



1: Sages February gathering with Bill Rudman. 2: Winter "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" events. 3: Chili Cook-Off. 4: Thank-you cards from Roxboro Elementary. 5: Painting the "Alleluia" banner, which is buried until the Family Easter Vigil. 6: Treblefest! rehearsal and Evensong. 7: Talking about why we put ashes on our faces; getting a closer look at the Holy Eucharist on Ash Wednesday. 8: EDWINS Fish Fry! 9: TotalChaos! outing to a JCU basketball game.

# A Letter from T.J.

Dearest Saint Paul's,

In my homily on Ash Wednesday, I used three questions as a refrain to get us thinking about the season of Lent: **What do we love? What will it cost? How much am I prepared to pay?**

I first heard these questions posed by academic and storyteller Dr. Martin Shaw in a YouTube video a couple of years ago, and I have found them to be a helpful framework for self-examination and discernment.

In the season of Lent, we are urged by the Church to sever our dependency on worldly goods, worldly ways of thinking, and worldly desires, re-centering ourselves on the ever-present and sustaining love of God in Jesus Christ.

This re-centering is necessarily a slow and deliberate process. It will not happen overnight, or even by Easter morning. But it will happen if we commit to the work. My prayer for you this Lent is that you will find joy in the work, that you will strive each day to be transformed, and that you will trust, wherever you are in this process of becoming more like Jesus Christ, that his love for you never falters or waivers.

Practically, I would encourage you to write these questions on a note card, put them where you will see and interact with them, and reflect on these questions each day.

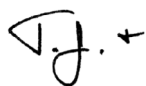
Listen for God's deep longing for you. Hear where the Spirit is calling to you. Then be encouraged in the knowledge that Jesus is with you each step of your journey.

**What do we love?**

**What will it cost?**

**How much am I prepared to pay?**

Pax et bonum,  
The Rev'd T.J. Freeman *SMMS*  
Seventeenth Rector  
*Saint Paul's Episcopal Church*



# Worship

## The Eve of St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 18, 6 p.m.

*St. Martin's Chapel*

On March 18, the Eve of St. Joseph, join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. We will gather to honor Joseph's example of righteousness, compassion, and steadfast devotion.



The Feast of St. Joseph honors the man chosen by God to be the guardian of Jesus and the husband of Mary. Known as "Joseph the Carpenter," he is revered as the patron saint of workers and families, embodying the dignity of labor and the holiness of daily life. Though the Gospels tell us little about him, Joseph's example of righteousness, compassion, and steadfast devotion has inspired generations of Christians to trust in God's will and to serve faithfully in the quiet tasks of love and duty. *Sally Wilson will preach and Patricia Rose, Assistant Rector, will preside.*

## The Annunciation

Wednesday, March 25, 6 p.m.,

*St. Martin's Chapel*

The Feast of the Annunciation commemorates the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear God's Son. This encounter marks the beginning of the Incarnation—God taking flesh in the world.



Her response to God's call, "Let it be to me according to your word," reveals a faith that unites trust and understanding. On this day, the church joins together to give thanks for Mary's witness and for the mystery of God's grace made manifest in her willing heart. In her honor, let us reaffirm the Baptismal Prayer, "Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works." Join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. *The Rector T.J. Freeman will preach and preside.*

# Worship

## Combined Service

Sunday, April 12, combined liturgy at 10 a.m.

On the Second Sunday of Easter, our Bishop, Anne B. Jolly, will preach and preside during a combined service. This episcopal visitation at Saint Paul's will also include the Confirmation of several youth candidates. We hope you will join us for this special service of welcome!

## An Invitation to Holy Baptism

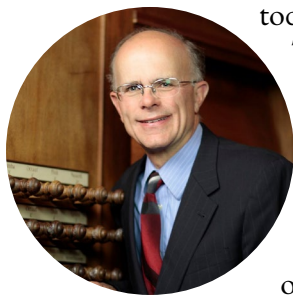
Sunday, April 19

The next baptisms will be on the Third Sunday of Easter. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please email the Rector, T.J. Freeman: [TJFreeman@StPaulsCLE.org](mailto:TJFreeman@StPaulsCLE.org)

# Music & Art

## Organ Recital by Todd Wilson

Sunday, March 8, 4 p.m.



