



NEWSLETTER

*A place of welcome. A place of grace. Rooted in love.
There is a place for you here.*

MAY 2026

Mother Monica's Message

The month of May is a time of transition-- in most of our personal lives but in the life of the church as well. We usher in the spring weather in earnest, our young people are busy graduating, the wedding season kicks off and we plan our gardens, our time with friends and embrace the pace of the summer season.

In our church calendar, the Church's celebrations will transition as well. We will finish moving through the Easter season of celebration, with its beautiful stories of Jesus' resurrection and time spent with his followers before ascending into heaven. At the end of the month we celebrate Pentecost-- the day God sent the Holy Spirit to the early Christians-- the birthday of the Church.

This is a great time to focus our own energies on how we feel God is calling us to 'BE the church". How has the Holy Spirit touched us-- as individuals and as a community of faithful people? How are we being called into the world to share the Gospel and be bearers of God's love?

These questions best get answered in community-- by sharing worship and fellowship, by discerning together. Come join us this Spring-- we have lots of work and love to share, See you in Church!

Mother Monica

SUNDAY SERVICE

10 a.m.
the Rev Monica Burkert-Brist

CHOIR MINISTRY

Thursday Practice 6:30 p.m.
Voice Lessons Saturdays 10 a.m.
Sunday Service Prep 9 a.m.

YOUTH MINISTRY

2nd Sundays at 9:50 a.m.
September - May



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Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 3

- Morning Prayer - Mother Monica gone

Wednesday, May 6

- Mary's Room Diaper Delivery at 9:45 a.m.

Friday, May 8

- Spring Market Fundraiser 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

- Spring Market Fundraiser 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sunday, May 10

- Mother's Day
- Youth Formation Sunday at 9:50 a.m. in the Youth Room

Sunday, May 24

- Special Clergy: The Rev. Portia Corbin, a priest serving at St. John's in New London

Tuesday, May 26

- Men's Group 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 31

- Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wednesday, June 6

- Mary's Room Diaper Delivery 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, June 7

- Baptism of Robin Billingham-Woods

Thursday, June 11

- Mother Monica's 10th Ordination Anniversary with Bishop 6:00 p.m.

Monday, June 22

- Vestry Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 23

- Men's Group 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Watch this Space-- Upcoming News and Events

We have lots to look forward to at St Paul's this spring and summer. Watch for more info to come about the following summer programming plans: Individualized or small group Bible Study led by John Fritz, Summer book club, and Weekday Morning and Evening Prayer offerings in our lovely chapel.

Spring Market

We will have a sign up sheet for helping on the bulletin board in Guild Hall. Looking for help for setup on Thursday 5/7 and Friday 5/8. Also on day of sale 5/9, and clean up on Monday 5/11. People can bring items on Wednesday through Friday morning prior to the sale. When Jen posts on facebook please share to your friends. Any questions ask co-chairs, Jean Kalivoda, Sherry Fraser or Julie McIntosh.



Youth Group

Our youth were given the challenge to use food cans or boxes to create a religious story or object. They came up with the idea “Jesus is the Bread of Life”. They used 138 bags of rice, 178 cans of vegetable soup and 299 cans of chicken noodle soup to build their loaf of bread with a cut slice in the front. At the end of April the cans and rice will be delivered to the Bread Basket Food Pantry which is just a couple of blocks away from St. Paul’s. Thank you to members who also contributed cans of food for this project.

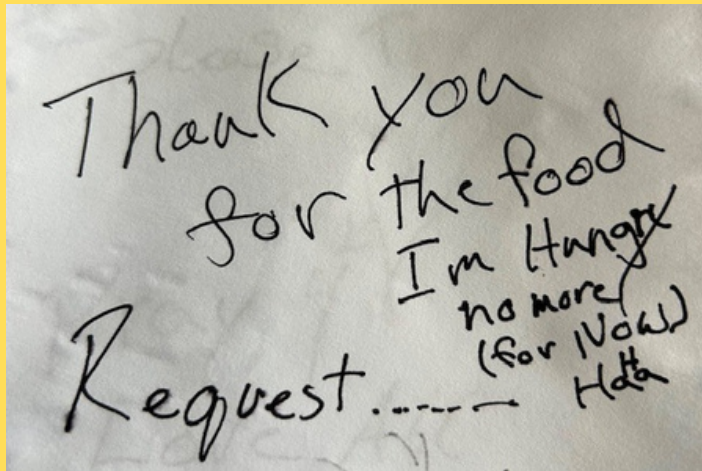


The next youth Sunday school is on May 10th, meet in youth room at 9:50am. We do not meet during the summer. We'll resume meeting the second Sunday of September.



Making a Difference

These notes were found in our Blessing Box from grateful community members.



Your contributions help people in our community immediately.



- **Dan and Sam** - Thank you for mopping out the Sweeney Room and disposing of the ruined carpets after the big rainfall
- **The Building and Grounds Committee!** - Thank you to the members of the B&G committee for many of you stepping up to the plate and identifying areas you are willing to work on to improve St. Paul's appearance. - Vicki
- **Amy, Jean, and Fran** - Thank you for cleaning out cupboards and organizing things! - Vicki
- **Fran, Jerry, and Dan** - Thank you for the AMAZING garage cleaning and organizing!!
- **John & Jared Fritz, Main Family, and Allie Dow** - Thank you for helping out with the Blessing Box!
- **Ellen and Jean** - Thank you for all the work you do everyday. - Susie
- **Sara & David** - Thank you for the continued hard work and amazing contributions to St. Paul's music and choral support, enhancing our weekly workshop!

Our freshly cleaned shed !



