

**St. Paul's**  
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The Downtown  
Episcopal Church 

# The Courier

The Newsletter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
Downtown Syracuse, New York

## March 2025



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*No Matter Who You Are, Or Where You Have Been,  
There Is A Place For You At St. Paul's*

**[www.stpaulsyr.org](http://www.stpaulsyr.org)**

# Looking Forward, Looking Back

by Fr. Philip

*I am about to do a new thing;  
Now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?  
excerpted from Isaiah 43*

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

When I first met with members of St. Paul's, as I was being considered as a candidate to serve as your rector, several individuals made statements or asked questions that revealed a strong future orientation. Nine years later I recall their words vividly. On my first evening in Syracuse, David Morgan remarked, "The Samaritan Center was the focus of our mission activity for several decades. Now that they have moved on, we need to discover our new mission focus." Sometime later, in a conversation with a different group of people, Roy Thomas said, "We know our future will look different than the past; we just don't know what it will look like."



A strong orientation toward the present and the future is one of our values as a congregation. This is a value that comes from scripture. Many passages from the Hebrew scriptures and many of Jesus' words and actions point toward the idea that we are being faithful to God's call to us when we are giving most of our attention to what is happening today, and to the new work God is calling us to do in the coming months and years.



At most other parishes at least a few members would have been knocking on my office door in 2024, in 2023, even in 2022, asking about the church's plans for our bicentennial celebration, (which, according to the calendar, is supposed to happen in 2026). Not at St. Paul's! At St. Paul's our members have been paying so much attention to what God is calling us to do today and tomorrow and next year, that it seems no one was paying much attention to our upcoming bicentennial. So last summer I suggested to our Vestry and Executive Ministry Team that, with less than 24 months before the start of our bicentennial, it might be a good idea to begin making some plans;)

Our Executive Ministry Team developed a proposal, eventually approved by the Vestry, to ask a team of twelve individuals to lead our parish through the process of preparing for our bicentennial celebration. This group of twelve held the first meeting of the *Bicentennial Steering Committee (BSC)* on February 4th. The BSC is led by co-chairs Derina Samuel and Anita Wagner. Eight of the members are leaders of eight task forces. Each task force has a specific task and a written mission statement, each one contributing to preparations for our Bicentennial Year celebrations. In the coming months you will find articles in *The Courier* from Derina and Anita, telling about the work of the *Bicentennial Steering Committee*.

If you have ever been involved in the founding of a new church, or a new institution of any kind, you know one of the perplexing questions is, 'When did this actually begin?' So it is with the founding date for St. Paul's Church. Was there a first meeting of the congregation we can identify accurately? What do the legal documents say?

The wardens and I have taken a good look at the written evidence from the church archives. One of these artifacts clearly describes a meeting held on May 22, 1826, when the leaders of the emerging congregation signed the documents that would give St. Paul's legal recognition as a church by the State of New York. So we ask that you mark your calendars for May 22, 2026. We aren't exactly sure what the kick-off event will be, but we are planning to begin our Bicentennial Year celebrations on Friday, May 22, 2026.

St. Paul's Bicentennial is a once-in-one-hundred-years opportunity for us to hold a variety of joyful celebrations, and to invite people outside the church to learn a little bit more about the powerful work that goes on behind those massive stone walls. For a congregation full of people who constantly give their attention to the vital work of the present and future, this will be a time of fellowship, community, and thanksgiving. We will give thanks for God's life-saving presence with us as a congregation, and for the faithfulness and ministries of generations of members who prepared the way for this blessed community that has become our spiritual family, our spiritual home.

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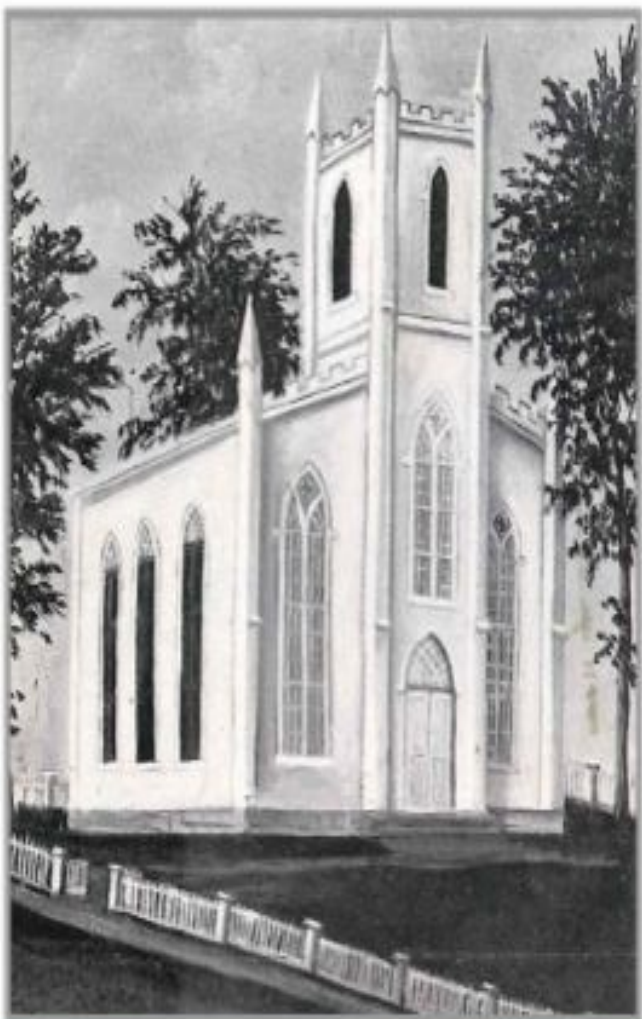
## The History of St. Paul's

