

March 2017

## Shrove Tuesday dinner planned for fun and fellowship

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the annual Shrove Tuesday/Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras potluck dinner February 28, beginning at 5:30PM in the Great Hall.

Those attending are asked to bring especially decadent desserts and a beverage. Traditional Episcopal fare for Shrove Tuesday of pancakes, with lots of trimmings and sausages will be served. If you are not a fan of pancakes but don't want to miss the fun, please bring a salad to share.

No sign-up is necessary. The event is sponsored and prepared by the Vestry.

Following dinner, the children will parade to the tower and banish the Alleluias where they will remain until Easter Sunday. For those of you who are thinking how much you will miss Fr. Steve's annual Lenten Quiz, no fears, one has been prepared!

Shrove  
Tuesday



## St. Paul's Lenten Plans

❖ On Ash Wednesday, March 1, St. Paul's will have services at 7:30AM, with **Rt. Rev. Edward M. Leidel, Jr.** and at 12NOON and 6PM with **Rev. Dr. Richard Smiraglia** serving as Celebrants. The services will include the imposition of ashes and Holy Eucharist.

❖ This year, St. Paul's will be celebrating the annual Lenten Series following **Deacon Sheila Scott's** Thursday Evening Prayer Service, starting at 5PM, in the Chapel. The official Lenten Series will begin on Thursday, March 9 and continue through April 6. Following the service, we will enjoy a light supper in the Great Hall, fellowship and a 30-minute video lecture series titled *Why Evil Exists*.

Please plan on participating in a spiritual, prayerful and thought provoking Lenten Series.

## The Sainly SmackDown returns!

Are you looking for something fun to focus on? Are you longing for inspiration and joy? For the eighth year running, people of faith are gearing up for Lent Madness, the "Sainly SmackDown" in which thirty-two saints do battle to win the coveted Golden Halo during the season of Lent.

With its unique blend of competition, learning, and humor, Lent Madness allows participants to be inspired by the ways in which God has worked through the lives of saintly souls across generations and cultures.

Based loosely on the NCAA basketball tournament, this online devotion pits saints against one another in a bracket as voters choose their favorites throughout the penitential season of Lent. This year's competition begins on Thursday, March 2.

Here's how to participate: on the weekdays of Lent, information is posted at [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) about two different saints. Each pairing remains open for 24 hours as participants read about and then vote to determine which saint moves on to the next round. Sixteen saints make it to the Round of the Sainly Sixteen; eight advance to the Round of the Elate Eight; four make it to the Faithful Four; two to the Championship; and the winner is awarded the coveted Golden Halo.

The first round consists of basic biographical information about each of the 32 saints. Things get a bit more interesting in the subsequent rounds as we offer quotes and quirks, explore legends, and even move into the area of saintly kitsch.

The full bracket is online at the Lent Madness website [www.lentmadness.org](http://www.lentmadness.org) and, while not necessary to participate, you can order the *Sainly Scorecard: The Definitive Guide to Lent Madness 2017* at [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org).

***This item will be available to parishioners in the Great Hall on Sunday, February 26.***



## Haiti Project update...

*This information was shared with Chris Krueger, Haiti Outreach Champion, by Heidi Ropa, Executive Director of the Haiti Project*

The Haiti Project extends special thanks to St. Paul's Milwaukee for your ongoing support through direct donations, the sale of Singing Rooster coffee and student partnerships. The latest news:

- ❖ New Health Clinic investments in medicine and funding a Haitian doctor for five days of the month; (Still identifying donors for this worthy goal).
- ❖ New latrines and a hand wash station were built for the kindergarten;
- ❖ The roof of the kindergarten was reinforced and sealed.
- ❖ 1990's primary and secondary school latrines upgraded and a new hand wash station was built.
- ❖ The first-ever Professional Development History Tour of sites of historical significance in Haiti was funded for the staff.
- ❖ A Green School Clean School grant was funded for: environmental education; agronomy practices and reforestation initiatives at the school.
- ❖ The PROCREEH Microfinance Program for 30 village women was acquired.
- ❖ Two donors gifted over \$20,000, allowing for the hiring of an engineer to design and manage these projects; fund overdue repairs on the Presbytere and build a new cistern on campus.
- ❖ In addition, together two donors gave \$15,000 for a purification system for the new campus cistern.

