

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Rev. Sarah Phelps, Celebrant The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth, Homilist HOLY EUCHARIST 9:00 A.M. SERVICE SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Prelude

Carol Yeargin, Organ

Processional

Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord!

Hymn 438

Liturgy of the Word

The Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP) 355

Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

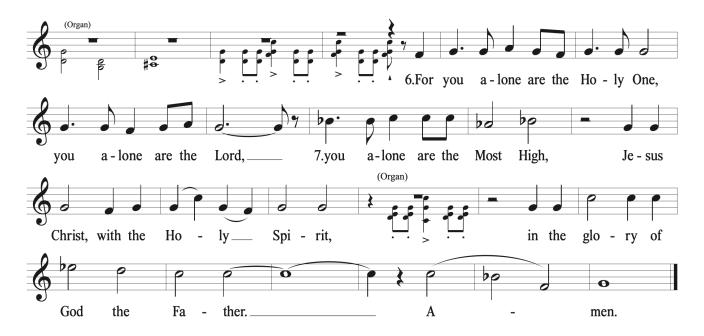
People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The following is sung. Glory to God Gloria Hymnal S278 (Organ) 1.Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and 2.Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y peace to his peo-ple on earth. God and wor - ship you, we Fa - ther. give you thanks, we we praise ___ you for 3.Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, ry. Lamb of God, 4.you take a-way the of the world: have mer sin cy on us; seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive you are our prayer.



Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

Children's Processional

All Things Bright and Beautiful (v. 1)

Children's Chapel is for children 3 years old through 5th grade.

Hymn 405

First Reading

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

A Reading from Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him.

Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, * abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the Lord,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."

- 3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter * and from the deadly pestilence.
- 4 He shall cover you with his pinions,

and you shall find refuge under his wings; * his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

- 5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, * nor of the arrow that flies by day;
- 6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, * nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,

therefore will I deliver him; *

I will protect him, because he knows my Name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *

I am with him in trouble;

I will rescue him and bring him to honor.

16 With long life will I satisfy him, * and show him my salvation.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6-19

A Reading from the First Letter to Timothy.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Gradual O Holy City, Seen of John (vv. 1 & 4)

Hymn 583

The Gospel

Luke 16:19-31
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lor People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

Homily The Rev. Robert Fruehwirth

Nicene Creed

All who are able, stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

People's Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution of Sin

BCP 360

The Deacon or Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All who are able, kneel. Minister and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Peace BCP 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements

If you would like to donate online, follow the QR code found here or on the giving card in the back of the pews.

At the end of the announcements, you are also welcome to come forward to make a special donation to Heifer International, a non-profit organization whose mission is to end hunger and poverty, to mark an anniversary, blessing, or other event.



Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Christ, the Vine Robert J. Powell St. Paul's Choir

Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener,
we, the branches bearing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of promise
when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing,
you fulfilled the prophet's trust.
And you pray that we, your body,
will fulfill your trust in us.
Christ, may we submit to pruning
that we bear more grapes for wine.
Help us, when we're overburdened,
draw new strength from you, the vine.
You invite us to be partners, growing Spirit's fruit anew.
Keep us one in love together:

Offertory Response

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee.

you in us, and we in you!

The Great Thanksgiving

The People remain standing. The Celebrant proceeds

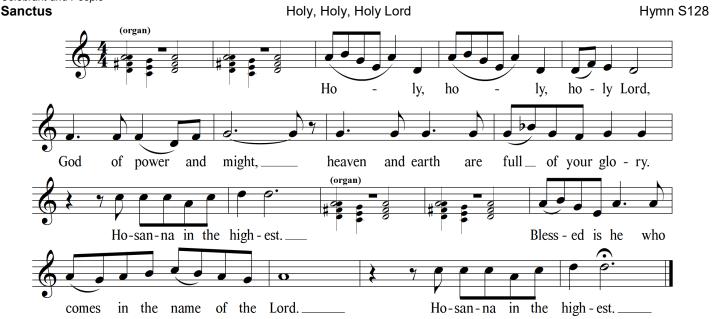
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant proceeds

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Celebrant and People



The Celebrant continues

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation

Celebrant and People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. The Celebrant then continues

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with blessed Paul and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The Celebrant then continues

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

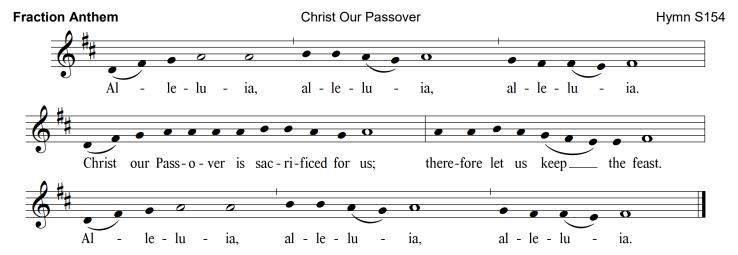
Lord's Prayer BCP 367

People and Celebrant

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.



Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to come forward for communion, including children. Please follow the ushers' guidance as you come to the rail. If you would like to receive the wine by intinction (dipping the bread in the cup), keep the bread in your hands and wait for the communion server to come to you. If you would like to receive from the common cup (drinking from the cup directly), please consume the bread first and then make your way to the steps at the end of the rail. A communion server will be there with the common cup. If it is not your custom to receive communion, you are still welcome to come forward for a blessing. Simply cross your arms across your chest and the minister will offer a prayer.

A priest is available to provide prayers for healing in the back southwest comer of the church. Simply head to the back during communion distribution and wait for your turn.

Spiritual Communion Prayer

For those worshiping with us online

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Communion Music

Seek Ye First Humbly, I Adore Thee Hymn 711 Hymn 314 Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

EOW 69

Blessing

Recessional Crown Him with Many Crowns Hymn 494

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude Carol Yeargin, Organ

The Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Fill and Janet Bowen's 51st wedding anniversary.

TODAY – SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Please wear your nametags when you're here at church! And if you don't yet have a nametag, please complete an order form in the narthex (lobby) so we can get you one!

New to St. Paul's? Welcome! Please let us know you are here by filling out a visitor card in the pew. Stop by our Welcome Station in the narthex (lobby) to chat with Greeters and find materials that might help if you are new to St. Paul's or The Episcopal Church. Join a tour of our campus the third Sunday of the month at 10:15 a.m. to learn more and meet others. Contact Mary Kintz, our Community Connector, at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org to find out more about us!

Accessibility: St. Paul's strives to make our services and programs comfortable and accessible to all. Ushers and Greeters are available to help. Please let us know how we can work together to improve your experience here.

Kids in Worship at St. Paul's: Children are always welcome in our worship services without exception, but if parents should wish for a space where your kids have more room to move around during the service, you are welcome to make use of the Comfort Room (glassed-in room at the rear of the worship space from which you can still hear and see the service). Ask an usher if you need help finding it. Also, our Kids' Club (free nursery care) is available during the 9 a.m. service, and infants/toddlers through 36 months (3 years old) are welcome to attend.

Children's Chapel: Children 3 years old through 5th grade are invited to process to Children's Chapel during the 9 a.m. service and will return to their families during announcements.

Coffee Hour (Parish Hall): Join us after the 9 a.m. service for coffee and conversation. Ministry Leaders: Sign up to host future Sundays!

Adult Formation (Chapel, 10:15-11 a.m.): Our series on Affordable Housing in our Community continues today with a conversation with Leslie Covington, Executive Director of The Carying Place.

Children's Sunday School - 5th grade and under (Education Building): Classes are meeting from 10:10-11 a.m.

Youth Sunday School - 6th thru 12th grade (Youth Wing): Classes are meeting from 10:10-11 a.m.

Pre-EYC - 4th and 5th grade (Parish Hall): Join us this evening from 5-7 p.m. for pizza dinner and board/card games. Please bring a game to share with the group!

Episcopal Youth Community (EYC): Meets this evening from 5-7 p.m. for a walk and picnic. Youth should bring their own picnic meal to eat (sandwiches, chips, or other portable items). Gather in the Youth Wing and we'll start walking shortly after 5 p.m. and return by 7 p.m. for pick-up.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Newcomer Gathering This Afternoon: Are you new to St. Paul's since our last newcomer event in 2024? Please join us in the Youth Wing **TODAY** from 2:30-4 p.m. to enjoy snacks and share stories with others who have recently joined us. The clergy and members of our hospitality ministries are excited to welcome you and get to know you better. Contact Community Connector Mary Kintz at mary.kintz@stpaulscary.org if you have questions.

Racial Justice Book Group this Afternoon: Join us for the last of our summer offerings as we discuss "Migrant God" ahead of author Isaac Villegas' visit with us in October. We have added a few more spaces to the sign-up in order to meet interest. Please note this group begins at 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Wing because of shift in service times. Email Aleta McClenney at aleta@att.net with questions.

Lobster Fest is Upon Us: Lobster Fest is Saturday, Oct. 4! Any final orders can be placed using the online order store before it closes Oct. 1. Lobster Fest volunteers will be outside the narthex today between services to help place orders and find volunteer slots for those who want to be part of the fun! Visit the Lobster Fest Event Information website for helpful tips on what to expect at the event. Questions? Contact Vicki Bradley at vicki@lobsterfestcary.org.

