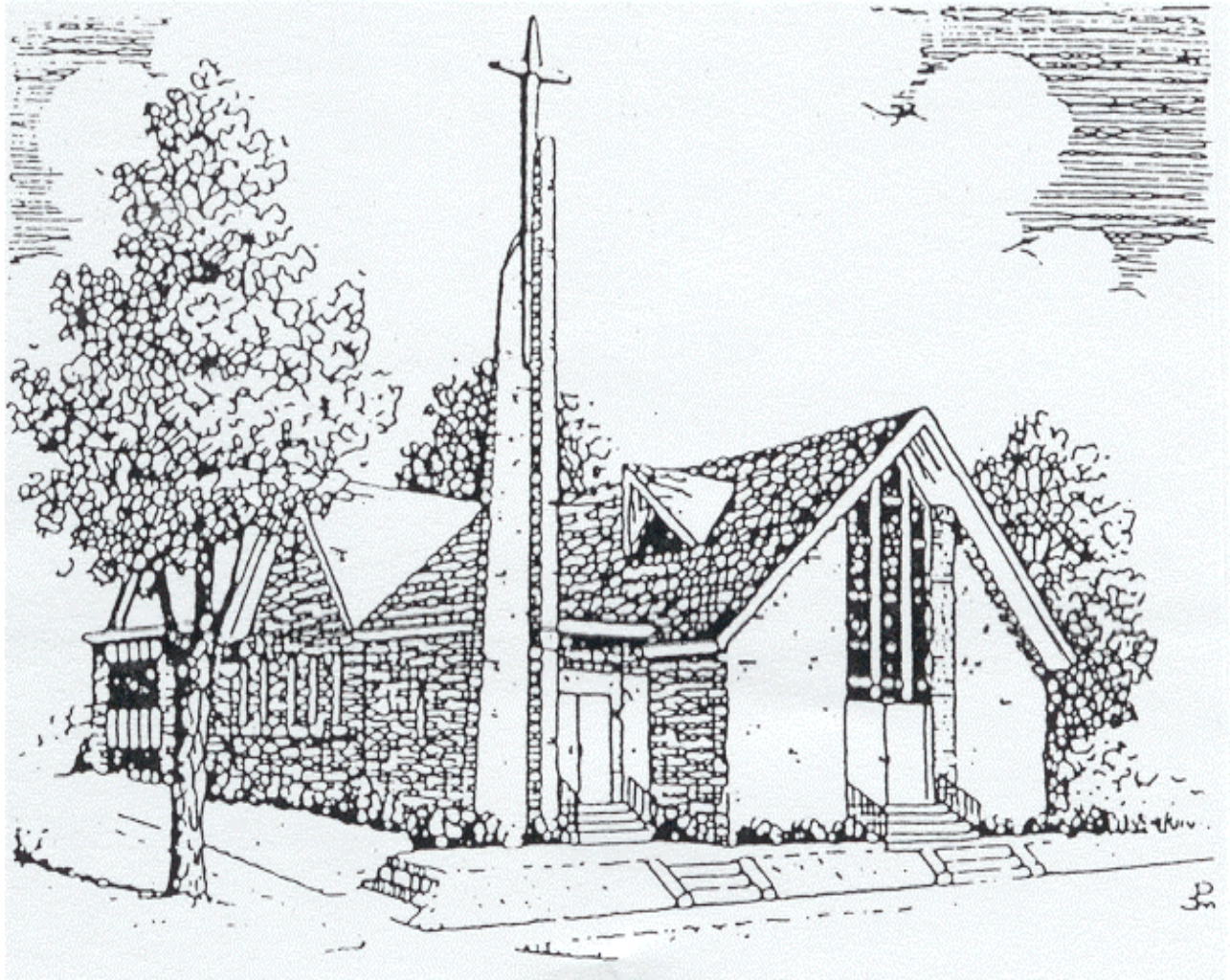




St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Good News



**Feb. Mar. Apr.
2021**

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Clergy's Corner

February 1, 2021

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Siblings in Christ,

Rarely have God's mysteries felt more troubling or more mysterious. During international suffering and national struggle, I am not comforted when I hear that God works in mysterious ways. I want to experience God's certainty, Christ's guidance, and the Holy Spirit's comfort - especially right now.

Instead, we are entering Lent. The traditional Lenten sacrifices - prayer, fasting, and almsgiving - feel more demanding during a pandemic. Haven't we sacrificed enough?

