



1: *Legendary* silliness before, during, and after the C.A.S.T. spring play! **2:** St. Paul's youth chorister program cultivates excellent musicians—and friends **3.** Special coffee hour and beautifully decorated cake to celebrate Chuck's 95th birthday (and all March babies). **4.** We had a lovely artist meet and greet and opening reception for the NB White Gallery Spring Show! *On display through June 7.*

A Note from The Rector

Dearest Saint Paul's,

The finest homily ever preached was delivered around the year 400 CE by the Archbishop of Constantinople. He concludes the homily with these words:

*O death, where is your sting?
O Hell, where is your victory?*

*Christ is risen and you are abolished.
Christ is risen and the demons are cast down.
Christ is risen and the angels rejoice.
Christ is risen and life is victorious.
Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied
of all the faithful dead:*

*For Christ, being risen from the dead, dieth no more,
and has become the First Fruits of them that sleep.*

*To Him be glory and might, power and
dominion, victory and majesty, now and unto
the ages of ages. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The words of Saint John Chrysostom have been meandering through my head these last weeks as I have sat with my mother as she draws ever nearer to the end of her life on this mortal plane. Sickness does hurt. Loss does break our hearts. Death does sting.

And yet, Christ is risen and love heals.
Christ is risen and wholeness is manifest.
Christ is risen and death is put to flight.

Our Lord knows love and loss, joy and sorrow, heartbreak and renewal—there is much death and pain all around us. Much at home and much abroad. Life seems, perhaps more than ever, frail and fleeting. Amid uncertainty Christ is risen. Amid war Christ is risen. Amid economic turmoil Christ is risen.

Right now, I do not know much and my heart is breaking, but what I do know is that Saint John Chrysostom's words are what I need to hear. He speaks the truth about life and death, heaven and hell, our Lord and Satan—our side has won. The battle is o'er. We who have been bound to Christ, will never be separated from him and death will not hold us.

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and has become the First Fruits of them that sleep.*

*To Him be glory and might, power and
dominion, victory and majesty, now and unto
the ages of ages. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Pax et bonum,

The Reverend T.J. Freeman *SMMS*
Seventeenth Rector
Saint Paul's Episcopal Church



Please Note

Act II Resale Shop Closures

Thursday, April 2 - Saturday, April 4

Act II will be closed during Holy Week. It will reopen on Thursday, April 9, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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 Monday through Wednesday after Easter.

Combined Services*

The Second Sunday of Easter, April 12, 10 a.m.

Our Bishop, The Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly, will preach and preside during the combined liturgy. This episcopal visitation at St. Paul's will also include the Confirmation and Reception of several youth candidates. Join us for this special service of welcome!

Day of Pentecost, Sunday, May 24, 10 a.m.

We will have one liturgy on the Day of Pentecost.

**In the Nave. ASL interpreted and livestreamed.*

Worship

An Invitation to Holy Baptism

If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, please email the Rector, T.J. Freeman: TJFreeman@StPaulsCLE.org. Baptisms are planned for Sundays, May 3 and 31. Baptisms may be planned on other dates if needed.

The Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist Saturday, April 25, 6 p.m., *St. Martin's Chapel*



Join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on the Feast of Saint Mark the Evangelist.

Mark's life—marked by failure, growth, reconciliation, and steadfast witness—reflects the transforming

power of God's grace and the call to proclaim Christ faithfully in every generation. *The Assistant Rector, Patricia Rose, will preach.*

The Eve of The Feast of the Apostles, Saint Philip and Saint James Thursday, April 30, 6 p.m., *St. Martin's Chapel*



Join us for the celebration of the Holy Eucharist on the Eve of the Feast of Saints Philip and James. Both apostles are remembered for their simple faithfulness—the readiness to follow, to ask, to trust, and to proclaim the truth of Christ. *The Rector, T.J. Freeman, will preach.*

Upcoming Services

The Feast of the Ascension - Thursday,
May 14, 6 p.m., *St. Martin's Chapel*

**Trinity Sunday; Last Sunday of the
Program Year - Sunday, May 31**

Summer Service Schedule Begins - June 7
7:45 a.m. | *St. Martin's Chapel*

9 a.m. | *Front Lawn (weather permitting)*
ASL interpreted

10:30 a.m. | *Nave (Livestream)*

Music & Art

Children and Youth Evensong Wednesday, April 15, 6 p.m., *Trinity Cathedral*

Under the direction of Kelsey Ferguson, the St. Cecilia, St. David and Youth Choirs present a service of Evensong at Trinity Cathedral.

