



Tower Talk

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

The Church with Heart, in the Heart of the City

Easter Friday, 2022

St. Paul's Episcopal Church will present the final 'Music in the Heart of the City' concert this Sunday, featuring Matthew Benkert, performing his Master's Recital on the Dalton Memorial Organ. Matthew fills St. Paul's sanctuary with beautiful music every Sunday as our lead organist, and we are proud to conclude our music series this year with him as our artist.

The Dalton Memorial Organ at St. Paul's Episcopal Church was named after Florence Whiting Dalton. The instrument contains eight divisions, 71 registers, 88 ranks, and over 5,000 pipes. The pipes are housed in three functional cases plus an echo division in the rear gallery.

'Music in the Heart of the City' is an exciting program that carries on St. Paul's tradition of excellence in diverse musical offerings in downtown Flint.

In addition to the concert series, St. Paul's Episcopal Church has a Chancel Choir, a Gospel Choir, a Handbell Choir, and of course, many opportunities for congregational singing during our Sunday services at 9:00 AM. Our Music Director is Ms. Holly Richardson. Our Gospel Choir Director is Mr. Rafeal McDaniel-Walker.

Matthew also serves as the organist for Court Street United Methodist Church.

Please join us in honoring Matthew this Sunday at 4:00P.M.



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May 21 and 22

We begin the 150th Anniversary of our building.

Events all day on Saturday

Saturday Evening Prayer at 4:00 P.M.

Sunday service at 10:00 AM

We begin at Blackstone (close to the location of the older building) process to our current building and rededicate the cornerstone. Bishop Singh presiding

Reception follows

Confirmation service at 4:00 P.M.

June 2 Announcement

This year St Paul's celebrates its 150th anniversary with events that commemorate parish milestones and recall the impact of St Paul's on our local community. On Saturday, May 14, we will have an opportunity to re-establish relationships and get to know our neighbors better through a downtown cleanup project, and then on Thursday, June 2, we will welcome parish and community members into a conversation about how we can work together to serve local needs. Our conversation will be led by facilitators from Partners for Sacred Places. The June 2 date is rescheduled from a previous event that had to be cancelled. This is an exciting chance to imagine together how St Paul's can participate more fully in the life of the city which we are called to love and serve and to learn from community leaders what resources we have that can meet the community's needs. In John's story of the last supper, Jesus' act of humble service challenged the apostles' ideas about what service means and opened up new ways of thinking about who Jesus is and how his followers are called to be in relationship with others.

As we bring the June 2 event to prayer we can imagine ourselves in conversation with the others at that table after Christ has washed our feet, working out what such an act of service means for us, what it means for our relationships with the world around us and what it means for our future.

Joel Arnold



Many exciting parish months are on the horizon as we emerge from the pandemic, and as we prepare for our Bishop's visit and the 150th Anniversary Celebration. We are using numerous electronic tools to keep our congregation up to date on what is going on. In addition to the website and Facebook which can be accessed directly, we frequently use email to send out the monthly Epistle, the periodic Tower Talk, and parish notices. Is your email address on file with the parish? If you believe that it is, but you are not receiving messages from St. Paul's, check your SPAM folder.

When to call the Priest?

There are many times when it is a good idea to call the priest. Of course, you can also send a text or email, but a phone call is always best in these situations:

- 1) When you get angry at the church. Let's deal with it, talk about it and work it out. Keeping wounds is unhealthy.
- 2) When you are going to the hospital or anytime you need prayer.
- 3) When someone dies. Most clergy prefer coming to the home no matter what time, day or night.
- 4) When something goes "poofy" at home; a relationship or when support is needed.

You can call anytime if you wish. 810-836-8727.

Don+

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(by appointment)

Only You!

Over the past few months the church office, our webmaster and I have received many a comment about church mail ending up in the junk or spam folder of your email client software. I know the problem, it did in mine too.

Part of this issue you can blame on Google as they are constantly attempting to filter out spam and malware infected mail.

When a message is received from an address to which you have responded or corresponded in the past, the message may go to your spam or junk folder. It also makes a difference because we send our email to hundreds of addresses at the same time.

The easiest thing to do to stop this is to add the following addresses to your contact list:
rector@stpaulschurchflint.com
news@stpaulschurchflint.com

By doing this, the message should arrive in your inbox.

Another possibility is to create a rule where anything from stpaulschurchflint.org will go to a specific folder.

Either way, it will stop the problem. I wish I could do more to help.

Don

New Century Chorale
with Artistic Director
Steven C. Holovach

How Can I Keep from Singing?
A Celebration of American Folk Music and Hymns
With special guests
Swartz Creek High School Madrigals and Women's Ensemble

NEW CENTURY CHORALE

May 1, 2022
4:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
711 S. Saginaw St., Flint, MI.
Tickets: \$12 at the door

Tickets available Online at: www.newcenturychorale.org or call 810-771-8255

Live stream available

We Need Help

One of many painful remembrances of Covid is that many of the beloved members of our St. Paul's community are not attending. We pray everyday that they will return as we need them and we miss them.

God's love heals all wounds from the past, and that love and forgiveness can release you from the burden of anger, resentment or anything else that might be keeping you from your church on Sunday morning.

Sometimes small things become large things when they are not confronted. Our efforts at forgiveness and reconciliation in a formal way did not happen as I had hoped, but peacemaking, loving and growing is part of what it means to be Christian, especially now in our painfully divided and isolated world. I appeal to those who have not returned yet, and ask that you reconsider and

come home to your brothers and sisters, to our beautiful 180+ year old church and this year 150th anniversary of our building. I want you to know that you are loved, you are missed and you are needed.

Big needs:

Live-streaming Technicians
Lectors
Ushers and Greeters
Acolytes/Servers
Eucharistic Ministers*
Vestry (One vacant seat)*

** training (election required, to serve on the vestry)
a person must regularly attend, make contributions,
be a baptized communicant, and at least
16 years old.*

For more news and our master calendar
go to:

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