

March 8, 2026

Announcements and In Our Prayers.

Lenten Worship Services

Through Lent, Dean Marshall Vang will preach a sermon series, The Instruments of Our Lord's Passion, at Sunday services.

St. Paul's will offer Stations of the Cross in collaboration with St. Andrew's Episcopal Church during Lent. Services were held at St. Paul's at 11:00 am on the first three Thursdays of Lent. Services will be held at St. Andrew's, 10 S. Main Ave., Albany, at 11:00 am on the next three Thursdays: March 12, 19 and 26. No Stations of the Cross service will be held on Maundy Thursday, April 2.

Maundy Thursday service, April 2, will be celebrated with the choir at 7:00 pm, preceded by a light supper at 6:00 pm. Candace Deisley will also say Morning Prayer at 10:00 am in the chapel. Good Friday service will be offered on April 3 at 12:10 pm only. The Great Vigil of Easter will be celebrated on Saturday, April 4 at 7:00 pm. Easter Day (April 5) services will be celebrated at 8:00 am and 10:30 am. Receptions will follow both the Saturday Vigil and the Easter Sunday 10:30 service.

In addition to the regular celebrations of the Holy Eucharist at 8:00 am and 10:30 am every Sunday, the Eucharist is also celebrated most Wednesdays at 12:10 pm in the chapel. Morning Prayer is said in the chapel on most Tuesdays at 9:00 am and at 10:00 am on most Thursdays. Check the [parish calendar](#) to confirm days and times of these services.

Lenten Bible Study

Deacon Alicia Todaro will lead Bible Study in the library following the 10:30 service, Sundays in Lent. This series is titled, "Christ's Last Week."

Lenten Book Group

Looking for a way to connect with others as a part of your Lenten discipline this year? We will gather to participate in United Thank Offering's 5-session book club on The Serviceberry: Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World by Robin Wall Kimmerer (available for purchase on Amazon).

The Serviceberry encourage us to think more deeply about gift, reciprocity, and gratitude. We'll explore this book together and see what we can learn about gratitude as a way to give thanks by word and deed for the gifts given by the world around us. While reading the text prior to the meeting will enhance your experience, it is not required. You're also welcome to attend all 5 sessions or just the ones when you're available. If you can't attend Tuesday noon in person, contact Bill Harrison (whtenor@aol.com) to discuss a possible evening Zoom call based on participant schedules.

Five Tuesdays in Lent: February 24 & March 3, 10, 17, 24 Noon – 1:00 pm, Blue Room

All Are Able Task Force Survey

Bishop Williamson has assembled a task force of clergy and lay people to help churches in our diocese be welcoming to families and individuals with disabilities. The task force is assessing needs through a survey for families who have someone with a disability. If you are an individual with a disability or are related to an individual with a disability, however you may define it, please consider completing the very brief [survey](#). Or, you may download and complete a [printable PDF form](#). Please return the completed PDF form to Deacon [Debbie Beach](#) or [Cathy Roy](#). Finally, you may contact Deacon Beach or Ms. Roy to arrange to speak by telephone.

Diocesan Mission Conference

All are invited to the 2026 diocesan Mission Committee's conference, "Walking the Way of Micah 6:8: Justice, Mercy and Humility," Saturday, May 2. [Information and registration](#).

Immigration Action Toolkit

The Episcopal Church has prepared a helpful [toolkit](#) with a number of resources regarding immigration and support of migrants.

PAWS (Pets Are Wonderful Support)

Veteran and Potential Bowlers, Sponsors, and Cheerleaders -- Below is the link for registering to bowl in this year's PAWS fundraiser, Sunday, March 8. PAWS is a program of the Albany Damien Center that "provides pet food/supplies, veterinary care, and in-home support for the pets of persons living with HIV/AIDS to prevent isolation and loneliness and ensure the beneficial effects of pet ownership. PAWS does not receive any government funding, and relies exclusively on the support of the community to keep this vital program going strong.";

<https://www.bowlathon.net/event/bowling-for-paws-2026/>

If you decide to register this way, choose “St. Paul’s Episcobowlers” from the dropdown menu of teams, then enter your personal information as requested. If you prefer, contact Bob Englert at Bob.Englert@gmail.com, and he will do the on-line registration for you.

