protocols for building use and in-person worship. If you are interested in serving on the Task Force or in volunteering to assist with in-person worship tasks, please contact Sarah Ward at sarahpayton@comcast.net. The Vestry will meet again at its regular monthly zoom meeting on August 17th following 6:00pm mass on Facebook. All meetings of the Vestry are open to the parish and if you would like to attend please contact Heather Downs at hpdowns@comcast.net for a link to the zoom Vestry meeting.

Remember To Wash Your
Hands Regularly and To
Wear A Mask!

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 07-26-2020

By Mail: \$3,160.00

Online (Realm):\$3,500.00

Restricted 07-26-2020

\$150.00

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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
Assisting Priest

The Rev'd Susan E. Gahagan, ECSB
Deacon

The Rev'd Victor Moreno, Deacon

Robert McDowell Fogle III

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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Regularly

Thanksgivings and Memorials

High Altar Flowers

are given to the greater glory of
God and in thanksgiving
for the birthday of
Christian Tjosvold, grandson of
Deacon Sue Gahagan

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Altar Flowers

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

Walsingham Shrine Flowers

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

High Altar Sanctuary Lamp

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

Our Lady Queen of Peace

Altar Lamp

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Birthdays

Diana Gladden (3)

Fr. Bob Carter (5)

Expectant Mothers

Grace Rafield

Katherine Posse de Voest

Departed

Lois Purvis (5)