Blessing of the Animals: Join us on Sunday, Oct. 5 at 1:30 p.m. in the St. Paul's Courtyard for the annual Blessing of the Animals as we cherish the earth and all its creatures in the spirit of Francis of Assisi. Bring your pets and invite your neighbors and friends of your pets as well. All are welcome.

Racial Equity Institute Training Returns to Cary Oct. 9-10: The Racial Justice Planning Group and the Outreach Support Team are hosting a Racial Equity Institute (REI) Phase I training on October 9-10 in the Youth Wing. REI's two-day workshop is designed to provide attendees with a vocabulary and historical framework for racism to better understand how it damages lives in all communities. The training is open to the public and has limited spaces. Please find more details on the St. Paul's website or contact Kevin McIntire at kvn.mcintire@gmail.com for more information.

Parish Wide Yam Jam/Sweet Potato Gleaning Oct. 11: All parishioners are invited to join us for a morning of gleaning at a local farm. We'll collect leftover sweet potatoes to support local food banks—serving neighbors, caring for God's creation, and building community. Final details and directions will be emailed on October 10th. Please sign up online to get updates and carpool info. Questions? Contact Shannon Robinson at shannon3b@gmail.com.

St. Paul's Christmas Pageant 2025 – Register by Oct. 12: It's time to plan the pageant again! All families of St. Paul's are invited to participate in our Christmas Pageant, a magical way to celebrate the birth of Christ. All roles (speaking and non-speaking) are played by children ages preschool through 5th grade. Older children are welcome to volunteer to help. The pageant will take place during the 9 a.m. service on Sunday, Dec. 21. All information, including rehearsal dates, can be found on the Christmas Pageant page on the website.

Welcome the Rev. Isaac Villegas on Oct. 12: Noted author and Mennonite pastor Isaac Villegas is coming to St. Paul's Sunday, Oct. 12 to preach at the 9 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. services and lead the Adult Forum, discussing his book "Migrant God." The forum presentation will focus on Christians who are putting hope into action, bearing witness to the work of solidarity among people with and without US citizenship. Isaac's biblical, theological, and political reflections will prod our imagination as we consider a holistic vision for life in solidarity with migrant neighbors.

Become an ICE Watch Verifier: Are you interested in learning to help verify reports of ICE activity in our community? Join volunteer trainers from Siembra NC on Monday, Oct. 13 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall to learn how to support Siembra dispatchers on-the-ground by responding to reports of ICE activity and verifying ICE presence. More information and registration links can be found on the St. Paul's website.

Diaper Train Drive Starts Oct. 19: St. Paul's is hosting a diaper drive for Diaper Train, an organization committed to improving the lives of families in Wake County by providing direct access to diapers. We are collecting all size diapers, but the more frequently needed sizes are 4,5,6 and pull-ups; you can also donate wipes and new or gently used board books. The collection box will be in the narthex from Oct. 19 through Nov. 9. Please help us make a difference for families who are struggling to cover basic needs for their children! Questions? Contact Susannah Vitaglione at susannahy@gmail.com

Call for Vestry Nominations: 2026 is going to be a very important year for St. Paul's: the four new vestry members we elect in November will be a part of the group that will call our next rector and further develop our vision. The vestry meets monthly and gathers for an annual weekend retreat to accomplish the meaningful, necessary work that underpins all that happens at St. Paul's. All confirmed adult members in good standing are eligible to serve on the vestry. The deadline for nominations is Oct. 5; self-nominations are welcome. Nominate someone by notifying Dan Loughlin at danloughlin@gmail.com.

Prayer List: We pray for Dave, Bob, Ann, Vickie, Ann, Laura, Margaret, Mary, Virginia, Doug, Guy, Katie, Cathy, Jessica, John, Mary, Susan, Clarence, Susan, Noah, Sally, John, John, Randy, Regina, Parrish, Jackie, Matias, Yosy, Ashley, Barb, Peggy, Hope, Marty, Janet, Austin, Liddy, Mary, Sue, Nancy, Ben, Patrick, Sarah, Chris, Paul, Heather, Henry, Carter, Althea, Beth, Anne, Joe, Barbara, Gary, Ted, Rania, Hilda, Jim, Tommy, Bonnie, Susan, Melanie, Dave, Chuck, Kay, Claudia, Sharon, Ron, Jack, Caryn, Gary, Max, May, and Bryan.

In the prayers for the deceased, we pray for Carol Oettinger, grandmother of James (Lauren) Campbell; Lori Turner, friend of the Hess family.

If you have a name you would like to include on the prayer list, or a ministry event that you would like to announce in this printed bulletin, please send information to announcements@stpaulscary.org. Names included in the prayer list will remain for a month, and we are happy to extend at your request. Please note that there is a 2-week lead time on printed announcements.

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