

# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## *Weekly news & updates*

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March 4, 2022

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### Prayer for the People of Ukraine and Peace in Europe from Bishop San

Our faith teaches us that we must stand with the vulnerable and the oppressed. And at the same time, our faith teaches us that we are meant to be followers of the prince of peace, of the one who taught us that violence is always a compromise with evil. It is hard for us to reconcile those two teachings today, when innocent people are dying at the hands of a military onslaught. Our prayers feel insufficient to defend those cowering in fear and exposed to bullets and bombs.

But we know that the place where war lives is in the human heart. As the prophet Jeremiah teaches us, the heart is devious above all else; and it is in the devices and desires of hearts resisting God's call to live in love that the first seeds of war take root. We often begin our prayers with the words "Almighty God." But the deeper truth of our Christian faith is that we believe humanity has been redeemed, and the world forever changed, by an all-vulnerable God—a god whose love is finally victorious through the vulnerability of a naked man nailed to a cross. It is from that seeming defeat that the victory over death and sin is won forever—even the sin that lies at the heart of war.

We pray for the innocent citizens of Ukraine under attack in their own sovereign country. We pray for refugees including women and children displaced by this atrocious act of hostility. We pray for leadership as it seeks to address this war. We thank God for neighboring countries that have opened their borders to assist in this humanitarian crisis. May the Lord change the heart and intention of the leader of Russia, and may a new spirit of love and transformation prevail – "nothing is impossible with God"!

And so as we begin our season of Lent, we are called to give up our easy complacency about the durability of peace. We are called to consider again the reminders in our midst of war's relentless cost to human life and God's hope. And we are called to pray, and speak, and to labor for the truth that Christ has called us to transform this broken world through the hard work of love.

God of timelessness,  
From chaos and disorder  
you brought forth the beauty of creation;  
From the chaos of war and violence  
Bring forth the beauty of peace.  
God of compassion  
You saw the humanity of the outcast and the stranger;  
Help us to see the evils of our hatreds and suspicions  
and to turn them into the embrace of your Beloved Community.

God of peace, Through your love on the cross  
You overcame the power of violence and death;  
Turn us away from the love of power  
That we may transform a warring world through the power of your love.  
Amen

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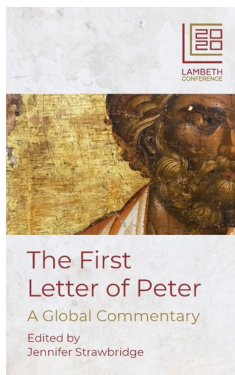
## Highlights from the February 28, 2022 Vestry Meeting

- Approved the minutes of February 6, 2022
- Reviewed and approved the 2021 Parochial Report to the Diocese of Easton
- Reviewed and prepared draft Vestry Goals and Objectives for 2022. The Goals and Objectives will be finalized at the March Vestry meeting.
- Approved the recommendation of the Junior Warden to award a contract to
- Mitrecic Builders to repair and repaint the red doors to the church
- Paul Rogers presented the Treasurer's report through January 2022.
- Received a report from the Clergy Search Committee to repost the position on the Office of Transition Ministry site with a closing date of May 2.
- Tom Shuster provided the Lenten/Easter Worship schedule.
- Karen Gordon requested a volunteer to succeed her as Pastoral Care Liaison.
- Set the next Vestry meeting for Monday, March 14, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at church.



Tom Shuster, Senior Warden

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### Lenten Book Study with Father Carl Mosley: Tuesdays March 8th - April 5th, 7pm

Father Carl will lead us in a study of the Letter of I Peter, on Zoom every Tuesday evening at 7pm during Lent. Beginning on March 8th, we will be discussing the book "The First Letter of Peter: A Global Commentary" edited by Jennifer Strawbridge. This commentary can be purchased from online booksellers.

All are welcome! Please let us know if you want to participate so we can send the Zoom link to you. Jody will be sending that out on Sunday.

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### Video - An overview of 1 Peter with Professor Jenn Strawbridge

The first 2 chapters of the Commentary can be viewed here.

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### Women, Woke and Wired: Solidarity and the Resurrection

A Webinar: Thursday, March 31st, 2022 6:00 -7:15 pm

This presentation focuses on the resurrection accounts in the Synoptic Gospels, in which women—yes, plural—are presented as the first witnesses of the empty tomb,

and reads them as a story of solidarity among women disciples. Exploring these biblical narratives alongside some contemporary stories of sisterhood, we will be encouraged to find the event of resurrection not just as an individual experience but more as a communal commitment to the restoration of hope. With Holy Week and Easter approaching, we hope this presentation will offer you insights anchored in textual and literary analyses and theological reflections.