### The First St. Paul's Church Building 1826-1842

The parish's first building stood in the block bounded by Warren, East Genesee and Washington Streets.



This early wooden structure, measured just 41 by 52 feet, was painted white and featured green shutters, rented box pews and a double-decker pulpit.



# Senior Warden's Report

by Joe Moorman, Senior Warden



**T**hree new Vestry members were elected at St. Paul's Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26, 2025. They are Tim Simmons, Wilson Cummer and Joe Russo. Their first Vestry meeting was on February 11 and one of the important items of business was the appointment of church members to leadership positions in the administration of St. Paul's. The appointments were:

**Treasurer:** Doug Mouncey

**Assistant Treasurer:** Sandra Yingling

**Clerk of the Vestry:** Anita Wagner

**Chair of the Finance Committee:** David Ridings

**Representative to Finance Committee:** Joe Moorman

**Chair of the Building and Grounds Committee:** Bill Pitcher

**Representative to/member of Building and Grounds Committee:** Tim Cassavaw

**Member at large to the Personnel Committee:** Derina Samuel

**Convener of Community Fellowship Ministry Team:** Liz Belden-Handler

**Convener of Worship Ministry Team:** Laurie Sanderson

**Convener of Mission & Service Ministry Team:** Betsy Elkins

**Convener of Formation Ministry Team:** Jeanne Avery

**Convener of the Pastoral Care Team:** Kira Dirghalli

In addition to these administrative appointments, the Vestry approved D J Igelsrud to fill the remaining two years of Ieva Doyle's Vestry term, since Ieva was elected to a Warden position at the Annual Meeting. Agreeing to these responsibilities indicates a willingness to further the mission of St. Paul's through regular - and sometimes daily - contributions to the liturgical, spiritual, and physical operations of the church.

Even in my second year as a Warden, I continue to be amazed at the breadth of the devotion to St. Paul's mission displayed by our members. This was driven home to me in one of the responses to our parish survey. Half of the respondents had hosted coffee hour, half had served as a lector during services, 42% had served as an usher, 26% sang in the choir, and 26% had written Prayers of the People. Other significant contributions were made to the Flower Guild, the Altar Guild, and Communion Bread Bakers.



Such spirit says "community." Members of St. Paul's are more than a group of worshippers. St. Paul's is a community; a diverse group of people that love, support, help, and serve one another in ways that are meaningful individually and as a group. St. Paul's is in its 200th year of existence and this spirit is the fuel to keep St. Paul's a vibrant downtown Syracuse institution into a third and fourth century.

# A Bit of Good Construction News

by Betsy Elkins

**W**e have explained that Open Doors construction has been paused for the last few months as we are waiting for a permit to install a totally new and improved fire and security system. Electrical and plumbing is all roughed in throughout but until the alarm and security system is installed that work can't be finished. We have learned that our system has been approved by the City of Syracuse and our permit is ready. Once the Doyle alarm system people start their work (soon we hope) it should take about three weeks to complete. Then we should see more work underway on other parts of this project.



*Roof work on the Parish House*

Barring any unforeseen hiccups, we should be back on track to wrap this project up this summer. That is exciting to contemplate. On these dreary winter days, I am thinking about a sparkling new kitchen (fresh paint, new floors, an additional window), a lovely Sargent Foyer with a new door to the parking lot, beautiful, expanded bathrooms, a new lobby from Montgomery Street and an elevator. And I dream of the sound of the construction of A Tiny Home for Good apartments being built on the second floor of the parish house beginning the fall of 2025.



## Confirmations & Receptions with Bishop DeDe Duncan-Probe

St. Paul's will host a regional confirmation service  
**Wednesday, April 9th, at 7 p.m.**

Several of our members will be received or confirmed by the Bishop at this service.

You are invited to attend!

# Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday,  
March 5th

8:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

ASH  
wednesday

Please use the Chapel Entrance.  
The services will be in the Nave.

In Person & Live Stream



Sunday March 9th  
4:00 p.m.  
St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
220 East Fayette St  
Downtown Syracuse

## Evensong & Organ Recital

The Choir of St. Paul's will sing Evensong for the First Sunday of Lent. Choral works will include Nicholson, Shephard, Crotch, Holman and Howells. An Organ Recital performed by Michael Guarneiri will offer works of J.S. Bach, Calvin Hampton and Max Reger following the service.

# News from the Haiti Education Mission

By Georgette Schmidt

**T**he annual medical clinic funded by the Haiti Education Mission took place in Paulette, Haiti from January 31st to February 2nd. The goals of the clinic were to offer annual medical consultations and personal hygiene education sessions to the community. The medical team was made up of one Haitian doctor, three Haitian nurses and one Haitian lab technician. The total number of patients seen was 363 consisting of 96 adults and 267 children.



The type of illnesses treated were the following: Fever, diabetes, high blood pressure, coughs, flu, psoriasis, skin infections, headaches, gastric pain, muscle aches, ear infections, stomach acidity, abdominal pain, diarrhea, itching and rashes.

The Haitian doctor strongly recommended that the most vulnerable patients be given medical care more than once a year. She said that some cases will only get worse and some patients will most likely die without follow-up medical care.

When the Haiti Education Mission team read this report from the doctor, we immediately applied to the Episcopal Diocese of Central New York for a grant from the Global Episcopal Mission to provide follow-up medical care for the most vulnerable patients. The request for funding that we submitted was approved for the sum of \$3,000. We and our Haitian partners are extremely grateful to the Episcopal Diocese of CNY for their support and encouragement. Now, there will be follow-up medical care for the most vulnerable children and elderly in the village of Paulette.



**MARCH 9TH SINGLE SERVICE AT 10:00 AM**

## Sunday March 9th

There will be a single service  
**at 10:00 a.m.**  
and don't forget Daylight Savings also  
begins on the 9th.



**Remember to turn your clocks forward 1 hour**

# Report on the 2024 Parish Survey

by the Executive Ministry Team

Last fall more than sixty of our members completed our 2024 Parish Survey. The Survey included questions in four areas:

- Worship
  - Christian Formation
  - Mission & Service
  - Community Fellowship

This winter our Executive Ministry Team is looking at the survey results in detail, and creating written summaries of the results to guide our leaders in the coming year. In this edition of The Courier we are presenting our findings from the last half of the survey.

## Mission and Service

In our survey we asked six questions, one about each of six different ministries in which the people of St. Paul's engage; we asked specifically how our parishioners support each of these ministries and how they might consider support in the future. We asked an additional open-ended question about other ministries one might support. Based upon what we learned, the Mission and Service Ministry and the Executive Ministry Teams have already planned some action items.

There is wide support for our work with the Samaritan Center and many parishioners have helped serve meals and/or contributed funds. Ten parishioners indicated they have volunteered at the Samaritan Center on their own. Only 3% indicated they didn't know anything about our work with the Samaritan Center. Action: We have agreed to serve at the Samaritan Center as a group on Saturday June 7 as it seems that it is difficult to find volunteers on a Sunday.

While there is relatively good participation in our support of the residents at the YMCA Sr. Apartments and there is much reported about this in our Courier, many indicated they were unfamiliar with this ministry. Action: We will be more intentional in announcing in church about this ministry and encouraging modest monetary contributions to help support the activities that are planned.

There is very large support for the Open Pantry. Many donate food and/or money, or stock the pantry on a regular basis. No one indicated they were unfamiliar with this ministry. It is hard to miss the pantry and the modest supply of food on hand on the shelves just inside the church; this ministry has great visibility and is working well



The Caring Place ministry (a drop-in center for those seeking a safe place of hospitality) is currently closed and is consequently less well known to our congregation. There does seem to be interest in this ministry, and it could be re-opened in the future perhaps with a community partner.

Our work with Interfaith Works seems to be a bit under the radar and less understood than other ministries. Participation is lower than with other ministries. Action: We will do more to promote the work of Interfaith Works and will plan some formation sessions during the coming year to educate our congregation.

