The Mission Bell

November 2026

Blessing of the Animals

On Sunday, October 11th there was a "Blessing of the Animals" in Celebration of St. Francis' Day at St. Paul's. Parishioners brought their pets to church at the 9:00 a.m. worship service that incorporated special prayers for pets and an individual blessing for each animal. Prayers were offered to pictures for those pets that did attend.



Pastor Mary blesses Alisha Knox's dog

Episcopal Church in CT 242nd Annual Convention

The **242nd Annual Convention of the Episcopal Church in Connecticut** was held on Friday, October 23rd and Saturday, October 24th at the **Bristol Event Center in Bristol Connecticut.** Many others with "voice but no vote" joined in via the ECCT YouTube Channel. The highlights from Friday included an afternoon worship service followed by a business session from 3:15 PM until 5:00 PM then the Bishop's Dinner from 6:30 until 8:30 PM.

Saturday began with a worship service including the Bishop's Address by the Rt. Rev. Jeffrey Mello, Bishop Diocesan. After the service, there was a short lunch and then the resumption of business which concluded in the afternoon with a special closing liturgy.

All nine resolutions were considered during the Friday and Saturday business sessions;

1 – 2027 Budget of Convention. Adopted.

2 – 2027 Minimum Clergy Compensation. Adopted.

3 – Revisions to Diocesan Equal Employment Opportunity Policy. Adopted.

4 – Consideration of Amendments to ECCT Canon VIII. Adopted.

5 – Confirming a trustworthy source for social justice work. Adopted.

6 – Establishment of a Diocesan Clean Energy Task Force. Adopted.

7 – Standing in solidarity with Palestine. Adopted.

8 – Designation of Reparations Sunday. Adopted.

9 – Investing in and empowering Young Adults for the Mission of God. Adopted.

The date for the 243rd Annual Convention in 2027 was set for Friday, October 22nd and Saturday, October 23rd at the Bristol Event Center in Bristol, Connecticut.

To read more about the convention and to review the details of the resolutions, you can go to Annual Convention – Episcopal Church in Connecticut (ecctconvention.org).

Prayer List For November

Joyce & Steve Walason
Lori & Logan Walden
Nora Walden

Hannah, Justine, Isabella, Annastacia & Lukas Ware
Myra & John Ambrogi
Henry & Priscilla Bennett

Leilani Benoit
Brenda & Greg Berndt and Jacoby Landry
Stephanie, Paul & Noah Blanchet

Glenn Bouthillier
Jarrett Brazil
Mary Bressette

Joyce Britland
Barbara, Charlie, Patrick & Trinity Carpenter
Audrey Curry

O GOD, WHOSE BLESSED SON CAME INTO THE WORLD THAT HE MIGHT DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL AND MAKE US CHILDREN OF GOD AND HEIRS OF ETERNAL LIFE: GRANT THAT, HAVING THIS HOPE, WE MAY PURIFY OURSELVES AS HE IS PURE; THAT, WHEN HE COMES AGAIN WITH POWER AND GREAT GLORY, WE MAY BE MADE LIKE HIM IN HIS ETERNAL AND GLORIOUS KINGDOM; WHERE HE LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN+

Fall Clean-Up





It is time for Fall Clean-Up here at St. Paul's so bring your rakes and gloves and leaf blowers, if you have one, to help rake and bag the leaves that will soon be gracing our lawn. This years clean up has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 7th** at 9:00 a.m. The **rain date** will be the following **Saturday, November 14th** also at 9:00 a.m. Please keep these dates open on your calendar and come out and help clean the place up for winter. The more people we have, the faster we will get done.

Project P.I.N.

Reminder that **Sunday, November 8th** is **Project P.I.N. Sunday** however we will still be collecting items to be used for **Thanksgiving Baskets** at Project P.I.N. for the next several weeks until **Sunday, November 22nd**. Items that are needed include boxes of stuffing, cans of turkey gravy, canned vegetables and cranberry sauce.

Bible Study

Please join Pastor Mary for **Bible Study** on **Wednesday's** at **10 a.m.** in the Church Office. The appointed texts from the Bible for the future Sunday worship are read verse by verse. After each member has heard the text there is conversation about what has been read, questions and comments are given. All are welcome to attend so bring your bible. For more information, speak to Pastor Mary.

Vestry Meeting

Reminder: The next scheduled **Vestry Meeting** is on **Sunday, November 15th** following our worship service.

Stewardship
a way of life

Pledge Sunday will be on **Sunday, November 22nd** where we will be gathering at our worship service to celebrate and give thanks for all God has provided us. This will include the ingathering of our pledge cards for 2027, which should be mailed out to everyone in the next week.

If you are unable to attend the service on November 22nd, please mail back your pledge card and it will be placed in the collection plate for you.

Advent

Advent is the coming or arrival of something awaited. We here at St. Paul's Church will wait for the coming of Jesus. The coming of the baby Jesus whose birth we celebrate on Dec. 25th. The coming of Jesus in the last times. The coming of Jesus into our spiritual lives right now this November and December. Each of the four Sundays of Advent will find us worshipping with many reminders of each of the comings.

