MARCH

**Saturday, 2nd**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 3rd**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship Service/Communion

 Sunday School

 Congregational Meeting

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

6:00 pm Senior Youth Group

**Wednesday, 6th ASH WEDNESDAY**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

1:00 pm Godspeed

6:30 pm Men of St. Paul’s

7:30 pm Worship Service @ UMC

**Thursday 7th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 9th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 10th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service

 Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

Noon New Member luncheon

**Monday, 11th**

7:30 pm Consistory

**Wednesday, 13th**

1:00 pm To Live Is Christ

6:30 pm Lenten Family Supper

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 14th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

**Saturday, 16th**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 17th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 amWorship Service/New Members received

 Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

6:00 pm Senior Youth Group

**Wednesday, 20th**

9am-2 pm Scrappers

1:00 pm To Live Is Christ

6:30 pm Lenten Family Supper

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

**Thursday, 21st**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

\*\*\*\*TIDINGS DEADLINE\*\*\*\*

**Saturday, 23rd**

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, 24th**

8:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

9:30 am Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am Worship Service

 Sunday School

11:30am-noon Children’s Choir

 Soup Swap

 FISH

**Monday, 25th**

7:30 pm Transition Team Meeting

 FISH

**Tuesday, 26th** FISH

**Wednesday, 27th**

1:00 pm To Live Is Christ

6:30 pm Lenten Family Supper

7:30 pm Confirmation Class

 FISH

**Thursday, 28th**

7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

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**Friday, 29th** FISH

**Saturday, 30th** FISH

9:00 am Praise Team Rehearsal

**Pastor Rich takes Friday Off.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

April 3 & 10 – Lenten Suppers

April 18 – Maundy Thursday

March 2019

Greetings

“We are living in anxious times.” Has there ever been a time when mankind was not anxious? Almost 2000 years ago Jesus said, **“Do not be anxious…”** Mt 6:25

Many years before that the psalmist wrote, **Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my *anxious* thoughts.** [Psalm 139:23 (NIV)](https://my.bible.com/bible/111/psa.139.23)

Adam and Eve had no worries, until they bit the apple. When God looked for them they became anxious and afraid.

It seems being anxious/worrying is universal. It is not unique to any age group. Adults worry about their jobs, finances, the health of their aging parents, their own kids, etc.

It’s not so much that being a youth is worry-free either. Think back to the anxiety you felt over dating, homework, your future. If there was any relief it was in knowing that the buck didn’t stop with us. But there comes a time when there is no one else, nowhere to pass the buck. Responsibility rests squarely at our feet.

Once we take on the mantle of worry, it’s almost impossible to set it aside. After all, life never stops throwing curveballs at us: a spouse loses a job, a child is injured, a parent gets sick. The future seems more uncertain every day, leaving us with nagging questions: Are we putting away enough money to retire? How will we pay the mortgage next month? We also worry about the world we live in: What can we do about the suffering we see? Will we ever live in peace with one another?

It’s human to grow anxious about what lies ahead. That’s why Paul gave the people of Philippi a message they needed to hear. They lived in a time of frequent disease, war and famine, so their future was tenuous and uncertain. Paul wanted them to know that their lives were in the hands of a loving God who would give them peace.

Notice that Paul didn’t say, “God will make all the bad stuff go away.” Instead, he promised believers that God would calm their fears and ease their spirits. He reminded them that they weren’t in charge, that they could safely place their worries in the hands of someone far bigger than themselves and trust that God would walk with them through whatever troubles came their way.

Carla Barnhill wrote the following in a devotion I read.

“I know people who have gone through terrible times—the death of a child, an unexpected divorce, a potentially fatal illness. All of them have said that even in the darkest, most difficult moments, they sensed God’s presence. Their pain and heartache didn’t go away, but they knew God was helping them stand up under it. They never lost the feeling that God was guarding their hearts.

Their experiences remind us that we can talk to God about the things that lie heavy on our hearts. We can ask for the peace God offers. We can thank God for caring, for shouldering our burdens, for giving us comfort and rest even in our most difficult times. Indeed, having a God like this transcends our understanding. All we can do is open our hearts and receive him.”

Godspeed

Pastor Rich

**WORSHIP**

March 3 - Communion

Lk 4:21-30

What & Who Do You Believe

March 6 - Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm @ the United Methodist Church

Joel 2:1-2,12-17

RLGP

March 10

Psalm 131, Ephesians 4:1-13

Privilege and Humility

March 17

2 Corinthians 5:17

Jesus Changes Everything

March 24

Mt 13:44

Incidental Discoveries

**MARCH ’S COMMUNION OFFERING**

March’s communion offering will be used to support the ministry of the Interfaith Network of Care.