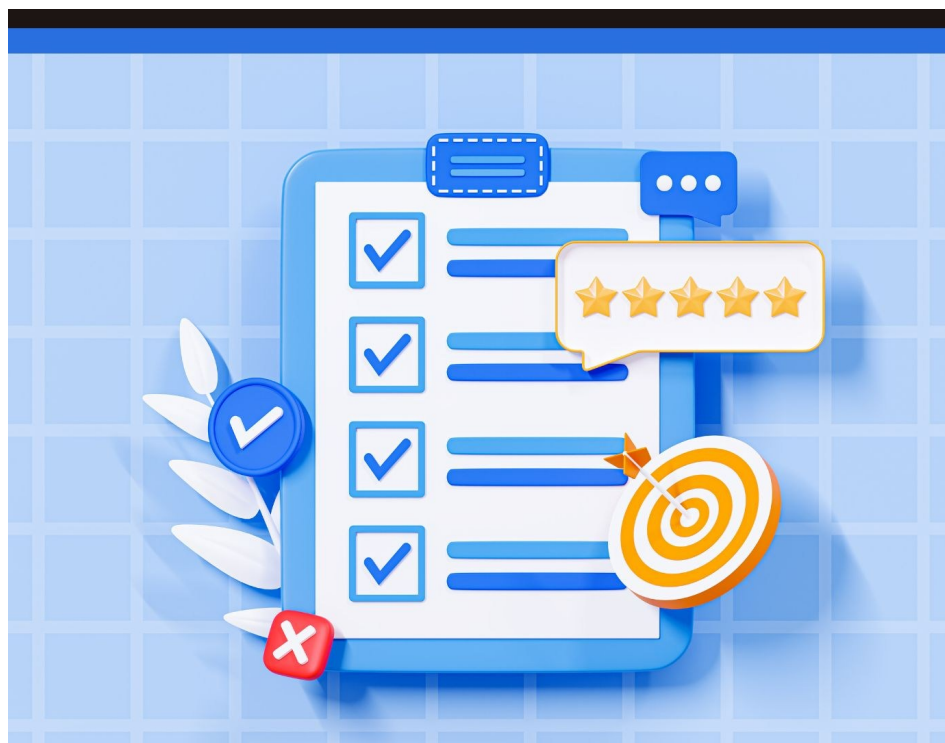


Our partnership with A Tiny Home for Good seems to be well supported and interest in this new ministry is high. Many indicated they have already contributed funds and would be interested in volunteering in some way. No one indicated they were unfamiliar with ATHFG.

The seventh question asked if there were other ministries one might support and encourage at St. Paul's:

Several responded that we should engage in work beyond just local outreach and work with some international groups, mentioning Haiti in particular. Action: We could easily do this by supporting the Haiti Educational Mission. We will do more to educate our congregation about this opportunity.

It was also noted that we do a great deal of mission work in a variety of different ways. Resources and time are limited, and we can't do everything.



### Community Fellowship

Here is what we learned from the Community Fellowship portion of the survey:

- Coffee Hour is our primary fellowship activity at this time, and there is lots of participation! More than half of respondents have taken a turn as a coffee hour host.
- Most people are looking forward to having coffee hour return to our pre-construction location in the Brewster Room or in the Hansen Dining Room.
- People like to host coffee hour with a buddy, especially if they are new to the task.
- Several people are willing to be involved in hosting receptions and events, once our building is put back together!

### Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is a shared ministry and is part of the culture of St. Paul's. We take care of each other. We try to stay connected with each other. Almost all of our respondents were involved in some sort of pastoral care activity, such as giving someone a ride to church or to a medical appointment, or visiting someone in the hospital or at home. By far the most common type of pastoral care activity, utilized by 61% of respondents, was making phone calls or sending text messages to check in with other members.

### Communications

We asked which types of communications are most important for our members. Four sources are especially important for our members:

- St. Paul's Website
- Service Leaflets
- Weekly e-newsletter
- *The Courier*

Thanks to everyone who completed our 2024 Parish Survey! This information will be valuable to us as we continue to nurture and build God's blessed community here, in the center of Central New York!

# Treasurer's Report

by Doug Mouncey



It's St. Valentine's Day as I write this article and we're waiting for a snowstorm that threatens the ability to have the 8:00 a.m. service this Sunday. With that in mind, I was tempted to entitle my article as "A Love Letter from the Treasurer". By my reckoning, at least 99.9% of Fr. Philip's sermons contain the word "love" ... and that percentage may well be on the conservative side. My bias as the Treasurer is that it's always a good thing if the budget aligns with the mission of the parish, the words that are shared from the pulpit and our actions observed throughout the broader community.

But this article will appear in the March Courier so perhaps "The Green Parish" might be more appropriate. I trust that would appeal to parishioners who believe in a more environmentally friendly parish but even things like reusable containers during Coffee Hours can be challenging (particularly with our current set up) or financially more expensive.

In honor of February AND March I'm going with a more seasonal theme "The 3 P's... Parish, Pledging and Plowing". I've really enjoyed snow blowing our driveway at home... at least until the past 3 weeks! The first P represents the "Parish Budget". The second and third Ps are self-explanatory. When the 2025 budget was adopted, based upon the 58 Pledges made and actual contributions in 2024, there was an increase of approximately 3% for the Pledges.

