



A Few New Holy Week Things by the Rev. Gabriel Lawrence

During Holy Week, we celebrate some of the most symbolically rich liturgical traditions of the Christian Church. This is especially true of the things we do during the "Holy Triduum," the period of time beginning with Maundy Thursday and concluding with the Great Vigil of Easter. In addition to being symbolically rich, these liturgies are some of the oldest handed down to us by our Christian ancestors.

This year, we will be introducing a few new liturgical traditions during the Holy Triduum.

On Maundy Thursday, just before the stripping of the altar, we will process extra consecrated bread and wine to an altar of repose in Chapel of the Cross. This altar of repose anchors a space where the faithful, like the disciples, might keep watch with Jesus before his passion in the Garden of Gethsemane. It is even custom in some churches for this altar of repose to be the focal point of an all-night vigil with Christ. Though we won't be keeping St. Paul's open throughout the night, you are invited to the Chapel of the Cross after the Maundy Thursday liturgy to spend time with Christ's presence in the consecrated bread and wine.

On Good Friday, at the proper liturgy in the evening, we will receive communion from the Reserved Sacrament, that is, from the extra bread and wine consecrated the night before. On the most holy and solemn of days, Good Friday, the

Book of Common prayer does not permit the celebration of the Holy Eucharist (that is the act of blessing of wine and bread). This tradition of having no celebration of the Holy Eucharist on Good Friday, and the faithful instead receiving communion from the Reserved Sacrament, dates back to the fourth century.

On Good Friday, the aumbry (small cabinet inset in the wall of the sanctuary where the Sacrament is usually reserved) stands open and empty, and the candle usually lit above it is absent.

This open and empty aumbry is an intentionally harsh reminder for the Church of Christ's death on Good Friday. Notice the open and empty aumbry when you worship on Good Friday.

Finally, at the Great Vigil of Easter, the Eucharist is celebrated again, and any remaining consecrated bread and wine are placed inside the aumbry. The aumbry is then closed, and the candle above the aumbry is lit, signifying that Christ has risen from the dead and again resides with us, mystically hidden beneath the elements of bread and wine.

I invite you to journey with Christ during Holy Week and walk with him on a path that many have walked before. Through entering more deeply into Christ's passion and death, may we come to live more and more into his resurrection.



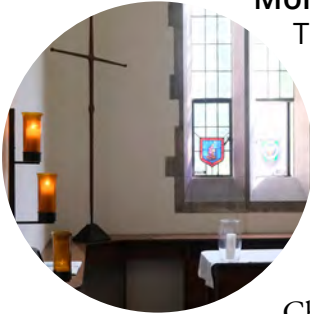
Worship

Morning Prayer

Thursdays in Lent through April 17

8:30 a.m., *Chapel of the Cross*

Join us for Morning Prayer each Thursday during Lent from 8:30 to 9 a.m. in the Chapel of the Cross.



Invitation to Holy Baptism Sunday, April 20

The next baptisms will be on Easter Day, Sunday, April 20. If you are interested in being baptized or having your child baptized, email

Rev. Gabriel by April 6:

GLawrence@StPauls-Church.org.



Reserved Worship Space for those who are Immunocompromised

The balcony in St. Paul's Nave is now designated for the exclusive use by those who are immunocompromised.

This much-needed space enables individuals who are immunocompromised to safely return to in-person services and to participate in the church community and its activities to the fullest extent possible.



In order to protect everyone who is immunocompromised, caregivers and family members (adults, adolescents, and particularly children) of immunocompromised individuals should not enter or use this space, no matter what their vaccination status.