Regarded around the world as one of today's finest concert organists, Todd Wilson serves as head of the Organ Department at the Cleveland Institute of Music and Curator of the E.M. Skinner pipe organ at Severance Music Center (home of The Cleveland Orchestra).

Wilson has performed at major venues worldwide, including the 21,000-seat Mormon Conference Center (Salt Lake City). He was also a recitalist for Austrian Radio (Vienna) and presented his first solo recital in Tokyo, Japan, in 2005.

## Senior Choir Choral Evensong

Sunday, March 15, 4 p.m. [Livestream](#)

The Senior Choir offers Choral Evensong for the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Beginning with Confession, this office allows for quiet reflection during the psalms, readings, and canticles for the day.

**Philip Radcliffe** *Responses*

**Orlando Gibbons** *Second Service | Out of the Deep*

# Music & Art

## Heights Chamber Orchestra at St. Paul's

Sunday, March 22, 3:30 p.m.

The Heights Chamber Orchestra performs a free concert featuring Mark Kosower, cello, including selections by Haydn, Tchaikovsky, and more.

## The Choir of Westminster Abbey

Wednesday, April 29, 7:30 p.m., *Ticketed event*

The Choir of Westminster Abbey is renowned worldwide as one of the finest choirs of its type. Comprising up to 30 boys (all of whom attend the Abbey's unique Choir School) and 12 professional adult singers (known as Lay Vicars), its wide-ranging performing activities are rooted in centuries-old tradition. The repertoire ranges from plainsong and Tudor polyphony, to 20th century masterpieces and new commissions. The choir is led by Master of the Choristers Andrew Nethsingha with organist Matthew Jorysz.



Doors open at 7 p.m. **General admission** is \$25. **Student tickets** are \$10 (*use code STUDENT online*). *No physical tickets for online sales. Check in with your name at the door.* Buy tickets:

[StPaulsCLE.org/westminster-concert](http://StPaulsCLE.org/westminster-concert)

# Please Note

## Daylight Saving Time Begins

**Sunday, March 8** | Don't forget to "Spring Forward!" Remember to set your clocks an hour ahead before you go to sleep on Saturday, March 7.

## Church Office Closures

*If you need pastoral care when the church office is closed, please call the Pastoral Care Line: (216) 238-4001.*

## Monday, April 6 - Wednesday, April 8

The parish office and church building are closed during the week after Easter.

# Formation

## Lenten Forum Series

During the season of Lent, we are hosting a special series of Forums focused on sacred meals, breaking bread together, and how it strengthens the bonds of belonging to each other, God, and the whole human community.

**Working To Address Hunger in NE Ohio**  
Sunday, March 1, 10:10 a.m., *Dining Room*



Studies reveal that chronic hunger is often detrimental to a sense of belonging, generating feelings of alienation and shame. Join us as Ron Carleton discusses the work of the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. He will also address what we can do to alleviate hunger in our communities and help our neighbors get the food they need to live active, healthy lives.

**Fasting and Feasting: Sacred Meals and Belonging in Various Traditions**  
Sunday, March 8, 10:10 a.m., *Dining Room*



Why do we starve ourselves to feel full? From the austere silence of a Lenten fast to the vibrant joy of an Eid feast, the way we eat and don't eat defines who we are. Join religious scholar Dr. Semiha Topal for an exploration of how sacred meals create a sense of belonging that transcends the individual. We will look at how different religious traditions use the "fast and feast" to map out the sacred calendar and strengthen the soul of the community.

**Service as Sacred Gathering of Friends**  
Sunday, March 15, 10:10 a.m., *Dining Room*

The ministry of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland is deeply rooted in the neighborhood and focused on meeting people's physical and spiritual needs. One way they live this out is through vibrant meal and food ministries

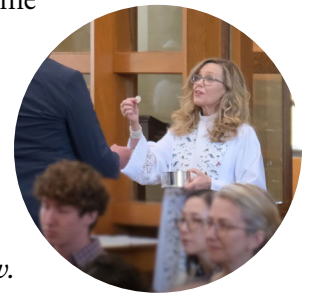
grounded in love, joy, and the dignity of all.

