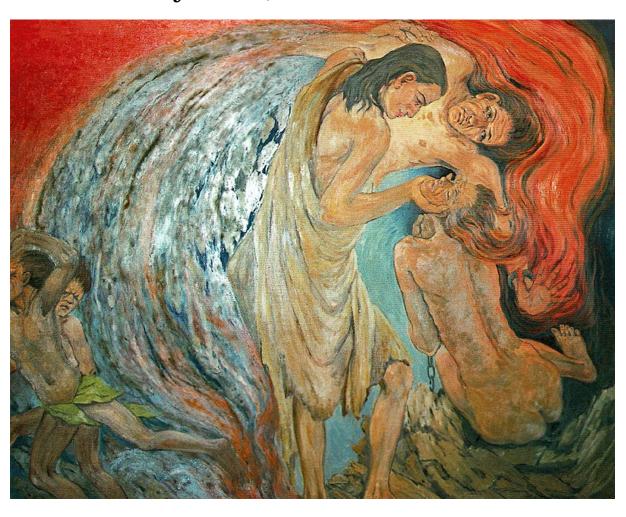
The Episcopal Parish of Saint Paul Newton Highlands, Massachusetts

Second Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist

June 22, 2025 at 10:00am



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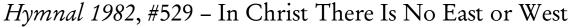
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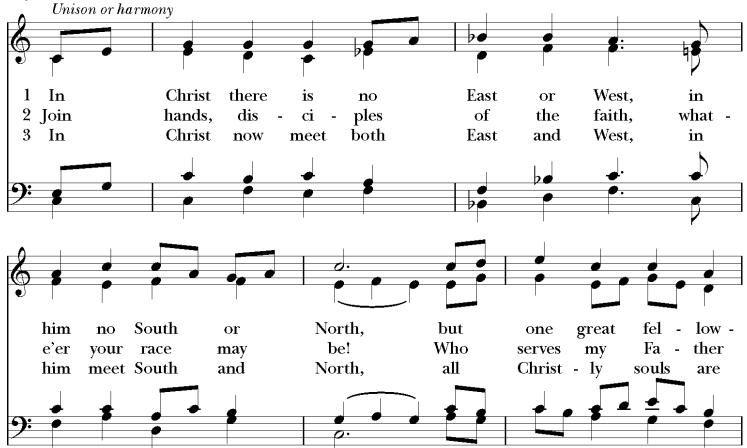
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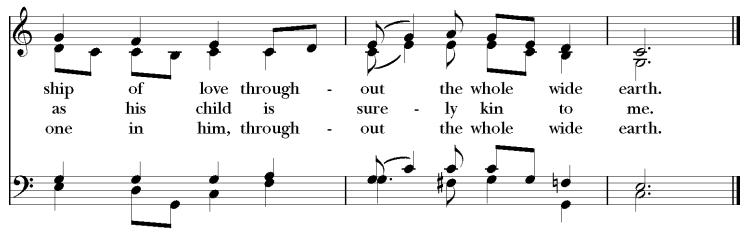
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Gathering Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable.







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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People And blessed be God's kindom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Presider

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Gloria MHSO, #9
We will sing the Gloria twice



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Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Together let us pray.

O God, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving kindness; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

Please be seated

The First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name.

I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices;

a people who provoke me to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks;

who sit inside tombs, and spend the night in secret places;

- who eat swine's flesh, with broth of abominable things in their vessels;
- who say, "Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."
- These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long.
- See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay;
- I will indeed repay into their laps their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says our God;
- because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills,
- I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. Thus says our God:
- As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"
- so I will do for my servants' sake, and not destroy them all.
- I will bring forth descendants from Leah and Jacob, and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;
- my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 22:18-27

We will pray the psalm responsively by whole verse

Be not far away, O God; you are my strength; hasten to help me.

Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.

Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.

I will declare your Name to my people; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

May all who fear you, O God, give praise; may the offspring of Israel stand in awe, and all of Jacob and Leah's line give glory.

For you do not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty, neither do you hide your face from them, but when they cry to you, you hear them.

