

PARISH NOTES

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, OHIO



Celebration of Ministry: Outreach & Apostleship

You are invited to the semi-annual St. Paul's Celebration of Ministry on Sunday, May 17, when we will lift up and feature all of the ministries that are focused "beyond our walls."

Please stop by Tucker Hall anytime from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. to visit with ministry leaders about their work and to learn about how you might be involved.

Contact Katy Ptacek, Assistant to Congregational Development, at kptacek@stpauls-church.org or at (216) 544-3649 if your outreach group wants to reserve a table.

Pentecost Sunday: May 24

Don't forget to wear red to church on Sunday, May 24. Red is the liturgical color for this day; it recalls the tongues of flame in which the Holy Spirit descended on the first Pentecost. There will be no Church School or Adult Forum on this day.

Read more about Pentecost in Dr. Lewis' Interim Interjections column on page 4.

Planting for Tomorrow



Growing in Faith Today

Please join us for Camp Sunday, May 17!

Since April 12, the *Planting for Tomorrow – Growing in Faith Today* committee has been sharing with you information about the new diocesan Camp and Retreat Center that will replace Cedar Hills. We have heard testimonials from future campers and from parents. We have read about the new property that lends itself so perfectly for camp and retreat ministries, the central diocesan location, the community partnerships, and the plans for environment and sustainability programming. We have learned about the dozens of other parishes around the diocese that have already given their enthusiastic support to this campaign.

On Sunday, May 17, members of St. Paul's will have the opportunity to offer their pledge of support to the Camp and Retreat Center campaign. Committee members will share more details about the campaign and distribute pledge cards. Please consider making a 5-year pledge. **Remember—up to \$1,000 of each pledge will be matched through a grant out of the capital campaign, increasing the impact of each gift.** (If you are unable to attend church on May 17, a pledge card will be mailed out to you.)

We hope that all St. Paul's members will support this important campaign. **Gifts of any size are welcome and valued!** Together, with our brothers and sisters across northern Ohio, we can help ensure that future generations of youth and adults will benefit from the many opportunities for faith development and spiritual nourishment that will be offered through this enhanced ministry, getting to know God outside of the traditional church setting. Thank you!

Reminder: Baptism Dates

Here are the upcoming dates when the Sacrament of Baptism will be administered during the worship service:

- The Day of Pentecost: May 24
- Mid-summer: July 26

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements and to ask any questions you may have. You are reminded that a pre-Baptismal counseling session is required for parents and godparents – and for the candidates themselves, if they are adults.

Memorial Day Poppies

You may wish to wear a poppy to remember the sacrifices of those who have died in the service of our country. St. Paul's Armed Services



Outreach Group will again distribute poppies before all services on Sunday, May 31. There is no charge. Many thanks go to John Applegate for obtaining the poppies from VFW Post 6768 Ladies Auxiliary.



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SUNDAY, MAY 17

Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis,
Celebrant & Preacher

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Richard Israel, *Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. Richard Israel, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Preacher*

Sung Compline, 8:00 p.m. (*joint service*)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
2555 Euclid Heights Blvd, Cleveland Hts.

READINGS

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1
1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

FELLOWSHIP

8 to 9 a.m. Parish Breakfast

10 to 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Preschool Session, 9 to 11 a.m.

10 to 11 a.m.

Preschool: Mystery of the Pentecost

Grades K-2: Paul's Discovery

Grades 3-6: Twelve Who

Changed the World

Grade 7: Confirmand/Sponsor Activity

Grade 8: Mission Within & Beyond

Grades 9-12: TBA

Preschool Session, 11 a.m. to noon

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups, Whirleyball
Trip, 6 to 9:30 p.m.

FOR ADULTS

Celebration of Ministry, 10 to 11 a.m.
(Tucker Hall)

FLOWERS

Flowers on this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Peter A. Cooley by Pamela Cooley O'Halloran and Charles Cooley; and in loving memory of Wilber and Joan Nordstrom from Jan Nordstrom Carr; and in loving memory of Jane-ann Bell by the Bell family; and in loving memory of Ida Armstrong AuWerter by her family.

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Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.

TBA, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Celebrant*
TBA, *Preacher*

Holy Baptism & Eucharist, 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. Richard Israel, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Preacher*

Sung Compline, 8:00 p.m. (*joint service*)

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2555 Euclid Heights Blvd, Cleveland Hts.

READINGS

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104: 25-35, 37
Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27

FELLOWSHIP

8 to 9 a.m. Parish Breakfast

10 to 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Preschool Childcare, 9 to 11 a.m.

No Church School Classes or Adult Forum

Preschool Session, 11 a.m. to noon

No Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups

FLOWERS

Flowers on this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Michael Pender, their son, by Kathy and Jim Pender and their children; and in loving memory of James David Stevenson, Frances Comey Stevenson and Robert T. Comey, Jr. by their family

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m.

