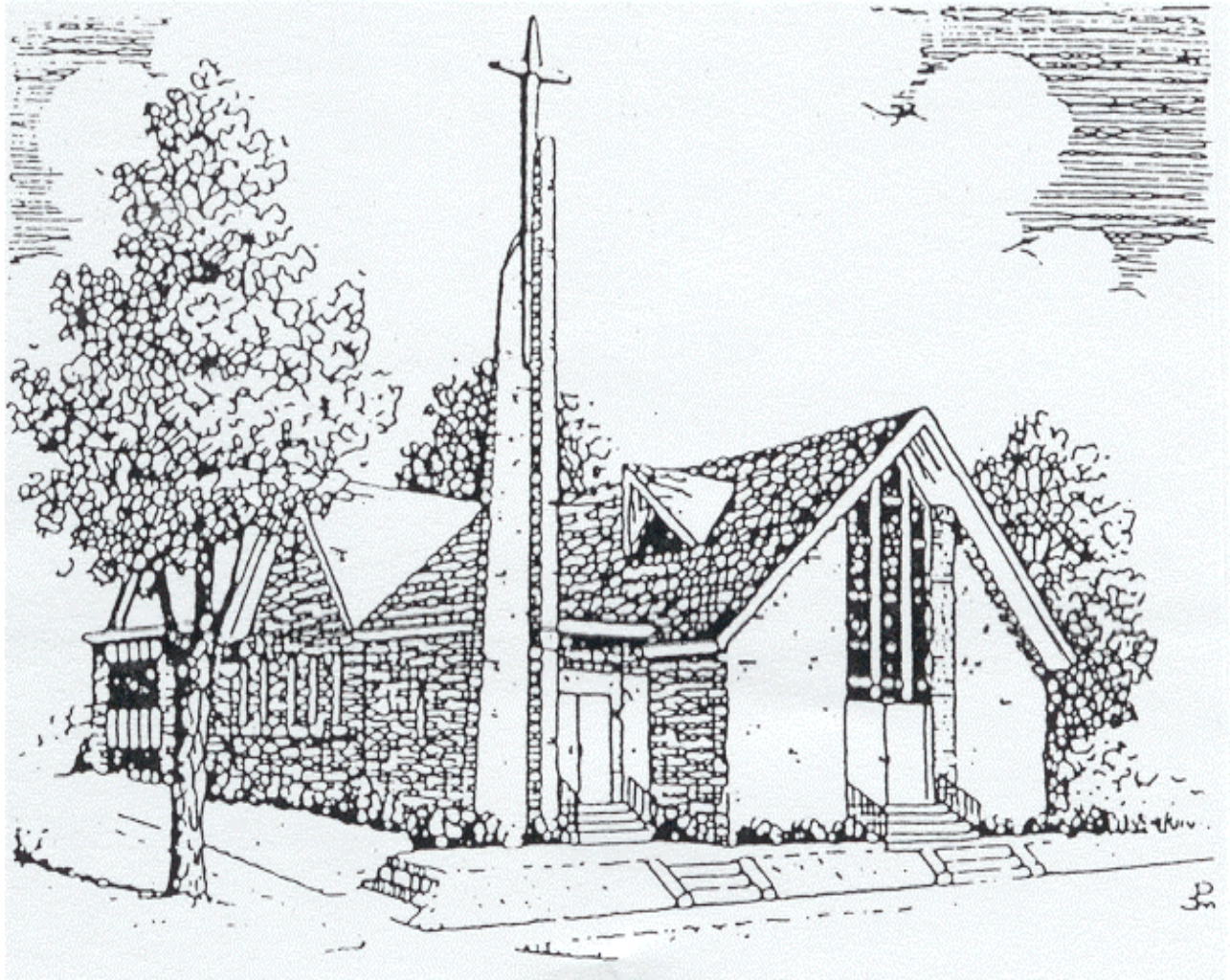




# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

## Good News



**May, June, July  
2020**

Sunday:  
Rite I: 8:00am

Sunday  
Rite II:  
10:00am

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10:30 - 2:30

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# Clergy's Corner

Dear Sisters, Brothers, and Friends in Christ,

As I write this article, the Coronavirus continues to infect a staggering number of people. Unfathomable numbers of people continue to die. Life continues to be rearranged, almost beyond recognition. Everyday rhythms continue to change in a disorienting way.

There is an ache to return to pre-quarantine life. Cries to reopen the economy echo on the streets and in the halls of government. Calls to resume normalcy grow in intensity daily.

