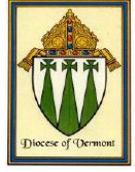


# St. Paul's Epistle



**APRIL 2014**



**Palm Sunday, April 13**

8 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10 a.m. Liturgy of the Palms & Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Monday in Holy Week, April 14**

7:30 p.m. Taizé Evensong at St. Paul's Cathedral, Burlington

**Maundy Thursday, April 17**

7 p.m. Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing

**Good Friday, April 18**

7 p.m. Proper Liturgy of Good Friday

**Saturday, April 19**

8 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

**Easter Day, April 20**

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
10 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II

**Wednesday in Easter Week, April 23**

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer at Vergennes Community Care Home

## APRIL 2014 AT ST. PAUL'S, VERGENNES

| Sunday  | Monday                                  | Tuesday                               | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
|---|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
|   |   | 1                                     | 2<br>7pm Choir  | 3  | 4<br>8pm AA   | 5   |
| 6 Lent 5<br>8am Eucharist<br>10am Sunday school &<br>Child care<br>10am Eucharist<br>11:30 Outreach Meeting<br>7pm AA   | 7                                       | 8<br>3pm Cathedral Chapter<br>Meeting | 9<br>7pm Choir  | 10   | 11<br>8pm AA  | 12  |
| 13 Palm Sunday<br> 8am Palms<br>Liturgy & Eucharist<br>10am Sunday school<br>and Child care<br>10am Palms Liturgy &<br>Eucharist<br>7pm AA | 14<br>7:30 Taizé Evensong,<br>Cathedral | 15<br>7pm Vestry                      | 16<br>7pm Choir   | 17<br>Maundy Thursday<br>7pm Foot washing &<br>Eucharist | 18<br>Good Friday<br>7pm Proper Liturgy of<br>Good Friday<br>8pm AA | 19<br><b>ABSOLUTE EPISTLE<br/>DEADLINE</b><br><a href="mailto:jerm@gmavt.net">jerm@gmavt.net</a><br><br>8pm Great Vigil of<br>Easter |
| 20 Easter Day<br> 8am Eucharist<br>10am Sunday school &<br>Child care<br>10am Eucharist<br>7pm AA  | 21                                      | 22                                    | 23<br>10:30am<br>Morning Prayer<br>Vergennes Res. Care<br>Home<br>7pm Choir | 24   | 25<br>5:30-6:30pm<br>Community Meal,<br>Congo Church<br>8pm AA      | 26  |
| 27 Easter 2<br>8am Eucharist<br>10am Sunday school &<br>Child care<br>10am Eucharist<br>7pm AA  | 28                                      | 29<br>7pm Choir                       | 30<br>7pm Choir<br>7pm Diocesan Council<br>Meeting                          |  |   |   |

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DAY SHOWN PLEASE ARRANGE TO SWITCH SUNDAYS WITH SOMEONE. THANK YOU.