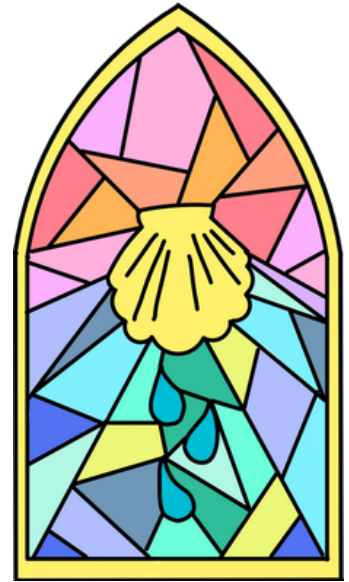
Musings from your Junior Warden

May 24, 2026

Greetings St. Paul's Family,

Life is busy at St. Paul's. My sincere gratitude goes out to the many who have accomplished the following in the past month:

- Received bids from Custom Restoration for tuck pointing the church and rectory.
- Amy organized the Sweeney Room and the new Bazaar/Plant Room!
- Two parishioners agreed to wash the Guild Hall windows.
- A small sign has been placed on the "shade puller" in the Guild Hall. Please use this tool if you cannot reach the middle of the shade when opening and closing them. The "shade puller" is located behind the large plant which is next to the couch.
- A reminder to those who clean up after an activity in the Guild Hall, specifically, if you wash the dishes. Please do not put any damp dishes away in the cupboards. In the past we have found mold on some plates. Feel free to leave the clean dishes in the drainer. They will get put away when dry.
- We are working on selling the lovely Madrigal costumes that were created by Juliet.
- The garage has been cleaned out thanks to Dan and Jerry. It needs to stay organized so there is room for Mother Monica's outdoor items to be stored there in the fall.
- The mulch around the church and rectory was distributed and paid for by an anonymous donor.
- We have received bids to update our fire alarm system.
- Cinta completed their spring up of our Ansul System on the range hood.
- The pollinator sign has been put up in the pollinator garden.
- The orange furniture and green chair that was in the Guild Hall has found a new home.
- The batteries in the carbon monoxide detectors have been replaced.
- The monthly fire alarm test has been completed.
- The water in the basement and the front entry was cleaned up when necessary.
- Jean painted the door to Mary's Room.
- In the rectory the bathroom issues have been addressed.
- Both the rectory and church roofs are being checked for hail damage.
- Amy donated a 4-drawer file cabinet to the Choir for the music that was stored in cardboard boxes in the office. David is organizing the music.



In all likely hood I have missed some completed projects. My apologies to those involved.

Be a Blessing,

Fran

BLESSING BOX

While you're at the grocery store, please consider picking up one or two items from this list to help stock our Blessing Box.

Personal care items:

- deodorant
- toothpaste
- small boxes of kleenex
- individually wrapped single toilet paper rolls
- small feminine hygiene products
- bar soap
- packages of plastic silverware

GROCERY LIST

- instant soups
- dry packaged soup mixes
- single serve packets of tuna, chicken, or proteins like SPAM
- granola bars
- jerky
- nuts
- small or single serving boxes of cereal or microwaveable meals
- pop-top canned soups

Pastoral Care is a Parish Team Effort

On Sunday, April 26, members of St Paul's participated in a short discussion during coffee hour led by Mother Monica and Georgia Irre about how we can improve the care and support we provide each other in our church family during times of need.

We recognize St Paul's already does a fine job reaching out and caring for each other but our goal is to make the ministry more intentional.

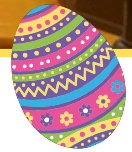
Georgia demonstrated that pastoral care ministry is actually an umbrella with many component sections: meal support, transportation, visiting (including Communion) and being a walking companion (longer term, one on one, support).

Folks in attendance were given the opportunity to sign up for one or more of these care teams. If you would like to help but have not signed up, contact Mother Monica or Jen to get on the list.



We've Got You Covered !

Easter Celebration



TIME TO
Celebrate

ANNIVERSARY
SAVE THE DATE

You're
Invited

Mother Monica will celebrate the 10th Anniversary of her Ordination to the Priesthood on **Thursday, June 11 at 6:00 p.m.** Bishop Matt Gunter will join us for a celebratory evening Eucharist and reception following in the Guild Hall. Please come help celebrate.

May

Happy Birthday

- 2nd John Fritz
- 10th Linda Kennedy
- 12th Gary Schueler
- 15th Amy Dunlop
- 18th Cindy Capps
- 23rd Sherry Fraser
- 23rd Jean Jolliff
- 25th James Main



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Church Leadership

Bishop: The Rt. Rev Matt Gunter
Rector: The Rev. Monica Burkert-Brist
Senior Warden: Vicki Wright
Junior Warden: Fran Vandre
Assist. Jr. Warden: Dan Devers
Church Musicians: David & Sara Dow
Administrator: Jen Devers

*For pastoral care visits, at-home communion,
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& Credit Cards

Spring MARKET

South 3rd St & Spring St, Watertown

Hanging
Baskets by
By-Pass Greenhouse



FRIDAY

MAY

8

AT 3:00 PM
TO 6:00 PM

Cherry Jams
& Baked
Goods

SATURDAY

MAY

9

AT 9:00 AM
TO 1:00 PM



Pies &
Cheesecakes

Great Gifts for Mother's Day

Beautiful Annual & Perennial
Plants, Homemade Gifts & Crafts,
with St. Paul's Famous Canned
Jams and Baked Goods!

All items made & donated from
members & friends
for the benefit of St. Paul's & its ministries

Thank you to By-Pass
Greenhouse for Plant donations

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