

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

March 10, 2019

"The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."  
Exodus 33:14

## WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** "More Love, More Power and More Love to Thee"

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

**HYMN OF PRAISE** "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" (#371 Red)

## GREET ONE ANOTHER

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**HYMN OF PREPARATION** "I am Thine, O Lord" (#419 Red)  
(PRAYER CARDS may be passed to the ushers at the end of the aisles)

## MORNING PRAYER

## GIVING OF HIS TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *Chancel Choir* – "How Beautiful"

**DOXOLOGY** (Red #95)

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**SCRIPTURE:** Exodus 33:12-17 (pg. 140)

**MESSAGE:** "The Promise"

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" (#564 Blue)

## BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** "Glory to Our God and King" Ritter

Check our website, [www.stpaulsbrick.org](http://www.stpaulsbrick.org) for last week's message "Taming the Tongue"

## OUR GREETERS FOR TODAY'S SERVICES ARE:

**9:00am:** Maryanne Downs

**10:45am:** Michael Rabe

**ACOLYTES:** Fiona Predham and Tyler Oliveira

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given by Loffredo Family and the Zakrzewski Family in loving memory of Betty and Teddy



## THE SIGN UP CHART FOR THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR IS IN THE NARTHEX.

We invite you to celebrate an event or remember loved ones by dedicating a flower arrangement to them. We all enjoy *fresh flowers* at our service each Sunday, and you are welcome to take them home after the second service. The flowers cost \$25.00. We ask that you please use the envelopes provided for your payment when you sign up. Payment must be received to order flowers.

Thank you.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available. Please see an usher. Equipment is also available to assist you in hearing the services. If this would benefit you, please speak to an usher.

## HELP US MINISTER TO YOU!

**If you or anyone you know is ill or going into the hospital please call the Church office and let us know 732-458-2080.**

## Senior JOY

Senior JOY will be meeting

**Thursday, March 14th, at 12 noon**, in Norcross Hall. Beverages and dessert will be provided. This month's program is being brought to you by: YOU. Please bring a sandwich and an item for "Show & Tell." All are welcome!



## THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

SUNDAY	03/10	9:00AM	TRADITIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE - SANCTUARY
		9:00	CHILDCARE- RM 2
		9:00	SUNDAY SCHOOL K- HIGH SCHOOL
		9:00	YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL
		10:10	FELLOWSHIP – NORCROSS HALL
		10:45	CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE
		10:45	ADULT BIBLE STUDY – YOUTH ROOM
		10:45	MARTHA CIRCLE – ROOM 10
		5:00PM	CONFIRMATION CLASS - LIBRARY
		6:00	PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY – LIBRARY
		6:00	YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
8:00	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS – NORCROSS HALL		
<b>Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:30pm</b>			
<b>MUSTARD SEED PRE-SCHOOL MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 8:45AM- 11:45AM</b>			
MONDAY	03/11	6:00PM	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS
		7:00	PRAYER AVALANCHE – CHAPEL
		7:00	TRUSTEE MEETING – LIBRARY
		7:00	BIBLE STUDY - STAFF LOUNGE
TUESDAY	03/12	<b>NOON</b>	<b>BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE</b>
		12:00PM	REBECCA CIRCLE
		12:00	SARAH CIRCLE
		7:00PM	ALANON GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
		7:00	MIRIAM CIRCLE – STAFF LOUNGE
7:00	MEN'S PRAYER GROUP – LIBRARY		
WEDNESDAY	03/13	6:00AM	MEN'S BREAKFAST
		10:00	THE QUILTERS - YOUTH ROOM
		10:30	LADIES SHARE – LIBRARY
		11:45	LENTEN LUNCH – NORCROSS HALL
		4:30PM	CHERUB CHOIR – 4 YR TO 1 <sup>ST</sup> GRADE
		6:00	HANDBELL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM
		6:00	YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
		7:00	LYDIA CIRLE - LIBRARY
		7:00	MID-WEEK WORSHIP – YOUTH ROOM
7:30	PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE – SANCTUARY		
THURSDAY	03/14	12:00PM	SENIOR JOY – NORCROSS HALL
		6:00PM	STRONGER HEARTS FOR CHRIST- NORCROSS
		7:00	TRUELIFE YOUTH GROUP – YOUTH ROOM
		7:00	BOY SCOUTS TROOP #33 – NORCROSS HALL
		7:00	ADULT BIBLE STUDY - LIBRARY
		7:00	CAROL CHOIR – 2 <sup>ND</sup> GRADE TO 5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
		7:00	CELEBRATION CHOIR – 6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE TO 12 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE
		8:00	CHANCEL CHOIR- MUSIC ROOM – 10 <sup>TH</sup> GR.- ADULT
FRIDAY	03/15	8:30AM	BULLETIN TEAM – CHURCH OFFICE
		6:00PM	PRAYER GROUP CHAPEL
		7:00	BIBLE STUDY – LIBRARY
SATURDAY	03/16	7:00AM	MEN'S DISCIPLE – YOUTH ROOM
		12:00PM	U.M.W AUCTION – NORCROSS HALL
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Our weekly events are updated frequently to keep you posted on the happenings of the church.