November 29th we will consider the tearing open of the very heavens as Jesus comes with great power and glory. During Advent we will stay awake and wait. December 6th we will begin our reading of the Gospel of Mark beginning with the good news of Jesus life as a human. December 13th another voice from the Holy Bible will announce John the Baptist's preparation of repentance. December 20th the children of the congregation will tell the story of the birth of Jesus in the Christmas pageant. Then on December 24th we will gather to sing and pray and light candles as Jesus arrives within our hearts. Advent is truly a season of waiting, watching and welcoming our Savior and Lord.

The Gospel of Mark

The beginning of the Church year is November 29th and during this coming year we will read the Gospel of Mark. Mark the first full gospel written, probably around 70 in Rome, the unsigned Gospel according to Mark proclaims the meaning for believers of Jesus and his death. The author does not claim to have been in Jesus' circle. Like other literary works from antiquity, Mark is written as a circle: the conclusion (16:8) returns the reader to the beginning, and the focus of the book is at its center (9:30-50). Chapters 10–16, nearly half of the gospel, deal with the last week of Jesus' life.

Here at **St. Paul's** our **Bible Study** group will read and discuss in depth this Gospel. In our Sunday morning worship we will hear the words read and Pastor Mary will preach on the appointed texts.

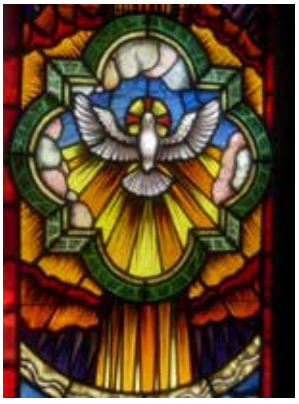
Advent Event

The Advent Wreath with four candles (one for each week of Advent) is a beautiful tradition that many families use in their homes. In the evening they light the candle for the week and read from the Bible and pray. Our Advent Event is a hands-on activity for each family to create a wreath for their home. A family is a single person, married couple or parents with children. Directly following worship on Sunday, November 29th we will go to downstairs to the Parish Hall where there will be fresh greens and candles. Please bring clippers for cutting the greens. The event will conclude with the lighting of the first candle, a story and singing an advent song.

Prayers of the People

Sunday, November 29th is the First Sunday in Advent and therefore the beginning of a new church year. As we did earlier in the year, we will "clear the slate" of the Prayers of the People on that day, starting fresh with an empty list in the new year.

Please feel free to add names on that day who need to be restored to the list. However, we are asking that you ALSO please put your initials in parentheses before the name for those who you wish to remain on for longer than one Sunday so that we have an idea who added the name. If your prayer is for that one Sunday, do not put your initials so we know not to continue that name.





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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **All Saints Day** 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson	**2** **All Souls/All the Faithful Departed Day**	**3** 7:00 PM AA Closed Discussion Meeting	**4** 10:00 AM Bible Study	**5** 7:30 PM AA Open Speaker Discussion Meeting	**6**	**7** **Fall Clean Up** 9:00 AM Fall Clean-Up 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Big Book Meeting
8 **24 Pentecost** 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson **P.I.N. Sunday**	**9**	**10** 7:00 PM AA Closed Discussion Meeting	**11** **Veterans Day** 10:00 AM Bible Study	**12** 7:30 PM AA Open Speaker Discussion Meeting	**13**	**14** **Rain Date Fall Clean Up** 9:00 AM Rain Date Fall Clean-Up 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Big Book Meeting
15 **25 Pentecost** 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson 10:00 AM Vestry Meeting	**16**	**17** 7:00 PM AA Closed Discussion Meeting	**18** 10:00 AM Bible Study	**19** 7:30 PM AA Open Speaker Discussion Meeting	**20**	**21** 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Big Book Meeting
22 **The Last Sunday after Pentecost (Christ the King)** 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson	**23**	**24** 7:00 PM AA Closed Discussion Meeting	**25** 10:00 AM Bible Study	**26** **Thanksgiving Day** 7:30 PM AA Open Speaker Discussion Meeting	**27**	**28** 9:00 AM SAA Meeting 7:30 PM AA Open Big Book Meeting
29 **1 Advent** 9:00 AM H.E. Rite II The Rev. Mary Robinson	**30** **St. Andrew the Apostle**					

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NOVEMBER 2026 SCHEDULES

	EUCHARISTIC MINISTER:	LECTOR:	ALTAR GUILD:
11/01	GREG BERNDT	KATHY DUBOIS	BRENDA BERNDT
11/08	KATHY DUBOIS	GREG BERNDT	DIANNE SIBLEY & ADRIANN SMITH
11/15	GREG BERNDT	DAVID HOFFMAN	BRENDA BERNDT
11/22	KATHY DUBOIS	GLENN BOUTHILLIER	DIANNE SIBLEY & ADRIANN SMITH
11/29	GREG BERNDT	KATHY DUBOIS	BRENDA BERNDT

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