



Weekly Newsletter

****Because of the Holidays the E-board will be distributed on Thursday the next two weeks, December 26 and January 2.****

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Today, January 2, 2020

**No St. Paul's Wednesday Night
Community Dinner**
Resuming January 8

No Celtic/Healing Service
Resuming January 8

**Parish Office will be closed December 25, 26
and January 1, and 2.**

This Sunday, January 5

Second Sunday after Christmas

8:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite I

10:00 am: Holy Eucharist, Rite II



Image: Adoration of the Magi, ca. 1520, Oak, with polychromy & gilding, South Netherlandish. This small, intimate scene combines two episodes: above, the three kings follow the star to Bethlehem (now mostly lost); below, they adore the infant Jesus. Collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

Upcoming St. Paul's Events

Wednesdays Evening Activities -

Join us on Wednesday evenings for a delicious meal at 5:15 pm (\$5/person, \$10/family), followed by our Celtic-Inspired Eucharist and Healing Service at 6:10 pm where we will commemorate a specific saint each week. All are welcome! Here's a look at the menus and saints to come: (parish closed; regular schedule resumes January 8)

Stewardship Update

We have received a solid number of pledges so far. For all of you who have gotten your pledge information to us, by card or online, thank you very much! We have received many pledges with increases, and a good number of new pledges. For all of you who have yet to make your pledge, this is a friendly reminder that we need you. Here is a summary of what we have received:

Total Pledges: 188 Pledged Amount: \$454,004 New Pledges: 27

Got Baptism?

The next traditional occasion for baptisms will be Sunday, January 12, the Feast of the Baptism of Christ. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or for a child, or are curious, please contact Mtr. Anne or Fr. Andy to learn more.



Time to Celebrate

St. Paul's is a vibrant and growing parish. Ministries, committees, and groups are changing and expanding. If you are staff, chair or co-chair of a ministry, program or committee we want to know what wonderful things took place in 2019 and what is planned for 2020. We would like to include this information in our annual reports. Please submit your reports to katiarp@stpaulsoregon.org by Monday, January 13, 2020. If you any questions please call Kati at 503-362-3661.

Contemplative Prayer

Join us for Contemplative Prayer on Thursdays at noon in the chapel. No experience, no RSVP required -- just curiosity and an open heart! For more

information, contact Bill Ryan or the church office.

Contemplative prayer is the heart centered practice of resting in the presence of God. Please join us.

Flower Sign-ups

It is time to consider and sign up for altar flowers for 2020. This is a great way to celebrate loved ones, special occasions and share with the congregation. The new sign up chart will soon be posted on the wall by Kati's office. If you have questions please call Linda Lange, 503-364-9668 or email LangeLange@comcast.net.

SPY Update

Regularly scheduled SPY groups are taking a short break. Stay tuned for when they will resume. Look for special events here in the bulletin announcements, in the weekly emails and on Instagram!



Evensong: Gian Carlo Menotti's miracle operetta "**Amahl and the Night Visitors**" will be staged in the main church at St. Paul's on **January 4 at 7 p.m. and January 5 at 4 pm.** There is no service of Evensong.

This child-friendly 50-minute operetta tells the story of a poor crippled boy and his mother who greet the three kings on their way to meet the Christ child. During the king's visit the boy is healed and joins them on their quest. Two pianos and two oboes accompany this music gift to the community of Salem. The church will be transformed into a theater with lighting and special costumes. Mikaela Starr plays the part of Amahl and Brooke Brooks plays the part of the mother. David Nelson, Barry Nelson and Sean Brooks take on the role of the three kings with Ray Phipps playing the part of the page. Written in 1951, "Amahl and the Night Visitors" was the first operetta to be broadcast live on television. The performance is open to the public. Contributions at the door are gratefully accepted.



Guest Choir to sing at St. Paul's: The Willamette University Chamber Choir under the direction of Dr. Wallace Long will sing at St. Paul's during the the 10:00 am worship service on January 12. The group will sing sacred prelude and postlude music along with voluntaries during the eucharist and

offering. The choir is beginning their week long tour of the Pacific Northwest at St. Paul's. Please come and join us to hear this extraordinary ensemble.

Acolytes and Chili Needed! If your child(ren) is between 8 and 18 who would like to serve in a vital ministry of the church, please consider becoming

an acolyte. They will be properly trained and serve at the 10 AM service about once a month. It's a great way to get up close and personal with the service. If your child is interested, please contact Mark Chien at jchien@ptd.net or call 503-990-7116.

The **CHILI COOK-OFF** is coming up fast! It will be on February 16 after church. **SAVE THE DATE!** We are seeking chili competitors. This is a chance to demonstrate your chili prowess to everyone in church! It is also a great way to support SPY and the acolytes. The entry fee is \$20 and expert judges will award prizes to the best chilis. Contact Mark Chien to sign up before January 31st, but the sooner the better! jchien@ptd.net or 503-990-7116.

Announcements and Local Events



THE WORD - WINTER 2019

Check out the latest issue of The Word for articles, events, and updates. The printed copy will be in the mail very soon. Click here to read now:

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This Week's Birthdays

JANUARY 3

Neale Quinzel

JANUARY 6

Chuck McCullough

JANUARY 4

David Gowing

JANUARY 7

Judith Hoffman

JANUARY 5

James Gahldorf
Doug Larson
Perry Brooks

SUBMISSIONS: If you have an announcement for the weekly email or bulletin, please send text to stpauls@stpaulsoregon.org by **Wednesday at 10am** for it to be included in that week's edition.

ONLINE PRAYER REQUEST FORM: We have an online prayer request form available on our website. You can click the link above to submit a name. You can navigate to that page by visiting stpaulsoregon.org and click "Church Forms" on the homepage, then click Prayer List Request.

