



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

An inclusive, spirited faith community

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Weekly Newsletter Insert for September 19, 2021

Take me home with you!

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NEW TO ST. PAUL'S? HELP US WELCOME YOU!

Please fill out a Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate or give it to a greeter or Reverend Melanie.

We're so glad you're here!

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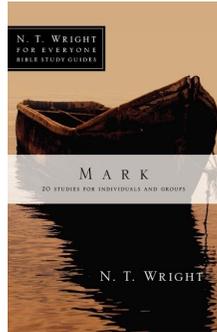
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Youth Confirmation Classes Begin TODAY!

Join us for an in-person Confirmation Class at St. Paul's on Sunday, September 19th at 4:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. This year we will learn about a life of faith, the benefits of spirituality, the history of the church and the components of worship. Please call the Parish Office at 781-326-4553 or e-mail Margaret Lias, our Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@stpauls-dedham.org if you would like to register. Join us for a time of fellowship, prayer, conversation and learning....oh, and games as well. We look forward to seeing you there!



Join us TODAY for a Bible Study of the Gospel of Mark

Beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the Vestry Room or on Zoom (see Rev. Melanie for the Zoom link or find it in your e-newsletter from Friday).

Property Committee Update

Next week, the engineering survey to determine the causes of leaking in our steeple will finally launch. Scaffolding will be erected on all sides of the tower on Tuesday, to be in place for approximately one month. Engineers and masons will be examining the tower with the goal of remediating the water leaks, and will perform a general inspection of the whole building. We do still have a bit of leaking in the basement of the parish hall, which will be an additional focus.

Please do not hesitate to contact Olivia Hurlock (617-306-1139) or Joe Lavalley (508-380-0567) with any questions. We thank you for your continued patience during this project!

Financial Update

As we head back into the program year, our stewardship team thought it might be helpful to provide a snapshot of our financial picture here at St. Paul's. Despite the ongoing obstacles presented by COVID-19 and its variants, our leadership and our parish community have continued finding ways to come together for worship and communion, and to keep us connected through challenging times. In the same spirit, our people have rallied to continue making financial contributions despite the alterations to our routines that have prevented us from passing the plate along the pews each Sunday.

August was a tremendous month of generosity, for which we are enormously grateful. St. Paul's received \$30,500 in total giving, of which \$27,500 was pledge payments and \$3,000 was received in gifts. This has helped us to make significant progress towards our giving goals.

Our overall stewardship goal for this year is \$337,000, which is level with the our goal from 2020. This is a combined total for pledges and gifts. While we are making good progress on our pledge payments, our gift receipts are lower than in years past, due at least in part to the extended months of closure of the physical church. We are hopeful that being able to return to our beloved church will remind each of us exactly why this place and this community is so important to us, and will inspire us to continue supporting it with our time, our talent, and our treasure.

<https://onrealm.org/stpaulsdedham/give/now>

Today's Collect (Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20B)

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



DioMass August Moon Festival TODAY!

Asian and Pacific Islander Americans, organized through the Office of the Canon for Immigration and Multi-cultural Ministries of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, welcome you to join for a celebration of the August Moon Festival, on Sept. 19 at 3 p.m., via Zoom.

The August Moon Festival is an important traditional harvest festival that is held in China and other Asian countries and celebrates the autumn harvests on the night of the full moon. There will also be a workshop on how to make traditional Chinese moon cakes. Moon cakes are often gifted to one another during the August Moon Festival to bring prosperity and good luck.

This event is free. Visit this site to register to receive the Zoom link: <https://uso6web.zoom.us/join/register/tZAscOChqTgiGdDae3KFTyGmJPYBPOYBgLnB>

2021 Walk to End Alzheimer's September 26, 2021—Forms available today!

Support our parishioner Ami Ranji as she participates in the walk!

From Amy: "I'm leading the way to Alzheimer's first survivor by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's. Currently, more than 5 million Americans have Alzheimer's and that number is expected to grow to as many as 14 million by 2050. Our future is at risk unless we can find a way to change the course of this disease."

Together, we can end Alzheimer's disease. Please make a donation today."

The link to make a donation is <http://act.alz.org/goto/amyranji>.

Are you interested in helping to resettle Afghan refugees?

"When a stranger sojourns with you in your land, you shall not do him wrong. You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God." (Leviticus 19:33-34)

Three and a half years ago St. Paul's joined with St. Susanna's and Allin Congregational Church to sponsor a family from Burundi. As we look to current world events, our churches are hoping to pool our resources once again, this time to help a family from Afghanistan, to relocate to our area and begin their lives in our country. Are you interested in being part of this venture? If so, please sign up at the Outreach Committee table at our Ministries Fair on September 12th, or e-mail Margaret Lias in the Parish Office parishadmin@stpauls-dedham.org.

Coming up next week:

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Proper 21B

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Psalm 124

James 5:13-20

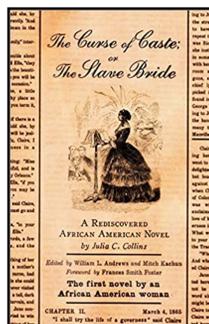
Mark 9:38-50

Parishioners who have asked for your prayers:

Ginny Corliss, Virginia Emerson, Linda Fuller, Betty Leonard, Michael McCabe, Michael Molyneaux, Pam Murray, Mary Norton, and Andrea O'Connell

For the deceased:

Sarah Taylor, niece of Tim Duncan



St. Paul's Book Group

The Curse of Caste; or The Slave Bride: A Rediscovered African American Novel
by Julia C. Collins

Next Gathering: Wednesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m. In Fellowship Hall (socially distanced, of course)