



MARCH 2023

# THE EPISTLE

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*"We pray that all who enter St. Paul's experience God's presence in this community of faith, a community that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, transforming and filled with God's Grace."*

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## A message from the Rector

### Save the Date:

**Saturday, March 25:**

Chili Cook-off in the Parish Hall at 5:00 pm

**Sunday, March 26:**

Sunday Forum: The "A" Word - Atonement  
in the Cadigan Room at 9:00 am

**Sunday, April 2:**

Palm Sunday at 8:00 & 10:15 am

**Monday, April 3:**

Noonday Eucharist in the Chantry

**Tuesday, April 4:**

Noonday Eucharist in the Chantry

**Wednesday, April 5:**

Noonday Eucharist in the Chantry

**Thursday, April 6:**

Maundy Thursday Eucharist at 7:00 pm

**Friday, April 7:**

Good Friday services at Noon (*with livestream*)  
and 5:30 pm

**Saturday, April 8:**

Great Vigil of Easter at 7:00 pm

**Sunday, April 9:**

Easter Sunday services 8:00 and 10:15 am  
(*with livestream*)

**Sunday, April 16:**

Soothing Serenades Recital at 3:00 pm

**Sunday, April 23:**

If Music Be the Food Recital at 4:00 pm

Odo Casel was a Benedictine monk and great theologian of the last century. Casel taught that "mystery is a sacred action in which God's saving work is made present through the rite; the congregation, by performing the rite, take part in the saving act, and thereby win salvation." Casel moved us beyond *lex orandi lex credendi* (loosely translated: praying shapes believing) to an understanding that our very participation in our acts of worship is our participation in what we commemorate. For example, Christmas is more than the birthday of Jesus; it is our participation in the mystery of salvation seen through the lens of the Incarnation.

The same is true for the liturgies of Holy Week. From the earliest days of Christianity, Palm Sunday through Easter Day has been the focal point of the Christian year. It can be a powerful and transformative week in our spiritual lives. I pray that you will make time to join us on Palm Sunday, throughout the week, and specifically on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and at the Great Vigil of Easter and on Easter morning.

I look forward to walking with you again this year the way of the Cross which is none other than the way of life and peace. With my prayers for Blessed Holy Week and Joyous Eastertide, I remain,

Your friend,

Robert Picken

# Outreach at St. Paul's

## St. Joseph's House

Over the last month or so, I donated over 30 coats. The Saturday before Christmas, I donated 8 coats. When I was bringing the coats in, there was a man lying in a tent in a sleeping bag, and he asked me for a coat. I asked him what size, and he said a Large. I handed him a large coat, and he was so grateful! I saw a man in a sleeping bag, and he asked for some socks, so I gave him some socks. St. Paul's does so much for St. Joseph House. For the month of January we made 75 lunches and St. Paul's members continue to donate winter clothing and groceries for their pantry.

The first Saturday of the month, St. Paul's members make lunches for St. Joe's House. To be a part of this vital outreach, please email me at [mhalter@rochester.rr.com](mailto:mhalter@rochester.rr.com) or call 585-615-2058.

Submitted by:  
Meredith Halter, *St. Joseph's House Liason*



Photo: Meredith Halter



## Veterans Outreach Center Inc.



Photo: Bob Potter

This past November, on Sundays, we collected donations for the Veterans Outreach of Rochester. The VOC serves our local veteran community. For the month of November, we were able to collect close to 4 shopping carts full of needed items (Dry goods and clothing).

With our Rector's blessing, we will again collect needed goods for the VOC this November. Thank you for supporting our local veteran community. There are many who need our help.

Submitted by:  
Bob Potter, *Property Manager & Marine Veteran*

## Rural & Migrant Ministry



Photo: Rob Picken

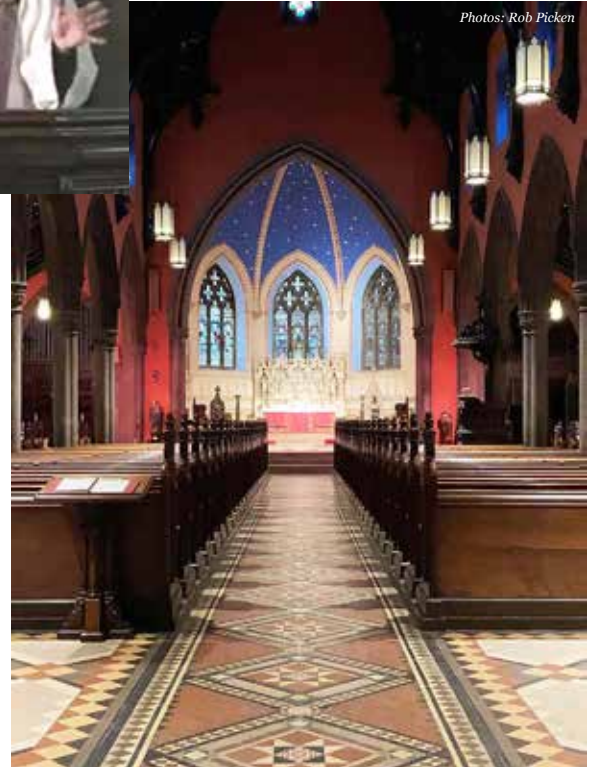
Thank you to those who have donated egg cartons to Rural and Migrant Ministries for their campus in Lyons. They will be used in a project to help with acoustics in their hall.