<https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsbrick/>



## Saint Paul's Church A United Methodist Congregation

Our Purpose is to:

**Praise** God through worship,  
**Grow** as disciples through study,  
**Share** our faith through testimony, and  
**Serve** others through ministry.

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# Intercessory Prayer

March 3, 2019

*"Let us be brave, then, where there is grace. There will we receive mercy and find grace to help us when we need it." Hebrews 4:16*

**HEALING** – prayers of healing for daughters Carol and Cathy; Paula Solley, a good friend of mine (and a neighbor of Bill and Judy P.) is in the hospital with pancreatitis (and an infection on top of that) going on 6 weeks now; for Zack with his knee; healing comfort for Chris, Nick and Paige in their sorrow; healing for Lorraine H., Jim, daughter Sue recovering from a stroke; friend with throat problems and sleep med addiction; praise to God my surgery was successful and thanks for everyone's prayers; a co-worker's daughter-in-law in a coma – help the family get through a difficult time; healing for my friend Jeff who just had bariatric surgery; my friend John just had a stent put in; Brielle for her knees to heal; healing for Max, Matilda, Eric, Dan; healing for Sharon's reconstructive surgery; healing for Steven after a bad fall; strength for Nick; prayers of strength, healing and love for Ginger, Katie and Maddie.

*"Do not be afraid or discouraged. The battle is not yours, but God's. Stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. The Lord will be with you." 2 Chronicles 20: 15, 17*

**CANCER SUFFERERS** – prayers for Gina for safe recovery from a brain tumor; Cindy and Sarah with cancer; cancer care for Lori, Lorraie Ed, Betsy, Jane, Lucille and Judy.

*"Walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, so that you may live and prosper and prolong your days."*

**SALVATION** – prayers for a dear friend on the loss of her son; prayers for my son trying to lose a lot of weight; prayers for Betty and myself; Alexa, Jenna, Camryn Bartone for hope and a future; my nephew James for hope and a happy future; for John S. who has gone home to our Father; Ed to know you as he helps; lost loved ones; family; help my family find their way to Jesus Christ.

*"Every good action and every perfect gift is from God. These good gifts come down from the Creator of the sun, moon, and stars, who does not change like their shifting shadows." James 10: 12-13*

**PRAISE** – Thank you for all the wonderful things you have given the world; peace for our world; thank you for all the wonderful things you have given me. Thank you for my whole family, praise for God's will continuing; praise for a friend's granddaughter recovering from anorexia.

*"People make plans in their minds, but only the Lord can make them come true. Depend on the Lord in whatever you do, and your plans will succeed." Proverbs 16:1, 3*

**GUIDANCE** – guidance for the Kelly family; guidance for Bryce looking for a new job; guidance for my 6 grandkids to keep them safe and on the right path in life; guidance for Bryan, Michael, Danielle, A.J., for my daughters to make good decisions; guidance for Damien at NYU; bless and care for the servicemen and women around the world. Bless the missionaries around the world; safety for Logan Carter as he returns back to Ft. Hood. He was visiting his family and he goes back to his duty as an MP.

*"I am leaving you with a gift-peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give isn't like the peace the world gives. So don't be troubled."*



**Sunday, March 24, 2019**

**2:00-4:00 PM**

Volunteers needed – Community invited

No admission charge

St. Dominick's Parish Roman Catholic Church  
250 Old Squan Road, Brick (corner of Route 88 and Van Zile Road)

## Attendance for March 3, 2019

Worship Attendance Last Sunday                    215  
Sunday School    53

### **MORTGAGE UPDATE:**

The mortgage balance as of March 1, 2019 is \$833,700

### Administrative Information

#### Communications

##### *E-Mail Announcements and Prayer Requests*

If you would like to be on the church e-mail list to receive announcements, reminders of upcoming events and prayer requests, e-mail your information to [penrodt@Comcast.net](mailto:penrodt@Comcast.net).