The Rev. Leah Romanelli de Jesus, Priest-in-Charge at St. Luke's, joins us to share how their service builds community and belonging for everyone, blurring the line of who is giving and who is receiving into one joyous, sacred gathering of friends.



**Instructed Eucharist: What We Do & Why**  
Sunday, March 22, 10:10 a.m., *Dining Room*

Have you ever wondered about the meaning behind the prayers, gestures, and objects used at the table? In this forum, we'll focus on some of the key basics that guide our worship. Whether you're new or have been coming to church for decades, this is an opportunity to enrich and deepen your understanding of the heart of our liturgy. *The Rev. Patricia Rose will lead this Forum.*



## Resources for Lenten Reflection

Throughout Lent there will be devotional resources for all ages available on the table at the bottom of the steps outside of Tucker Hall. This will include "Bread of Life" Lenten materials, which highlight how Jesus feeds our bodies and souls. This series ties into our Lenten Forum series "*Deep Hunger. Sacred Meals. Nourishing Belonging.*" You can also download or print the resources from the St. Paul's website: [TinyURL.com/lent26devos](https://tinyurl.com/lent26devos)



Lenten Reflections

# Parish Life

## Gatherings: Meet the Rector

Through May 2026, *various locations*



You're invited for a time of socializing and discussion focused on the question: "What does your new Rector need to know?" Your questions are welcome. After hosting several Gatherings, T.J. reflects on how meaningful they are:

*"Thank you to everyone who has attended or hosted a Gathering. I have been inspired by the passion and honesty that you have brought to these conversations."*

*In these moments, we have built relationships, shared our hopes and dreams, and openly engaged with areas where we can grow.*

*The Gatherings, I believe, have been a blessing not only to me, but to those who have participated. If you haven't yet had the opportunity, I hope you will sign up for one of the spring Gatherings."*

~The Rev'd T.J. Freeman



Gatherings

The next Gatherings will be:

**Monday, March 9, 3 - 4:30 p.m.**  
St. Paul's, Brooks Room; *reserved for those who need a daytime gathering or handicap accessibility.*

**Thursday, March 26, 6 - 7:30 p.m.**

The home of Virginia & Bruce Taylor, *Gates Mills*

If you consider yourself a member of St. Paul's, you are invited! Learn more:

[TinyURL.com/gatherings25-26](https://www.tinyurl.com/gatherings25-26)

## Architecture Tours

Sundays, March 22 and May 17, after the 11:15 service, *Meet in the Narthex (behind the Nave)*



Do you know where the four Diocesan seals are in St. Paul's? How about the movie projection booth? Dave Loomis and William Vodrey will lead an hour-

long tour of the church so you can find out!

Whether you've been at St. Paul's for many years or just a few weeks, there's always more to discover throughout the wonderful space we gather. Learn more about the architecture and art of St. Paul's!

## Agape Dinner

Thursday, April 2, after the 5:30 p.m. service, *Tucker Hall*

Let us break bread together during an Agape Dinner catered by Aladdin's. This dinner is for attendees of both the 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday services (and all who join us) to enjoy fellowship during Holy Week. Dinner will begin promptly after the 5:30 p.m. service, so please RSVP to help us plan for catering. We request a small donation to help with the cost of food, but please come and eat even if you cannot donate. RSVP: [TinyURL.com/agape-meal26](https://www.tinyurl.com/agape-meal26)



Agape Meal  
RSVP

## Women's Retreat at Bellwether Farm

*Registration ends March 18*  
Retreat: Friday & Saturday, April 17 - 18

Join the women of St. Paul's for a rejuvenating 22 hours. We begin Friday at 5 p.m. with get-to-know-you "ice breakers." Activities will also include games, crafts, and an evening bonfire with S'mores & drinks! There's yoga and nature walks for peaceful reflection. We close our time together with a women-focused worship service, concluding Saturday at 2 p.m.