## Rev. Rob, Guest Preacher in Baltimore

On Sunday, March 12th, our Rector, Rob Picken, was invited to preach at historic Grace and St. Peter's Church in Baltimore as part of their annual Lenten guest preacher series. Grace and St. Peter's Church was formed in 1912 by the union of St. Peter's (1802) and Grace Church (1852). For over a century, it has been a well-established and vibrant Anglo-Catholic parish with one of the finest choirs in Baltimore. From their beginnings, the parishes were deeply connected to their communities. In the last century, Grace and St. Peter's opened their doors to Cantonese immigrants who had started a new life in Baltimore; in the late 1940s, they opened a parochial school, which was the first integrated school – public or private – in the city; and, in the 1970s and 80s, they were a place of refuge and welcome for gay people looking for a place where they could be themselves while being valued members of a church family. Today, Grace & St. Peter's retains all these essential component parts in what is among the most diverse parishes in the diocese.

*(Adapted from graceandstpeter.org)*



*Photos: Rob Picken*

## *A Special Thank You...*

You may have noticed the addition of a beautiful, handcrafted table in our narthex in the last month or so. Thank you to Mary Critikos for the donation. Mary commissioned the table, which was shipped from England, for this space. The addition of the blue table runner made to match our linens makes this heirloom piece complete! Thank you again, Mary!



*Photo: Sonja Slother*

Several of St. Paul's choir members visited David Fetler, St. Paul's Choir Conductor Emeritus, at Brentland Woods Episcopal Home earlier this month. The group sang hymns in the lobby for David and other residents and was accompanied by Karla Krogstad on piano (thank you Karla!).



Left to right, Kathy Hiltunen, Christopher Moore, Karla Krogstad, and Erin Glanton. David Fetler, seated.

## How Can I donate Altar Flowers?

Have you wondered how you can donate altar flowers? Altar flowers are donated every Sunday by parishioners for the High Altar, the Chantry Altar, or on the Narthex Table in memory of a family member(s) or in celebration of an event. In addition, your donation will become a tax-free donation. Please contact Nancy Andrus at 406-8545 or at [nandrus002@rochester.rr.com](mailto:nandrus002@rochester.rr.com) to select a date or answer any questions you might have.



Submitted by:  
Nancy Andrus, *Altar Flower Coordinator*



## Good Samaritan Stain Glass Window Update

There were 5 layers on the center section and 2 layers of glass on the top and ventilator sections. As Pike Stain Glass Company dismantles the layers, they photograph and make patterns of each layer. All of the pieces in each layer have been cleaned on both sides. Installation of these chantry windows will take place in the next few weeks, weather permitting. The estate of Marylou Andrews and parishioner Bill Moore funded this project. A blessing of the restored windows will take place this Spring.



## Needle Arts Ministry

St. Paul's Needle Arts Ministry continues to meet every month on the first Saturday at 10:00 am. All gather in the Parlor in Wainwright Hall for fellowship and fun. Hats, scarves, prayer shawls and many items continue to be worked on. All levels of needle arts are welcome to help fulfill needed items in this ministry.





## *Around our campus...*



Photos: Sonja Slother

St. Paul's Archive Team meets each Monday morning in Stone Hall to sort and identify photos.



Photo: Judy Wadsworth

Nancy Gear teaching Sunday Forum.



Photos: Sonja Welker

Sunday School teacher, Amy Welker, continues to inspire, teach and have fun with St. Paul's children.

**J**onathan Phillips, native of Rochester, NY, is returning to accept the RIT Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Science for his accomplishments in color and imaging sciences. In conjunction, he is performing a viola recital, "Soothing Serenades", which features the world premiere of *The Great Ocean of Truth* by Shelbie Rassler with text by Sir Isaac Newton. The performance includes NYC mezzo-soprano Kara Dugan, winner of the 2020 Rochester Oratorio Society's International Vocal Competition among many other accolades, and esteemed pianist David Lutz, professor emeritus at the University of Music in Vienna, Austria. The recital is being held on Sunday, April 16, 3:00 pm at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 25 Westminster Rd. in Rochester.



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## REST IN PEACE

*Merciful God, we  
entrust to your  
never-failing care  
and love*

**Jean Lindsay,  
Sarah McQuilkin  
&  
Adiit Thongjang**

*Rest eternal grant to  
them, O Lord; And let  
light perpetual shine  
upon them. May their  
souls, and the souls of  
all the departed,  
through the mercy  
of God, rest in peace.  
Amen.*