In addition, the people of St. Paul's stood with the people of Jeannette in a time of crisis. Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti October 4 and immediately the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee responded with hurricane relief donations immediately funding:

- ❖ The delivery of emergency food aid in October;
- ❖ A fully-funded school lunch program through June 2017;
- ❖ Social assistance loans to teachers to repair their homes and rebuild their lives;
- ❖ Repairs to hurricane damage on the school campus;
- ❖ Emergency roof repairs on several homes.

Three weeks after the hurricane, members of the Haiti Project Steering Committee met with St.

Marc's Hurricane Committee to discuss how additional donations would be allocated. Local leaders insisted on building homes that would withstand future weather events. Haiti Project committed to:

- ❖ Fund a Haitian engineer to design and oversee the building of structurally-sound homes;
- ❖ Provide education to 11 local men working on the project in hurricane-proof building methods;
- ❖ Build structurally-sound homes in each of the five zones around Jeannette (most likely more will be built).

Thank you for your generous response. Your support is making a significant difference in many lives. I look forward answering questions and thanking you in person when I visit St. Paul's on March 5.



Hurricane Damage Rebuilding



New Latrines



Green Project

# Adult Formation Sessions for March

*Most sessions are held in the Community Room and begin at 9AM*

❖ March 5 – *St. Paul's Outreach to the People of Haiti*: A discussion led by the Episcopal Diocese of Milwaukee Haiti Project Director **Heidi Ropa**.

❖ March 12 – *St. Paul's Thrift Shop Style Show*: Fashions on a shoe string modeled by volunteers and members of St. Paul's in the Great Hall during 9AM Coffee Hour.



❖ March 26 – *Sacred Cinema: 90 Years, 34 Films, 5 Continents*: **Kenneth Bernoska** will survey the best cinema with religious themes over the years.



## A message from Carrie...

As most of you know, I am leaving Milwaukee at the end of February to take a job in Kansas City. I will miss St. Paul's and all of the friendships and support I have had here. Thank you for being my family in Milwaukee.

**Steve Filmanowicz** has been selected by the Vestry as Senior Warden, and **Terry Zimmer** has been selected by the Vestry as Junior Warden. I am so thrilled that they have both agreed to step up, especially during this time of transition.

Please congratulate them and pray for them as they support St. Paul's as it enters a new future.

**Knitters and Crafters  
meet the second  
Thursday of  
each month,  
9:30AM in the  
Community Room.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**



## Get ready for one of the most fun and interesting concerts you'll ever hear!

*Accordion XXI, Artistry on a Global Scale, presents on Sunday, March 5, 4PM, at St. Paul's Church* a Bayan virtuoso, **Stas Venglevski**, blends his talent with **Tatyana Krasnobaeva**, cimbalom (dulcimer), in a unique program of traditional folk favorites, classical and original compositions... and much more. Stas' keyboard artistry, dazzling technical command, and sensitivity have brought him, a native of the Republic of Moldova, increasing international acclaim as a virtuoso of the bayan. Stas founded the Accordion XXI Century Series so Midwest audiences can experience the amazing range of the accordion and bayan by bringing gifted artists from around the world to share their skills and cultures and provide audiences with a unique musical experience.

Tatyana Krasnobaeva, is a graduate of the Belarusian State Academy of Music. Her beautiful instrument, the cimbalom (dulcimer) dates back to the 16th century in Belarus and is famous for its unique silvery timbre, making it universal for playing any musical genre from Baroque to folk to contemporary. The art of performance in modern Belarus is passed from generation to generation.

Tickets are available to St. Paul's members and friends through **Tim Benson**. See Tim either immediately before or immediately after any 10:15AM Sunday Service for tickets that are \$25 (cash only) or call (262) 957-6599 or (262) 844-3784 for information. No charge for students or children under 12.



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**SUNDAYS**

8AM, Holy Eucharist  
10:15AM,  
Holy Eucharist with music  
Nursery service available at  
10AM

**THURSDAYS**

Evening Prayer, 5PM

**MISSION STATEMENT**

*We are a community of faith being  
transformed through Christ to  
embody the  
healing presence of God's  
love to one another, our city  
and the world.*



**Wanted...  
a few wanabee  
chefs**

***The Parish Life Committee is calling for  
volunteers to help prepare the Easter Sunday breakfast  
that is served between services. If you can help,  
please contact Bill Fry  
at [williamlawsonfry@gmail.com](mailto:williamlawsonfry@gmail.com).***

Be sure to check the library in  
the Community Room for your  
Lenten reading. You'll be  
surprised at the quality and  
quantity of spiritual reading  
available.

