



Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Church with Heart, in the Heart of the City

October 26, 2021



During the week of Oct 31 St Paul's will not be hosting Family Promise families but we are able to help by donating cleaning supplies, paper products, personal hygiene items and snack foods. Baked goods are always welcome, too. You can drop items off at St Paul's and we can get them to the day center. If you would like to help at the day center during this week, let me know and I can make arrangements (seniorwarden@stpaulschurchflint.com or 810-513-8098)

Tiffani Wharry, director of Family Promise of Genesee County, has been working hard helping families when the churches have been shutdown during Covid. Donated items help families to save dollars by not having to purchase them, thus saving for rent. Snack foods are given to children that use the computer lab at the center. If you know of families that are homeless or may be soon, refer them to Family Promise. They can often assist the families or direct them to an agency that can help.

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Why Bother?

This coming Friday and Saturday will be the annual convention of the Episcopal Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan. The joint convention will be held, ironically, in the Diocese of Michigan in downtown Lansing.

A good question: "Why Bother?" Will anything that takes place have any effect on St. Paul's Flint? YES indeed it will. Our delegates will vote to elect members of the Standing Committee, the Diocesan Council and the Diocesan Trustees. They will also be presented a YES/NO vote on a proposal from the standing committee to elect the Right Reverend Prince Singh, the current Bishop of the Diocese of Rochester as the Bishop Provisional for the next three-five years. Bishop Singh will be the Bishop of both Dioceses beginning in February, 2022. Three of our folks are on the ballot, Elizabeth Jordan and Jelecia Geraghty for Diocesan Council, and Fr. Don is a candidate for Standing Committee.



We are looking for a part-time

Administrative Assistant.

This person will assist the Rector, Staff, and people of St. Paul's in many ways including the creation and publication of our Sunday bulletins and our newsletter. This position is between 15-18 hours per week. Although applications will be received, due to issues relating to conflict-of-interest, members of St. Paul's are not encouraged to apply. If you would like to nominate someone, please let them know and ask them to contact Fr. Don or George Gibson at 810-234-8637 or rector@stpaulschurchflint.com.

Do we have your email address?

This week we hope to send out a new brief publication about what is going on at St. Paul's. At the moment we are calling it "Tower Talk", but a better name would be appreciated in case you have any ideas. The weekly news will be sent via email. If we do not have your email address, please send it to rector@stpaulschurchflint.com, or call us and leave it on Fr. Don's voicemail.

The Master Calendar

of all events, services and meetings at St. Paul's is now available on our website.

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All Saints Day

will be celebrated on Sunday, October 31 this year. A notebook will be placed in the back of the nave for you to record the name of a loved-one or friend to be remembered. We will also remember those who were buried from St. Paul's since the last All Saints Day.

Furnace

Tomorrow, a temporary "fix" to our current heat issue will be installed allowing us to have normal heat in the building by Thursday.

Ever thought about the Vestry

In the Episcopal Church the fiscal and physical authority and responsibility of the parish is "vested" in an elected group of nine people of the St. Paul's community. The Vestry meets monthly and has specific responsibilities that are often divided between the nine elected vestry members. Assisted by a search committee, the Vestry also calls the next Rector. If you would like to learn more about the vestry, or would be interested in serving on the vestry, please contact Fr. Don or TaMara Oertel who serves as the chair of our nominating committee.

The nominating committee will present a slate of three people to serve on the vestry at our annual meeting in January, 2022.

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When was the last time that you took a look at our website? Use either www.stpaulschurchflint.com or www.stpaulsflint.org to get to it. Copies of our monthly and weekly newsletters and bunches of other information about St. Paul's is in one location and can be easily found.

Edythe Peak is our webeditor which is a great deal of work. A simple edit takes some time and it has to be included in such a way that the site looks the same no matter the device (desktop, laptop, tablet, phone) that the viewer may be using. Thank you Edythe!

We also have a FaceBook page (where you can see our live-streaming).

Vestry Notes

The Vestry has approved major work to the stone of our building protecting it from deterioration and leaks.

The Vestry is also working on organizational and other skills as part of their prep work for the Rector search process.

If you, or someone you love would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Fr. Don. Home visitations have not been possible during the pandemic, but with the advent of vaccinations, this can be done. Please call the office, Fr. Don or send an email to make an appointment.

Your Vestry:

Barbara Mannor, Senior Warden (seniorwarden@stpaulschurchflint.com)

Becky Bennett, Junior Warden (juniorwarden@stpaulschurchflint.com)

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All Saints

"For All the Saints, who from their labors rest" or "I sing a song of the Saints of God" or maybe "Oh when the Saints, Go Marching In" we do love our saints songs. Saints are important. The Christian scriptures refer to Saints as being the people who are following the Lord. Paul notes the Saints in Rome and other places along his travels. They were not just famous people, or martyrs, they were as the song puts it "just folks like me."

We celebrate the Saints, ALL the Saints. We celebrate the ones we know and the ones known by few. We celebrate the Saints in our lives; the Uncles and Aunts, the members of our family by blood and the members of our family by love, we celebrate their special meaning to us and to our faith. We celebrate those relationships and we celebrate the God of love who makes it possible to love others.

We call the Saints a "great cloud of witnesses" who stand ready to pluck us out of our own despair and comfort us with understanding, solid rock-like perseverance and most of all hope especially when our sight is dimmed.

When we celebrate the Saints in our life, we bring their memory to life in ways that touches us deeply. I can see and hear my Aunt Irma, I can feel the eyes of my Uncle Claud, I remember my dear friend Mark and while I miss them so very much, I am wildly thankful that they were indeed the Saints of my life. Let us join together this Sunday and celebrate, All the Saints!

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