

PARISH PRAYER REQUESTS

**** Please select a group of names to pray for and feel free to pray for them at home. ****
Call the parish office if you would like a name to be placed on the prayer list. The names will be removed after three months, unless otherwise notified.

<i>Christy, Ryan & family, Bob, Donald, James, Adele, Carol, Carrie, Katie, Story & family, Mike R., Sharon, and Blake</i>	<i>Victor, Nate, Priscilla, Diane, Carolyn B., Joan, Lisa, Briana & family, Jessica, Kathleen, Don T., Caroline, Ellen, and Izzy</i>	<i>Anuja & family, Kevin, Kate, Nancy, Marcia, Rick, Carla, Michael, Normand, Ernest, Angie, Judy, and Elizabeth S.</i>
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Pray for Anderson, Cameron, Ami, Ethan, Peter, and all in the military.

From the Episcopal Diocese of Maine Cycle of Prayers:

Our Lady of the Evergreens, Harborside.

For students and educators as they begin a new school year.

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

Check out our website for more details! **www.stpaulsmaine.org**
Also on our website are the instructions for electronic giving. Please consider enrolling for a convenient way to provide consistent financial support to the church.

Sunday, August 23, The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 Quiet Eucharist in the Nave

9:30 Life Together Eucharist in the Great Hall

After worship Fellowship in the Great Hall

After worship Prayers of the People Workshop in the Library

Memorial Service for Charlie Priest

Saturday, August 29th at 10:00 am

Next Sunday, August 30, The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost

8:00 Quiet Eucharist in the Nave

9:30 Life Together Eucharist in the Nave

After worship End of the Summer Church Picnic

The Livestream of the services in the Nave can be found at **www.stpaulsmaine.org**

August 30th End of Summer Church Picnic

2026 Intergenerational Summer Gatherings conclude with a picnic! Join us for fun and fellowship as we wrap up a summer of fun and connection. This gathering will take place following 9:30am Life Together Worship in the Great Hall.

Hosted by: The Scott Family

RSVP to help us know who to expect



SACRED GROUND

Dialogue on Race and Faith

As Christians, we believe that every human being is a beloved child of God. And yet, we can all see the painful racial disparities that exist around us. We might ask ourselves: How have we gotten here? What hope is there for a better future? How do we even begin to talk about such a challenging topic? The Sacred Ground program helps us to answer these questions. It is centered around shared learning, relationship-building dialogue, and spiritual reflection. None of us have it all "figured out"; we are simply grappling together with our history and dreaming of a different way forward. A way full of God's healing, love, and justice.

St. Paul's will launch several Sacred Ground circles within the congregation this fall, using the updated curriculum from The Episcopal Church. Circles are led through the 11-session journey by trained facilitators, discussing powerful films and readings in the context of faith. Whether you have engaged with a previous version of Sacred Ground or are totally new to the conversation, you are welcome here. More information on the schedule and how to sign up will be coming soon. In the meantime, please reach out with any questions. We hope you will join us.

Register using this link (also found in the Friday email):
<https://stpaulsmaine.breezechms.com/form/sacredground>

These days most of us get tons of weekly emails and it can be hard to keep track of everything going on. So.... St. Paul's is introducing community texts! This will be a quick and brief way for us to share info about upcoming events, special announcements, reminders, and more!

<https://stpaulsmaine.breezechms.com/form/OK2Text>

**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE
TEXT MESSAGES**



Prayers of the People Workshop - NO Skills Necessary!

Matthew will host a second Prayers of the People (PoP) workshop this Sunday after service. Folks who attend will learn about how the PoP are developed, what rules govern their use in our worship, and get the chance to offer feedback about this important piece of our corporate worship. We will also look at the themes of the Season of Creation (September 6 - October 11) and discuss how they can be incorporated in the PoP that we use.



A very special thank you to all those who participated in our monthly American Red Cross Blood Drive. On Thursday, August 13th we had **40 units of blood collected**. This is needed now more than ever as the American Red Cross is facing a national blood crisis as donations fell to a 4-year summer low.

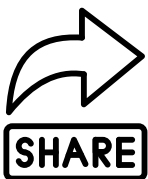
If you are interested in learning more or would like to give at our next monthly blood drive on September 10th please book online at RedCrossBlood.org and enter StPaulsChurch or call 1-800-733-2767

*St. Paul's will host the **American Red Cross** for monthly blood drives on September 10, October 8, November 13, December 10*

Support our Immigrant Neighbors!

Food for All Services and Midcoast Hunger Prevention are offering direct support to our neighbors in need. Please consider bringing items to church as more of our neighbors will be sheltering in place in light of the recent violence. Food: rice and beans. Additional Items: diapers, baby wipes, sanitary napkins, laundry detergent and cleaning supplies.

INTRODUCING: "Rice and Beans" online donations! Buying bulk stretches our dollars a bit farther. Please consider visiting our online giving platform to contribute to our "Rice and Beans" fund.



Do you have a prayer request?

An event you would like to add to the calendar?

Please use our Contact Us form on our website or use this link:

<https://stpaulsmaine.breezechms.com/form/contactus> to get your request to us by Tuesday at 5pm to ensure enough time to get into print.

Sunday, August 23, The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 a.m. **Quiet Eucharist** in the Nave
9:30 a.m. **Life Together Eucharist** in the Great Hall
After worship **Fellowship** in the Great Hall
After worship **Prayers of the People Workshop** in the Library

Tuesday, August 25

- 10:00 a.m. **Holy Stitches** in the Old Nursery
12:30 p.m. **Bible Study** in the Library and on ZOOM

Wednesday, August 26

- 8:00 a.m. **Men's Group** in the Library

Thursday, August 27

- 11:00 a.m. **Healing Worship** on Zoom
12:00 p.m. **Intercessory Prayer Group** on Zoom
5:30 p.m. **Vestry Meeting** in the Library and on Zoom

Saturday, August 29

- 10:00 a.m. **Memorial Service for Charlie Priest**

Sunday, August 30, The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 8:00 a.m. **Quiet Eucharist** in the Nave and livestreamed at www.stpaulsmaine.org
9:30 a.m. **Life Together Eucharist** in the Nave
After worship **End of the Summer Church Picnic**

Parish Office Hours

8:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m. Monday—Thursday

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You may also call the office at (207) 725-5342 during normal office hours.