Accompanied by Shiloh Roby, the service will feature music by Sarah MacDonald, George Dyson, Aric Prentice and Simon Lole. All are welcome for this contemplative evening service.



Carolyn Hoff, Senior Organ Recital Saturday, April 18, 4 p.m., *Nave*

You are invited to the Senior Recital of Carolyn Hoff, St. Paul's Sacred Music Intern. From providing musical accompaniment, supporting and mentoring the children's choirs, and lending her voice to the Senior Choir, Carolyn has been a lovely addition to our music program for the past two years.

Carolyn is a student at the Cleveland Institute of Music and is scheduled to graduate with a Bachelor of Music degree this spring, majoring in organ performance and music theory. Carolyn will offer music by J.S. Bach, Percy Whitlock, and Max Reger. Please join us to celebrate her scholastic achievements and extend our gratitude for sharing her talents with the St. Paul's community.



The N. B. White Gallery Spring Show *On display through 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.



Music & Art

Coventry Camerata: The Renaissance Revival in 20th-century England

Sunday, April 19, 4 p.m.



St. Paul's ensemble-in-residence, the Coventry Camerata, presents a choral concert exploring the revival of Renaissance choral style that occurred during

the 20th-century in England and elsewhere. They present three masterpieces that exemplify this revival: *Mass in G Minor* (Ralph Vaughan Williams), *Requiem*, and *"Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing"* (Herbert Howells). The concert is completely unaccompanied, which captures the raw emotional essence of each of these three works. The 18-voice ensemble is conducted by Kevin Jones.

The Choir of Westminster Abbey

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

St. Paul's is excited to present the Men and Boys Choir of Westminster Abbey, directed by Andrew Nethsingha and accompanied by organist Matthew Jorysz. The choir will sing a widely varied program of Anglican traditional favorites, including music by Tallis, Gibbons, Purcell, Vaughan Williams, Bairstow, and others. The choir has recorded extensively on the Hyperion label, and it has

garnered rave reviews from critics here and abroad. Since its foundation in the late 14th century (when the Abbey was a Benedictine monastery) the choir's primary purpose has been the singing of the daily services.



In addition, it plays a central role in the many royal, state, and national occasions which take place in the Abbey. Notable recent events have included the wedding of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the state funeral for Queen Elizabeth II, the Coronation of King Charles III, and memorial services for notable public figures including Sir Peter Hall, Stephen Hawking, Nelson Mandela, and Sir Terry Wogan.

Only 350 tickets can be sold. Purchase today to assure your spot! Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear one of the world's finest choirs in the splendid acoustic of the St. Paul's Nave. *Tickets required, \$25 general admission, \$10 students.* Advance tickets available online: StPaulsCLE.org/westminster-concert



Parish Life

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. **RSVPs are very strongly recommended!** Last year's dinner was more popular than expected, and your RSVP will help us accurately plan our food order. *No one will be turned away for inability to pay or forgetting to RSVP.* 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



Easter Day Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5, *after the 9 a.m. service*

Helpful volunteers are stuffing HUNDREDS of eggs with surprises for our Easter Day Hunt! Kids of all ages, join us to find as many as you can!

Parents, if possible, please B.Y.O.B. (*Bring Your Own Basket/Bag*) to help collect and transport the treats! *See Sunday Notes for meet-up locations by age group.*

Parish Life

Senior Saints Luncheon

Sunday, April 26, 12:30 p.m., *Tucker Hall*



All St. Paul's parishioners age 75 and over are invited to join the Rector for the annual Senior Saints Luncheon. This is the parish's opportunity to honor and thank those who have given so much to the church over the years.

Hosted by the Vestry and Parish Fellowship Committee, we'll enjoy a hot, plated lunch and musical entertainment. RSVP to the Parish Office if you plan to attend and let us know of any dietary restrictions. To RSVP, email Jamie: Jlvancic@StPaulsCLE.org or call (216) 932-5815.