Maybe Lent 2021 requires us to reframe sacrifice. "Sacrifice" is related to "sacred," to set apart, to make holy.

How can we reframe the sacrifice of prayer? Perhaps we could pray for an end to human suffering.

How can we reframe the sacrifice of fasting? Perhaps we could fast from injustice and division.

How can we reframe the sacrifice of almsgiving? Perhaps we could offer alms of doubt and despair.

Lent can be challenging, even in non-pandemic times. Lent 2021 is uniquely challenging, especially as we wonder, "Haven't we sacrificed enough?"

Let us pray that God blesses our sacrifices, makes them holy, and sets them apart to Christ's greater glory.

In Christian Hope,

Rev. Foley

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Senior Warden's Report

At this time of year we should all be looking forward to the many celebrations and Christian feasts that are always associated with the Autumn & Winter seasons. Unfortunately, this year most of those celebrations will be either cancelled or go forth on a smaller version than prior years. I look forward to a calmer, happier 2021as I'm sure all of you do.

The business of your Vestry still moves ahead. Right now we are looking for parishioners willing to serve as a Vestry Member or Junior Warden. These positions are important for future management of our Parish. Please consider offering your time and talents in this area. Anyone interested should contact me or Rev. Foley for information.

Along with the Vestry, all of our other ministries are in need of volunteers. Should you have a preference, please speak with either the chair person or Rev. Foley.

Please stay healthy and know that as we go forward we are surrounded by God's love.

Irene Parker



Please Support

The Bound Brook School District's

Food Pantry

Since March 13, the district has been providing food to local families in need through donations from our local food bank, school district staff, residents of the area, local organizations, and local churches. We are currently providing food to approximately 150 families every week. While the district itself serves breakfast and lunch to our students during the weekdays, many families are unable to secure food other than those meals.

School district staff volunteer to offer a "make shift" food pantry for our students and families every Friday at the Lamonte School from 10am to 12pm. We rely on donations to keep this going each week. Please consider helping us in our effort. Any donation is greatly appreciated.

Please drop off your donations at the BOE Offices
130 West Maple Avenue, Bound Brook
Monday through Thursday
9:00AM-3:00PM

JANUARY Donation Suggestions:

The following is a list of donations needed for the month of January:

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| • Produce | • Spaghetti O's, Ramen | • Baby wipes |
| • Dairy items | • Noodles | • Toilet Paper |
| • Cold foods | • Canned Tuna, Chicken, | • Paper Towels |
| • Cereal and Oatmeal | • Beef | • napkins |
| • Small Bags Chips/Pretzels | • Coffee & Tea | • Soap |
| • Pancake Mix and Syrup | • Mayo, ketchup, mustard | • Laundry Detergent |
| • Dried Rice/Beans (<5 lb bags) | • Other condiments | • Dish Soap |
| • Cookies/Crackers | • Salad Dressing | • Sponges |
| • Shelf stable milk | • Baking Items | • Shampoo/Conditioner |
| • Juice, soda, seltzer | • Flour/sugar | • Toothbrush/Toothpaste |
| | • Baby Food | • Other Hygiene Products |

Also accepting:

- Gift cards to local grocery stores (such as Shop Rite, Costco, Walmart, or Target)

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The Bound Brook School District's Food Pantry is grateful for your donations of food and needed supplies. When donating items to the food pantry, please remember to check the expiration dates.

UPCOMING DATES

Celebrations of Ash Wednesday and Easter will not be scheduled until the dates approach. Please keep your eyes open for communications from the church office with dates and times.

On February 3 at 7 PM, there will be a virtual congregational conversation about possibly resuming in-person worship.

The 2021 Annual Meeting is postponed until we can meet in person. Communications are forthcoming. Thank you for your patience!

TREASURER'S REPORT

Although we will not meet in person for the foreseeable future, please remain faithful in your financial commitment to Saint Paul's by mailing your regular offering to the church office, and returning your 2021 pledge card:

214 Church Street, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

Art Hoffman

SUPER SOUPER

We will be continuing our popular tradition of collecting soup and/or crackers on Super Bowl Sunday which is February 7, 2021. Items can be brought to the church that day between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. when the Lunch On Us people are serving. Items can be placed on, under or near the benches leading into Rennell Hall.

At the same time additional warm-weather wear will be collected for the Lunch On Us guests or others who may be in need. Coats, jackets, gloves, scarves, hats, warm socks, etc. will be collected and much appreciated.

Thank you in advance for your participation!