



# The Mission Bell



**February 2026**

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## ***Annual Parish Meeting*** ***Sunday, February 1, 2026***

St. Paul's Annual Parish Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, January 25th but was cancelled due to a snowstorm, will take place on **Sunday, February 1st** following our **9:00 a.m.** worship service.

We will have the usual coffee hour fare, continental breakfast items and sandwiches during the Annual Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Please refer to voting list posted on the bulletin board in the Church Parish Hall for eligible voters at the Annual Meeting.

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## ***Lent Begins with*** ***Ash Wednesday***

**Ash Wednesday** marks the first day of the season of Lent which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline.

Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a celebration and reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance. The ashes used are typically gathered from the burning of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

The bible does not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3 and Matthew 11:21.

Proper Liturgy for **Ash Wednesday** with Imposition of Ashes will be on **Wednesday, February 18th** at **7:00 p.m.**

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## ***Season of Lent***

Lent will officially begin with Ash Wednesday on February 18th, with the First Sunday of Lent being on February 22nd. This also brings about quite a few changes not only in our liturgy but also in the physical appearance of our worship space. Stations of the Cross adorn our walls and our Altar space undergoes a transformation.

You will notice no brass candle holders but instead, wooden candle holders. The collection plate is either a woven basket or wood not the brass that we use during the rest of the season. Our processional cross made of wood and brass is just plain wood. The color for Lent is Purple. There are also no Altar Flowers during Lent. This is all done intentionally to reflect a more solemn, prayerful and reflective mood as we wait in anticipation of the glory of Easter.



*Our Altar during Lent*

The same is true with our Liturgy which undergoes a dramatic shift in tone during Lent. At worship service there is no singing or saying the word "Alleluia".

## **Prayer List For February**

Cynthia & Richard Lewis  
Kim, Roger, Jeff & Samantha Maxson  
Philip Maxson

Anne & Larry Ouillette  
Melinda & Walter Parcinski  
Rosemarie & Roger Pussinen

Sandra & Ray Rickey  
Carol Riley  
Carol & John Robella

Pastor Mary & Mitchell Robinson  
Rich, Hong & Ryan Sabrowske  
Dianne Sibley

**O GOD, WHO BEFORE THE PASSION OF YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON REVEALED HIS GLORY UPON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN: GRANT TO US THAT WE, BEHOLDING BY FAITH THE LIGHT OF HIS COUNTENANCE, MAY BE STRENGTHENED TO BEAR OUR CROSS, AND BE CHANGED INTO HIS LIKENESS FROM GLORY TO GLORY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN+**

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## **Project P.I.N.**

**Reminder** that **Sunday, February 8th** is **Project P.I.N. Sunday**. The **P.I.N. pantry** is always in need of Jelly, Spaghetti Sauce, Beef Stew, Canned Meats, Canned Ravioli, Spaghetti O's, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Coffee, Tuna Fish, Canned fruit. Items can be placed in the P.I.N. box in the Narthex.

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## **Vestry Meeting**

**Reminder:** The next scheduled **Vestry Meeting** will be on **Sunday, February 15th** following our worship service.

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## **Coffee Hour**

Volunteers are needed for Coffee Hour following our 9:30 a.m. worship service. There

are sign up sheets next to the bulletin board in our parish hall so please sign up if you would be willing to take a turn doing coffee hour.

You need to bring a snack, home-made or store bought, do the set up and then the clean up following coffee hour. It's a great chance for fellowship! If you have questions, please speak to Dianne Sibley or Kathy Dubois.

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## **Reminder: Set Your Clocks Ahead**



**Set Your Clocks Ahead.** Yes, that's right. It soon will be time to "Spring Ahead" and set your clocks ahead with Daylight Savings Time going into effect. So on Saturday night, **March 7th**, when you go to bed make sure you have set your clocks ahead 1 hour so you are not late for church on **Sunday, March 8th!**

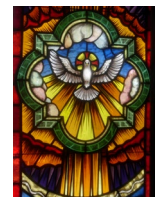
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## **Bad Weather Cancellations**



Yes its that time of the year when weather could impact scheduled events and Sunday services. Reminder that if events are cancelled or delayed because of weather, the information will be posted on our web site, <http://stpaulplainfield.org> and will also be broadcast on WFSB, Channel 3. In addition, you can check the church answering machine at 860-564-3560.

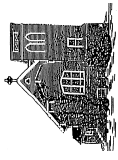
Every effort will made to make a decision by the previous night however the latest that the 8:00 a.m. service will be cancelled will be by 6:30 a.m. and the 9:30 a.m. service by 8:00 a.m. When in doubt, check!





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## St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 4 Epiphany 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson 10:15 AM Annual Meeting <b>Annual Parish Meeting</b>	<b>2</b> The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple	<b>3</b> 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
<b>8</b> 5 Epiphany 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson <b>P.I.N. Sunday</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
<b>15</b> Last Sunday after the Epiphany 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson 10:00 AM Vestry Meeting	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>18</b> Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Imposition of Ashes	<b>19</b> 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
<b>22</b> 1 Lent 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> St. Matthias the Apostle 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting

January

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Clerk

*Myra Ambrogi*

Editor of The Mission Bell

*David & Robin Hoffman*

## **FEBRUARY 2026 SCHEDULES**

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### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:**

02/01 GREG BERNDT  
02/08 KATHY DUBOIS  
02/15 GREG BERNDT  
02/22 KATHY DUBOIS

### **LECTOR:**

KATHY DUBOIS  
GREG BERNDT  
JARRETT BRAZIL  
GLENN BOUTHILLIER

### **ALTAR GUILD:**

DIANNE SIBLEY & ADRIANN SMITH  
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