The Unofficial West Campus of St. Paul's

by Kirsten Radivoyevitch,
Membership Engagement Coordinator

On the second Wednesday of every month, a group of St. Paul's clergy and staff conducts a Holy Eucharist worship service at Judson Park. While most of the attendees are Judson residents, we are often joined by family members, friends, and caregivers. There are usually around 25-30 people in attendance—about as many as our Sunday early service!

One service per month was a good start. Then we began livestreaming our 11:15 a.m. service. While a viable option for some, we learned that many residents at Judson Park weren't confident enough in their computer skills to access the livestream. Though some people feel fulfilled by worshipping in the solitude of their own room, on their own computer screen, and maybe in their pajamas, many people missed the sense of belonging that comes with group worship.

With our year-long focus on Belonging, we are deepening our sense of community by adding another communal worship experience.

The weekly livestream service is now available in the Wick Room at Judson Park! Residents, their family members, friends, caregivers, and staff gather to

watch the 11:15 a.m. service on a large screen with good speakers. The space is just the right size for a group of up to 30 people.



Our first service was on March 22, and the reviews were overwhelmingly positive! Many people arrived early to chat with each other and select their seats before the service began. One person indicated that it felt almost like worshipping in a side room within St. Paul's. Another was thrilled by the improved sound quality provided by the space and the equipment. A third mentioned that it was *real* worship, and she was glad to have shared it with others in real time. Even my 26-year-old son enjoyed hosting this inaugural gathering. It was an absolute hit!

Judson staff helps with many aspects of this endeavor, but it is up to us to provide volunteer "hosts" to start the livestream. The instructions provided to volunteers are detailed enough that my 90-year-old mother has already signed up to host a service!

This is an exciting opportunity for a number of reasons:

- The service is open to anyone who is interested in gaining spiritual nourishment on a Sunday morning.
- It is a safe and sustainable alternative to residents' reliance on the transportation ministry for access to a shared worship experience.
- There are possibilities for intergenerational connection, especially with younger folks who are likely already familiar with the tech setup.

All are indeed welcome!

If you are interested in volunteering an hour of your time one Sunday to host a livestream service at Judson, please contact Kirsten Radivoyevitch at KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org.

Parish Life

Gatherings: Meet the Rector

RSVP SOON! Through May 18



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. **The final Gatherings will be:**

Monday, April 20, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Jenny & Pat Azouri, *Shaker Heights*



Wednesday, May 6, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

St. Paul's, *Coventry House*

Monday, May 18, 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Hosted by Erin & John Wagner
Cleveland Heights

**The Gathering on April 8 has been cancelled.*

If you identify as a member of Saint Paul's, you are invited! Learn more and sign up:

TinyURL.com/gatherings25-26

Outreach & Community

St. Paul's Flower Ministry



The Flower Ministry is starting again! We will deliver our Sunday flowers to members of the St. Paul's family who can't be with us for services. Each week we will have several vases of flowers to arrange after the 11:15 service, and deliver either Sunday or Monday.

This is a wonderful way to extend community and share the beautiful flowers given for the glory of God! We will start on Easter, delivering the potted plants donated from those services. We will continue each week until the end of the program year.

If you are willing to help with the Flower Ministry, talk to us in the Foyer between services on Sunday mornings or contact Cathy Albers: CLA2@case.edu or Judy Stevens: reekieed@aol.com.

Outreach & Community

April Showers Umbrella Collection

Until Sunday, April 5, bins in the Narthex & Foyer

We are collecting new umbrellas of any type, color, or size for Cleveland's annual **Homeless Stand Down**. Umbrellas provide essential shelter for people living outdoors, including relief from rain, wind, and sun.



For over 30 years, the Stand Down has addressed veteran homelessness by providing necessary resources, rest from the elements, and re-connection to the community. The 2025 Stand Down served **over 900 people**. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Casserole Crew

Tuesday, April 14, 4 p.m., *Basement Kitchen*

Volunteer with a great cause! The informal "Casserole Crew" preps, makes, and bakes casseroles for a meal hosted by the Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless (NEOCH).



We'll have the recipes, tools, and aprons; just bring yourself.

OR, help ahead of time by shopping for ingredients for the casseroles (and stick around to chat if you can)! There is a job for every experience level and any amount of time you can offer.

Hosted in coordination with the Women's Fellowship Group and Membership Engagement Coordinator; ALL chefs are welcome! Questions? Email Kirsten: KRadivoy@StPaulsCLE.org.

