



The Mission Bell



March 2026

Annual Parish Meeting

Saint Paul's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, February 1, 2026 in the church Parish Hall following the 9:00 a.m. service with 17 members and 1 guest attending. The meeting was postponed from the previous Sunday due to a snowstorm. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Senior Warden Kathy Dubois called the meeting to order and offered a prayer was offered for our Annual Meeting by Pastor Mary Robinson.
- Voting List for 2025 was reviewed with no amendments made. A motion by Betty Jenkins-Donahue, seconded by Robin Hoffman to accept the voting list passed unanimously.
- The minutes from last years Annual Meeting were read. Betty noted that Philip's name was misspelled (Maxon) and should be Maxson. Motion was made by Alisha Knox, seconded by Stacia Staskivitch to approve the amended minutes was unanimously approved.
- Kathy discussed the 2025 Parish Register.
- Reports from the Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Altar Guild and Project PIN were read.
- Treasurer David Hoffman gave the Treasurer's Report for 2025. Income for 2025 totaled \$45,941.81. Disbursements for 2025 totaled \$41,859.01 for a net of \$4,082.80 for the year. David noted that \$6,500 had been transferred at year end from the checking account to the Capital Building Fund to pay for upcoming cleaning, repairs to the plaster and re-painting the churches chancel area.
- Pledge Secretary Alisha Knox presented her report for 2025 which showed there were 16 pledging units and 8 non-pledging units. Total pledged for 2025 was \$22,020.00, total actually received as of 12/31/25 was \$21,930.00 and total received from non-pledged envelopes was \$2,467.00. Alisha reported that for 2026 there was 18 pledges made totaling \$26,180.00 and there were 6 non-pledging units.
- David presented the Vestry approved Budget for 2026 which included projected total income of \$50,815.00 and disbursements of \$50,362.10 for a projected net of \$452.90.
- Kathy reported that the following were elected to their designated positions through 2026; **Senior Warden**, Kathy Dubois; **Junior Warden**, Greg Berndt; **Treasurer**, David Hoffman; **Clerk of the Vestry**, Myra Ambrogi; **Vestry**, Myra Ambrogi, Jarrett Brazil, Betty Jenkins-Donahue and Nora Walden. Both Jarrett and Betty have elected to step down leaving 2 open positions. Alisha Knox and Sandra Smith both volunteered to fill the open positions. A motion by Dianne Sibley, seconded by Brenda Berndt to accept Alisha and Sandra to the open positions was passed unanimously.
- Adriann discussed hiring someone to help keeping the church clean. Kathy reported that the Vestry is currently discussing.
- Pastor Mary discussed holding a Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 17th from 5:30 until 6:30 which all agreed to.
- Pastor Mary also reported that she would be offering Lenten Devotional's on Wednesday during Lent at 7:00 for all who were interested in attending.
- The date for next year's Annual Meeting was set for Sunday, January 31, 2027.
- After a closing prayer by Pastor Mary, a motion by Brenda, seconded by Stacia, to adjourn the annual meeting was passed unanimously.

Prayer List For March

Adriann & Ernie Smith
Edgar & Sandra Smith
Stasia Staskivitch

Ruth Swanick
Barbara Turenne
Beth & Henry Turenne

Roxanne Turenne
Joyce & Steve Walason
Lori & Logan Walden

Nora Walden
John & Myra Ambrogi
Henry & Priscilla Bennett

Leilani Benoit
Brenda & Greg Berndt and Jacoby Landry
Glenn Bouthillier

**O GOD, WHOSE GLORY IT IS ALWAYS TO HAVE MERCY:
BE GRACIOUS TO ALL WHO HAVE GONE ASTRAY FROM
YOUR WAYS, AND BRING THEM AGAIN WITH PENITENT
HEARTS AND STEADFAST FAITH TO EMBRACE AND
HOLD FAST THE UNCHANGEABLE TRUTH OF YOUR
WORD, JESUS CHRIST YOUR SON; WHO WITH YOU
AND THE HOLY SPIRIT LIVES AND REIGNS, ONE GOD,
FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN+**

Lenten Devotional Service

Lent began on Ash Wednesday and already we are many days into our Season of Lent. Lent is 40 days long. On the first Sunday in Lent, we read about Jesus' 40 days of fasting and prayer in the wilderness. As we received the ashes, we also received an invitation to struggle against everything that leads us away from love of God and neighbor. It is right to exercise the discipline of Lent; repentance, fasting, prayer, and giving alms. During this season of Lent, Pastor Mary would cherish your comments about how Lent is helpful in your life. Come each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. for a Lenten devotional service. It will begin with Bible study of the gospel that will be read the following Sunday. The evening will

conclude with Evening Prayer. The first Wednesday, February 25th was canceled because of weather. March 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1 are the dates of Lenten devotional gatherings. We will meet in the church office.