My praise is of you in the great assembly;
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship you.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek you shall praise you: "May your heart live for ever!" All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to you, and all the families of the nations shall bow before you.

For yours is the royal power, O God; you rule over the nations.

The Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham and Sarah's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn

Please rise as you are comfortable. We will sing the hymn twice.

WLP, #806 - If You Believe and I Believe



Section: The Christian Life Title: If you believe and I believe Meter: 86. 86. 86 Words: Traditional Zimbabwe; adap. from English source as taught by Tarasai, ed. and arr. by John Bell Music: Traditional Zimbabwe; adap. from English source as taught by Tarasai, ed. and arr. by John Bell

The Gospel Luke 8:26-39

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, O Christ.

Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As Jesus stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Begotten of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" -- for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So Jesus gave the demons permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus

to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

Priest The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Priest-in-Charge

A few moments of silence will be kept

Statement of Faith

Intercessor: Please rise as you are comfortable as we proclaim our Statement of Faith.

We believe in God,

whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives, whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth, whose love was crucified by the evil that waits to enslave us all, and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.

Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and full of doubt, we put our trust in God; and in the name of Jesus Christ we commit ourselves, in the service of others, to seek justice, and to live in peace; to care for the earth, and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness;

to live in the freedom of forgiveness, and the power of the Spirit of love. And in the company of the faithful we will be the church, a community of flawed and forgiving disciples, for the glory of God alone. Amen.

Statement of Faith adapted from the Iona Abbey Worship Book, © 2001, The Iona Community.

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Loving God, that all who praise your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Methuen, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, St. Paul's Church, North Andover, Merrimack Valley Project; and for deacons of all congregations. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else in the church do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Either in silence or aloud, for which peoples and leaders of the world do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Either in silence or aloud, for what in the created order do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. Either in silence or aloud, for whom and what do we give thanks in our lives today? (You are invited to add your own thanksgivings.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church. Either in silence or aloud, for whom else do we pray today? (You are invited to add your own prayers.)

Silence

God, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kindom. Either in silence or aloud, whom do we remember today by name? (You are invited to offer names.)

Silence

God, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Prayer for the Social Order (BCP p. 823)

Intercessor Together let us pray.

All

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silence

Presider offers a collect.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and all of God's creation.

Presider and People

O God, we bring you our failure, our hunger, our disappointment, our despair, our greed, our arrogance, and our fear. We have not

loved you with our whole hearts. We have not truly loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are sorry, we are humbled, and we pray that you will strengthen us with your grace. We turn to you, O God. We renounce evil, we claim love, we choose to be made whole. Forgive us and renew us now.

Silence

Presider Almighty God, have mercy on you, forgive your every sin through our Savior Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

The congregation is invited to exchange signs of peace.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Sentence

The Presider offers instructions for receiving communion, and bids the offertory sentence.

Offertory Anthem

Choir

The Doxology – Old Hundredth Please rise as you are comfortable.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise God above all life and death Creator, Christ, and Holy Breath. Amen. You are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you feel comfortable.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God.

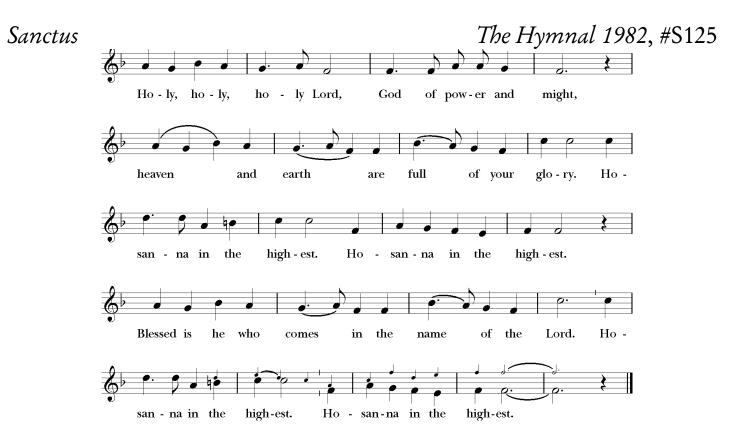
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Presider offers a Preface.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Presider continues – you are invited to rise, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable. We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all, in Jesus, your Word and Wisdom made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Jesus, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Jesus, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before Jesus died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O God of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and the Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in Christ's sacrifice, through whom may

we all be acceptable to you, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [____and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters, children all; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to say whichever version of the Lord's Prayer moves you.