If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Dr. Stephen Applegate:
SApplegate@StPauls-Church.org

Read the full announcement on our website:
StPauls-Church.org/Blog/Immunocompromised

Holy Week

Palm Sunday | April 13

7:45 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, *St. Martin's Chapel*

9 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, *weather permitting, procession to Nave begins outside, location TBA* (ASL Interpreted)

11:15 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))



Monday and Tuesday of Holy Week

April 14 and 15

6 p.m. | Evening Prayer, *St. Martin's Chapel*

Wednesday of Holy Week | April 16

6 p.m. | Holy Eucharist, *St. Martin's Chapel*

Maundy Thursday | April 17

8:30 a.m. | Morning Prayer, *Chapel of the Cross*

5:30 p.m. | [Family Service, St. Martin's Chapel](#) (Learn more about this service on page 3.)

6:30 p.m. | [Agape Meal, Tucker Hall](#) (Learn more on page 3.)

7:30 p.m. | Proper Liturgy with Foot-Washing and Stripping of the Altar, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))

Good Friday | April 18

Noon | Community Ecumenical Service, Seven Last Words of Christ, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))

Spanning the three hours Jesus hung on the cross, this community ecumenical service includes psalms, hymns, prayers, time for silence, and Dubois's *The Seven Last Words of Christ* sung by St. Paul's Senior Choir. Seven area clergy will preach meditations on the traditional last words of Jesus. Come for any portion of this service or the whole three hours. The service concludes at 3 p.m. with the tolling of the bells 33 times. (Learn more about Dubois's *The Seven Last Words of Christ* on page 5.)



Holy Week

(Good Friday continued)

5:30 p.m. | Family Service for Good Friday, *Nave*.
(Learn more about this service on page 4.)

7:30 p.m. | Prayer Book Liturgy with Communion from the Reserved Sacrament, *Nave*. (Learn more about the music for this service on page 5.)

Holy Saturday | April 19

10 a.m. | Prayer Book Liturgy, *Columbarium (St. Martin's Chapel)*

New! 5:30 p.m. | Family Easter Vigil, *St. Martin's Chapel*. (Learn more about this service on Page 4.)

8 p.m. | The Great Vigil of Easter, *Trinity Cathedral, Cleveland*

Easter Day | April 20

7:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist, *Nave* (note the time)

9 a.m. | Festival Holy Eucharist and Holy Baptism, *Nave* (ASL Interpreted)

10:15 a.m. | Easter Egg Hunt & Children's Carillon Concert, *Tucker Hall and Courtyard*



Enjoy family favorite Easter tunes played on our carillon while looking for colorful, surprise-filled eggs! All are welcome!

11:15 a.m. | Festival Holy Eucharist, *Nave* ([Livestream](#))

Family Services

A Holy Week Journey for Families:

This year, we are excited to introduce a Family Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 19, at 5:30 p.m. This new service will provide a more enriching Holy Week for children and families by offering all three ancient Triduum services. Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil— together known as the Easter Triduum (Latin for “three days”)—form the heart of the Christian year.

Historically, these services were one continuous act of worship, preparing early Christians to enter fully into the miracle of the resurrection. While the Easter Vigil is a new highlight, we encourage families to experience the entire Triduum, as each service builds upon the last, creating a powerful journey toward Easter.

Family Maundy Thursday Service April 17, 5:30 p.m.

The journey begins with a foot-washing prayer service in St. Martin's Chapel, where children will witness and be invited into Jesus' sacred act of caring for others.

Maundy Thursday Agape Meal April 17, 6:30 p.m.

After the Family Maundy Thursday Service and before the 7:30 p.m. Proper Liturgy, we'll all gather in Tucker Hall for a Mediterranean Agape meal (catered by Aladdin's). Just as Jesus and his friends shared fellowship at the Last Supper, this dinner is an intentional opportunity for our Parish to break bread together. A donation for the cost of dinner is kindly requested.



RSVP for the Agape Meal on Realm: TinyUrl.com/spagape25

Email Susan Armstrong with any questions:
SArmstrong@StPauls-Church.org



Family Services

Family Service for Good Friday

April 18, 5:30 p.m.

This service offers a gentle, child-appropriate reflection on loss, grief, and pain, reminding us that even in sorrow, God's love is stronger. Through prayer and scripture, children will learn that faith gives us strength in difficult times and that Jesus is with us through every struggle.