As of mid-February, many of our members have returned their Pledges but we have not reached our pledging goal for 2025. This means that, if you are sitting in the pews participating in our worship services, or if you are sitting at home participating in our worship services, and you haven't made a pledge, we really need you to make a pledge. Please talk to me, one of the wardens, or Fr. Philip if you need pledge forms.

Plowing... our budget for 2025 was based on about 3 years of having that contracted service and we projected needing approximately \$10,000. The service includes plowing and salting of the parking lot and all the sidewalks along Fayette and Montgomery Streets... that service is \$330 per visit. In addition, there is a fee of \$95 per visit if salting, without plowing, is needed. As of early February, our expenses for this service are more than \$7,200. A separate very large fee will be charged each time we need to have the snow piles removed from the parking lot fee (an hourly rate based on the number of trucks and pieces of machinery needed). Our one-time experience in 2022 of that service was over \$2,000.

In summary, the Pledging and expenses of this nature are the sorts of things that our Finance Committee and Vestry will be monitoring very closely throughout the year to determine if any adjustments might be necessary.

In closing, I have two announcements. First, Sandi Yingling, a member of the Finance and internal Audit Committees, has been appointed as the Assistant Treasurer for 2025 by the Vestry. Second, I wish to acknowledge the January gift to the Endowment from the estate of June Bisson.

# Season of Lent



## Wednesday Noon Services During Lent

by David Webb

**A**ll are invited to Wednesday Noon Services at St. Paul's Church during Lent, beginning March 12 and continuing through Holy Week. The services will begin at 12:10 pm to allow people to gather for prayer. Father Philip, Joe Russo and David Webb have organized these services, which draw from the Book of Common Prayer, including the Daily Office Lectionary and the Prayers of the People. Those attending will be able to contribute their own petitions.

Please use the Chapel Door to enter and sit in the choir stalls in our main sanctuary. The service is expected to be live streamed on our YouTube channel as well.

For this worship service, space in the parking lot is restricted to the spaces along the fence. If those spaces are taken, please find street parking.

## New Associate of the Order of the Holy Cross

**G**od willing, David Webb will be accepted as an Associate of the Order of the Holy Cross (OHC) at 9 am Wednesday, Feb. 26, during the Holy Communion service at Holy Cross Monastery in West Park, N.Y.



The Order of the Holy Cross is a Benedictine community for men in the Episcopal Church. David will join many men and women who affiliate themselves with a monastery or convent as associates or oblates by following a rule and supporting the religious life of an order. OHC recently merged its associates and oblates into a single body called associates. While serving at the altar at St. Paul's Church, David will wear a distinctive wooden cross as a symbol of his commitment as an Associate of OHC.



# Children's Ministry

A lovely, quiet moment in the church nursery.



## Lenten Book Study: Going Deeper in our Understanding of Julian of Norwich

For the season of Lent we'll be exploring ideas about God's love for the world through the writings of Julian of Norwich (1343-1416). We'll be reading the longer version of Julian's text, known as Revelations of Divine Love. This is the most ancient book in the English language written by a woman.

**What:** SPC Reader's Book Study

**Where:** Fayette Zoom Channel

**When:** Five Mondays, 5-6 p.m., beginning March 10th

**Materials:** Any version of the full text of Revelations (sometimes titled 'Showings') by Julian of Norwich. The 2009 Paraclete edition by Fr. John-Julian is recommended.

**Contact:** Fr. Philip at [revmajor@stpaulsyr.org](mailto:revmajor@stpaulsyr.org)





*Join us for*

## Common Threads

Saint Paul's Common Threads will be gathering together on **Monday, March 10th** at 7:00 pm at the home of Tim & Georgette Schmidt. (309 Scottholm Boulevard, Syracuse)

All are invited to attend this time of fellowship to knit, crochet, cross-stitch, embroider, mend etc. For more information contact Georgette at [gschmidt@twcny.rr.com](mailto:gschmidt@twcny.rr.com).

## Help Wanted!



**Samaritan  
Center**

Are you looking for some meaningful work these days?

Have you ever thought of helping at the Samaritan Center?

This soup kitchen, which began over 40 years ago in the basement of St. Paul's, needs more volunteers.

Talk with one of the regular volunteers from St. Paul's (Betsy, Doug, Anita, Kira, Davida) to learn more or contact [volunteer@samcenter.org](mailto:volunteer@samcenter.org)

If you want to help with others from St. Paul's, mark your calendar for **Saturday June 7** when we are signed up to help serve lunch (12:30 to 1 p.m.).