The desire to return to normal extends beyond the economy. Every week that our beloved church community spends away from our beloved church building feels a little less normal. We need only remember this year's Lent, Holy Week, and Easter Sunday to see how far from normal life is right now.

This anything-but-normal period of our lives calls forth introspection and prayer. We ask, "What is normal? What needs to be restored? What needs to change? What needs to be discarded? What is essential?"

When we ask God what is essential, what does God reveal to us? I believe God reveals that faith, hope, and love are essential. I believe God reveals that community is essential. I believe God reveals that Easter is essential.

How can we express our faith, hope, and love during social distancing? How can we be a spiritual home for people from the physical safety of our homes? How can we be an Easter people when the promise of resurrection feels far away?

Answering these questions requires Christian creativity. Creative Christianity grows in challenging times. Creative Christianity deepens in the face of pressure.

In our prayerful quest to return to normal, let us discern what can be kept and what can be discarded, what needs to be changed and what needs to be restored. In this Easter season and in all seasons, let us keep the Risen Christ at the center of our lives.

In Easter Hope,

Rev. Foley

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## Silent Auction

The Annual silent Auction will be held on Friday Nov. 6th. Although that seems a long way off, it is never too early to begin planning. It is one of only 2 big fundraisers at St. Paul's. We gather much of our basket items from the Rummage Sale. This year there will be only one rummage sale to draw from, so we will need extra effort on the part of parishioners to gather basket items. Now is the time to begin gathering theme based items. I am offering a few helpful suggestions. Since everyone is staying safe at home during this quarantine period, many of you are taking advantage of the time to do some housekeeping. I am suggesting that you keep an eye out for items that you have never used and would like to be rid of. Instead of tossing them, set them aside with baskets in mind. Also, Irene has been running the gift card fundraiser. This is a great time to purchase cards to donate for gift certificate baskets. Another thought is to actually purchase gift certificates from local restaurants that are struggling right now during this shut down. Be creative and keep the Silent Auction in mind. We will be needing all the help we can get!!

Prayerfully submitted,  
Kim Rollinson

## Sunday School

This Corona Virus has thrown a glitch in all our lives. Sunday School is not happening at St. Paul's. But... Rev. Foley provided me with a link for on-line Sunday School through the Diocese. I was able to forward this information to the children by way of their parent's email. I have encouraged them to take advantage of this opportunity.

Before the virus intruded on our lives, the Sunday School children were invited to participate in a Lenten caring project. Instead of giving up something for lent, the children were asked to do good deeds. Helping others, making cards and sending them to grandparents or elderly neighbors, helping a younger sibling or their parents, or bringing food or toiletries in for the Food Bank were some ideas offered. The children were supposed to write their kindness on a flower petal and bring it to class to attach to a growing "Kindness" flower in the hallway. When we do return, we will work on decorating the flower and talking about their efforts.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Kim Rollinson

## In/Out Reach

Should a fall rummage sale be scheduled, it would be a tremendous undertaking with more inventory, an enlarged jewelry department and the re-opening of the Heavenly Boutique. This and the Silent Auction are now the only fund raisers for St. Pauls and it will be extremely important that there be 100% participation and dedicated cooperation from all parishioners. In anticipation of this upcoming event, we would like to have commitments from everyone before we continue with the preparations, preferably before July 1 as preparations for advertising would be started two months before the date and this will give Sheri sufficient time for her assistance. The suggested date for the rummage sale would be Sunday, September 27th - Friday, October 2. The first three days (Sunday, Monday and Tuesday) would be used for set up and Wednesday and Thursday would be sale days (giving us an extra sale day). Friday would be Bag Day plus cleanup (muscles would definitely be required).

Let's make these two events a huge success and financially rewarding. Please call us ASAP to get this plan in action. In advance, thank you so very much.

The possible rummage sale will not be scheduled until the fall. Please do not leave any rummage anywhere in or outside the church or Rennell Hall. Any left outside will immediately be discarded as garbage. This is a reminder that everyone should follow the rules and that three bags have already been left in the hall and this is not acceptable.

Cathy Ferris (732-356-5590) and Judy Conrad (732-469-4553)

## TREASURER'S REPORT

1/1/20 – 3/31/20

Income:	38,014.82
Expenses:	32,350.79
Difference:	+5,664.03

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:

214 Church Street, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

There will be an online giving option soon through Vanco.

The new playground equipment has been installed

Art Hoffman

## Calendar

Calendar dates will be announced once we are able to utilize the church building again. Everyone is welcome to join in online for many opportunities to share and worship together. Please check the St. Paul's website [www.stpaulsbb.org](http://www.stpaulsbb.org) for all of the dates and times.