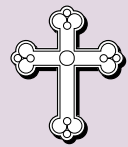


# The Epistle



December

2016



The Rev. Shawn Williams,  
Priest-in-Charge

Advent, 2016

This last month was truly a head spinner. A new President was elected and while no one could deny that the election had been a contentious one, this period after has shown fractures in our nation and in our communities that have been at times disheartening and at times even frightening. Yet, in the midst of all of the back and forth, at the same time as the protests and counter-protests, we continue to live our lives and do so as people of faith.

Not long after the elections, the parish and the wider community came together to celebrate the marriage

of a rather remarkable couple, Julie Galluccio and Justin Leszczynski. Seeing two people come together to make a public commitment to each other and seeing the breadth of people who came together for that singular purpose has been both a potent gift and a reminder to me of a reality that we share as people of faith: Those things that would divide us, keeping us separate and apart, inevitably fall and lose their power to when we come together as the people of God and making a conscious decision to live our lives following in Christ's footsteps.

A prayer from the marriage ceremony has been running through my head these past weeks: "Make their life together a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. All respond: Amen." (Book of Common Prayer, page 429)

Last Sunday we entered the season of Advent, the beginning of the Church year and the time when we as Christians prepare for the Nativity of Christ. The four Sundays of Advent and the intervening days lead us to the celebration of Christmas and the birth of the One who calls us each to live our lives in such a way that we are transformed and in turn transform the world around us. I love Advent because in a busy life lived in a conflicted world, it gently turns my heart and mind to the Peace that is beyond all understanding. I am grateful for this season of hope and anticipation for reminding me that, as St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians says, I can do

all things through Christ who strengthens me.

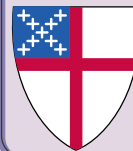
It is Advent! The gift of God is upon us! Make room in your hearts for the coming of the One who calls us to love one another in all things. Prepare for the coming of an infant who calls us always to those things that are powerful and life-giving. To paraphrase an intercession from the wedding liturgy, "May our lives be a sign of Christ's love to this sinful and broken world, that unity may overcome estrangement, forgiveness heal guilt, and joy conquer despair. And all respond, "Amen".

Wishing you all the blessings of Advent,

*Fr. Shawn*

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## Nursery School News

Many great things are happening at the Nursery School! All of our classes enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast and shared with us what they are thankful for. I always love to hear the responses of the children. Most times it's not a favorite toy or material item, but their family and pets they are truly thankful for!

On Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 9:30 am, we will have our annual holiday sing-a-long in the Great Hall/Gym and a visit from Santa; everyone is invited to join us.

The Nursery School will be closed following our sing-a-long and will re-open on Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>. I hope that you all can take some time amongst the hustle and bustle of the holiday season to spend some quality time with your family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all!

Carolyn Guise





Hello All!

It's a busy time of year at St. Paul's.

Our Annual Holiday Boutique is Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Volunteers are needed to help set up the Holiday Boutique Center Table on Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. Please join us in the Great Hall. Pizza and soda will be provided. This is also the day donations of gently used items will be accepted during the day. Card tables are needed for Breakfast with Santa. Baked goods are needed for the Holiday Boutique. Cookies and brownies are very popular. Also, there are sign-up sheets in the Narthex for manning tables at the Holiday Boutique. Please add your name to the list. It takes a lot of people to make this event successful!

This year Santa will be accompanied by a very special Elf, and we will have live Holiday music played on our piano by a renowned pianist. Both young and old are welcome to listen.

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for all Adopt-a-Family gifts to be brought to the Church. Please remember to bring the gift in unwrapped.

December 4<sup>th</sup> is also the first Sunday of the month and the Vestry will be hosting the Parish Breakfast. Undoubtedly, it will be the best breakfast in the state. I hope you can join us!

There will be no Healing service on December 7<sup>th</sup>. As an aside, as a regular Healing service attendee,

### From the Wardens



if you have never attended the service, please try to. It is a very spiritual and intimate experience.

Fellowship Café has really grown over the last year or so. November's Café was a beautiful sunny day and we served over 100 people that were food insecure. We went through a lot of food... 36 lbs of salmon; 40 lbs of turkey; 20 lbs of mashed potatoes; 10lbs of cole slaw; 2 crock pots of soup; and 6 bags of Diane's Bakery products. Everyone who wanted also a left with a full bag of groceries that included meat, fruit, vegetables, bread, etc. All of this was done with the help of 17 hard working volunteers. Our next Fellowship Café is Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup> and I suspect that we will have even more people to serve.

During October and November, the Outreach Committee collected 81 cans

of soup. Thank you to the Nursery School parents who donated and everyone who helped. During the months of December and January, the Outreach Committee will be collecting hot cereals.

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> will be the Greening of the Church, which will be hosted by the Ritchie Family. There will be food, fun and decorating for all to enjoy!

There will be two Christmas Eve services; the first at 5:00 p.m. and the second will start with the Choir at 10:45 p.m. and service to start at 11:00 p.m. Christmas Day there will only be one service at 9:00 a.m.