Family Easter Vigil

April 19, 5:30 p.m.

This most ancient of Christian services moves from darkness to light, from waiting to rejoicing. We will begin outside, as the early church did, lighting a fire to symbolize Christ's victory over death. By candlelight, our Workshop Adventure students will bring Old Testament stories to life, reminding us how God has always been at work, saving and restoring. We will renew our baptismal vows, be splashed with holy water as a sign of that renewal, and—just as the early Christians did when Easter finally arrived—turn on the lights and sing with joy!

Speaking of singing—throughout Lent, our Godly Play students have been preparing for this moment, learning *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* with Kelsey, and they are excited to belt it out! They also created a beautiful Alleluia banner that will be displayed throughout Eastertide.

If your family has never attended the Holy Week Triduum, this is the perfect year to start. Each service invites children into the sacred story in an engaging and meaningful way, leading them to the full joy of Easter.

Step into the story.

Feel the power of our ancient faith.

And rejoice with us as we welcome the risen Christ!

Children & Youth

The Village Earth Day Celebration

Saturday, May 3, 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Families with young children are invited to a Village Playground Party! Come hang out with other families and children. Please email Lauren with any questions and to RSVP: LDockery@StPauls-Church.org



Rite 13

Sunday, May 4, at the 9 a.m. service

The line between childhood and adulthood is often fuzzy. Our culture doesn't have formalized rites of passage that define the points along the path to adulthood. We need ways to tell our young people they are making progress; they are growing and learning and becoming adults.

During the 9 a.m. service on May 4, we will celebrate an important rite of passage with our new teenagers. This liturgy is formally called "The Celebration of Adulthood" but is better known as "Rite 13," since it takes place near the candidate's 13th birthday (much like a bar mitzvah or bat mitzvah).



In this liturgy, the congregation acknowledges that people we have known as children are now on their way to adulthood. We offer prayers for the new teenagers and promise to support, love, and honor them. We also pray for their parents, because it's not always easy to live with a teenager!

This service lifts up our teens and reminds us that God will walk with them on their journey. It gives us a way of telling our young people things we have meant to convey all along, "We're here if you need us; we think you're terrific; we love you." We often assume that our teens feel appreciated and accepted as a vital part of our parish, but adolescence is a time of uncertainty, and some things just can't be said often enough.

Music & Art

N.B. White Spring Gallery Show Opening Reception

Thursday, April 3, 5 - 7 p.m. (*Artists' Conversation at 6 p.m.*)



The N.B. White Gallery Committee is excited to announce its spring show is on display until June 8.

The gallery features paintings and ink drawings by David Louis Cintron, fine art nature photography by Andrea Dawson, silver jewelry by Dana Giel-Ray, and fiber and mixed media by Kathleen Van Meter.

You're invited to the opening reception! Stop by to enjoy refreshments and hear from each artist. We'll be in the gallery and the courtyard (weather permitting). The opening reception will include an Artists' conversation at 6 p.m. and live music by Eric Paetz.

See something you like? The gallery does not receive a commission from, nor act as an agent for, the sale of artwork. This means that local artists keep 100% of the sales they make from their art! Pick up a booklet in the gallery for pricing and artist contact information.

Music in Liturgy: *The Seven Last Words of Christ*

Good Friday, April 18, during the 12 p.m. noon service

Soloists Emily Stauch, Rowan Taymuree, and Graham Lin join the Senior Choir to present *The Seven Last Words of Christ* by French Romantic composer Théodore Dubois as the musical centerpiece for the Ecumenical Good Friday Service at St. Paul's. This moving musical portrait of the last three hours of Jesus's earthly life spans the disparate emotions of the historical events – from the pleading of Mary, the mob-like anger of the crowd, to Jesus's acceptance of his fate and his

ultimate crucifixion. It is a vivid portrayal. The service lasts three hours and concludes with 33 tolls of a tower bell.