All Circuit Rider articles should be emailed to Nancy Penrod at [penrodt@Comcast.net](mailto:penrodt@Comcast.net). If you do not have access to a computer you can drop it off in the office or call Nancy at 732 458-7641. All articles should be sent to Nancy by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

**Bulletin Notices**-All information to be included in the Bulletin is due to the church office by **Tuesday at Noon**. If you have access to e-mail, please send your Bulletin announcement via e-mail to [Office@stpaulsbrick.org](mailto:Office@stpaulsbrick.org).

#### PASTORAL STAFF

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Judy Probert, Janet Post		Choir Directors
Cathy Applegate, Pam Snyder		Choral Accompanists
Peggy Blomquist, Judy and Bill Probert		Congregational Care
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#### MISSIONARIES

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Billy and Joanna Coppedge		Uganda
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# Sermon Notes

March 10, 2019

## **"The Promise"**

Text: Exodus 33:12-17 (pg 140)

**Sermon in a Sentence: "God's Great desire is to be close to you!"**

### I INTRO

- A. John Ortberg
- B. "God is closer Than You Think"

### II "The Promise

A: The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Presence

- 1> "I'll be with you"
- 2> Moses' life with God (Exodus 33:15-16)
- 3> Jesus = Immanuel
- 4> Eternal Presence Complete (Revelation 21:3)

B: The \_\_\_\_\_ of God's Presence

#### Signs of God's Presence

- 1.: \_\_\_\_\_ (Joshua 1:9)
- 2: \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 16:7)
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 16:8)
- 4: \_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 16:11)

### III. Conclusion

## TRUSTEES UPDATE

The Board of Trustees wanted to update the Congregation with regard to some of the repairs, maintenance and work being done at the church. Over the past few months the heating problems have begun to be addressed. New thermostats have been installed and two of the systems were not working. So the contractor was able to fix one of the systems with parts from the other and the other area is now being serviced with space heaters. As soon as a new motor is in the systems will be up and operating, the thermostats will be set and we will be back to normal.

Last month we had a big crew come out to clean the kitchen. Unfortunately no left over chocolate was found, but all equipment was cleaned and the floors were power washed so we have a refreshed kitchen.

Other projects which have been ongoing include:

- 1) The church passed the annual fire inspection after repair of some of the emergency fixtures.
- 2) We have a leaking pipe in the fire suppression system in the gym and are awaiting the arrival of the replacement part for repairs.
- 3) The front entry sign was repaired.
- 4) New bookshelves were purchased and installed in the library.
- 5) Bill and Jeff Propert fixed the floor waxing machine.
- 6) We continue to clean up the classroom area under the sanctuary in the aftermath of the August storm.
- 7) Gary Chadwick replaced the hot water heater at the Sally Ike Parsonage.
- 8) A handyman repaired the garage door at the Sally Ike Parsonage.

A lot of small things have to go on to keep our facilities in good condition. Many thanks to a lot of unnamed people who volunteer their time and funds to keep our church repaired. We try to do a third Saturday morning work day each month but it often gets bumped to the fourth Saturday and if you can spare a few hours come out and join us. We start at 8:00am and are usually done by noon.

During May we will be concentrating on repairs and beautification of the parsonages. If you can come out and help with those items which will include some painting, landscaping, and minor repairs we would love to improve the pastor's and youth pastor's homes.

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## HELP WANTED



Looking for Fellowship/Coffee Hour Coordinator

We need someone to oversee the scheduling of our Coffee hour and also the simple supplies that are needed to conduct it properly. This is a great way to help out a ministry at our church. This ministry brings people together between our 2 Sunday services and provides a wonderful time of fellowship.

