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Parish Notes

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An Invitation to Sing in *The Parish Choir*

By Kevin Jones, Director of Music

Have you ever wished you could join the choir without the very formidable time commitment required by the Senior Choir? Perhaps you are new to the parish and want to try performing before committing to a regular group. Great news!

St. Paul's is forming a new choir, The Parish Choir, to lead music for the 11:15 a.m. service on Sundays, October 20 and November 17.

Who might sing with The Parish Choir?

- Adults and children (of reading age)
- Former singers who can't join one of the more regular choirs (due to family, career, other commitments)
- Retired singers who miss performing as a part of a group
- New members who want an introduction to the program before they make a commitment to joining a choir
- Anyone with the joy of singing in their heart!



That's me! What do I need to do?

- Attend the rehearsal on Sunday, October 20 and November 17, at 10:15 a.m.
- Learn an anthem during the practice
- Sing at the 11:15 a.m. service (after practice)

There is no weeknight rehearsal or long-term commitment required!

We hope this new opportunity will allow broader participation in our vibrant choral program!

Music will be approachable and easy to learn in the 45-minute practice sessions.

To help us prepare, it would be good to know who is coming. Please email Kevin Jones, Director of Music, at kjones@stpauls-church.org to indicate your interest or if you have any questions.



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Music & Art



Coventry Camerata Choral Evensongs

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Saturdays, October 5, 12, 26, 5:30 p.m.

This twelve-voice ensemble of collegiate and experienced singers is dedicated to delving more deeply into the Anglican tradition of Choral Evensong and passing it on to the next generation.

The October 5 service will feature:

William Byrd *Prevent us, O Lord*
Philip Radcliffe *Responses*
Charles Wood *Evening Service in E-flat*
Henry Purcell *In the midst of life*

The October 12 service will feature:

Tallis *O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit*
Carolyn Hoff *Responses*
Herbert Howells "*St. Peter's, Westminster*" service
Gustav Holst *Let all mortal flesh keep silence*

The October 26 service will feature:

Richard DeLong *Let my prayer*
Carolyn Hoff *Responses*
Sydney Watson *Evening Service in E Major*
Francis Poulenc *Exultate Deo*

Carillon Concert for David

Saturday, October 12, 11 a.m.

7601 Old Mill Rd, Gates Mills, OH

St. Christopher by-the-River in Gates Mills is honoring David Osburn with a carillon concert thanking him for over 30 years of service there. The concert features Becky Everett and Keiran Cantilina. All are welcome!

Heights Chamber Orchestra

Sunday, October 13, 3:30 p.m.

The Heights Chamber Orchestra performs at St. Paul's with Kevin Jones, organist.

Works will include:

Claude Debussy *La cathédrale engloutie (The Submerged Cathedral)*

Muzio Clementi *Symphony No.3, G major (Great National Symphony)*

Arvo Pärt *Cantus in Memory of Benjamin Britten*

Alexandre Guilmant *Symphony No.1; Organ & Orchestra, op.42*

Suggested donation \$10.

Apollo's Fire Presents: BACH'S Brandenburg Concertos

Friday, October 18, and Saturday, October 19
7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's

The season opens with sizzling virtuosity! Jeannette Sorrell leads the exhilarating Apollo's Fire musicians in Bach's masterpieces. Featuring daredevil violinist Alan Choo in *No. 4* and dazzling guest trumpeter Caleb Hudson of the Canadian Brass in *No. 2*.

AFTERGLOW Reception: On Friday night, join Jeannette and the musicians to toast the opening of the new season and have your new CDs signed.

Tickets and information:

TinyUrl.com/ApolloFire-Oct2024



Music & Art



Senior Choir Choral Evensong Sunday, October 20, 4 p.m.

St. Paul's Senior Choir offers its first Choral Evensong of the season as the ensemble continues to prepare for its July 2025 choral residency at Salisbury Cathedral. Rees Roberts is the organist, Kevin Jones conducts, and Bishop Jeffrey Lee officiates.

The service will feature:

Adrian Batten *O praise the Lord*
Kenneth Leighton *Responses*
C.V. Stanford *Evening Service in A Major*
Jonathan Dove *Seek Him that maketh the seven stars*

The service will be livestreamed on St. Paul's website: StPauls-Church.org/live

Vocal Recital by Lynn Eustis and Kevin Jones Friday, Oct. 25, 7:30 p.m.