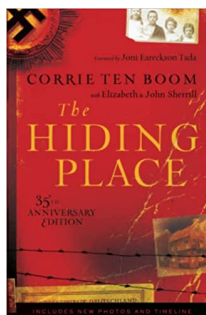
Dr. Jee Hei Park was formerly Visiting Assistant Professor of New Testament/Louisville Postdoctoral Fellow here at General Seminary. She is currently Assistant Professor of New Testament at Seminary of the Southwest. She holds a Master of Divinity (concentration in New Testament and Early Christianity) from Harvard Divinity School and a PhD in Christianity in Antiquity from Fordham University. Park's work has been recognized with several awards and fellowships including the Forum for Theological Exploration dissertation fellowship and the Louisville Institute postdoctoral fellowship.

**[Click here to register](#)**

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## Lenten Postcard Project

The Ocean Cluster mailed postcards this past week asking each household to pray for a certain randomly selected household in the Cluster during Lent. This project is intended to encourage prayer during Lent, as well as remind us that we are all in this together, as a group of churches. The hope is that it will strengthen our bonds as fellow Christians and Cluster members when we can meet again in person.



## SPBTS Book Club Cancels March Meeting

Due to the Lenten Bible Study, the Book Club has decided to postpone their discussion of *The Hiding Place* by Corrie Ten Boom until Monday, April 24 at 7pm via Zoom.

Anyone who enjoys reading is welcome to join the group. Contact Debbie Shuster or Jody Farley.

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## Memory Care in Maryland

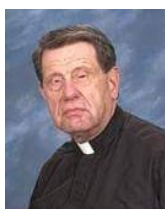
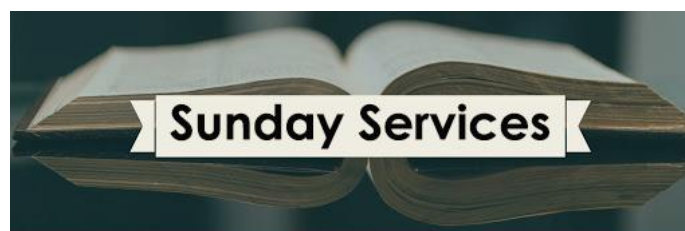
In Maryland, almost 3,500 people in hospice care have a primary diagnosis of dementia according to the **Alzheimer's Association**. In total, around 110,000 people in the state live with the disease, and that number is expected to grow to 130,000 by 2025. **According to the CDC**, it's expected that the number of people with Alzheimer's and related dementias will triple nationwide between 2014 and 2060.

Memory care facilities provide those living with Alzheimer's and dementia with care that



is tailored to their unique needs. Memory care can take place in its own facility, or as part of a designated wing of another residential care community. Staff members of memory care units or facilities undergo specialized training in caring for those with memory impairment, and the facilities often coordinate social activities and schedules specifically for the needs of those living with Alzheimer's or dementia.

This guide ([\*\*Click Here\*\*](#)) will cover the cost of memory care in Maryland, financial assistance options for paying for memory care, free memory care resources in the state, and a directory of memory care facilities in Maryland.



### **March 6: The First Sunday in Lent**

Holy Eucharist, Rite II service with music, celebrated by the Rev. Carl Mosley. [\*\*Click here\*\*](#) for a PDF version of the 3/6/2022 bulletin so you can follow along.

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### **April 10: Palm Sunday**

Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Bishop Marray

### **April 14: Maundy Thursday**

Holy Eucharist Lenten Meal in  
DeWees Hall 6 p.m. Fr. Carl Mosley

### **April 15: Good Friday**

Good Friday Liturgy Noon Fr. Carl Mosley

### **April 17: Easter Sunday**

Holy Eucharist 10 a.m. Fr. Carl Mosley



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## **Ash Wednesday Service**



### Happy Birthday

Michael Rutka (3/6)  
Peggy Kent (3/8)  
Andy Diaz (3/12)



### Online Services

**Click here** to watch the Sunday,  
February 27th Holy Eucharist service.  
**Click here** to watch the Ash  
Wednesday Holy Eucharist service.

### Prayer List

*Please keep those on our prayer list in your daily prayers.*

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Hugh, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Rogers, John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Jean Charles, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine

### Worship Leaders Schedule

#### **This Week—March 6, 2022**

Celebrant: Rev. Carl Mosley

Reader: Cami Rogers

Altar Guild: Mary Wright, Kay Ayres, Amanda  
Cropper

Usher: Kay Ayres

**Next Week—March 13, 2022**

Celebrant: Rev. Carl Mosley

Reader: Debbie Shuster

Altar Guild: Mary Wright, Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper

Usher: Amanda Cropper

Counters: Nancy Knotts, Debbie Shuster



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