## APRIL SUNDAY CHART

| <u>Date</u>             | <u>Flower Guild</u> | <u>Sunday School/ Child Care</u>                    | <u>Coffee Hour</u>            | <u>Counters</u>                 | <u>Chalice</u>                | <u>Welcome Comm.</u>          | <u>Acolyte Crucifer</u>                                | <u>Lector</u>  | <u>Readings</u>  |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|----------------|--|
| April 6<br>Lent 5       | Lent                | Nan Guilmette<br>Nate Guilmette<br><br>Sarah Stroup | Nan Guilmette<br>Sarah Stroup | Cricket Laidman<br>Carol Knauss | Tim Earle<br>Carol Knauss     | Lee Martel                    | Catie Macauley<br><br>Carol Knauss                     | Steve Lowe     | Ezekiel 37:1-14<br>Psalm 130<br>Romans 8:6-11<br>John 11:1-45                                    |
| April 13<br>Palm Sunday | Lenore Morse        | Pam Macauley<br>Bob Macauley<br><br>Beth McAllister | Lenore Morse<br>Kim Hatgen    | Steve Lowe<br>Nate Guilmette    | Bob Macauley<br>Judy Langeway | Steve Lowe                    | Clarinda McAllister<br><br>Carol Knauss                | Sarah Stroup   | Matthew 21:1-11<br>Isaiah 50:4-9a<br>Psalm 31:9-16<br>Philippians 2:5-11<br>Matthew 26:14--27:66 |
| April 20<br>Easter Day  | Lenore Morse        | Sarah Stroup<br>John Stroup<br><br>Rebecca Chauvin  | Rebecca Chauvin<br>Bo Price   | Mary Gordon<br>Kim Hatgen       | Carol Knauss<br>Tim Earle     | Lenore Morse<br>Margaret Lowe | Alisdair Chauvin<br>Catie Macauley<br><br>Carol Knauss | Bob Laidman    | Acts 10:34-43<br>Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24<br>Colossians 3:1-4<br>Matthew 28:1-10                     |
| April 27<br>Easter 2    | Lenore Morse        | Sarah Hale<br>Chris Hale<br><br>Margaret Lowe       | Sue Berkenbush<br>Chris Hale  | Laurie Earle<br>Lenore Morse    | Judy Langeway<br>Tim Earle    | Lee Martel<br>Mary Gordon     | Clarinda McAllister<br><br>Tim Earle                   | Sue Berkenbush | Acts 2:14a, 22-32<br>Psalm 16<br>1 Peter 1:3-9<br>John 20:19-31                                  |

## HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAY TO:

*If your birthday isn't here, check the sheet in the Narthex and please add it!*

1 Greg Hamilton  
1 Bob Gordon  
3 Mary Beth Hamilton  
5 Penny Goodkind  
10 Tim Cowan  
10 Lizzie Sevee  
18 Hailey White  
19 Lee Martel  
22 Isabel Hamilton  
22 Lily Hamilton  
25 Helen Cowan  
30 Ashley Cassidy

**FERG MONROE ALLEMAN, JR.**  
**MARCH 29, 1929 - MARCH 7, 2014**  
**ORLANDO, FL**

Ferg's memorial service was the epitome of Ferg - full of grace and wit. The beautiful St. Luke's Cathedral was filled with his friends and family. The service opened with a rousing fugue and ended with Onward Christian Soldiers sung with gusto by all. The homily covered our friend to a tee and included many surprises too! His family was very welcoming and I passed on love from all his friends at St. Paul's and told them how much we will miss him and Maryan. (For those who remember his four-legged friend Princess, her ashes were interred with him.) May they rest in peace.

*\*Submitted by Madelaine Calise\**

**ST. PAUL'S VESTRY** meets the third Tuesday of each month to act on the business of the Church. If you have questions or concerns to be addressed, please forward them to the Rector who will add them to the agenda. At the 18 March meeting the Vestry continued to discuss grant application options for the repair of the Church entry stairs. Attention was given to the March Financial Report and the urgent need for keeping up with our pledges was stressed. It was suggested that members of the parish might make specific donations for items such as altar candles or other liturgical supplies thereby easing our budgetary woes. The schedule of services at St. Paul's will appear in the Church Supplement of the Addison Independent for the information of newcomers and tourists. Topics such as the training of lectors and acolytes, preparation for baptism, and instructed Eucharist were referred to the appropriate committees.



MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE. LOOK WHO'S SINGING WITH OUR CHOIR!