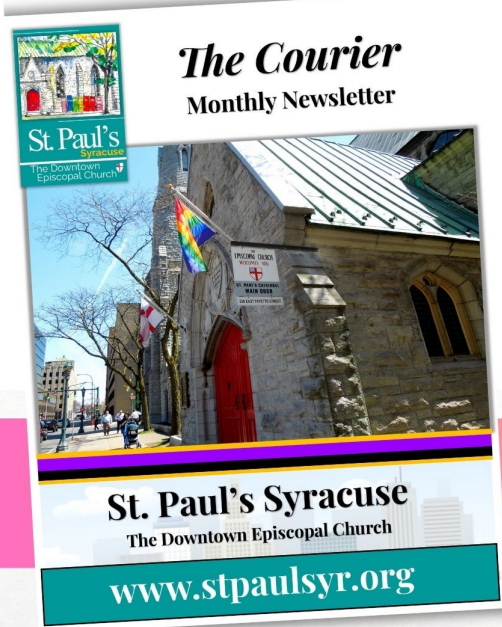
# Remembering Marilyn Sharron

by Betsy Elkins and Laurie Sanderson

**I**t was with great sadness that we learned that our friend and former parishioner Marilyn Sharron passed away after a brief illness in California. Many had the privilege of attending Marilyn's memorial service via live stream on Thursday February 6. It has been archived and may be viewed at [www.christchurchalameda.org](http://www.christchurchalameda.org). We want to offer a few memories of our dear friend:

**From Betsy:** I knew Marilyn and her family when we were parishioners at Calvary Episcopal Church on James Street. We were also east side neighbors, and our kids were good friends. When Calvary Episcopal Church closed in 1995, I and many of its parishioners migrated to St. Paul's. This included Marilyn and her husband Parker who became active members of this congregation making a special effort to get to know everyone. Marilyn, a social worker, was one of the most caring friends you could have. When she asked you how you were she truly listened to your answer and offered some good advice about whatever was on your mind. Marilyn spoke her mind, which I loved! She was quick to give you her honest thoughts about everything from the important to the mundane. A few years after Parker died Marilyn moved to California to live near her daughter Meghan, a move that made sense for her but saddened her friends here. She did keep in touch through emails, phone calls and text messages and attended our zoom Feminist Theology meetings. I remember calling her once, but she was too busy to talk. And it was hard to find another time to have our phone visit as she was doing x, y, and z at her new church. The memories of Marilyn offered at her memorial service illustrated how deeply involved she had become there and how much her new church family loved her, just as we had. While we missed her here, it is reassuring to know what a full and happy life she had in California.

**From Laurie:** I remember meeting Marilyn and Parker when I began attending St. Paul's. As a social worker, I was delighted to meet another social worker! We connected and she enriched my practice. Marilyn was a participant in the women's retreats that were held first in the Adirondacks and later at St. Margaret's House in New Hartford. We often travel to these retreats together. Marilyn even flew back from California for the retreat that the Reverend Marty Metzler, who began the retreats came back as our special guest. My life, as well as many others, was enriched by Marilyn's love and spirit.



The deadline for the  
April Courier will be  
Wednesday, March 19

Newsletter

## Obituary

# Marilyn VanAman Sharron

October 2, 1941 – January 30, 2025

**M**arilyn VanAman Sharron, 83, passed away on Thursday, January 30, 2025, after a brief illness. Marilyn will be remembered for her warmth, conversation, and faith that people are truly good at heart. She lived her life fully, with a focus on social justice and the fair treatment of all peoples. She held strong opinions on a variety of topics, and did not shy away from letting these opinions be known.

She is survived by her son, Matthew Sharron (Ayasha Williams-Sharron) of Chevy Chase, MD, daughter Meghan Sharron (TJ Modelski) of Alameda, CA, grandchildren Kai (10) and Miles (7) Sharron, and Abigayle (12) and Myla (9) Modelski. She was preceded in death in 2011 by her husband of 47 years, A. Parker Sharron.

Marilyn was born in Canton, OH to Lynwood and Gladys VanAman. She graduated from Bowling Green State University with a BS in Business Administration (Marketing) in 1963. Upon graduation, she traveled to India with World University Service; she was heavily influenced by her work there and pivoted to a career in social service. Through these endeavors, she met her husband whom she married in Philadelphia in 1964. Together, they moved to Albany NY, where she earned a Master of Social Work degree (SUNY Albany) in 1968.

In 1976, Marilyn and Parker moved to Syracuse, NY, where she worked as a social worker for Onondaga Pastoral Counseling Center (1978-1993), Upstate University Hospital (1990-2011), and Jewish Family Services (2011-2013). She also maintained a private therapy practice for many years. She was an active member of both Calvary Church and St Paul's Episcopal Cathedral in Syracuse. In 2010, she received the NASW New York State Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 2014, Marilyn moved to Alameda, CA to be near family. Here, she was engaged with Christ Episcopal Church, American Association of University Women (AAUW), Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO), and community art classes. Throughout her life, Marilyn's spirituality was a guiding force; she believed in a higher power, purpose, and call to support her community.