Acclaimed soprano Lynn Eustis, chair of the vocal department at Boston University, and pianist Kevin Jones present a song recital.

The Recital will feature:

Mozart *L'ombra de' rami tuoi (Ascanio in Alba)*
Poldowski (Irena Regina Wieniawska) *Four Verlaine Songs*
Samuel Barber *Knoxville, Summer of 1915*
Vincent Bouchot *Galgenlieder*
Osvaldo Golijov *Lúa descolorida*
Edvard Grieg *Six Songs, Op. 48*

Choral Evensong in Memory of Dr. Rick Nelson

Sunday, November 10, 4 p.m.

Join us as we honor the life and legacy of Dr. Richard Nelson, beloved member of the Cleveland Institute of Music and St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The service will include participation from current and alumni St. Paul's choristers.

A reception will follow, providing an opportunity to share memories and fellowship. If you would like to participate as a chorister, please contact Kelsey Ferguson at kferguson@stpauls-church.org or (216) 704-9525.

Fellowship

SAGES Trip to Cleveland Zoo Monday, October 21, 11 a.m.

Join Sages, our group for active seniors, at their next outing to the Cleveland Zoo. A tram may be available to take us to the highest display area. General admission is free for Cuyahoga County residents on Mondays with driver's license, State ID or utility bill addressed to you. Bring a lunch (no glass containers or alcohol). Park in the lot by the main entrance, and meet by 11 a.m. in front of the elephant pavilion. Arrive early to rent a standard or electric wheelchair—it may be best to call or email to reserve. Rain date is October 28. RSVP to Rev. Gabriel and indicate whether you need a ride from the church: glawrence@stpauls-church.org

Worship

Blessing of the Animals Sunday, October 6, 4 p.m.

From kittens to chickens, guppies to puppies, our clergy will be blessing all pets, great and small. Join us for a brief service and blessing in honor of St. Francis of Assisi.

On the front lawn or in Tucker Hall if the weather is inclement.



Holy Eucharist with Prayers for the Election

Wednesday, October 23, 6 p.m.

This service of Holy Eucharist will include prayers for the nation as we journey through this election season.

Service of Remembrance

Wednesday, October 30, 6 p.m.

Recognizing the loss and grief so many of us carry privately, St. Paul's will hold its annual Service of Remembrance to honor those whose deaths have touched our parish family this past year.

We will hold our loved ones and one another in God's presence through gentle music, prayer, readings, and a candle-lighting ritual. All are welcome to attend.

Call for Baptisms

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Baptism on Sunday, November 3, 2024, during a festive, combined worship service for All Saints Day.

Holy Baptism is a joyful and sacred moment when we welcome new members into Christ's Body, the Church. It's also a time for our entire congregation to pledge their support to the newly baptized as they begin their journey of faith. If you are interested in being baptized, please email Rev. Gabriel: glawrence@stpauls-church.org.

All Saints Day Worship Services Sunday, November 3

7:45 a.m. | St. Martin's Chapel

10 a.m. | Combined Service in the Nave

ASL interpreted, Livestreamed at
www.stpauls-church.org/Live.

A Note from Bishop Jeff

Dear Friends,

I am so grateful for the warm welcome you've given me in these first few weeks of our time together. Thank you.

St. Paul's is a lively, energetic, generous, inquisitive congregation. It is a place of prayer, outreach, impactful worship, and the formation of young and old alike as followers of Jesus Christ. St. Paul's has a remarkable history.

I give thanks for such a legacy and I am blessed to join you for the next few months as together we look forward to the future of our church. That's what this time of transition is all about. It is what interim rectors are all about: to lead the congregation forward in faith.

And since this is God's church, since we are God's People, that future is a bright one. I am convinced that the best is yet to come.

In Christ,
Jeff



Faith Formation

Intentional Small Groups

By Rev. Patricia Rose



Christ promises us that divine love and peace are with us always. But how do we get to feel this tangibly in daily life? In feelings like anxiety, relationship pains, numbness, inadequacy, overwhelm, or loneliness?

We know we can't do it alone. We need others. The intentional small groups being formed at St. Paul's are set up to offer support and strengthen our faith. They are designed to help us experience a more palpable connection with God and each other, and thus with ourselves.

Groups will meet for an hour and a half for a total of nine sessions. Beginning late October 2024 through March 2025, we will meet every other week (with a break for the December holidays).

The same group of six to ten people will proceed together from beginning to end, building trust and depth, yielding plentiful fruit within us.

