

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.

Christy, Ryan & family, John, David, Nick, Bob, Kathy, Skip, the Blackburn family, Willow, Ann, Lollie, Carol, Harlan, Rick+, Elizabeth, Lyn and family, Sam, and Phyllis H

Chip, Eddie, Patsy, Robert G., Victor, Diane, Nate, Priscilla, Garrett, Elliot, Barbara, and Ed Barker family, Nancy and Dave, Reta, Sally, Michael M, Carol, Jeff, and Donald

Matthew, Ron, Hope, Darah, Ronald, Ray, Patricia, Diane, Therese, Julie, Jacob, Carolyn B, Kimberly B, Jane and family, Julia, Ed+, Andrea H, and Judy and Sam P

◇ Pray for St. Aidan's, Machias.

- ◇ Pray for our siblings in common mission in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.
- ◇ Pray for Anderson, Cedric, Jason, Michael, Richard, Peter, and all in the military.
- ◇ Pray for those who have died remembering especially Arlene Kozlowski, mother of Canon for Administration Barb Martin, and Rt. Rev. Edward MacBerney.

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.

**FIRST SUNDAY
LIFE TOGETHER
WORSHIP
10:30AM**

St. Paul's, Brunswick



This Sunday, April 3—Fifth Sunday in Lent First Sundays, Life Together

- 10:30 First Sundays Life Together in the Nave & on Facebook
- 11:50 Exploring the Sermon on Zoom

Next Sunday, April 10 —Palm Sunday

- 9:00 Family Modified Eucharist in the Garden & on Zoom
Meet in garden to make a procession with palms
- 9:30 Family Group
- 10:30 Blessing of the Palms in Union Street parking lot
Modified Eucharist and reading of the Passion of St. Luke
In the Nave & on Facebook
- After 10:30 worship
Questions & Conversations About Our Faith in the Library
- 11:50 Exploring the Sermon on Zoom
- 12:00 Middle & High School gathering (meets 2nd & 4th Sundays)



Reaching Beyond Our Bounds: Help Us Expand Our Connection to People with New Systems for Sound and Online Streaming

Two years ago when the onset of the pandemic forced us to close our beautiful Nave and worship only online, we had no way to know how long it would be until we could again worship side-by-side. *(continued on next page)*

The Eucharist of Burial in thanksgiving for the life of Bob Walkling will be Friday, April 8 at 2:00pm.

(continued) Thanks be to God, we have managed to do that for most of the past year. We are not yet finished with the pandemic, or it with us. But we have reached a more hopeful point. What have we learned? How have we excelled—or fallen short? Most importantly, what lessons and practices do we want to hold on to from this time of challenges and learning? Thanks to a bequest from the late Jo Belknap, we have the opportunity to expand our online worship capacity with a new live streaming system that will be accessed easily and reliably through the St. Paul's website. **To make a contribution send a check designated to St. Paul's with "digital upgrade" in the memo or donated through Breeze or at <https://stpaulsmaine.org/giving/>**

Newcomers and Adults Who Wish to be Confirmed into the Episcopal Church:

Sundays in-person: **today, April 3, April 10 (Palm Sunday), April 24, May 1.** in the St. Paul's library after 10:30 a.m. worship. You are invited to attend four sessions entitled "Questions and Conversations About Our Faith". The rector will be leading the discussion and will encourage questions. Together we will explore the many delights and challenges being a faithful Episcopalian and our current relevance in rapidly changing times. These conversations promise to be energetic! For more information please email, carolyneklund@stpaulsmaine.org

Monday, April 4 at 1:30 p.m. The St. Paul's Women's Book Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. in the Library. Meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month.

Wednesday, April 6, 1:00 p.m. Sharing and Caring Support Group, which offers support to caregivers and those living with grief, will meet inside in the Great Hall at St. Paul's Church with masks and social/physical distancing. Please join us as we take time to share stories and conversation with each other. Looking forward to seeing you there. Susan McCracken and Sandy Meyer

Baptism: If you, a friend or loved one desires to receive the Sacrament of Baptism (a once in a lifetime sacrament of initiation into the Christian faith), there are three dates coming up at St. Paul's for this celebration: **Saturday, April 16** at the 7:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, **Easter Sunday, April 17** at the 10:30 a.m. Easter Eucharist., and **Sunday, May 8** at 10:30 a.m. Eucharist during the Bishop's visitation. Please pray about this important step in your life and contact the Rev. Carolyn Eklund to tell her of your interest.

Easter Flowers: donations can made using special envelopes in the pews, by mail to St. Paul's or can be made online through your Breeze account or at St. Paul's website <http://stpaulsmaine.org/>. Please include the name(s) along with your donation. Names received **by April 8** will be printed in the Easter program booklet.