The mission of the Interfaith Network of Care (INC) is to give personal and social support to people coping with chronic conditions, disabilities, isolation, and other age related disabilities and to help those responsible for their day-to-day well being. Trained volunteer caregivers, agencies, and the community-at-large encourage people to continue to live independent, meaningful lives in their own homes.

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

**March 6, 2019**

This year’s joint Ash Wednesday service will be at the Milltown Methodist Church.

The service time is 7:30PM

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**SOUPS ON!**

**March 24**

On Sunday, March 24 you will have a chance to exchange $5 for a quart of home -made soup.

February’s Soup Swap raised $325.

If you are willing to make some soup there is a sign up in the narthex or contact Pam Sarch @ 732-501-5837

**PRAYER of the MONTH**

Father, thank You for the hope and comfort it gives me when You say Your children will live in Your house forever. Help me rejoice in Your plans even when mine are different or I don’t understand Yours. Thank You for always being good and merciful. Thank You that I can trust You while I walk through this life, eager for the day when I get to go home and be finally and forever with You. Thank You for the gift of Your Son, whose sacrifice makes this possible. It’s in His mighty name I pray. Amen.

**MEN OF ST. PAUL’S**

The men of St. Paul’s are invited to gather on Wednesday, March 6that 6:30pm for supper and fellowship.

**SR. YOUTH GROUP**

This month’s Sunday meeting dates and times.

March 3 @ 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Regular meeting of fun,, fellowship & faith.

Sunday, March 17 @ 6:00PM - 8:00PM

Regular meeting of fun,, fellowship & faith.

**LENT FAMILY NIGHT DINNERS**

The first of our five Wednesday night dinner will be March 13. The dinners start at 6:30pm followed by a worship service at 7:30pm. Suggested donation for dinner is $10. The theme of this year’s Lenten worship services is: He Chose the Nails

**FINANCIALS**

JAN. 2019 YR to DATE

Income $ 18,232.22 $ 18,232.22

Expense $ 22,001.16 $ 22,001.16

Gain/(Loss)($ 3,768.94) ($ 3,768.94 )

Last year, Americans spent almost $2 BILLION dollars giving out candy to their loved ones. That is a lot of chocolate!

Why do we go to all this trouble? LOVE. In fact, when you love someone, giving them a gift is not a trouble at all. It’s a joy. Many of you spend hours of time thinking and planning out that perfect gift for the one you love. Why do you do that? Because you love them! The greater the love, the greater the gift.

The same can be said about how you approach giving to God. Some people might see the offering as a burden to endure. The offering is a time where you can express your love to God. He was the first to give to us. Remember John 3:16? It starts out by saying, “For God so loved the world…” God LOVES you! To prove that the rest of the verse says, “…that He gave his one and only Son…” That is a lot of love.

That’s one reason we take up an offering every week. It allows us, using something we hold dear, to say back to God that we love Him. Show your love for God by giving back to Him an offering driven by love!

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 3**

We will review the annual report and address and questions and concerns that the you or any member or friend may have.

Please plan to remain after worship for our annual congregational meeting. ![C:\Users\Carol\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\IE\86TMI1CW\3370171025_6e813bf9ea[1].jpg]()**NEW MEMBERS**

Sunday, March 10 there will be a luncheon at 12:00pm in the social hall for anyone who is interested in joining St. Paul’s Church or is interested in learning more about our church. New members will be received on Sunday, March 17 during the Sunday morning worship service.

Please contact the church office if you will be attending the luncheon. 732-828-0020 or stpaulschurch@optonline.net

**SCRAP BOOKING**

Do you have photos you don’t know what to do with Join our Scrapbooking Club. We meet two Wednesdays a month in the social hall from 10am – 2 pm, $5.00, bring your lunch. Call Donna Lucid to RSVP or with any questions at 908-331-1758.

**myEoffering**

**Have you signed up?**

myEoffering is electronic giving that enables you to make your offering using electronic fund transfer or credit card.

It is as easy as going to:

[www.myEoffering.com](http://www.myEoffering.com) and signing up.

myEoffering will allow your weekly offering to continue uninterrupted, enabling us to fund our ministry of bring God’s Love to the heart of the community.

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## Music at St. Paul’s

**Holy Week Choir rehearsals!**

Beginning on Thurs., March 7, our Adult Choir will be learning music for Holy Week services. Among other things, we will be preparing the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel’s *Messiah*! Come join us for the season!

**Nursing Home Visit**

Thank you to those who visited Preferred Care on Feb. 17 to sing love songs and hymns with the residents. It was a joyful afternoon with lots of audience participation and even tap-dancing, and a great opportunity to share God’s love!

**Youth Sunday**

Thank you to praise band members who provided extra music for our Feb. 17 service. Thanks also to violinist Noah Ta, the Children’s Choir, and our singing Youth Group for sharing your gifts in worship!