Presider

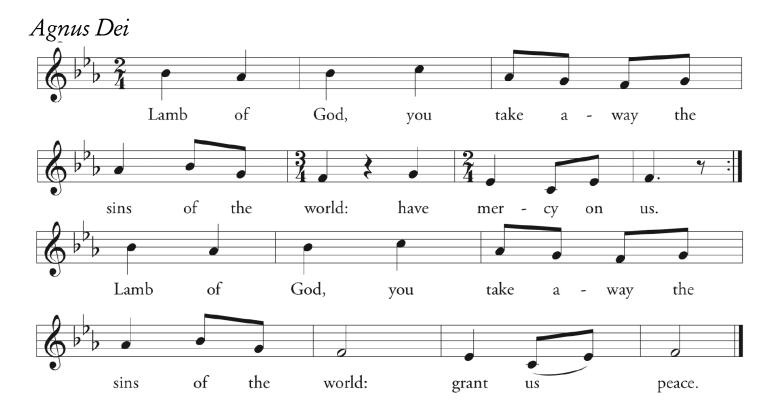
As our savior Christ has taught us, we now pray

Our God in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kindom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kindom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia



Presider

These are the Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived and loved, died, and rose for you, and feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

Jesus says, "Come and see."

You are welcome at this Table, exactly as you are, because of who you are. If you feel called to the Table, please come forward to receive Communion.

At this time, the Parish of St. Paul offers a common cup as well as individual cups for receiving the consecrated wine. Please either take an individual cup (found on a front pew on the right as you approach the altar for communion) or indicate to the Lay Eucharistic Minister that you would like to receive from the common cup.

If you do not wish to receive the consecrated wine, please know that receiving the consecrated bread alone constitutes a full Communion.

If you do not desire Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing – please cross your arms over your chest to indicate that you desire a blessing.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

(The following prayer of Spiritual Communion is said privately and is intended for individuals participating remotely, and for individuals who may not wish to receive Communion or a blessing.)

In union, O God, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. And since I cannot receive you today in the sacrament of bread and wine, I ask you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Postcommunion Hymn

You are invited to stand, sit, or kneel as you are comfortable.

O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come Tune: Tallis Canon (same as #43 in The Hymnal 1982)

- 1) O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends. How can we fail to be restored, when reached by love that never ends?
 - 2) From every ailment flesh endures our bodies clamor to be freed; yet in our hearts we would confess that wholeness is our deepest need.

- 3) How strong, O God, are our desires, how weak our knowledge of ourselves! Release in us those healing truths unconscious pride resists ourselves.
 - 4) In conflicts that destroy our health we recognize the world's disease; our common life declares our ills: is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
- 5) Grant that we all, made in one faith, in your community may find the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.

Words: Fred Pratt Green

Postcommunion Prayer

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

People and Presider

God of abundance,

you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of compassion.

You have united us with Christ,

and you have made us one with all peoples and creatures in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that our lives may give birth to your love in the world, and that we may continue to make our home in your life. Amen.

Blessing

Processional Hymn

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness



Announcements

Dismissal

You are invited to stand as you are comfortable.

Presider Our worship has ended, let our service begin. Go in peace to

love and serve God and God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



TODAY'S LITURGY

Participants

The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney - Priest-in-Charge

David Montgomery - Lector of First Reading and Leader of Psalm

Tricia Tyler - Lector of Second Reading

Carter Lustig - Acolyte

Mary Lou Pierron - Intercessor and Lay Eucharistic Minister

Brenda Carter - Pianist

Ellie Pandorf and Jack Blay - Altar Guild

Eliza Blay - Usher/Attendance

Kathryn Anderson and Chris Gruener - Counters

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PRAYERS

In Our Diocesan Cycle Of Prayer:

For the Episcopal Church; for Sean Rowe, our Presiding Bishop, and Julia Whitworth, our Diocesan Bishop; all ministers – lay and ordained – and we pray for St. Andrew's Church, Methuen, St. Paul's Church, Newburyport, St. Paul's Church, North Andover, Merrimack Valley Project; and for deacons of all congregations.