Music in Liturgy: *St. John Passion* by Heinrich Schütz

During the 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

As part of the Proper Liturgy for Good Friday, the Chamber Choir of St. Paul's will again present Heinrich Schütz's *St. John Passion* as the passion Gospel.

The *Passion* will be sung in English. German Baroque composer Heinrich Schütz composed three *Passion* settings (Matthew, Luke and John) in his 80s. Schütz (1585–1672), a composer,

conductor, and singer, worked and lived in Dresden as court composer to the Elector of Saxony. His compositional style is marked by great efficiency and economy.



To our 21st century ears, this economy brings about an experience of clarity and simplicity that allows the texts and raw human emotion to come to the fore. According to liturgical practice of the day, none of Schütz's *Passions* have any instrumental accompaniment. They are for voices only. Additionally, allowing non-Biblical texts to enter the *Passion* story had not yet come into practice. Contrast this with J.S. Bach's monumental settings of St. Matthew and St. John for chorus, soloists, and full orchestra that not only tell the story of the passion, but expand it with use of poetic libretti and chorales.

A live performance of the *St. John Passion* by Schütz is something of a rarity these days. It can sound like Plainsong interrupted by choruses to our modern ears, but at times this plainsong narration erupts into biting emotion and sheer pain of the Passion story. It is an experience of Sabbath where we participate by actively listening and imagining the Passion of the Christ.

Formation

Lent 5: Waiting and Between Times: Agony or Treasure?

Sunday, April 6, 10:10 a.m.

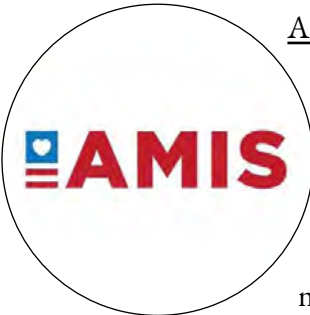


The friends of Jesus endured a terrifying between-time from Good Friday to Easter Sunday. In our lives, we wait for news, we wait for God to guide us about some decision. At St. Paul's we are waiting for a new rector, a new chapter to begin. Our

Search Committee's fabulous work is strengthened by the insightful expertise of Anne Schmidt, a professional consultant who has been supporting churches through leadership transitions since 2014. Anne will join us via Zoom to share her insights about waiting and between times.

Learn about the work of AMIS

Sunday, April 27 10:10 a.m.



Americans Making Immigrants Safe (AMIS) is an organization that works with immigrants and refugees (a group that has been most affected by recent changes in government policies). Learn more about their work and how we can respond as people of faith.

Lenten Evening Series

Wednesdays in Lent through April 9
7 - 8:30 p.m. (following 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist)

All are invited to our Wednesday Evening Lenten Series, beginning with Holy Eucharist at 6 p.m., dinner at 7, and our program at 7:30.

Feel free attend as few or as many evenings as you like, and to attend any or all parts of the evening.



The final two topics will be:

Wednesday, April 2: *Gather*, led by Rev. Gabriel
Wednesday, April 9: *Act*, led by Rev. Stephen

RSVP and sign yourself up for one or two of the helper slots. If everyone lends a hand once or twice throughout the series, it will help create evenings of connection, fellowship, and support as we enrich our awareness during Lent.

RSVP: TinyUrl.com/lent2025sp

Sign-ups are helpful for planning purposes but not required to attend! For dietary restrictions, please add a "comment" to the form when signing up.



Sign up online

Email Rev. Patricia with questions:
PRose@StPauls-Church.org

Outreach

Diaper Drive During Lent

Through Sunday, April 20

St. Paul's is offering a twist on the Lenten practice of almsgiving this year—we're recommending diaper giving!

AMIS (Americans Making Immigrants Safe) is holding a diaper drive for the families they work with and other refugees and asylum seekers.

Let's see how many disposable diapers we can gather. All sizes are needed, but especially **newborn** and **size 7**. Any kind of disposable diaper is welcome, including compostable. Monetary donations are welcome; put "**diapers**" in the memo (a large pack of a popular brand costs about \$55).

