



Welcome to the second edition of the St. Paul's weekly newsletter, the new hub of information for all that's happening at 60 East Avenue. Below, you'll find reflections, stories from the parish, ways to connect and volunteer, and updates on the reopening process at St. Paul's. In the words of Father Daniel: dive in, and discover what's new!

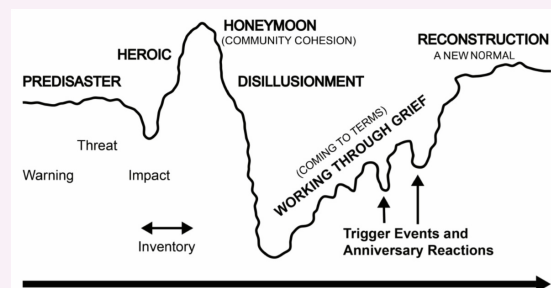
Blessings,

St. Paul's on the Green

"Continuing Conversations" tomorrow with Father Daniel: Hitting the Wall

According to an article by writer James Purtill, "there appears to be an inflection point where the frustration and hardship of being cooped up inside gets suddenly harder to bear"--and we're entering that phase now.

How are you experiencing this shift, or not, in your own life? **This Thursday at 6pm**, reflect on this article, [found here](#), in a discussion with Father Daniel. [Click here to join the conversation online](#), or for assistance connecting via phone call, [please contact Marsha](#).



"Reading and Reflection," Mondays with Mother Louise

Mondays from 7-8, join Mother Louise on Zoom to discuss articles and written reflections that speak to our present condition. The conversation this Monday will center on *We Can't Go Back... to Being Focused on Our Own Significance*, an article by the Very Reverend Nicholas Henshall. [Find the article here](#).

To join the Zoom conversation on Monday, [click this link](#). For assistance connecting via phone call, [please contact Marsha](#).

Community Engagement

IT support gurus needed

St. Paul's extends a welcome to all even in the midst of pandemic, but volunteers are needed to help those who struggle to connect online. If you have technological know-how and a desire to help, please contact Marsha Dunn: admin@stpaulsnorwalk.org.

Norwalk Mutual Aid

"Mutual aid" organizations across the country are connecting neighbors and communities through the sharing of local resources. Norwalk's own growing branch [can be found on Facebook](#) and is run in part by St. Paul's parishioners. Contact norwalkmutualaid@gmail.com to ask for help, offer help, or to learn more.

Mask-making ministry

Several St. Paul's parishioners are organizing a mask-making effort to aid those in need. [Contact Marsha](#) to learn more.

Person-to-Person

Support the mission of Person-to-Person, which provides emergency assistance for families in the greater Norwalk community, by [donating at this link](#).

Tales from a Social Distance

This week's parish dispatch comes from Nikkya, who says:

"We've figured out a system that works for our family of five. We did a rather non-traditional Maundy-Thursday-at-home experience (which everyone loved). We eat dinner each night together and I've honed my baking skills and make homemade bread. We play a game of popcorn prayer - a different person prays over our meal and bread at dinner. We find a new park to explore and hike every weekend.



"In the words of our tween, Jonathan: *I am glad I am not sick and that we are all together.* And to each of you, may you continue to be healthy and connected to those you love, and may you find a sense of joy as you embrace a new normal."



Weekly Reflection

"...It's increasingly clear that we are running more of a marathon than a sprint. Or we might frame it as a pilgrimage. Each step of the journey is a precious teacher, and there is so much to discover in each moment, including this one."

To read the full reflection, provided this week by Father Daniel, [click here](#).



Weekly Recommendation

Mother Louise recommends the **daily meditations of Richard Rohr**, author and ecumenical teacher (image via *The New Yorker*). From a recent post [found at this link](#):



"People who cared about community, the Gospel, the poor, justice, honesty — this is where the flow of love was easy, natural, and life-giving. Two people excited about the same thing are the beginning of almost everything new, creative, and risky in our world. Surely this is what Jesus meant by his first and most basic definition of church as 'two or three gathered.'"

[Click here to sign up](#) for Richard Rohr's daily emails.

See more recommendations on [our resource page](#).

Announcements

Sunday forum with Father Daniel and Javier

All Saints Church in Pasadena is hosting a virtual Rector's Forum featuring Emily Scott, an ELCA pastor, author, and founder of [St. Lydia's Dinner Church](#) in Brooklyn. Emily will be joined by Father Daniel and his husband Javier to discuss how communities can gather in new ways during the time of COVID-19. [Click here](#) to join the conversation, **this Sunday at 1pm**.

Reopening St. Paul's

One of the gifts of St. Paul's is the beauty of its space, which is so conducive to prayer and reflection. Though opening for public worship is still far off, St. Paul's will soon reopen the church for personal and private prayer, on a limited schedule, and in a church space creatively adapted for safe visitation. Watch the worship livestream this Sunday at 11am for a preview of how this will be possible in the coming weeks. This newsletter and [the church website](#) will provide updates on the schedule as it develops.



As always, the labyrinth, churchyard, and grounds remain open daily during daylight hours.

2020 Census forms due

The 2020 census shapes our communities by determining the allocation of government funding and support. Do your part by participating today. [See a guide to the census here](#).

Weekly Schedule

Daily

8:30am Morning Prayer on Facebook

9pm Compline on Facebook

Sunday

11am Holy Eucharist on Facebook

12:10pm Virtual Coffee Hour on Zoom

Monday

7pm "Reading and Reflection" with Mother Louise on Zoom

Wednesday

11:30am Mid-Day Eucharist on Facebook

7pm [Race and Social Justice Coalition](#) on Zoom

Thursday

6pm "Continuing Conversations" with Father Daniel on Zoom

Visit our website, [stpaulsnorwalk.org](#), for more information on all of these events. Use the buttons below to connect to our livestream, make a donation to St. Paul's, and more.

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