## NOTES FROM EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Education Committee has set to work compiling ideas for events, workshops, and other forms of continuing education. No firm plans or arrangements have yet been made, but I wanted to give you a taste of things to come in the list that follows. Members of the Education Committee will make arrangements for guest lecturers and workshops, but in the case of such ideas as a "book club" or "discussion group on spiritual growth" or "Bible study," we need to better assess the willingness and interest of our parish community. Those who want to join in on these individual ongoing efforts would be the ones to gather together to form a plan of action. (See the items marked with an asterisk.) I am happy to compile a list of people who want to take one path or another (or all of them). To do so, I need you to contact me and tell me of your interest. The best way would be by phone (877-8398) or e-mail ([mmmcubed27@comcast.net](mailto:mmmcubed27@comcast.net)) We also welcome fresh ideas.

Guest lecturer:

- A series on the role of prayer in healing led by The Rev. Con Quinby. Participants would need to buy a \$12 book: *Stretch Out Your Hand: Exploring Healing Prayer*.
- Invite Kitty Oxholm to give a talk on "Travel to the Holy Land," discussing her trip several years ago.

- Invite historiographer Elizabeth Allison to speak about the history of the diocese.

#### Other possibilities:

- Evenings focused on British cathedrals or art (e.g., the spiritual in art, icons, artists of the Middle Ages and Renaissance) or Anglican services in various countries).
- Online course to be watched at participants' convenience, meeting to chat as a group later. (Ideas available at <http://www.spiritualityandpractice.com/blogs/maps.php?id=21375>.)

#### Bible Study

- Group to meet and discuss personal spiritual growth
- An Inquirers Class to be held sometime in the autumn of 2014, based primarily on the Catechism of the Prayer Book (pp. 843-862) and running for 6 or 7 weeks. In part it would be geared toward those wishing to be confirmed or received into the church when Bishop Ely makes his visitation on January 4, 2015.

#### Other

- A night to share book reviews and/or Websites of interest
- Book discussion group. This could be preceded by a night to share book reviews, with a view toward making a list of books to read and discuss.
- An evening of shared CDs-gospel, for example
- Taize' service
- Instructed Eucharist (a real-time worship teaching or commentary that sheds light on the various elements of the service)
- Lector training
- Acolyte training

*Marcie Merryman-Means*

## Stewardship Corner

Gratitude, generosity, and giving—these are what we focus on in our lives in stewardship; giving that comes from a sense of gratefulness for all that has been given to us by God. As our Liturgy instructs us: *It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and Earth.*

In helping to honor our year-round stewardship—what we all do at St. Paul's—we are trying out a few small ideas to generate reflection and stories. The Sunday School has gotten us off to a good start by inviting the congregation to join them in telling their stories of thanks. Check out the poster board cross downstairs in the Parish Hall and see the wonderful stories of thanks hanging there that the children have thoughtfully created. Maybe you will be inspired to add yours either on the altar to the side, by way of an object or photo representing your thanks, or by putting a note in the basket with a few words about something that you would like to acknowledge as we reflect on Psalm 24, *“The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who live in it.”*



*Sunday School project with notes and drawings of thanks*

Besides selecting an ordinary symbol or photograph for the altar (such as one for a car, refrigerator, bicycle, bed, or a favorite tie or pair of shoes), you might consider every day, or when possible, during Lent, to take a moment of silence, and touch that particular object and give thanks. And then make a short note of what the experience is like and share it as a family at the end of each week. Perhaps the children can draw a picture of the experience. It would be nice to be able to collect some of our stories and remember them during our Stewardship Ingathering at the end of the year. This idea came by way of Angie Emerson, the Diocese of Vermont's Minister of Stewardship Development who posts regularly to TENS (The Episcopal Network for Stewardship).