If you are interested in learning more you can speak to Pastor Al Darby 732-458-2080 or Melissa Turner- 732-779-3246. Thank you

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## LENTEN LUNCHES



Our Lenten Lunches & Devotions will be meeting every Wednesday in **March**. Lunch will be from **11:45AM - 12:15PM** followed by devotions in the sanctuary. If you can't make the lunch you are still welcome to attend the Devotions in the Sanctuary starting about 12:20PM each week. If you are interested in providing soup, dessert or crackers for one of the weekly lunches please contact Ruth Baker at (732) 458-2712



## Women's Softball



St. Paul's Women Softball will have a team meeting on Monday **March 25, 2019 @ 6:30 pm** in the church. This will be our first team prep for the new season. Our first game is **Monday April 29, 2019.**

For more information about playing, please email Bill Shaffer: [fastcharger73@gmail.com](mailto:fastcharger73@gmail.com) or

732-259-0954

### UMW Circle Meetings for March 2019



Our hope is that one of these meeting dates will fit into your busy schedule. Why not give it a try? What have you got to lose? More importantly, what have you got to gain? Well, we think you'll gain a lot trying one of these:

**Martha Circle** 10:45 am, Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Call Diane Collis for more information at (732) 785-2750 or email Diane at [dcollis19@gmail.com](mailto:dcollis19@gmail.com)

**Rebecca Circle** noon, Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Ruth Baker for more information at (732) 458-2712 or email Ruth at [mbaker@comcast.net](mailto:mbaker@comcast.net)

**Sarah Circle** noon, Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Carol Kampf for more information at (732) 458-8232 or email Carol at [CarolKampf@yahoo.com](mailto:CarolKampf@yahoo.com)

**Miriam Circle**, 7pm, Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup>. Call Cathy Porzio for more information at (732) 458-8232 or email Cathy at [cporzio@verizon.net](mailto:cporzio@verizon.net)

**Lydia Circle**, 7pm, Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Call Margie Moss for more information at (732) 458-4857 or email Margie at [mmoss77@comcast.net](mailto:mmoss77@comcast.net)

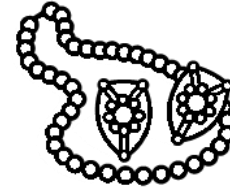
## *How's Your Memory?*

*Two things to remember ...*

1. **UMW Auction is March 16<sup>th</sup>. 12pm-2pm**
2. *You WILL have fun!*



*Mark your Calendars!*



**HAVE ANY "HIGHER" END JEWELRY? DONATE IT TO AN EVEN "HIGHER" CAUSE!**

*Please help make the UMW Auction an even BIGGER success this year by donating your nicer, unwanted jewelry.*

Every little bit helps! Perhaps you have jewelry gifts you've never worn. They'll make perfect gifts for someone else and your donation will help support the many UMW mission projects. Items may be donated up until start of auction, 11am on Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>. Also, drop offs may be coordinated through any UMW member. Please help us to help others!

### Friday Night Prayer Group



Are you or someone you know in need of prayer? Do you have cares and concerns? Would you like to re-affirm your commitment to Our Lord but are unsure where to start? The Friday evening prayer group is here for you. We have both male and female volunteers, and all prayer requests are held in confidence. **We meet at the chapel at St. Paul's ALL WELCOME**, and you do not have to stay for the whole hour, you are welcome to stop in for a few minutes on your way home from work.

*We will meet on Fridays from now till the end of May 2019.*

We look forward to seeing you.

## Foundational Truths of my life with God

1. God is always present and active in my life, whether or not I see Him.
2. Coming to recognize and experience God's presence is a learned behavior, I can cultivate it.
3. My task is to meet God in this moment.
4. I am always tempted to live outside this moment. When I do that, I lose my sense of God's presence.
5. Sometimes God seems far away for reasons I do not understand. Those moments, too, are opportunities to learn.
6. Whenever I fail, I can always start again right away.
7. No one knows the full extent to which a human being can experience God's presence.
8. My desire for God ebbs and flows, but His desire for me is constant.
9. Every thought carries a spiritual charge that moves me a little closer to or a little farther from God.
10. Every aspect of my life- work, relationships, hobbies, errands – is of immense and genuine interest to God.
11. My path to experiencing God's presence will not look quite like anyone else's.
12. Staining and trying to hard do not help.

**Review these truths once a day for two weeks as you cultivate the practice of God's presence.**

\*Excerpt from "God Is Closer Than You Think" by John Ortberg

## Bulletin Announcement

Laura Cross is looking to collect comforter carriers (the plastic bags that comforters or bed sheet sets come in) The bigger sizes are needed. These will be used to hold and store the knitting and crochet Group's blankets and help to keep it organized.

This group provides the blankets for baptisms and the prayer shawls given out to those in need. Please help if you are able. Thank you.

**The Knitting and Crochet Group meet again on March 17<sup>th</sup> After 1<sup>st</sup> Service.**

