



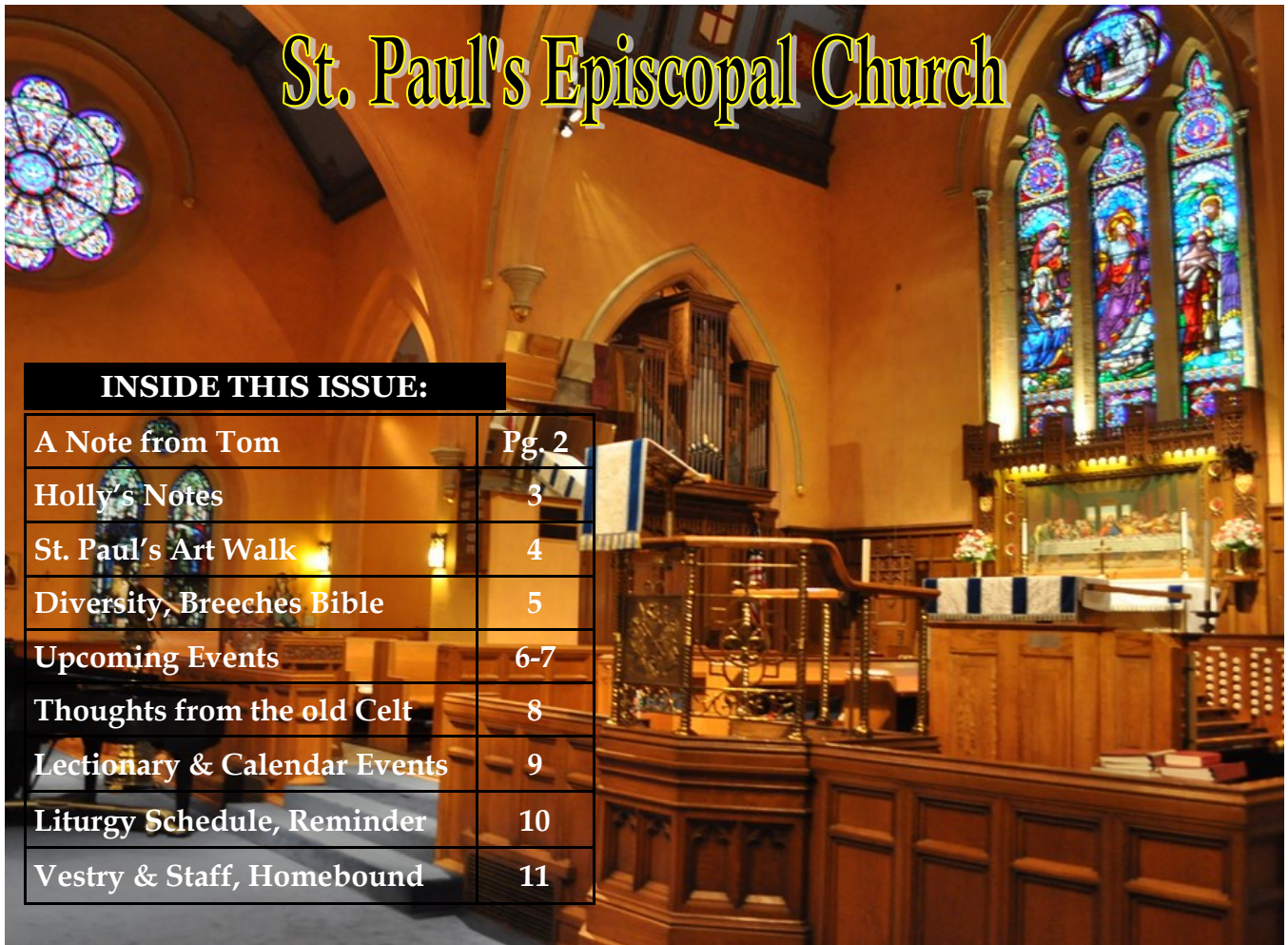
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A Church With Heart



St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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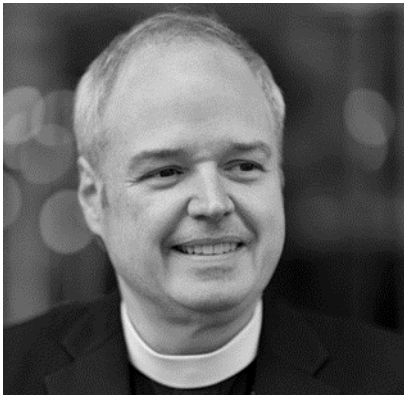
A Note from Tom

“Everyone wants a revolution, but no one wants to do the dishes.”