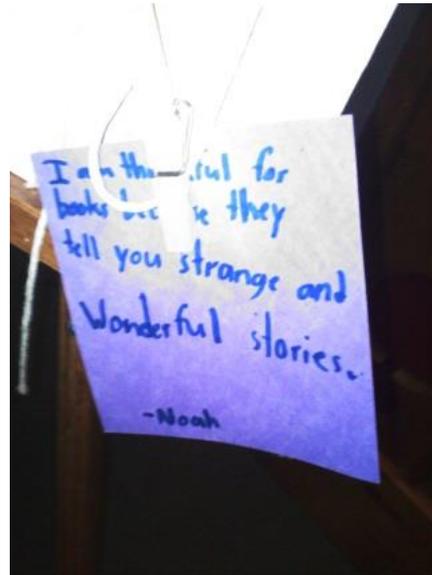
*Altar with paper and pen for your notes of thanks. Drop them in the basket! Or bring an object or photo to display.*

Just as an example, I decided to take a photo of a giant evergreen tree that sits on my property. I have placed the photo on the altar in the Parish Hall. And every day, or whenever possible, I have been trudging through the snow and touching that tree and thinking about its strength, majesty, and perseverance. It's over sixty feet tall, and I feel it has a story to tell itself.



*A photo of a tall evergreen placed on the altar*

Speaking of stories, I think Noah Macauley said it best in his "thanks" when he was referring to being thankful for books because "they tell you strange and wonderful stories."



*Noah's note of thanks*

Just like books, I wonder if we have some strange and wonderful stories to tell?

*Bo Price for the Stewardship Committee*

#### A Note from the Treasurer

Thank you, one and all, for your continuing generosity to support the mission of St. Paul's Church. We are quickly approaching the end of first quarter of the year, and we're a little behind the financing our outreach, educational, and worship activities. Please check your progress on your 2014 pledged giving to St. Paul's, and let me know if you have any questions about your personal pledges or St. Paul's finances in general.

*John Stroup, Treasurer*

**THE LITURGY COMMITTEE** met on 22 March to consider several agenda items. The Rector will prepare a handout for the lectors use. He will also schedule a group session for training the acolytes. A new setting for the Gloria and the Sanctus will be practiced as well as the sung Lord's Prayer. The question of continuing the purchase of inserts for the Sunday Bulletins was considered as an economic issue. It would be less expensive to use the existing Bibles. The Outreach Committee will be asked to coordinate the list of names for the Prayers for the People. The committee will meet again in early May to evaluate the Holy Week services and to discuss the timing of the Christmas services. Contact the Rector if you have additional agenda items. Currently the committee members are the Rector, Judy Woods, Bo Price, Carol Knauss, Sarah Stroup and Sue Berkenbush.

## YOUR VESTRY

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- Class of 2016**
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- Marcia Merryman-Means 877-8398
- Class of 2017**
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If you would like to see the pictures in color, just go to  
St. Paul's website: [www.saintpaulsvergennes.org](http://www.saintpaulsvergennes.org)

## Shrove Tuesday and Friendship

There were so many wonderful displays of talent at the Shrove Tuesday supper: musical, humor, stories, etc. Not to mention the talented cooks and cleanup crew! Wow, people really went all out for this festive occasion.

One talent show item that seemed appropriate to sum up the Shrove Tuesday occasion was the poem that Catie Macauley wrote and read and which was published recently for the Young Writers Project. I think we can all say that it is a gift to have St. Paul's friendships. And in the spirit of stewardship, we can all give thanks for that gift.

### GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP

By Catie Macauley

The gift that is most precious to me  
is the one that cannot be wrapped.  
If it breaks, it cannot be fixed with any tape  
or glue.  
It takes a long time to mend, if ever.  
It is held together with strings of trust,  
with knots of kindness and laughter.  
To receive this gift, talking is not required.  
To give it, explaining is not necessary.  
But although this gift costs no money,  
and although it isn't something you can  
show,  
people can cherish it their entire lives.  
This gift I treasure most  
is the gift of friendship.



I counted the number of new families we have had at the food shelf this far in March-there are two food shelf days left in March. There were **23**. Just in March. We are very fortunate in this community to have the resources to help and you all are a part of that. Think of us when you are shopping and pick up an extra can or two-we can always use protein in any form (baked beans, black beans, spaghetti and meatballs etc., spam, or minced clams for instance. Any contribution is gladly received!