**Ash Wednesday Choir**

The community Ash Wed. service (March 6 at the Methodist Church) will include an anthem, “Prayer to Jesus,” sung by our combined choirs. See Emily if you’d like to join the choir for the evening!

**Musical ensembles**

Children’s Choir meets after Sunday school, from 11:30 to noon in the chapel of the church school building, and we welcome new singers in grades 1-6.

Adult Choir rehearses from 7:30 to 9 pm on Thursdays in the choir room.

Come join us; new singers are always welcome!

Praise band rehearses Saturdays from 9-10:30 am and Sundays 8-9 am, both in the sanctuary. We welcome new musicians and particularly could use an additional bassist and occasional sound technician.

**GENERAL FUND**

THELMA RUDNITZKY’S Birthday Feb. 12th

 Michael & Nancy Duffy & Family

**RESURRECTION WINDOW**

MARY MIGLIORE

 Janet, Ian, Ryan & Kevin Finch

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

RAY CONGER (passed away March 18, 2006) Marjorie Conger & Family

***Letters…***

*Thank you so much to the Senior Youth Group for the Christmas gift you brought to my home. You made my day!!!!! I love the mug!*

*Thank you for your kindness!*

 *Marion Schuster*

**TO LIVE IS CHRIST, TO DIE IS GAIN**

Starting March 13

You are invited to walk with me through the most intimate of all Paul's letters, Philippians. Paul paints a beautiful picture of what it is to be a mature Christian.

The story begins in Philippi where Paul introduces three individuals that were all enslaved by the kind of things that we often choose over the gospel: Lydia, the Business Executive, The Little Slave Girl, and The Hard Working Jailer.

Their lives portray dysfunction and emptiness, but are totally transformed by the Gospel. True joy and Christ's love begin to live within them, giving them a life of purpose.

In fact, Paul himself was enslaved and then by God's grace and mercy he could pen these popular and profound words: To Live is Christ and to Die is Gain. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

You can access this study by going to our website, [www.stpaulsmilltownnj.org](http://www.stpaulsmilltownnj.org) then click on links and then click on RightNow Media. Once in RightNow Media search for Philippians: To Live is Christ, to Die is Gain by Matt Chandler.

You are invited to join me starting March 13th @ 1:00pm in the confirmation room to watch and discuss this 12 session video study of Philippians.



**FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

HOSTS NEEDED:

You are responsible for providing treats, juice of the children and milk for coffee.

Coffee, cups, plates, napkins, plastic utensils and sweeteners are provided.

SIGN UP TO HOST

@ coffee hour or contact:

Julie Park 732-545-4266

mj1park@optonline.net or

Tracy Rucinski 732-545-6982

traysee7413@yahoo.com.

**HEAD USHERS FOR**

**MARCH**

3 Consistory Team #1

10 \*Matt Park

17 Fran Christ

24 \*\*Nicholas Bamond

31 Beckie Rumen

**GREETERS FOR**

**MARCH**

3 Debbie Cheeseman

10 Julie Park

17 Sandy Muller

24 Arlene Mowery & Jane Osman

31 Connie Michaels & Carol Calantoni

Greeters are asked to arrive at church by 9:20 a.m.

**GREETER COORDINATOR**

Judy Skalla

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Please leave a message if no one is available.

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Office hours: 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Financial Secretary Mrs. Debbie Paley

 (address inquiries to church office)

Please address all financial inquiries to the Church Office.

NEXT TIDINGS DEADLINE –

Thursday, March 21st

2019 CONSISTORY

Elders:

Melanie Dwyer

Karen Gourley

David Hasting

Lois Jessen

Matt Park

Greg Reeves

Nikki Wesen

Deacons:

Nicholas Bamond

John Garback

Debbie Kovacs

Robert Ramsen

Tracy Rucinski

Beckie Rumen

Sean Sullivan

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Save time and prevent mistakes by writing your parishioner number on your checks and envelopes. Example: 002W

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Please notify the church office if any of the following changes occur in your household: address change, phone number change, email change, marriage, separation/divorce, death, birth, adoption, adult child(ren) moving out, or a family member being moved to a rehab. or nursing home.

We would like to keep our membership list up-to-date, but we need YOUR cooperation to do so!

ST. PAUL’S CHURCH

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**MARCH, 2019**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 3 & 17 – SYG

March 3 – Congregational Meeting

March 6 – Ash Wednesday @ UMC

March 6 & 20 – Scrappers

March 6 – Men of St. Paul’s

March 10 – New Member luncheon

March 11 – Consistory

March 17 – New Members received/Soup Swap

March 13, 20, 27 – Lenten Family Suppers

March 23-30 - FISH

March 25 – Transition Team Meeting

**TIDINGS**

**Worship Service 10:00 a.m.**

**Sunday School 10:00 a.m.**

**Rev. Richard H. Weyer, Pastor**

**DATED MATERIAL**

February 26, 2018