Drop off your donation in the Narthex on Sundays or in the Parish Office on weekdays, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

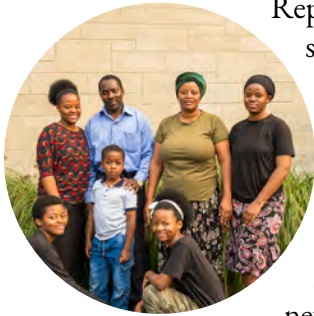
More information: TinyUrl.com/diapers2025

Outreach

An update on the Bahati Family

Many parishioners have requested an update about the Bahati Family, who, after arriving in the United States in 2023, was introduced to the faithful St. Paul's Refugee Ministry Team.

Originally from the Democratic Republic of Congo, this family of seven and the Refugee Team members developed deep and loving relationships as the team worked to support the family's adjustment and empower their integration into a new country. The great news is the family is doing well!



Parents Simon and Ansira are, with love and joy, continually making strides in establishing themselves and their children into a new life. Their four daughters, Penina (21), Sarah (18), Rebecca (16) Esther (14), and son, Irakoze (8) are achieving great things in their education and work. The family's hardworking and peaceful nature, warm exuberance, and glowing presence are an inspiration.

As of late January, all seven family members received their green cards. They also will be moving, as they have been assigned a Habitat for Humanity home to be built soon here in Cleveland! Simon has worked hard to complete the 300 required service hours to qualify for a Habitat for Humanity home.

Recently, Simon wrote a note to the St. Paul's community:

To St. Paul's,

The family of Simon Bahati is very happy to thank you for the work of love you have continued to show us. May God bless you and your families, and add more years to your life to live long. We end by wishing you a happy and prosperous year. May God give you what your heart wishes for. May it be a year of joy and laughter.

*Thank you,
The Bahati Family*

Parish Events

Reading Camp Book Fair

Sunday, April 13, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Tucker Hall

On Palm Sunday, Appletree Books will hold a book fair to benefit Reading Camp. There will be books for all ages with a special focus on books for children and youth. Find some fun books for the young people in your life or purchase books as a donation to the children attending Reading Camp this summer. All participants go home with several books of their own at the end of the program. Your support of this ministry is enormously appreciated!



Archives Team Work Session

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m., Dining Room

This team of exceptional St. Paul's volunteers will gather to review and verify the documents, cassettes or CDs in our archival boxes, and to sort historical photos. We heartily welcome interested newcomers. If you would like to learn how the artifacts of our history are archived, and to see the St. Paul's Archives Room, please join us! No prior experience or training required.

Please let David Sloan know if you will attend. Call (216) 408-5498 or email Sloan.David@yahoo.com.



Senior Saints Luncheon

Sunday, April 27, 12:30 p.m., Tucker Hall

All St. Paul's parishioners 75 and over are invited to join the clergy for the annual Senior Saints lunch. Hosted by the Vestry and Parish Fellowship Committee, we'll enjoy a hot, plated lunch and musical entertainment. RSVP to the Parish Office if you will attend and if you have any dietary restrictions.



Parish Events

Architecture Tours

Sundays, April 27 and May 25, 12:30 p.m.
 Meet in the Narthex (just behind the Nave/main worship space)



Do you know where the four Diocesan seals are in St. Paul's? How about the movie projection booth? Where can you find the image of a German World War II soldier? And just what did Dr. Albert Schweitzer have to say about our organ? Dave Loomis and William Vodrey will lead an hour-long tour of the church so you can find out! Whether you've been at St. Paul's for many years or just a few months, there's always more to discover about the wonderful space in which we all gather. Learn more about the architecture and art of St. Paul's!



Snapshots from "Godly Play" Sunday school classes



Left: Students in "Workshop Adventures" exploring the life of Jesus through creating their own short films



Below: film screening and panel discussion about the experience



Left: happy customers at the Fish Fry!

Below: Youth Group Whirly ball outing!

Bottom: Solemn Communion class baking bread together