Last year's small group participants spoke of the powerful impact and joy of the support, laughter, and connection; the goodness of feeling heard and understood; hearing and understanding others; and bringing faith and hope to life challenges.

Groups, led by trained facilitators, will gather to check in, share food, read and discuss scripture, and pray. To help determine the days and times groups meet and how groups are composed, please fill out our brief survey by Sunday, October 20. This will also allow groups to reflect shared interests, needs, or life stages.

In this chaotic world, it's easy to lose track of ourselves and of God's loving presence in our hearts. We can feel unmoored.

All are lovingly invited to this vibrant opportunity to sense God with us, as together we feel more grounded, assured, and connected. Blessings!

Patricia⁺

Sign up and fill out the survey:
[TinyUrl.com/378fvnf5](https://tinyurl.com/378fvnf5)

(please complete by October 20)



(there are printed surveys available in the foyer if you prefer to fill out a paper form)

The Forum

Sunday, October 6, 10:10 a.m., Dining Room

"The Effects of Loneliness and Isolation" featuring Dr. Ann W. Nguyen, Assoc. Professor, CWRU School of Applied Social Sciences



Join us for a presentation from Dr. Ann Nguyen, whose expertise includes isolation among African Americans as well as the general topic of isolation and its effects.

By building awareness and thoughtfully reflecting how we care for the lonely, we hope to knit our community closer together, and become stronger as we go through this time of change.

Faith Formation

Weekly Bible Study

Thursdays, 9 a.m., Sanders Room

Join the preacher on deck for our weekly Bible Study. We will take a closer look at the readings for the following Sunday.

GCC Battle for Democracy

Thursday, October 10, 7 p.m.

Trinity Cathedral, 2230 Euclid Ave, Cleveland

Greater Cleveland Congregations (GCC) invites you to listen, learn and support Issue 1 with the goal of ending gerrymandering in Ohio. Former Justice Maureen O'Conner will be a featured speaker. As a founding member of GCC, St. Paul's is committed to sending a significant group to GCC Actions.

Contact Julie Micheletti for registration information: michelettijulie@gmail.com

The Forum

Sunday, October 13, 10:10 a.m., Dining Room

"Diving Deep: Discerning from Our Core Identity in Baptism" featuring the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Lee

We'll look at the development and theology of Holy Baptism and consider how the Baptismal Covenant can shape our behaviors, our choices, and our decisions.



The Forum

Sunday, October 20, 10:10 a.m., Dining Room

"Life Cycles of Organizations" featuring the Rev. Jessie Gutsell Dodson

Canon Jessie will discuss how understanding life cycles of an organization (such as a church) helps us to navigate change in ways that lead us to grow, evolve, and adapt to stay vibrant and healthy.



The Forum

Sunday, October 27, 10:10 a.m., Dining Room

"The Courage to Change" featuring Eric L. Motley, Deputy Director of the National Museum of Art

When we navigate life transitions by asking for God's guidance, we realize we need courage to bring about change or even be willing to change. In 2023, two 70-year-old stained-glass panels in the National Cathedral that contained the Confederate flag were removed and replaced. Come be inspired by this story of love and courage.

More information: TinyUrl.com/spe-forum1027



Parish Events

New – Yoga at St. Paul's

First and third Monday of the month, starting Monday, October 7, 10 a.m., Tucker Hall

Whether a beginner or experienced yogi, a regular yoga practice will help you grow in flexibility, strength, and inner peace. Join Diane Gent for yoga on the first and third Monday of each month. All genders are welcome! Please bring a yoga mat and two blocks. \$15 per session. Contact Lael Carter with questions: laelbill66@gmail.com or (216) 906-8496.

Annual Herb Harvest Sale

Sunday, November 10

Planning has begun for this year's annual Herb Harvest Sale! With fresh, ripe produce and herbs currently in great abundance, you may be working on preserves. Please consider setting aside a few jars to contribute to the sale. Please use 4 or 8-ounce Mason jars with sealable lids for safe storage and uniform pricing.

Do you have a specialty bakery item to contribute to our sale? Contact Susan Blackwell for more information: susanmblackwell@hotmail.com

Children & Youth Ministries

A New Chapter for St. Paul's Youth Group

By Lauren Dockery, Director of Children and Youth Ministries



The journey of rebuilding our youth group since COVID-19 has been a story of patience, dedication, and hope. It hasn't been easy, but slowly and surely, the seeds we've planted are beginning to grow. This

year, the energy feels different, and we're thrilled to share that we're seeing signs of real momentum!