*Marilyn and her husband Parker during their time at St. Paul's.*

# Where Our Wine Comes From

by Robert Wagner from the O-Neh-Da website

**O**·Neh·Da has produced pure grape wine for over 140 years. O·Neh·Da Vineyard and the surrounding Hemlock Hills have a long and sacred history dating back centuries, to when the native people hunted, fished, and farmed here.

The Seneca Nation, the “Keepers of the Western Door” of the Finger Lakes, inspired the naming of the Vineyard. Bishop McQuaid chose the name O·Neh·Da to respect the native given name for Hemlock Lake. All 11 of the Finger Lakes have Native American names, save Hemlock Lake which was named by European settlers to celebrate the majestic hemlock trees found gracing the deep and shaded gorges around Hemlock Lake.

Bishop McQuaid’s vision for O-Neh-Da was to plant his own vineyards to ensure a premium source of sacramental wine for his churches. As he directed the planting of the grapes, McQuaid made Hemlock Lake his second home. He often travelled by steamboat down the Lake to his cottage to inspect the vines and oversee operations.

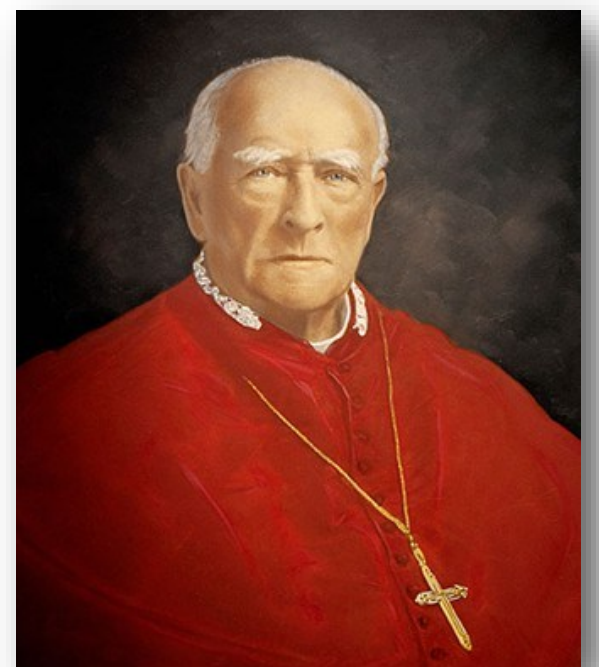
The Vineyard prospered and McQuaid’s vision was fulfilled. When the City of Rochester acquired the lakeshore and nearby hills for a reservoir and water supply, McQuaid was allowed to maintain the Vineyard and his cottage, while all others were torn down. Hemlock Lake and the surrounding hills and gorges returned to their natural state, creating a pristine watershed and nature preserve that endures to this day.



**Haut Sauterne.** A sweet wine with a fresh, fruity aroma and a pleasing finish. Made with a blend of Catawba, Niagara, and Delaware grapes. This wine is delicious with seafood, poultry, or by itself.



Upon the Bishop’s death, the Diocese of Rochester briefly ran the Vineyard before attracting the Society of the Divine Word, a Dutch Missionary order. Finding a place of bucolic tranquility and beauty, the SVD as they were called, commenced the construction of a seminary to train novitiates for mission work abroad. With the onset of Prohibition, it was decided to cease winery operations, although the cultivation of some vineyards continued. Sacramental wine producers were permitted to continue making wine during Prohibition, but it was not until 1934, after Repeal, that the winery reopened and was revitalized with an influx of new seminarians.





A German born winemaker was retained and began the work of replanting the vineyards and restoring the wine cellar. O·Neh·Da thrived and became the trusted and approved brand it is today. The Society of the Divine Word maintained control of the Vineyard until the late 1960's. Decreasing vocations and increasing costs forced the Society to look for new management of the Vineyard. Through the 1970's and 1980's the Society leased the operations to a California wine-making family of great reputation, who continued production of sacramental wine in full accord with Canon Law.



Today, O-Neh-Da Vineyard is privately owned and operates sustainably to remain faithful to McQuaid's founding mission. Grapes grown on Hemlock Lake and throughout the Finger Lakes are used in the making of premium authentic sacramental wine for churches in New York State and throughout the world. Faithful to McQuaid's vision, O-Neh-Da Vineyard remains totally dedicated to producing a valid and licit sacramental wine, absolutely pure and 100% "of the grape."