In other news, during our Annual Meeting in January, the Parish will be electing 3 new Vestry members. And let us not forget, the Soup Tasting Contest that takes place during the meeting and the winner gets bragging rights for the year!

This Christmas season let us all remember what this season is really all about. Thanking God for all of our blessings, the people you love and even those we don't. In this age of technology, it is very easy to forget our true blessings. St. Paul's is one of the many blessings in my life. The people and friends who worship and work at St. Paul's are all special to me. Please remember St. Paul's in your prayers and in your wills.

Merry Christmas to all of my Church Family!

Love, Jon Wyatt  
Co-Warden



A Delicious Parish Breakfast was hosted by The Ritchie Family on Sunday, November 6.





More Breakfast pictures



The Wedding of Julie Galluccio and Justin Lesczczynski on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>

Casey Tierney, Jennifer Stone, Fr. Shawn, and Deirdre Klenkel at the Fellowship Café Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup>



Fellowship pictures by Warren Jacobson





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○ Come  
 ○ Come  
 Emmanuel



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8:30 am-1:30 pm  
 Nursery School

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8:30 am-1:30 pm  
 Nursery School  
 8 pm AA

3

9 am - 2 pm  
**HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE**  
 12 noon Women's  
 Discussion Group  
 7:15 pm AA

4 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

8 am Holy Eucharist/Healing  
 9 am **Parish Breakfast**  
 9:15 Choir Rehearsal  
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 11 am Hospitality

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 Nursery School  
 3-7:30 pm  
 St. Paul's Music School  
 7-8:30 Cub Scouts

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 Weight Watchers

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 Nursery School

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 Nursery School  
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11:30 am-12:30 pm  
**St. Paul's Fellowship Café**  
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18 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

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 Weight Watchers

**The Epistle  
 DEADLINE**

21

8:30 am-1:30 pm  
 Nursery School  
 12 noon Healing Service  
 4:30-7:30 pm  
 Weight Watchers  
 7 pm VESTRY

22

8:30 am-1:30 pm  
 Nursery School

23

9:30 am Nursery School  
 Sing-a-Long  
 8 pm AA

24 Eve of the Nativity

5 pm Christmas  
 Family Eucharist  
 10:45 pm Choral Music  
 11 pm Festival  
 Celebration of the  
 Nativity of our Lord

25 Christmas Day

9 am Holy Eucharist



26

3-7:30 pm  
 St. Paul's Music School  
 7-8:30 Cub Scouts

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9:30-11:30 am  
 Weight Watchers

28

*Nursery School Closed*

12 noon Healing Service  
 4:30-7:30 pm  
 Weight Watchers

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30

8 pm AA

31 **Happy  
 New Year**

## BIRTHDAYS



## &amp; ANNIVERSARIES

Happy  
Birthday!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY  
to

Jeanne Cerminara - 1

Ollie Miller - 3

Justin Leszczynski - 11

Glenn Nielsen - 12

Michael Annunziato - 19

Georgia Parsons Ravener - 20

Adam Ravener - 21

Holly Savinetti - 23

Keith Ritchie - 25

Jeanne Hempton - 27

Barbara Butt - 27

Laura Stavola - 27

Barbara Jenkins - 29

Jonathan Wyatt - 31



Audrey and Dan Gatto

December 7, 2013

Patty and Jeremy Kempton

December 29



Therefore

let all  
who are  
faithful  
offer  
prayer

Psalms 32:6

Those in need of prayers:

Sue Springsted, Marie Sassa, Barbara DeCarolis, Garry Seligson, Jim, Mike Solomito, Tim Cohn, Stephen, Janet Bock, Eric A, Jason, Debbie Allmon-Kielczynski, Patricia, T. J., Amelia and Mark Nielsen, Annemarie Beroes, Luke DeLalio, Mark B., Lou Larice, Jay Sherman, Caroline Kennedy, Jill, Phil Tully, Jimmy Quinn, the family and friends of Fr. Doug Hutchings

Those who have died:

Fr. Doug Hutchings

-by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving  
let your requests be made known to God.  
Philippians 4:6



The Parish Breakfast  
will be hosted by  
the Vestry  
on Sunday, Dec. 4th





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**Sunday**

8 am Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10 am Choral Eucharist, Rite II

10 am Sunday School (ages 2 and up)

**Wednesday**

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Symphony  
at St. Paul's  
Church on  
Sunday,  
November  
20th.**



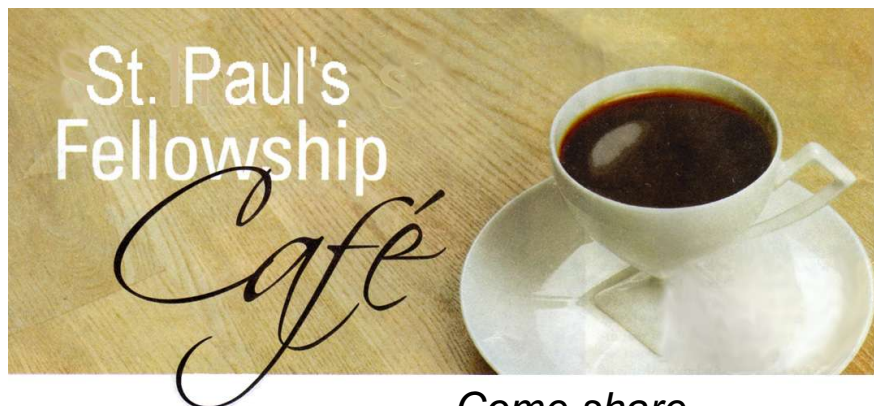
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hot cereal.