In the past two years, we've been blessed to welcome five new adults to serve as youth group leaders who work alongside our young people. Each one brings a unique gift, and together, their presence brings all kinds of fun to the gatherings. One evening, youth group leader Jeff Quill shared his lifelong passion for Dungeons and Dragons, a fantasy tabletop role-playing game, and eight teenagers had a blast as they pretended to be mythical orcs, elves, and warlocks on a quest. Fun and unique events like this keep the kids coming back for more and grow the village of support for all our youth.

Last year, we averaged 11 kids at youth group meetings, and this year, the numbers are growing. But what's exciting isn't just the numbers, it's the energy. The kids are showing up with openness and a desire to connect. They are creating a culture of welcome which is growing a sense of community. This is especially evident when we see seventh graders (the first year kids are eligible for youth group) making new friends and happily returning week after week. It's clear the climate of authentic, joyful friendship has become a space where they feel accepted.

We trust that another year's worth of Sundays with shared meals, goofy games, and service to

our neighbors will continue to strengthen the program, the group bonds, and most importantly, each teenager that participates. If you are interested in supporting the youth group, we could use your help with anything from Sunday dinner to donations for trips! Thank you for your prayers and your belief in the future of our youth. Together, we are creating a space where our young people can flourish.



Dungeons and Dragons 2023



Middle Schoolers at Youth Christmas Party December 2023



Murder Mystery Party February 2024



Back to School Bonfire August 2024



Scavenger Hunt and Picnic September 2024

Saints Hall of Fame!

RSVP by Sunday, October 20

This year's Saints Hall of Fame is your chance to dive into the extraordinary lives of saints—both well-known and hidden gems—and bring their stories to life. Whether you team up with family or friends, you can "sponsor" a saint (traditional or non-traditional) and craft a visual masterpiece that showcases what makes them truly special!

Think creatively—art, costumes, multimedia presentations, or anything you dream up! Join us on Sunday, November 3, after the 10 a.m. service to showcase your saint in our Hall of Fame!

Sign up by Sunday, October 20, to be part of this exciting project. For details and to RSVP, email Lauren at ldockery@stpauls-church.org.

Total Chaos Spooky Celebration

Saturday, October 26, 3 - 5 p.m.

The Village: Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 26, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

C.A.S.T. Presents: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*

Friday, November 22, 7 p.m.

and Saturday, November 23, 7 p.m.

Expect plenty of laughs, surprises, and a beautiful message of community and grace.

Tickets go on sale Monday, November 4.

Stewardship

Annual Stewardship Campaign

Kick-off Sunday: October 20

Commitment Sunday: November 17

The annual stewardship fund is our primary financial resource for operating the church and is solely supported by the parishioners of St. Paul's. During the campaign, we will ask for your pledge for the coming year.

Please look for stewardship materials and announcements during the coming month.

Give Back

Last Faith Build of the Year

Saturday, October 26, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We're taking part in Habitat for Humanity's last Faith Build of the year. There are jobs for those



with no building skills as well as those familiar with power tools. The workday is from 9 a.m. to about 3 p.m., and partial days are possible.

Please contact Kathy Hogg at khogg75@gmail.com for questions or to get on St. Paul's Habitat email list.

Make a Difference in a Child's Life

The St. Paul's tutoring program is starting back up at CH-UH elementary schools and we need more volunteers. Tutors meet with students for one hour weekly to encourage children and help build skills in math and reading—empowering children for success in life! Reading also expands awareness of the world around us and brings a lifetime of joy. It is so uplifting to watch a student's skills and confidence improve. If you're interested or have questions, contact Cathy Albers at cla2@case.edu or Rev. Patricia at prose@stpauls-church.org.

ODA Annual Benefit Clambake

Saturday, October 26, 5:30 - 9 p.m.

Join Open Doors Academy (ODA) for its third annual benefit fundraiser on the banks of the beautiful Cuyahoga River. ODA began as an outreach initiative at St. Paul's 30 years ago serving students in our neighborhood and is now a thriving non-profit serving students in Out-of-School Time programs at 19 sites across Northern Ohio. We continue our support of its mission as a sponsor of this event, its largest fundraiser of the year. The evening features a riverfront clambake dinner, an open bar, live music, and the presentation of their Luminary Award. Tickets are now on sale: TinyUrl.com/2024oda-clambake