**Space is filling up fast!** Register online: [TinyURL.com/womens-retreat26](https://www.tinyurl.com/womens-retreat26). Double room: \$145, single room: \$175. Fee includes three farm-to-table meals and all activities. Questions? Ask Pam: [POhalloran@StPaulsCLE.org](mailto:POhalloran@StPaulsCLE.org)



Women's  
Retreat

# Parish Life

## The N. B. White Gallery Spring Show Sunday, March 15 - Sunday, June 7

This show features work inspired by our vast natural world. Gretchen Goss (enamel) and Lisa Schonberg (monoprints) explore themes of plant life, woods, water, sky, and earth. David Fink blends colored porcelain clays into vessel shapes that subtly suggest



land, seascapes, and the beauty of earth. See the gallery booklet for pricing and artist contact information if you find something you like. *St. Paul's doesn't receive a commission—artists keep 100% of sales!*

**Opening Reception:**  
Thursday, March 26, 5 - 7 p.m.

Mingle with the artists featured in the Spring Show and learn about their creative process. We'll have light refreshments and live music (Eric Paetz). Join us to admire and support the work of these local artists!

## The Holy Land Pilgrimage March 29 - April 9, 2027

St. Paul's will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2027. A detailed brochure and registration information are now available!

"Being in the Holy Land in March of 2023 was one of the most spiritually powerful and faith-enriching experiences of my life. Walking where Jesus walked deepened my faith, and I hope that you will have the same experience." *~The Rev'd T.J. Freeman*

With any pilgrimage, it takes time to discern whether God is calling you to make the journey. Begin that process by downloading and reviewing the trip brochure, which includes tentative itinerary, lodging, FAQs, and costs: [TinyURL.com/pilgrimage27brochure](http://TinyURL.com/pilgrimage27brochure)



Space is limited and will fill quickly. If you feel God's call to the Holy Land, don't delay registering! Questions? Email T.J.: [TJFreeman@StPaulsCLE.org](mailto:TJFreeman@StPaulsCLE.org)

# Community Connection

## UPCaM Student Dinner (All are invited!) Sunday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave.

St. Paul's is one of the church partners of UPCaM (United Protestant Campus Ministries).

This progressive ministry serves students at CWRU, CSU, and Tri-C. Once a year, we attend and bring the meal for a student dinner and Eucharist service. It's always an uplifting evening! If you'd like to bring food or join us, email Patricia: [PRose@StPaulsCLE.org](mailto:PRose@StPaulsCLE.org)



# Children & Youth

## Parenting as a Spiritual Practice Sundays, March 1 and 8, ~10 a.m., Brooks Room

Each week's conversation is a standalone gathering that includes a short scripture meditation, a brief reading, and shared reflection and conversation.

## C.A.S.T. Spring Play: Aesop's (Oh So Slightly Updated) Fables

Friday, March 13, 7 p.m.  
Saturday, March 14, 7 p.m.

You may think you know these stories, but you've never seen them like this! In this updated version of Aesop's Fables, the tortoise has authority issues, the hare still needs to calm down, meanwhile, the other animals are doing their best to figure out how to live together. Watch our students bring these ancient tales to life like never before!

Tickets: [TinyURL.com/cast-aesop](http://TinyURL.com/cast-aesop)

Online ticket sales end Friday, March 13 at noon. Tickets available at the door.

AESOP'S OH SO SLIGHTLY UPDATED FABLES is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. [ConcordTheatricals.com](http://ConcordTheatricals.com)



# Children & Youth

## The Village Gathering: Babies to Grade 3 Saturday, March 28, 10 - 11:30 a.m.

The Village is a relaxed gathering for families with babies and young children to spend time together and build friendships at church. When the weather is warm, we usually head outside. If the weather is chilly, we'll gather indoors.

Questions? Email Susan:  
[SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org](mailto:SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org)

## St. Paul's 2026 Youth Pilgrimage June 7 - 12, for rising ninth graders to graduating twelfth graders



Our youth will return to Boys Home of Virginia, an Episcopal boys' boarding school in rural western Virginia. We'll connect with new friends, step into a different way of life, and experience the sacred in unexpected places. This trip is more than travel; it's a chance to grow friendships, engage in service, and explore the things that make life meaningful.

