

**ST. PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL
CHURCH**

St. Paul's Shield

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*St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Morning Prayer 8:00am
Holy Communion Service is at 10:00am
every Sunday in person,
live stream on Facebook.*



**Back to School Blessing
On Sunday August 3, St. Paul's
will have a "Back to School"
blessing for everyone
involved with school -
students, teachers, etc.
We will also have a blessing
of the backpacks.**

St. Paul's Celebration

On Sunday July 6, St. Paul's had their Ice Cream Contest and 4th of July Celebration. We had Holy Eucharist service and had our celebration after service in the parish hall. Carter Trahan won the Ice Cream Contest. He was super excited "Congratulations Carter" We also enjoyed hot dogs, chips and watermelon along with the homemade ice cream.



Back to School Donations

St. Paul's collected school supplies for schools in the surrounding area and will be donated for the Back to School event held at LSCO. Thanks to everyone who contributed.



5th Sunday Luncheon
 St. Paul's will have their 5th Sunday Luncheon on Sunday, August 31st after the 10:00am service. Please bring a dish according to your last name initial: or something that you would like to bring:

A-D Dessert
 G-K Salad
 L-R Veg
 S-W Meat

If you have any questions, email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or 409-883-2969.

Happy 90th birthday Shirley Marshall
 A celebration was held at St. Paul's on July 5.



The Feast of the Transfiguration – August 6



Feast that celebrates Jesus' radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James, and John, on a high mountain (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36). The Gospel of Matthew records that "he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light." At this moment Moses and Elijah appeared, and they were talking with Jesus. Peter, misunderstanding the meaning of this manifestation, offered to "make three booths" for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. A bright cloud overshadowed them and a voice from the cloud stated, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." The disciples fell on their faces in awe, but Jesus encouraged them to arise and "have no fear." They saw only Jesus. This event is alluded to in 2 Pt 1:16-18, which records that "we were eyewitnesses of his majesty" and "we were with him on the holy mountain." The Transfiguration revealed Christ's glory prior to the crucifixion, and it anticipated his resurrection and ascension. It may have given strength and comfort to his disciples in the difficult times that followed. It also prefigures the glorification of human nature in Christ.

Celebration of the Transfiguration began in the eastern church in the late fourth century. The feast is celebrated on Aug. 6. This was the date of the dedication of the first church built on Mount Tabor, which is traditionally considered to be the "high mountain" of the Transfiguration. Others locate the Transfiguration on Mount Hermon or the Mount of Olives. Celebration of the feast was not common in the western church until the ninth century. It was declared a universal feast of the western church by Pope Callistus III in 1457. The feast was first included in the English Prayer Book as a black letter day in the 1561 revision of the calendar of the church year. It was included as a red letter day with proper collect and readings in the American Prayer Book of 1892. Its inclusion reflects the efforts of William Reed Huntington, who wrote the BCP collect for the Transfiguration. This collect prays, "O God, who on the holy mount revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening: Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world, may by faith behold the king in his beauty. . . ." (BCP, p. 243). The Transfiguration is listed among the holy days of the church year as a Feast of our Lord. Other provinces of the Anglican Communion followed the lead of the Episcopal Church in celebrating the Transfiguration as a major feast. /www.episcopalchurch.org

St. Mary, the Virgin Feast day August 15

The Feast of Saint Mary the Virgin is celebrated on August 15 in the Episcopal Church. It is listed in the church calendar as one of several major Holy Days that "are regularly observed throughout the year" by Episcopalians. A feast day celebrating Mary has been observed on August 15 across the Eastern, Western, Coptic and Oriental churches dating back to at least the late 7th Century.

The Orthodox Church teaches that Mary died a natural death, like any human being; that her soul was received by Christ upon death; and that her body was resurrected on the third day after her repose, at which time she was taken up, bodily only, into heaven. Her tomb was found empty on the third day. Roman Catholic teaching holds that Mary was "assumed" into heaven in bodily form. Some Catholics agree with the Orthodox that this happened after Mary's death, while some hold that she did not experience death.

Elements of this tradition are found in the prayers and readings used on the feast of Saint Mary the Virgin as it is celebrated in the Episcopal Church, and certainly in the hymnody traditional for the day. For example, the opening Collect of the Day proclaims: "O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary... [Grant that we] may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom." Also, in visual art and hymnody Mary is frequently depicted crowned as queen of heaven, in response to the psalmist who says, "On your right hand is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir." That said, our tradition designates August 15th as a celebration of Mary's entire life and Christian witness as recounted by the New Testament writers, rather than one event celebrated by later traditions but not found in the New Testament.