In his acceptance speech to the House of Deputies, the Right Reverend Sean Rowe began with these well-known words often attributed to Dorothy Day. His speech acknowledged some of the challenges facing The Episcopal Church in 2024. Membership decline, diocesan financial struggles, and diminished congregational vitality are but a few of the problems of our church. Bishop Rowe suggested that some aspects of churchwide governance and structure could be preventing the church from adapting to a changing world.

“It’s not too strong to say we’re facing an existential crisis,” Rowe said – not because the church doesn’t have something to offer the world, but “because the world around us is changed and continues to change and is changing all the time. God is calling us ever more deeply into the unknown.”

And so, with the first-ballot election of Bishop Rowe, the Episcopal church can, I think, look forward to an innovative leadership style.



Bishop Rowe, now Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe, will take office on November 1st, and his formal installation will occur on November 2.

Bishop Rowe has been the Bishop of the Diocese of Northwestern Pennsylvania since 2007. He also serves as bishop provisional of the Diocese of Western New York (through a partnership the dioceses established in 2019). It was in this “two-diocesan” capacity that he visited the Diocese of Eastern Michigan a few years ago. He came to Midland to discuss the challenges faced by the church right now. I found his address to us that day to be eloquent, imaginative, and interesting.

And he’s right. We definitely need a revolution in our church if we are to stay relevant. But someone will have to do the dirty work, the work that requires a person to roll up their sleeves. And that someone...is us.

“It’s time to reorient our church...” said Bishop Rowe. And make no mistake, he is the right man for the job.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/publicaffairs/81st-general-convention-of-the-episcopal-churchclosing-eucharist-sermon-by-presiding-bishop-elect-sean-rowe/>

With every blessing...

Tom+

HOLLY'S NOTES

I just spent a glorious week at the Sewanee Church Music Conference, in Sewanee, Tennessee on the beautiful campus of The University of the South. You might ask, what does a church music conference look like? Days were planned from 9:00am to 8:00pm with various activities. We spent 22 hours in rehearsal for the Evensong we sang Friday evening and for the Holy Eucharist Sunday, July 14. Eight hours were spent in church services held everyday, starting with an Evensong Monday, July 8 and ending with the service Sunday morning. There was an organ concert Tuesday evening, and there were workshops on conducting, and newly published music. There is a priest on staff who makes time for us to consult with privately. We spend time talking with other musicians from around the country, what has worked, how do I, questions are asked and answered, ideas shared over many meals and walks around campus.

The conference has been held yearly since 1951, it has a wonderful history and traditions that have continued to this day. It is open to all church musicians, directors, organists and choristers.

We sang the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in A by Charles Stanford for Evensong, on Friday.

[Stanford - Magnificat \(Service in A\) | The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge](#)

[Stanford - Nunc dimittis \(Service in A\) | The Choir of Trinity College Cambridge](#)

Blest Pair of Sirens by Hubert Parry

[Parry - Blest Pair Of Sirens | Live from Birmingham Symphony Hall | NYCGB](#)

I come home every time I attend this conference refreshed, and at peace. The music and the friends I have made really helps me to recenter my soul and spirit. It is difficult to put into words the beauty of this last week. A concentrated week of choral rehearsals and music may sound painful to some of you, but when you are part of a group creating beautiful music ending with a Holy Eucharist, there is nothing better in the entire world, and I hope that for me, heaven is like this last week was, but unending.

Holly Richardson, Director of Music



Art Walk

Our St. Paul's Artwalk is Friday, August 9, 2024 at 6:00pm. Our artist for this month is **Kim Kwaz McKerracher**.

Kim has been a nurse for over 40 years which has included a director of nursing position along with other management positions. She has been a single mom of twins, a professional beach volleyball player, a national wallyball champion, an all-American, and a high school and club coach. Kim also experienced divorce, many deaths in her family, and many deaths in her profession.

She took up painting and drawing around the year 2000 to help deal with the stress. "I have found that when I am painting, I feel like I am in the right place at the right time, just for the moment.

She has won numerous awards through the years including including Best of Show and People's Choice. Recent awards includes first-place at Bay City's Tall Ships paint out, and an honorable mention at Paint Grand Traverse competition in Traverse City that included many nation plein air artists.

"Painting nature and people can bring beauty into our lives. To be reminded of a happy feeling or a peaceful faction can be healing to our spirits. Art is an intervention for our hectic lives.

Music Performance



August Music Artist is Holly Richardson.

Holly Richardson began playing for church at the age of 12 and accompanying Junior Choir. Earning a BME from the University of Michigan - Flint, and an MA from Marygrove College with additional hours from Vandercook College of Music and Western Michigan University, Holly retired from Flint Community Schools in 2016. She has been an adjunct professor at Mott Community College since 1996, where she teaches The History of Rock and Roll and Music Appreciation. She is currently the Music Director and Artistic Director at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Flint, Michigan. She joined New Century Chorale in January 2018 as their collaborative pianist and has also been the collaborative pianist for U of M-Flint, and Mt. Morris Schools and enjoys rug hooking. Holly is married, has two children, five grandchildren and a little dog, Bella.