Parish Prayer List - Prayers are Requested for:

Jim Nolan; David Murphy; David Tabors; Kristin; Deb; Tom; Sean and Jack; and for the Global Village Children's Project, the Centre Street Food Pantry, AA, and NewCity Church.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Anniversary, Ellie and Bob Pandorf (Today, June 22)! Happy Birthday, Ellie Pandorf (June 28)!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Meghan on Vacation from June 27 - July 6

Rev. Meghan will be on vacation from June 27 – July 6. In case of pastoral emergency, please contact the wardens.

The Rev. Anne Gardner - Guest Priest and Preacher on Sunday, June 29

The Rev. Anne Gardner will serve as our guest presider and preacher on Sunday, June 29 while Rev. Meghan is on vacation. Rev. Anne has walked the Camino de Santiago and her book, *And So I Walked*, recounts both the challenges of completing a long-distance hike as well as the emotional and spiritual undercurrents her time on the trail revealed. If you are interested in the Camino, or know people who are, please share with others about her visit to St. Paul's!

Raised up in the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, Rev. Anne currently runs the chaplaincy program at Harvard-Westlake, a private independent high school in Los Angeles. Prior to accepting this position, she spent twelve years as

the Director of Spiritual and Religious Life at Phillips Academy, Andover. For many years, Rev. Anne has worked as a freelance writer, crafting pieces for various outlets including NPR, The Boston Globe, The Providence Journal, and the National Catholic Reporter, among others.

Please mark your calendars and join us on June 29th as we welcome Rev. Anne. Copies of her book will be available for sale and signature (\$20) following the service (cash, check, or VENMO all accepted).

Church on Sunday, July 6 - Field Trip to Grace Church, Newton Corner for 9:30am Liturgy

Grace, Newton Corner looks forward to welcoming POSP parishioners on Sunday, July 6. Please note the liturgy begins at 9:30am. In addition, volunteers from Grace take turns preparing a breakfast for people before the liturgy, which begins at 8:30am. Everyone is welcome to join!

Parish Office Closed for Vacation from June 23 - July 8

Lise Brody, our parish administrator, will be on vacation from June 23 – July 8. Any emails, voicemails, etc. received during this time will be responded to when she returns. For any pressing business matters that require a faster response, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan through Thursday, June 26, and then the wardens from June 27-July 6.

Renewing the Prayer List

The prayer list has been renewed. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please email Lise in the parish office or use this QR code.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to contribute altar flowers for a thanksgiving or memorial, please be in contact with Lise in the parish office.

Pastoral Care

If you desire pastoral care for a particular need, please be in contact with Rev. Meghan. It could be as simple as a private prayer request emailed to her, or an inperson conversation about something of concern.

Receive the Parish Newsletter!

The newsletter is sent about once per week (occasionally more often if there is a pressing notice, for example, of snow cancellation, etc.). The newsletter contains reflections from parishioners, and *lots* of information and announcements about our diocese, the greater church, and other goings-on in and around town and in the world, that are not printed in this bulletin.

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Can Redemption Volunteers

Volunteers sought to assist with can redemption for the Plenty ministry. Please connect with Christopher Gruener or speak with Rev. Meghan if you can assist.



Staff and Office Hours

Priest-in-Charge: The Rev. Dr. Meghan T. Sweeney – meghan@parishofstpaul.org. Office Hours: In-Person, usually on Wednesday, 9am -1pm and by appointment (please email Rev. Meghan directly if you would like to make an appointment).

Parish Administrator: Lise Brody – <u>office@parishofstpaul.org</u>. Office Hours (may vary): Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9am-1pm

Vestry

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please feel free to be in touch with your vestry. The next Vestry Meeting happens on Wednesday, June 18.

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Delegates to the Charles River Deanery: David Montgomery and Mary Lou Pierron Delegates to the Diocesan Convention: Jack Blay and Tricia Tyler

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