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!**

Project P.I.N.

Reminder that Sunday, March 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.

Vestry Meeting

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

Holy Week & Easter Service Schedule

PALM SUNDAY – March 29th

9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms. At the 9:00 a.m. service, we will start with the Liturgy of the Palms. All participate in the reading of the Passion Narrative. Holy Eucharist II.



MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 2nd



7:00 p.m. The Last Supper remembered. We will be commemorating the Last Supper with scripture readings and Holy Eucharist followed by the Stripping of the Altar as we read Psalm 22.

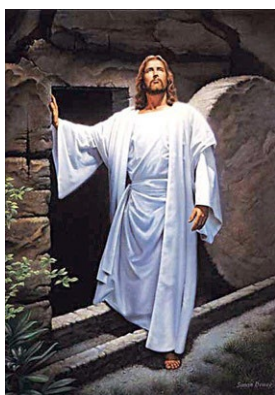
GOOD FRIDAY – April 3rd

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross. Journey around the church as we follow Jesus' path with the cross to his death.



7:00 p.m. Proper Liturgy for Good Friday as well as the reading of the Passion Gospel

EASTER SUNDAY – April 5th



9:00 a.m. Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Holy Eucharist II

donations for Easter Lilies are due by **Palm Sunday, March 29th.**

Stations of the Cross



Lent began with Ash Wednesday, this year on February 18th. You will notice that at that time the Stations of the Cross were posted on the walls of the nave of the church in preparation for our Lenten observance where they will remain until Easter Sunday. Take a few moments before our worship service begins on Sunday morning and walk around and reflect on the scenes that are depicted.

From the initial days of the fledgling Christian Church, Jesus' followers told the story of his passion, crucifixion at Calvary, and His Resurrection. When followers came to Jerusalem, they were anxious to see the sites where the important events had occurred. Over time, following in Jesus' footsteps during His last day, following the Way of the Cross, became a regular part of the visit of most pilgrims. As the Church spread, it became more difficult for members to make their way to these holy sites. As a result, in the 1500's, villages all over Europe started creating shrines or plaques of these sites to commemorate the events. Initially the number varied widely but was eventually set at the current fourteen that we now use.

We will observe the Stations of the Cross as a community on **Good Friday, April 3rd at 3:00 p.m.**

Easter Lilies



Donations for Easter Lilies will be \$15.00 this year. Envelopes may be picked up from the Narthex table in the back of the church. Please include your names for our Memorial List with your envelope. All

Baptism

In baptism God delivers us from the forces of evil, puts our sinful self to death, gives us new birth, adopts us as children and makes us members of the body of Christ, the church. Easter is a celebration of new life in Jesus. Baptism and Easter have been connected for a

long time. If you or someone you know desires baptism please speak to Pastor Mary or Senior Warden, Kathy Dubois. Easter is a great time to be baptized.

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.

Bad Weather Cancellations



Yes even with March coming we could still be have snow or ice which could impact scheduled events and Sunday services. Reminder that if church or 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 (CBS) and WVIT Channel 30 (NBC). 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!

Shrove Tuesday

This year **Shrove Tuesday** took place on **February 17th** which we celebrated with a **Pancake & Sausage Supper** from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Church Parish Hall as we prepared for the Lenten season. 21 people attended which also included the burning of

last years left over palms and the hiding of our "Alleluia" banner.



Pastor Mary, Ernie Smith and Killian Knox with the ashes from the burned palms

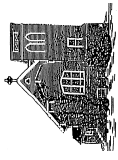


Pastor Mary and Killian show the ashes



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St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 Lent 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson	2	3 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	4 7:00 PM Lenten Devotional Service with Bible Study & Evening Prayer	5 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	6	7 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
8 3 Lent Daylight Savings Time Begins 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson P.I.N. Sunday	9	10 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	11 7:00 PM Lenten Devotional Service with Bible Study & Evening Prayer	12 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	13	14 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
15 4 Lent 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson 10:00 AM Vestry Meeting	16	17 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	18 7:00 PM Lenten Devotional Service with Bible Study & Evening Prayer	19 St. Joseph 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	20	21 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
22 5 Lent 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson	23	24 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting	25 The Annunciation of our Lord Jesus Christ to the Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 PM Lenten Devotional Service with Bible Study & Evening Prayer	26 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting	27	28 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
29 Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson	30 Monday in Holy Week	31 Tuesday in Holy Week 7:00 PM AA Open Book Meeting				

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Greg Berndt

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Myra Ambrogi

Editor of The Mission Bell

David & Robin Hoffman

MARCH 2026 SCHEDULES

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER:

03/01 GREG BERNDT
03/08 KATHY DUBOIS
03/15 GREG BERNDT
03/22 KATHY DUBOIS
03/29 GREG BERNDT

LECTOR:

KATHY DUBOIS
GREG BERNDT
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