Feast of St. Bartholomew, The Apostle—Feast Day August 6

All that is known of him with certainty is that he is mentioned in the synoptic gospels and Acts of the Apostles as one of the twelve apostles. His name, a patronymic, means "son of Tolomai" and scholars believe he is the same as Nathanael mentioned in John, who says he is from Cana and that Jesus called him an "Israelite...incapable of deceit."

The Roman Martyrology says he preached in India and Greater Armenia, where he was flayed and beheaded by King Astyages. Tradition has the place as Abanopolis on the west coast of the Caspian Sea and that he also preached in Mesopotamia, Persia, and Egypt.
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Shield Information is due August 15.
Vestry Meeting is August 17 after the
10:00am service.

Happy Birthday

Breitenstein, Anne	8/04
Bruce, David	8/05
Hancock, Mr. Ray	8/07
Rotsch, Kerri	8/07
Dugas, Hannah	8/10
Reeves, Aidan	8/10
Hagen, Miss Rebecca	8/15
Michaelis, Mrs. Myra	8/15
Lane, Mrs. Peggy	8/17
Hancock, Reagan Kinley	8/19
Hughes, Mr. Ben	8/28
Jones, Sherlon	8/28
Kelley, Rachel (Harrison)	8/29
Hagen, Mrs. Kara	8/30

Happy Anniversary

Gilbeaux, Troy & Valrie	8/10
Field, David & Charlene	8/14
Hancock, Ray & Ruth	8/23
Lincecum, Roger & Shana	8/25

Prayer List Info

Just a reminder that our Prayer list will change each month. I have a sign up sheet in the narthex or you can email me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

Book Study

Every Sunday St. Paul's will have a Bible Study with Mother Meg and Deacon Margaret at 9:15am. Come early and get some coffee and a comfortable seat.



Daughters of the King DOK will meet on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:30am.

If you would like to be on St. Paul's email list, birthday, or anniversary list please email the office at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com or call at 409-883-2969. Peace and Blessings to you!

The 1st Sunday of the Month is Outreach Sunday

On the 1st Sunday of each month St. Paul's loose plate offering will be for Outreach.

If you make out a check please make a note in the Memo line. If you have any questions, please contact me at stpauls@stpaulsorangetx.com.

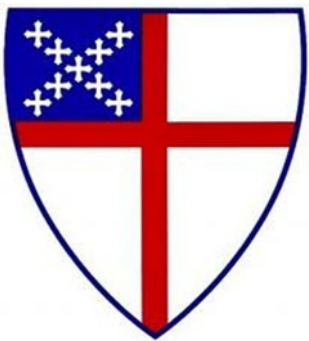
St. Paul's Family & Friends Prayer List

Pray for the family of Ginnie Rotsch
Pray for the family of Robert Walker
Pray for the family of Don Terry
Jay Todd Cleaver,
Amanda,
Ken & Dixie Armstrong,
Betty, Karen & Don Ball, Sr.,
Hal Bean,
Anne Breitenstein,
Charles & Ann Burns
Doris Byrd,
Jay Butts,
Carolyn,
Kayla & Mackenzie Cheek,
Robert Cheek,
Chris
Sharon Debes,
Martin & Hannah Dugas,
John & Teri Duos,
Maggie Farrington,
Tim Fading,
Tom & Marsha Freeland,
Chris Gayle
Kim & Alex Gordon
Mike, Kelly, & Elizabeth Guillot

Shaun Hallman,
David Haley, Ricky Haley,
Heather,
Patsy Herrington,
Carolyn Hessong
Mimi Hollier,
Amber Hollier
Delmos Hooker,
Rosie Hurst,
Yolanda Jackson,
Allen Jones,
Jerry & Sherlon Jones,
Renee
Peggy Lane,
Maria
Megan
Jasper,
Peggy Johnson,
Lori,
Ruby
Madeline,
Mary,
Ken & Debra Marceniak
Kenric & Jana Marshall,
Shirley Marshall,

Bruce and Roxanne McGraw,
Justin Morvant,
Bernice Plunkett,
Rosemary,
David Silk,
Shawna
Easton Smith & family
Ronnie Sonnier,
Pete & Delores Sterling,
Paul
Ken Slaughter,
Terese & Liam
Kendal Thomas
Nancy Walker,
Haley & Dennis Walton,
Alyssa Wilson
Dena,
Catherine,
Ben Garcia,
Kady Michaelis,
Paula

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**8:00am Morning Prayer
Enriching our Worship
(Family Service) 10:00am
In person, Live Stream Service on
Facebook or from our
website every Sunday.**