Parish Office Hours:
8:30—1:30 p.m. Monday—Friday



Help Ukrainian Refugees

Episcopal Relief & Development is aiding refugees affected by the war in Ukraine.

- For more information and **to donate online** please visit <https://support.episcopalrelief.org/ukraineresponse>
- **To donate by check, please make checks payable to Episcopal Relief & Development and mail to P.O. Box 7058, Merrifield, VA 22116-7058.** Thank you!

St. Paul's Truth-telling Initiative

Have you finished the Sacred Ground program and wonder what is next? Are you interested in being a "citizen historian"? Join me and other members of St Paul's as we look to discover more about our history as a parish and our roots in the broader context of our country's history of racism. Contact Andree Appel at andreeappel@gmail.com.

A Sacred Ground Affinity Group meets on the **2nd Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Great Hall** to further discuss the lessons learned in the Sacred Ground study. Those attending will explore Stephanie Speller's most recent book *The Church Cracked Open: Disruption, Decline, and New Hope for Beloved Community*. Contact the parish office to pick up your copy. Those wishing to offset the purchase of a book and shipping cost are invited to make a donation of \$16.

Changes in our Guidelines for Worship & Gatherings in the Building

Starting Sunday, March 13, 2022:

Sunday Worship: Masks are required in the nave and for Family Worship. Congregational singing and Passing of the Peace are now permitted at 10:30 a.m. worship. Modified Eucharist with individual wafers will continue for now. Green tape guides distanced seating. Windows are cracked for ventilation. Both the Pleasant Street and parking lot doors will be accessible.

Gathering in the building: Masks are recommended. For meetings/gatherings with 15 people or larger the Great Hall and Upstairs choir rehearsal space are the only spaces available. Groups less than 15 may reserve the library or one of the classrooms. Please contact Randy Day, Parish Administrator, at randyday@stpaulsmaine.org to reserve these spaces. If the group is singing, masks are required. Windows are cracked for ventilation. Meals are not permitted.

Midcoast Hunger Prevention Program

During the Covid-19 pandemic, MCHPP has been busy serving those who need help in feeding their families. Following is a snapshot of some of their activities. They have begun an Order Ahead service. Clients call with a list of what they need and MCHPP fills that order and the client picks it up. The Soup Kitchen has been very busy—last month they served 8900 meals, an average of 370 per day. The Food Bank has processed 130,000 lbs. of food. This is an increase of 61% over last year. They have opened a food pantry at the Coffin School building. It is open every Thursday from 3-5 pm. As in all of their actions, anyone can come and there are no questions asked. MCHPP operates with a budget funded by grants and donations from corporations and individuals. Your donations of \$10 or more will help them maintain these services throughout the coming months. Please send what you can afford to MCHPP, 12 Tenney Way, Brunswick, ME 04011

See the St. Paul's email to join any of the Zoom meetings with one click.

Sunday, April 3 —Fifth Sunday in Lent—First Sundays Life Together

- 9:15 a.m. **Choir warm up/rehearsal**
- 10:30 a.m. **First Sundays Life Together Modified Eucharist in the Nave & on Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBrunswick/live>
- After 10:30 worship **Questions & Conversations About Our Faith in the Library**
- 11:50 a.m. **Explore the sermon on ZOOM**, ID: [96617111762](https://www.zoom.us/j/96617111762), Passcode: church

Morning Prayers and Compline - Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

- 7:30 a.m. **All Services on Facebook Live**
& 7:30 p.m. <https://www.facebook.com/StPaulsBrunswick/live>

Monday, April 4

- 1:30 p.m. **St. Paul's Women's Book Group in the Library** (Contact Tobey Lee)

Tuesday, April 5

- 10:00 a.m. **Holy Stitchers Upstairs Sunday School Room 6 and on ZOOM**
ID: [81764566221](https://www.zoom.us/j/81764566221), Passcode: 650352
- 12:30 p.m. **Women's Bible Study on ZOOM**
ID: [814 5988 6763](https://www.zoom.us/j/81459886763) Passcode: 032484

Wednesday, April 6

- 8:00 a.m. **Men's Group** (Contact Rick Wile at 756-0095)
- 1:00 p.m. **Wednesday Bible Study on Zoom** (ID: 881 3208 5376 , Passcode: 326628)
- 1:00 p.m. **Sharing and Caring Support Group in the Great Hall**

Thursday, April 7

- 11:00 a.m. **Healing Service on ZOOM**, ID: [844 7491 3273](https://www.zoom.us/j/84474913273), Passcode: 151904
- Noon **Prayer Group on ZOOM** (ID: [813 6491 4581](https://www.zoom.us/j/81364914581) Passcode: 345489)

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