The Rev. Richard Israel
Celebrant & Preacher

Holy Eucharist, 9:00 a.m.

The Rev. Richard Israel, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Preacher*

Holy Eucharist, 11:15 a.m.

The Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis, *Celebrant*
The Rev. Dan Knaup, *Preacher*

Sung Compline, 8:00 p.m. (*joint service*)

St. Alban's Episcopal Church
2555 Euclid Heights Blvd, Cleveland Hts.

READINGS

Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29
Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

FELLOWSHIP

8 to 9 a.m. Parish Breakfast

10 to 11:15 a.m. Coffee Hour

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

Preschool Session, 9 to 11 a.m.

10 to 11 a.m.

Preschool: Circle of the Church Year

Grades K-2: Liturgical Synthesis

Grades 3-6: Twelve Who

Changed the World

Grades 7-12: End-of-Year Party

Preschool Session, 11 a.m. to noon

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups, 6 to 8 p.m.

FLOWERS

Flowers on this Sunday are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Victor Greenslade by Dorothy Greenslade; and in loving memory of Esther Thorp by her family.

SO THAT THEY MAY NOT BE FORGOTTEN...

Memorial Day Flower Donations



St. Paul's Armed Services Outreach Group invites all parishioners to donate altar flowers in memory of a loved one who either died while serving in the Armed Forces or is a veteran. These flowers will be displayed at all services on Sunday, May 31, the Sunday closest to the traditional date of Memorial Day. Donations are available in the information rack in the Old Narthex.

Please include your name on the form and the names of

those whom you are memorializing. Memorial names with donor names will be listed in the announcement insert. Donations must be submitted to the office by **Friday, May 22.**

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TAKE NOTE

Nominees for Presiding Bishop

Nomination for Presiding Bishop has announced that the following bishops have been nominated for the office of Presiding Bishop. The election will take place during the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, scheduled to take place in Salt Lake City 25 June – 3 July. They are:

- The Rt. Rev. Thomas Breidenthal,
Bishop of Southern Ohio
- The Rt. Rev. Michael Curry,
Bishop of North Carolina
- The Rt. Rev. Ian Douglas,
Bishop of Connecticut
- The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith,
Bishop of Southwest Florida.

Information about the nominees may be found on the websites of the Episcopal News Service, <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/ens>, and Episcopal Café, www.episcopalcafe.com.

Last Chance for

Spring Gallery Show

The Nicholson B. White Gallery committee would like to encourage everyone to take some time to view the works of Eileen, James, Lori and Leonard in the St. Paul's gallery space. These artists have brought us their works to share with you, and to beautify our walls. This show comes down on May 29. Pick up a booklet for more artist information! In June, students from Open Doors Academy will be displaying their artwork. Happy spring!

Night Out at Progressive Field

Join your fellow parishioners and friends for a fun evening cheering on the Tribe at Progressive Field. St. Paul's Men's Council is sponsoring our annual trip to the ballpark Thursday, June 18, at 7:10 p.m. See the Cleveland Indians take on the Chicago Cubs! Our seats in Section 131 are available at a discounted price of \$25 (normally \$33). Please purchase your seats from the Men's Council by May 18 in order to assure your seats. Tickets can be purchased on Sundays, or online at www.menofstpauls.org. Questions? Contact Brian Thompson at brian@valhallagd.com. Go Tribe!

ACT II SHOP

Thur & Fri: 10 to 3 — Sat: 10 to 1
Find us on Facebook: ACT II Resale Shop

GCC Announcement of Public Action

Since its inception, Greater Cleveland Congregations has been engaged in a long-term strategy to reform our criminal justice system in Cuyahoga County. We participate in an ongoing dialogue with the County Prosecutor on needed reforms and with Mayor Jackson concerning the "consent decree" on reforming how policing is done in Cleveland.

At this time when our nation and city's attention is drawn to incidents of injustice, GCC believes we must continue our call for long-term systemic change in the criminal justice system. **At noon on the Monday after the verdict** in the Michael Brelo case is announced, GCC will hold an action downtown to continue our call for comprehensive Criminal Justice Reform. The location and other details will be forthcoming.

This is not a protest, but an assembly of GCC members downtown to direct our community's attention to the need for in-depth, systemic reforms. In the words of Pastor Richard Gibson, one of GCC's co-chairs, "the religious community of Cleveland needs to provide a moral compass for our city." By calling for all sectors of our community to seek long term reforms of systems of policing and criminal justice, we can promote peace for all our citizens.

It is the hope of the St. Paul's GCC Core Team that as many of you as possible will join us at this public rally. Please let the Rev. Richard Israel, Ted Wilson or Jan Wolf know of your interest so we can be sure to notify you when the date for the rally is finally set.

Senior Project Underway at St. Paul's

One of the many ways St. Paul's nurtures and embraces the youth of the parish is by providing opportunities for high school senior projects. This May, St. Paul's is serving as the Senior Project Community Sponsor for Orange High School senior Conor Chance.