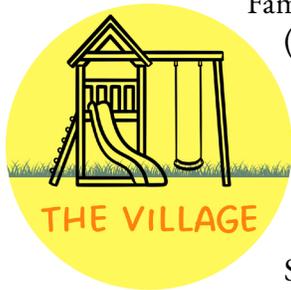
UPCaM Student Dinner (All are invited!)

Sunday, April 19, 6:30 p.m., *Church of the Covenant, 11205 Euclid Ave.*

St. Paul's is one of the partners of UPCaM (United Protestant Campus Ministries). This ministry serves students at CWRU, CSU, and Tri-C. Every 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

Children & Youth

The Village Playground Gathering Saturday, April 25, 10 – 11:30 a.m.



Families with young children (babies through third grade) are invited to spend the morning on the playground! Come hang out with other St. Paul's families and children. Please email Susan with any questions: SArmstrong@StPaulsCLE.org

TotalChaos Goes to the Movies Saturday, April 25, 3 – 5:30 p.m., Cinemark Movie Theater, 6001 Canal Road, Valley View



Students in grades 4-6 are invited to a TotalChaos gathering! We're heading to Cinemark Valley View to see the *Super Mario Bros. Movie* 2 in 3D. Meet Lauren in the theater lobby at 3 p.m. (movie starts at 3:35 p.m.)

Please RSVP so we know to expect you:
[TinyURL.com/25-26youth](https://www.tinyurl.com/25-26youth).

Cost is \$15 per student, which includes the movie ticket and a snack. Reach out to Lauren for financial assistance: LDockery@StPaulsCLE.org



Youth Group: Grades 7+ Sundays, 5:30 - 8 p.m.

Youth Group meets weekly with time to eat, play games, talk about real things, and be ourselves. Let us know by Friday afternoon if your teen plans to come and if you can help with dinner: [TinyURL.com/25-26youth](https://www.tinyurl.com/25-26youth).

Baccalaureate Sunday Sunday, May 3

St. Paul's twelfth graders will preach this day, and we will offer a blessing for graduating highschoolers.

The Forum

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10:10 a.m. as we conclude our year-long series on *Belonging*.

Belonging & Creation - Bellwether Farm Sunday, April 26, 10:10 a.m.

Bellwether Farm is a ministry of the Diocese of Ohio: a regenerative camp, retreat, and education center. We'll hear from Bellwether Farm staff about their ministry, which is rooted in the belief that wholeness affirms our connection to nature and all of creation.

Everyone Belongs Sunday, May 3, 10:10 a.m.

Watch for more details about this Forum!

Reflections on Belonging Sunday, May 10, 10:10 a.m.

Presented by T.J. Freeman, Rector.

Celebrating the Year in Review Sunday, May 17, 10:10 a.m.

Our final Forum of the year! We'll look at how we have deepened our sense of *Belonging* over the past year and where God might be calling us for the future. *Led by the Adult Formation Committee.*

Diocese of Ohio

Easter Flowers Assembly Saturday, April 4, 2026, 9:30 a.m. - Noon Christ Church, Shaker Heights (Parish Hall)

Come assemble Easter Flowers into tray favors.
ALL genders and ages are welcome!

Bring a pair of scissors and a smile. Coffee and snacks provided. Flowers will be delivered to: Hospice of the Western Reserve, VA Hospital, Shaker Gardens Nursing Home, and Anna Maria of Aurora.

Questions? Call or email Cathy Wolford: (440) 289-1068; CatWolf@RoadRunner.com

*Sponsored by Episcopal Church Women,
Cuyahoga Mission Area*

Holy Week and 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.

Monday in Holy Week | March 30

6 p.m. | Holy Eucharist, *Chapel of the Cross*

7:30 p.m. | Diocesan Prayer Service, *on Zoom*
[TinyURL.com/d-ohio-330](https://tinyurl.com/d-ohio-330)

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

8:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer, *Chapel of the Cross*

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* (ASL interpreted, [Livestream](#))

5:30 p.m. | Family Service for Good Friday
St. Martin's Chapel

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*

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. | Egg Hunt, *locations in Sunday Notes*

11:15 a.m. | Sung Holy Eucharist for Easter Day, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))