

January 15, 2012 | Second Sunday after Epiphany

The Readings from Scripture

Please be seated.

The First Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–10

At a time when visions are rare and unexpected, the Lord comes to Samuel and calls him to speak the divine word. Though just a boy, Samuel responds to God obediently, as Eli the priest has taught him to respond. This marks the beginning of Samuel's prophetic ministry.

A reading from the book of Samuel:

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. ²At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; ³the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" ⁵and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. ⁶The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Reader: The word of the Lord. ALL: Thanks be to God.



The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 6:12–20

Paul is helping the Corinthians understand that God has claimed the entirety of their lives through the death of Christ. Hence Christian relationships and conduct, including areas of human sexuality, are to reflect the reality that we belong to Christ and that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians:

¹²All things are lawful for me, but not all things are beneficial.

"All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything.

¹³Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food, and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body.

¹⁴And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power.

¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?

Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never!

¹⁶Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said,

"The two shall be one flesh."

¹⁷But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

¹⁸Shun fornication!

Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself.

¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?

²⁰For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

*Reader: The word of the Lord. **ALL: Thanks be to God***

The Holy Gospel

John 1:43–51

In John's gospel, Jesus' ministry begins with the call of disciples, who then bring others to Jesus. Philip's friend Nathanael moves from skepticism to faith when he accepts the invitation to "Come and see."

The Holy Gospel according to St. _____ the _____ chapter

⁴³The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee.

He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me."

⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

⁴⁵Philip found Nathanael and said to him,

"We have found him about whom Moses in the law
and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth."

⁴⁶Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?"

Philip said to him, "Come and see."

⁴⁷When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him,

"Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"

⁴⁸Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?"

Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."

⁴⁹Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God!

You are the King of Israel!"

⁵⁰Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you
that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."

⁵¹And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened
and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

The Prayers of Intercession

As God's beloved people made radiant by the light of Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human family, and God's good creation.

A brief silence.

Speak, for your servant church is listening and ready to serve. Make us attentive to your call, that with alertness and joy we will follow wherever you lead.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

All your works are wonderful and marvelously made, and you desire abundant life for all your creatures. Knit together all that is broken, and restore the balance of life on earth.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Raise up courageous prophets and leaders who speak truth to power. Open the heavens and let your justice roll down for all who are oppressed.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

As you have promised, do great things for those who are homeless, hungry, uninsured, unemployed, or lacking adequate child care, and lift up those who are sick. Sustain the caring and outreach ministries of this congregation. Hear us, O God Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

You search our hearts and understand us completely. In your compassion, care for those who are experiencing life transitions or making difficult decisions about health, work, church, and family relations.

hear our prayer.

For what else do the people of God pray?

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Remembering the witness of (*Martin Luther King Jr.* and all the saints, we look to that day when we will dwell with them at peace in your beloved community.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Holy God, we lift our prayers to you in hope, entrusting all for whom we pray to your great goodness and mercy, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

St. Paul's Prayer List ❖ Weekly update to the January Vision

Louise Mest – *Lehigh Valley Hospital*

Margie Rodenberger

Frank Grim – *Recovering at home*

Nina Fehnel – *Recovering from surgery*

Suzanne Fox – *Broken arm*

Jeff Bird

Dan Seislove

Michael Dziedzic – *brother of Laura Foreman*

Please look in the current edition of the Vision Newsletter for other names on our prayer list. The Sunday bulletins only list updates to the complete list in the Vision.

We remember in our prayers the Frye family on the death of Harry Frye. Services were held yesterday.

Prayers for the people of Grace - Hatfield. A New Year's Eve fire heavily damaged the old church building at Grace Lutheran - Hatfield. The current church and two adjacent homes were spared from the fire. The former church was used as a daycare, educational space, and home of the Laymen Playmen theatrical group. "The congregation is grateful to the brave firemen and other emergency responders who put out the fire and prevented damage to other structures."

Prayers for the thousands of students, staff and families impacted by the closing and merging of 156 elementary schools, 17 high schools, and four schools of special education within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary C. Schwenk presented by Loretta Baver and Family.

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of the Wedding Anniversary of Margaret and Claude Reiman presented by family.

Capital Improvement Fund ~ We have currently received a total of \$67,862. in our Capital Improvement fund toward our goal of \$225,000. Pledges amount to \$64,914.

Elevator Fund ~	Project Cost	\$170,000.00
	Total Gifts Received as of 1.1.12	\$73,510.00

Happy Birthday Frontier Girls! Frontier Girls are 5 years old on Jan 19th. Our local troop is having a great first year at St. Paul's. Frontier Girls is a scouting type organization that helps raise women of honor to be leaders of the future. For more information, please contact Karen Britton 215-679-4943 or britton23@verizon.net

Flower Sponsors Needed. Please consider sponsoring an arrangement for as little as \$30.00 plus tax. Contact Heather Walter at 215-541-4069 to remember a loved one while helping your parish family.

Join us on Saturday, February 11th from 5 to 8 PM- Fourth Annual Chili Cook Off and Talent Show Love to cook? Have a new chili recipe you want to try? Enjoy eating chili with friends? Need to defend your chili champion title? Then join the St. Paul's Youth from 5-8pm on Saturday, February 11th in Fellowship Hall for Chili tasting, voting and a talent show too! Cooking chili not your thing? We welcome side dishes and desserts, as well as talent acts. See signup sheet outside of Fellowship Hall. Questions, contact: Laura Foreman at 267-923-8895 or foreman3@hotmail.com

This Week at St. Paul's

Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Table talk	4:30 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM
Monday	Cub Den Meeting	6:30 PM
	Cemetery Committee	7:00 PM
	Praise Team	7:30 PM
Tuesday	Robotics Team	6:30 PM
Wednesday	Men's Bible Study	7:00 PM
	AA	8:00 PM
Thursday	Bible Study – Off Site	1:00 PM
	Bible Study – Off Site	7:00 PM
Friday	Frontier Girls & Daisies	6:30 PM
Saturday	Robotics Team	9:00 AM
Sunday	Early Service with Holy Communion	8:00 AM
	Contemporary Service with Holy Communion	9:15 AM
	Sunday Church School	9:15 AM
	Late Service with Holy Communion	10:30 AM
	Snow Date for Ham Dinner if Needed	3:00 PM
	Bell Choir	7:30 PM
	Narcotics Anonymous - <i>Fellowship Hall</i>	8:00 PM

Today's Worship Assistants

Next Sunday's Worship Assistants

Altar Guild:	8:00AM	Alan & Diane Richard	8:00AM	Nicole Oswald
Assistant:	8:00AM	Charles Shagg	8:00AM	Stan Rose
	10:30AM	Jan Woertz	10:30AM	Vicar Chris
Ushers:	9:15AM	Ron Leister	9:15AM	Craig Frank
		Diane Leister		Lori Frank
	10:30AM	Alan Richard	10:30 AM	<i>Need an Usher</i>
		Donald Dulin		Tyler Bird
		Charlie Roth		
Monday:		Tom Sands	Monday:	Sandy Bergey
		Charles Shagg		Alan Richard
				Diane Richard

We are in need of an Usher at the 10:30 AM Service on Sunday the 22nd. If you are able to help please let Vicar or Pastor know. Thank you.

Annual Meeting - The annual congregational meeting will be held after each of the three services on Sunday, January 29.