Conor is investigating the outreach participation of youth. He is talking with high school students to explore what types of activities are most likely to engage their interest and he is networking with outreach ministry leaders to learn about volunteer recruitment and project planning. He is also researching successful youth outreach ministries at other churches, locally and nationally.

Conor will share his findings with St. Paul's youth program leaders to support the expansion of outreach as an important component of youth ministry at church. He will also propose and design a new outreach activity that can be implemented as early as this summer to engage many of our St. Paul's youth. We look forward to his recommendations. Thank you, Conor!

Families Encouraged to Volunteer at Reading Camp

St. Paul's Reading Camp organizers are in need of volunteers for both summer Camps, especially the day camp held on site at St. Paul's.

The dates for Overnight Reading Camp Cleveland are June 21-26. Since the diocese has closed Cedar Hills in preparation for the move to the future camp and retreat center, the Overnight Reading Camp will take place at Cuyahoga Valley National Park this year.

Families are welcome to come out to overnight camp and volunteer for the week together. Individuals with teaching backgrounds or experience are needed to help teach reading centers in the morning. Older youth ages 16+ can be counselors and 14+ can be Junior Counselors. We also need people to lead crafts and games in the afternoons at both camps.

Day Camp at St. Paul's is July 6-10. Volunteers are needed for the following:

8:30-10:00 Serve Breakfast

9:00-12:00 Teach reading centers

Read with children

Help set up afternoon activities or assist in centers

12:00-5:00 Help with lunch

Lead crafts or activities

Share talents

Help with activities

Be camp counselors or junior counselors (for youth ages 14+)

Those interested in volunteering should fill out an application, found on the St. Paul's website under Connect>Downloads and turn it in at St. Paul's. Email readingcampcleveland@gmail.com with questions, or call Karen Carter at (216) 256-1239.



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TIME-VALUED MATERIAL—DO NOT DELAY

INTERIM INTERJECTIONS

Pentecost and Race

One of my favorite homiletical heroes is a man I never met: Samuel Moor Shoemaker. He was the twelfth (and arguably the most famous) rector of Calvary Church, Pittsburgh. (I came along as fifteenth rector some forty years after his retirement.) Dr. Shoemaker was a renowned preacher. During his rectorship at Calvary, *Time* magazine declared that he, Billy Graham and Norman Vincent Peale were the most outstanding preachers in America. And like most effective preachers, he was prophetic. In a sermon entitled "Conservatives are Destroying Themselves," he stated: "The basic ingredients of our Faith do not change. They were given in essence by God in His revelation of Himself in Christ. But our understanding of them in our lives and application of them to our time, are progressive. Without new insights, convictions, experiments, we live on ashes."

He believed that one of the areas in which we have gained new insights is race. On the Feast of Pentecost, 1959, when the Civil Rights Movement was in its infancy, and when segregation, de jure or de facto, was normative in both church and society, Father Sam preached a sermon entitled "The Holy Spirit and the Race Question." It is a brilliant piece of exegesis. He cites the baptism of the Ethiopian eunuch and other passages as proof that the Gospel message was brought to people of color. Pointing to Peter's testimony that God is no respecter of persons (in the new translation "shows no partiality") he challenged his flock, saying, "If people really are what they are to God and in his sight, then increasingly they must be such to us, and be so treated." At the end of the sermon, Dr. Shoemaker asked the people of Calvary to support a bill

before the City Council which would end discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of real estate. (It must be remembered that in those days it was quite legal for homeowners to prevent members of certain racial or religious groups from buying their house.) Dr. Shoemaker described such action on the part of the church — supporting the bill before the Council — as "a logical and a necessary deduction from Pentecost," the day on which the Holy Spirit descended on people from several ethnic groups, enabling them to understand each other and to be of one accord.

We have been bombarded for the past several months with news about race relations. Little-known places like Ferguson and North Charleston have become seared in our memories as symbols of racial injustice. I cite Dr. Shoemaker's sermon as a reminder to us that the struggle for racial reconciliation is not merely about words and slogans, and is clearly not another example of political correctness. Rather it stems from the promises we made in our Baptismal Covenant, to "seek and serve Christ in all persons" and to "strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being."

*Holy Spirit, ever working,
through the Church's ministry,
Quickening, strengthening, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding,
age to age and soul to soul,
In a fellowship unending
thee we worship and extol.*

A Blessed Pentecost be yours!

WHO WE ARE

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Our Mission

St. Paul's is a living, evolving community of Christian people who worship together according to the Anglican/Episcopal tradition. We seek to know God and God's will for us; to care for each other; and to support each other in the exercise of our ministries among our neighbors and in the wider world.

Parish Notes Deadline

The next issue of Parish Notes will be dated June 7. Deadline for submissions is **Tuesday, May 19, at noon.** Items may be edited for space and/or clarity. Kim Fry, editor (216) 932-5815 ext. 214 kfry@stpauls-church.org

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