O·Neh·Da is one of the last sacramental wineries left in the world who produce their own wine from local grapes. With a winemaking team that has been together for over 25 years, premium quality is assured. Each wine is individually handcrafted from the best grapes, grown throughout the renowned Finger Lakes Wine Region. Unlike competitors who bulk process their wine, adding non-grape sugars and other adulterants, O-Neh-Da produces only authentic, pure grape sacramental wine. Because of this unwavering commitment to premium quality, O-Neh-Da Vineyard has maintained continuous Approbation from the Bishop of Rochester since our founding in 1872.

## New Address



Wendy Jones New Address:

103 Nottingham Road  
Apt E135  
Jamesville, NY 13078



# March Calendar

Sunday, March 2, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday March 2, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, March 2, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, March 2, 3:00 pm, Syracuse Orchestra Concert—Tickets available on their website

Monday, March 3, 12:00 pm, Bible Study—Brewster Room

Tuesday, March 4, 5:00 pm, Bicentennial Steering Comm.—Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, March 5, Ash Wednesday Services 8:00 am 12:00 pm & 5:30 pm

Wednesday, March 5, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, March 6, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Saturday, March 8, 8:30 am Vestry Retreat/Safe Church Training—Brewster Room

Sunday March 9, Daylight Savings Starts—Turn clocks forward one hour

Sunday, March 9, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, March 9, 10:00 am, Single Worship Service – Live Stream & In Person

Sunday, March 9, 4:00 pm, Evensong and Organ Recital

Monday, March 10, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Monday, March 10, 3:30 pm, Finance Meeting —Montgomery Zoom

Monday, March 10, 5:00 pm, SPC Readers Group—Fayette Zoom

Monday, March 10, 7:00 pm, Common Threads at Georgette Schmidt's home

Wednesday, March 12, 12:10 pm, Lent Mid Week Service

Wednesday, March 12, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, March 12, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, March 13, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Saturday, March 15, 10:00 am, Open Pantry Drop Off—Fayette St. Door

Sunday, March 16, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, March 16, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, March 16, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person

Monday, March 17, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Monday, March 17, 1:15 pm, Donor Wall Task Force

Monday, March 17, 5:00 pm, SPC Readers Group—Fayette Zoom

Wednesday, March 19, 12:10 pm, Lent Mid Week Service

Wednesday, March 19, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, March 19, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Wednesday, March 19, 7:30 pm, Feminist Theology—Montgomery Zoom

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Sunday, March 23, 8:00 am, Mocha Sunday Worship – In Person

Sunday, March 23, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, March 23, 10:00 am, Mocha Sunday Worship – Live Stream & In Person

Monday, March 24, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Monday, March 24, 5:00 pm, SPC Readers Group—Fayette Zoom

Tuesday, March 25, 5:00 pm, Buildings and Grounds —Montgomery Zoom

Wednesday, March 26, 12:10 pm, Lent Mid Week Service

Wednesday, March 26, 1:00 pm, Closet Work Party

Wednesday, March 26, 4:30 pm, Contemplative Prayer—Private Zoom Channel

Thursday, March 27, 7:00 pm, Choir Rehearsal —Chase Music Room

Sunday, March 30, 8:00 am, Worship – In Person

Sunday, March 30, 9:50 am, Godly Play Sunday School & Nursery in the Hadley Chapel

Sunday, March 30, 10:00 am, Worship – Live Stream & In Person

Monday, March 31, 12:00 pm, Bible Study--Brewster Room

Monday, March 31, 5:00 pm, SPC Readers Group—Fayette Zoom



# March Birthdays

- KATHY MAJOR 3/2
- NANCY LAMBRIGHT 3/5
- ELIZABETH JOHNSON 3/6
- SOPHIE HARRIS 3/8
- ERIC JOHNSON 3/15
- MARGARET SHERWIN 3/17
- MARY GRACE GLAVIN 3/21
- FRAZIER LAVENDER 3/26
- LIZ HANDLER 3/26
- PATTY GLAVIN 3/26
- DJ IGELSRUD 3/27
- DERINA SAMUEL 3/31

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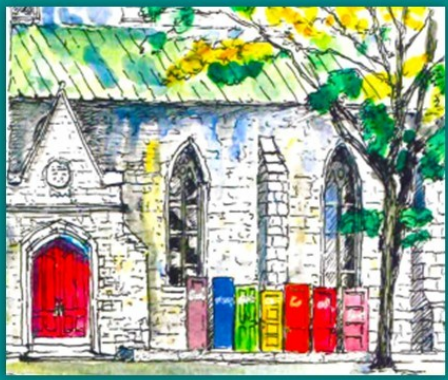
# Easter Flower Memorials

If you would like to make an offering to St. Paul's for Easter flowers in memory of, or in honor of a loved one, you are invited to send a donation to the parish office along with:

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Send to our mailing address: 310 Montgomery St. Syracuse 13202. You may also put the information and your check in the offering plate. Names will be included in the Easter leaflet.

**All names must be received by Sunday, April 6th.**



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