Expect moments of deep connection, playful joy, and transformative learning as our youth step outside their everyday world. Email Lauren for more

information: [LDockery@StPaulsCLE.org](mailto:LDockery@StPaulsCLE.org)

Brochure: [TinyURL.com/youth2026trip](https://tinyurl.com/youth2026trip)

Register by 3/15: [Tinyurl.com/youth-trip26reg](https://tinyurl.com/youth-trip26reg)

## Youth Group: Grades 7+

Sundays, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Sunday nights are for showing up, hanging out, and being together. Youth Group meets weekly with time to eat, play games, talk about real things, and be ourselves. Some weeks are loud, others are quieter, but all are about connection and community. Let us know by Friday afternoon if your teen plans to come and if you can help with dinner:

[TinyURL.com/25-26youth](https://tinyurl.com/25-26youth)



2026 Youth Pilgrimage

# Holy Week & Easter Day

## Services for Children, Youth and Families

Our family services create a space where the themes of Lent—like suffering, love, and renewal—are gently explored through storytelling, prayer, and reflection. These services help us see that God is always with us and life continues beyond death.

## Maundy Thursday | Thursday, April 2 5:30 p.m., *St. Martin's Chapel*

On this night, Jesus shared a final meal with his friends and showed them how to love through humble service. Families are invited into this story through prayer, optional foot-washing, and Holy Eucharist, followed by a simple Agape dinner.



## Good Friday | Friday, April 3 5:30 p.m., *St. Martin's Chapel*

Good Friday invites us to reflect on loss, love, and the mystery at the heart of the cross. Through prayer, silence, and gentle reflection, families are invited to enter this sacred story in ways that are meaningful and accessible. This service creates space to slow down, listen deeply, and remember that God remains present, even in sorrow.



## Family Easter Vigil | Saturday, April 4 5:30 p.m., *St. Martin's Chapel*

We gather in the darkness and slowly welcome the return of light. Through storytelling, candlelight, music, and celebration, families walk the story of God's love from creation to resurrection. This joyful service marks the turning point from waiting to new life.



# Holy Week and Easter Day

## Palm Sunday | March 29

- 7:45 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, *St. Martin's Chapel*
- 9 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, *Nave* (ASL Interpreted)
- 11:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))

## Monday in Holy Week | March 30

- 6 p.m. | Holy Eucharist, *St. Martin's Chapel*

## Tuesday in Holy Week | March 31

- 6 p.m. | Holy Eucharist, *St. Martin's Chapel*

## Wednesday in Holy Week | April 1

- 6 p.m. | Holy Eucharist, *St. Martin's Chapel*

## Maundy Thursday | April 2

- 5:30 p.m. | Family Service with Foot-Washing  
*St. Martin's Chapel*

- 7:30 p.m. | Proper Liturgy for Maundy Thursday with Foot-Washing and Stripping of the Altar, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))

## Good Friday | April 3

- Noon | Community Ecumenical Service with the Senior Choir's offering of *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by Théodore Dubois, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))

- 5:30 p.m. | Family Service for Good Friday, *Nave*

- 7:30 p.m. | Proper Liturgy for Good Friday with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament. The Schola Cantorum offers *Passion According to John* by Tomás Luis de Victoria, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))

## Holy Saturday | April 4

- 10 a.m. | Proper Liturgy for Holy Saturday, *Nave*
- 5:30 p.m. | Family Easter Vigil, *St. Martin's Chapel*
- 8 p.m. | Diocesan Easter Vigil, *Trinity Cathedral*



Top: Palm Sunday. Middle: Maundy Thursday. Bottom: Good Friday.

## Easter Day | April 5

- \*7:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist for Easter Day, *Nave* (\*note the earlier time)
- 9 a.m. | Holy Eucharist for Easter Day, *Nave* (ASL Interpreted)
- 10:15 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt, *Front Lawn and Tucker Hall*
- 11:15 a.m. | Sung Holy Eucharist for Easter Day, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))



Left: Family Easter Vigil, Trinity Easter Vigil. Right: Easter Day, Egg Hunt.