



Welcome to the weekly hub of information for everything new at St. Paul's! In this week's edition: several opportunities to volunteer for justice and reform, and opportunities for live worship on the St. Paul's campus.

Volunteer Opportunity: Getting Out the Vote

The Race and Social Justice Coalition is contacting potentially disenfranchised voters in Southern states to encourage them to check their voter registration status and fill out the census. The campaign involves writing scripted postcards and mailing them to voters specified by the [Reclaim Our Vote](#) campaign. Coalition members are sending over one thousand postcards, and gladly welcome volunteers from the parish. If you are interested in helping out by writing 30 postcards, with all materials and instructions provided, please contact Sarah Johnson at slj49@pobox.com to volunteer. Volunteers should be in touch by **this Friday, July 24**.

This Week at St. Paul's

Going Deeper: Meditation and Conversation

Thursday at 7pm, Fr. Daniel will lead a guided meditation and group conversation. You can participate live (on the labyrinth on in the church, weather depending) or via Zoom [at this link](#). For those attending in person, please bring a mask.



Sunday Evening Compline

This Sunday at 9pm, the service of sung Compline will return to the church grounds after several months at the river with Fr. Daniel. All are invited to gather on the labyrinth or in the church, depending on weather. The service will be livestreamed on Facebook for those who wish to participate from home. To attend, please RSVP to Marsha Dunn: admin@stpaulsnorwalk.org.

Reading and Reflection: Making All Things New

Monday at 7pm, Mother Louise will lead a discussion of [Behold, I Make All Things New](#) by Br. David Vryhof, SSJE. To join the Zoom conversation, [click this link](#).

Weekly Reflection

"I find myself going through the stages of grief—denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance—many times each day. I know I'm not alone in this. And I confess to being afraid for what the future holds.

At the same time I know that throughout the Gospels, Jesus again and again comes with a simple message: *do not be afraid.*"



To read the rest of Mother Louise's reflection, [click here](#).

Community Engagement

Advocacy for police reform

Connecticut legislators are considering a bipartisan bill to reform policing policies across the state. [You can read the bill here.](#) As part of our ongoing commitment to justice-making, please consider participating in this important moment by contacting your legislators and sharing your views. Read more about the ways we as church members can respond [at this link](#), or contact Fr. Daniel for more information (simons@stpaulsnorwalk.org).

Town Hall meeting online

If you missed Sunday's conversation led by Fr. Daniel, [click here to watch on YouTube.](#) Conversation topics included regathering plans and ways we can connect in the meanwhile.

Support local aid organizations

- [Norwalk Mutual Aid](#) offers community support fueled by donations and local volunteers.
- [Person-to-Person](#) provides emergency assistance for families in greater Norwalk.

Social Distancing Stories

Donna Lewis provides this week's parish dispatch.

"Last Friday I went grocery shopping and as I was walking into the store there were beautiful multicolored roses in bunches by the door that caught my eye. As I walked by I thought of my next door neighbor and that I should really get a bunch to brighten her day.



You see, my next door neighbor and her 18-year-old grand daughter who lives in the same household was told about a week ago that one of the kids that granddaughter takes the school bus with tested positive for COVID-19. This put their household in quarantine for two weeks.

Came home and before unpacking the car I wanted to deliver the roses. Rang their doorbell and my neighbor came to the door. I asked her how she was doing today and she told me it was not a good day for her. I can't give her a good hug so I said as I extended my roses... 'well I hope this brings a little ray of sunshine.' She burst into tears! She asked me why I would bring this to her now and expressed her gratitude in that she was feeling so unloved and alone and here I was bringing this to her.

You never know how the simplest things will mean a lot to someone."

Weekly Schedule

The St. Paul's grounds are open daily during daylight hours.

Sunday

8:40am Healing prayer (Zoom)

9am Holy Eucharist (Facebook)

10:10am Small group connection and conversation (Zoom)

9pm Compline on the labyrinth (live and on Facebook)

Monday

8:30am Morning Prayer at the river (Facebook)

7pm "Reading and Reflection" with Mother Louise (Zoom)

Tuesday

8:30am Parishioner-led morning meditation (Zoom)

4-6pm Church open for prayer and meditation

Wednesday

8:30am Parishioner-led morning meditation (Facebook)

11:30am Mid-Day Eucharist (Facebook)

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

9pm Compline at the river (Facebook)

Thursday

8:30am Parishioner-led morning meditation (Zoom)

4-6pm Church open for prayer and meditation

7pm Guided meditation on the labyrinth (live and via Zoom)

Friday

8:30am Morning Prayer at the river (Facebook)

Saturday

Noon-2pm Church open for prayer and meditation

Visit stpaulsnorwalk.org for more information and links to connect to upcoming events.



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