AND, if you don’t want to bowl, sponsors and cheerleaders are more than welcome!

Volunteer Opportunities

St. Paul’s can only accomplish its multi-faceted mission with the help of volunteers. At this time, we are seeking assistance in the parish office and with minor maintenance tasks, e.g., floor tile replacement, drywall repair, painting and kitchen appliance upkeep. Contact [Mark Lowery](#) if interested.

Finally, the Altar Guild requests assistance with polishing the parish’s brass and silver, 10:00 am, Saturday, March 7.

Canon Revisions

The Committee on Constitution and Canons has posted the second draft of the proposed revision to the Canons of the Diocese. Please submit questions or comments to Canon Neal Longe at nlonge@albanydiocese.org by Monday, April 13. The Committee will then consider any feedback received and will release another draft (if needed) for further discussion. [Click here to view the proposed canons.](#)

Community Needs

Donations collected in the baskets in the narthex are delivered to St. John’s/St. Ann’s Food Pantry, which provides emergency supplemental food for residents in the South End of Albany. Donations of non-perishable food, toiletries (which cannot be purchased with food stamps), infant formula, baby food and diapers may be placed in the baskets located in the narthex. Donations are acknowledged at the offertory during the 10:30 a.m. service and delivered to the St. John’s/St. Ann’s Outreach Center on Fourth Avenue. www.sjsacenter.org

Please contribute generously to the food baskets in the narthex and to ministries such as Loaves and Fishes and [the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York.](#)

Albany Blooms

The Albany Blooms Thriving Parish Initiative is a diocesan effort to support, equip and strengthen the work and ministry of the parishes of the diocese. A facilitated Lectio Divina session is held weekly in St. Paul's library weekly at 11:30 am, Wednesdays, prior to the 12:10 pm service. Benedictine Reading and Lectio Groups meet weekly (Tuesday afternoons in person in Greenwich, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings online). The groups are always open to additional participants. More information about that can be found at <https://albanyblooms.org/grow>.

Deacon's Discretionary Fund

You may contribute anonymously to the deacon's discretionary fund through a loose plate offering on a first Sunday, or you may make a directed donation by check or cash placed in an envelope.

Pastoral Care

If you or a loved one are in need of pastoral care, or would like to add yourself or a loved one to the prayer list, please contact the parish office (518-463-2257) or email StPaulsEpAlbany@gmail.com during office hours.

Office Hours

Parish office hours: 8:00 am – 1:00 pm, Monday-Thursday. Voice mail left at the church office (518-463-2257) and emails sent to StPaulsEpAlbany@gmail.com will be checked on those days. In case of emergency, call or text 518-339-9466.

IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

For those who celebrate a birthday:

Michael G. 3/11.

For those in need of healing, guidance, and comfort:

Paul N., Russell H., Raelynn H., Matt A., Ty C., Jen A., Lynn B., Elizabeth E., Joe T., Hilda H., Cheryl S., Anita F., Laura.

For our mission partners:

Mother Martha Hubbard and the people of Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany.
Father Samuel Louis Charles, and the people of Christ the King
Episcopal Church and parish school in LaHoye, Haiti.
Father Nicolas Stebbing, and the Tariro orphanages.

For the departed: Richard T. Roberts, Robert Cook and all our loved ones.

For the victims of conflict and violence.

**For the victims of natural disasters throughout the world
and those who suffer from or are vulnerable to extreme weather conditions.**

For the victims of gun violence.

PRAYER FOR A NEW RECTOR

Almighty God, giver of every good gift; Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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