Diversity

The Hot Dog & Ice Cream Social was a huge success! We believe it was the best one yet. The weather was fantastic, tables were filled with new faces and old, new contacts made, laughter spilling out all over, and a special guest attended her first Social though she slept the whole time! Thank you to all ministry partners who contributed. Looking forward to next year's event!

July was also Disability Awareness Month, and information was provided on the News & Notes Facebook page often. August is National Wellness Month. We will transition into learning new ways to practice stress management, self-care, implementing healthy routines, and the improvement of one's overall health and wellness. We will also take a closer look at a condition called Gastroparesis, as August is the awareness month for it. Keep an eye out for information on both subjects this month.

September will bring us Sickle Cell Awareness Month as well as Hispanic Heritage Month. Further info on both will be provided in the coming weeks. And we will once again be creating a team to participate in the Breast Cancer Walk on the 2nd Saturday in October. More info to come as we draw closer to Fall.



The St. Paul's "Breeches Bible" is packed by U-M Archivist Callum Carr-Marquis before being transported to the Buhr Library at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. There the 400 year old bible will receive stabilization treatment to enhance its preservation. Pictured above are Walt Peake, Callum Carr-Marquis, and Father Tom.



Music in the Heart of the City

Cocktails on the Patio!

Donations accepted for:

St. Paul's Music in the Heart of the City

Concert Series

August 8, 2024—6:00 to 9:00 pm

Home of Bruce & Holly Richardson

1615 Durand Street - Flint, MI 48503



Blood Drive St. Paul's Episcopal Church

711 Saginaw Street, Flint

Friday, August 2, 2024
10:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.

To schedule an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org
(sponsor code flintstpaul) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



MOVIE NIGHT

MOVIE NIGHTS are on the third Wednesdays each month.

MEET AT 5:30 PM | MOVIE AT 6:00 PM

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21, 2024



COME SUNDAY: A crisis of faith sets fundamentalist preacher Carlton Pearson on a new spiritual path that jeopardizes everything he holds dear. Internationally renowned, he risks his church, family and future when he questions church doctrine and finds himself branded a heretic.

August 17th - 18th Back to the Bricks



August 24th - CRIM DAY

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2024 CRIM DAY BLESSING OF THE RUNNERS

**"...THEY SHALL RUN, AND
NOT BE WEARY; AND
THEY SHALL WALK, AND
NOT FAINT."**

Drop In For:

- A Few Quiet Moments
- A Prayer / Reflection
- Pre-race Blessing
- Clean Restrooms!

6AM - 10AM

711 S. Saginaw Street at E. Third Street
One Block from the Finish Line

THOUGHTS FROM THE OLD CELT

Welcome to Lughnasa (loon-us-suh). For the next few Epistles, we'll cover the Celtic calendar. The Milesians (early Celts) divided the year into four parts - a lunar calendar.

We begin our discussion with Lughnasa, from August 1st through October 31st. In the next issue, we will cover in detail the four periods of the year that were in use BCE, and how these periods incorporated Christian Saints in Ireland in the earlier years of the Common Era.

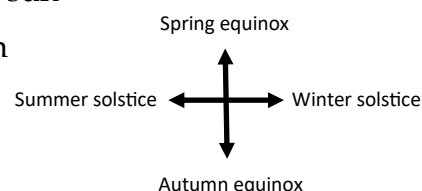
For now briefly, the Celtic calendar comprised:

Lughnasa - August 1 through October 31st, pronounced loon-uh-suh

Samhain - November 1st through January 31 pronounced sow-en

Imbolc - February 1 through April 30 pronounced im-ulk

Beltane - May 1 through July 31 pronounced bell-tane



We need to recall the summer and winter solstices, and the spring and autumn equinoxes.

In this way the Celtic seasons were seen before the coming of Christ. Early Celtic Christians began to see the four stations of the sun in relation to what they knew as the two main figures of Christianity, Christ and John the Baptist.

They began with John being six months older than Christ. While the dates today don't quite match their system, we have John being born on the summer solstice (June 24th) when the sun begins to decrease its presence and the days grow shorter and darker.

Six months later we have Christ's Nativity on the winter solstice as the days began to grow brighter and longer. Think of all the language through the years - "the light of Christ," "God's true light," Glory be to God who has shown us the light from;

Benedictine Morning Prayer

Glory be to God who has show us the light!
Lead me from darkness to light,
Lead me from sadness to joy,
Lead me from death to immortality,
Glory be to God who has shown us the light.