Thank you for your  
generous donations!

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am-12:30 pm**



**Come share  
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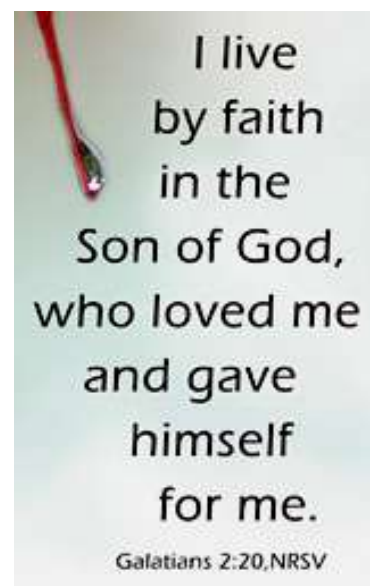
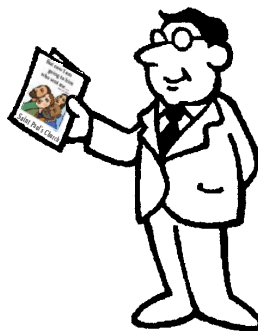
## Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors

Sunday, December 4, Holy Eucharist/Healing 2nd Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Dee Doxey (Warren Jacobson) Janet Knipfing-Schult (Stones)
Sunday, December 11, Holy Eucharist 3rd Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Tracie Wyatt (Spencer Prentiss) Lorraine Ritchie (Lauren Ritchie)
Sunday, December 18, Holy Eucharist 4th Sunday of Advent	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Dee Doxey (Warren Jacobson) Janet Knipfing-Schult (Stones)
Saturday, December 24, Holy Eucharist Eve of the Nativity	5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Lorraine Ritchie (Lauren Ritchie) Tracie Wyatt, Janet Knipfing-Schult
Sunday, December 25, Holy Eucharist Christmas Day	9:00 a.m.	Dee Doxey (Spencer Prentiss)



## Ushers

December 4 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Thomas Bond Zachary & Alexandra Feigman
December 11 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Susan Hempton Jake Johnson, Kathleen Kennedy
December 18 8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	Barbara Schiraldi Jerry Ahern, Georgia Ravener
December 24 5:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m.	Keith & James Ritchie Jake Johnson, Kathleen Kennedy
December 25 9:00 a.m.	No Ushers



## Altar Guild

December 3	Sue Hempton and Tracie and Jonathan Wyatt
December 10	Barbara and Robert Ruppel
December 17	Tracie and Jonathan Wyatt and Sue Hempton
December 24	Barbara and Robert Ruppel
December 31	Sue Hempton and Tracie and Jonathan Wyatt



## Counters

December 4	Janet Knipfing-Schult and Barbara Butt
December 11	Richard Klenkel and Georgia Ravener
December 18	Robert Ruppel and Barbara Butt
December 25	No Counters





## Milestones in Parish Life

### Marriages

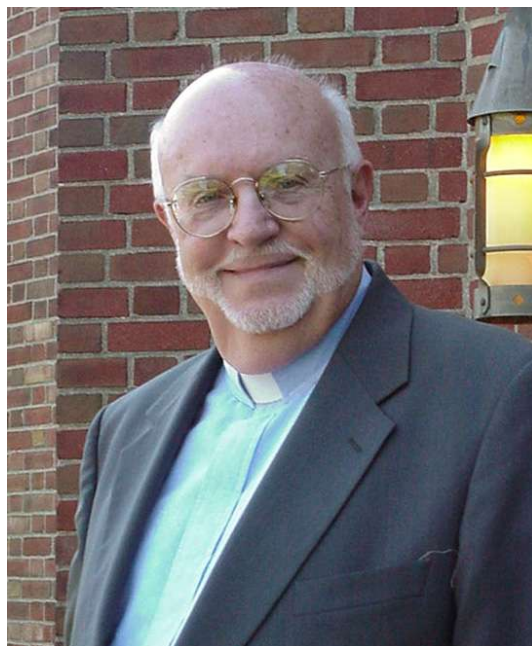
**Julie Galluccio and Justin Lesczczynski**  
**Saturday, November 12th**



**with Uncle Rich Klenkel**

### Deceased

**The Reverend Douglas W. Hutchings**  
**died on November 16th.**  
**He served as St. Paul's Rector**  
**from the fall of 1999 until September 2005.**



**Brianna & Meredith Klenkel at Julie's Wedding**



**Michelle Stern in Concert**

Rest eternal grant to him, O Lord: And let light perpetual shine upon him. May his soul, and the souls of all the departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.





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