By Counting backward from the birth of Christ we count 3 months to the autumn equinox, another three months to the spring equinox and the conception of Jesus. We now know this as the Feast of Annunciation.

We will follow the same method with St. John, and other saints as we continue through our four periods in coming issues. We'll also describe how the Irish Celtic Christians developed the Confession, as we know it today, and other contributions to the practices of our faith.

Slan Tamail agus Beannacht Dé Tomás





**Upcoming Scripture Lessons
for Worship**

The Revised Common Lectionary: Year B

August 4

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 13

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

Psalms 78:23-29

Ephesians 4:1-16

John 6:24-35

August 11

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 14

1 Kings 19:4-8

Psalms 34:1-8

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

John 6:35, 41-51

August 18

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 15

Proverbs 9:1-6

Psalms 34:9-14

Ephesians 5:15-20

John 6:51-58

August 25

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 16

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

Psalms 34:15-22

Ephesians 6:10-20

John 6:56-69

**Calendar of Events
August 2024**

THUR	1 st	1:00 pm - GHS Trans Support Grp 6:30 pm - Outreach
FRI	2 nd	10:00 am - Blood Drive
TUE	6 th	11:00 am - Building & Grounds 6:30 pm - Gospel Choir
WED	7 th	5:30 pm - Episcopal Kaleidoscope
THUR	8 th	11:00 am - Order of St. Luke 5:30 pm - Stewardship Committee 6:00 pm - MIHC Fundraiser
FRI	9 th	6:00 pm - St. Paul's Art Walk
SUN	11 th	11:30 am - Diversity Ministry
TUE	13 th	6:30 pm - Gospel Choir
WED	14 th	5:30 pm - Technology Committee
THUR	15 th	1:00 pm - GHS Trans Support 5:30 pm - Spiritual Development
MON	19 th	11:00 am - Pastoral Care Monthly Meeting - Zoom 7:00 pm - NCC Rehearsal
TUE	20 th	11:30 am - Finance Committee Mtg 6:30 pm - Gospel Choir Rehearsal
WED	21 st	5:30 pm - Board Meeting 6:00 pm - Movie Night
THUR	22 nd	5:30 pm - Liturgy Committee
MON	26 th	7:00 pm - NCC Rehearsal
TUE	27 th	6:30 pm - Gospel Choir Rehearsal
WED	28 th	6:30 pm - Vestry Meeting

The link below will take you to the St. Paul's Parish Calendar

<https://stpaulschurchflint.com/elementor-638/>



August's Liturgy Schedule

Dates		Lector 1	Lector 2	Intercessor (Prayers of the People)
4-Aug-2024		Elizabeth Jordan	Kim Ramirez W	TaMara Oertel
11-Aug-2024	G	Barb Mannor W	Edythe Peake	Rebecca Bennett
18-Aug-2024	B	Edythe Peake	Ed Walthers	Eloise Jordan
25-Aug-2024		Ed Walthers	Kim Ramirez	Elizabeth Jordan

Dates		Eucharistic Minister	Crucifer	Verger	8:00 AM
4-Aug-2024		Rayna Hauter	Maddie Cherry	Mike Farver	Rayna Hauter
11-Aug-2024	G	Tim Grant	Bill Johnson	Ed Walthers	Tamara Oertel
18-Aug-2024	B	Jelecia Geraghty	Erynn Ford	Mike Farver	Tim Grant
25-Aug-2024		Rayna Hauter	Tim Grant	Ed Walthers	Ed Walthers

Anniversaries

08/03	MANNEY, Rev. Thomas & Teri
08/22	EMENYONU, Ernest & Pat
08/23	MISKA, Fred & Joann

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Birthdays

08/04	LEROUE, Clayton
08/06	KENNEDY, Sheryl
08/13	MORRISON, Tina
08/16	ICKE, George
08/17	GERAGHTY, Shane
08/21	OERTEL, Michael
08/24	CHERRY, Meghan
08/24	JOHNSON, Scott
08/28	BAILEY, Pamela

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

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Thanks!



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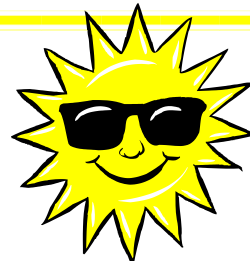
For our Homebound Parishoners:

Joy Fusi, Judy Stoerman, Doris Carroll,
Marion Leman, Richard Wooten, Greg
Vanucci, Russ Matar

Worship at St. Paul's

Sunday: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Wednesday: 12:10 p.m.



Remember St. Paul's in your will:

Please consider helping the mission and ministry of St. Paul's by remembering the church in your will. You can do so by using the following wording:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, a non-profit church, with the current address of 711 S. Saginaw, Flint, MI 48502, and its successor, the greater of \$_____, or _____percentage of my gross estate, to be used in such manner as determined by its vestry."



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