

Welcome to the weekly hub of information for everything new at St. Paul's! This week's edition features a preview of a new kind of conversation tomorrow with Fr. Daniel, as well as local opportunities for racial justice action, and more.

Going Deeper Panel Discussion: From Idea to Action

Thursday at 7pm, "Going Deeper" will feature local leaders from within the parish in a conversation about turning social justice ideas into community action. Fr. Daniel will facilitate the panel discussion, which will include Anthony Crisci (pictured), former Executive Director of Triangle Community Center; Suzanne McFate, founder of Norwalk Mutual Aid; and Donna Lewis, founding member of the Race and Social Justice Coalition at St. Paul's.



Following the half-hour panel, the call will break into small groups to discuss how St. Paul's can and does turn its mission and ideas into action. <u>Click here to join on Zoom.</u>

Reading and Reflection: Getting it Wrong

Monday at 7pm, Mother Louise will lead a discussion of <u>Instead of 'we can no longer be silent,' try 'we got it wrong,'</u> an article by Marc Antoine Lavarin. To join the Zoom conversation on Monday, <u>click this link</u>. For assistance connecting via phone call, email Marsha Dunn: <u>admin@stpaulsnorwalk.org</u>.

Community Engagement

This Friday: Juneteenth Rally and Vigil

June 19th marks the oldest commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. A peaceful rally is planned for **Friday at 5pm** at Veterans Park (click for details), and a candlelight vigil for Oluwatoyin Salau, a murdered Black lives Matter activist, is



planned for **Friday at 9pm** on the Norwalk Green (<u>click for details</u>). These events are not coordinated by St. Paul's, so please be sure to check the details before attending. Send pictures from either event to <u>admin@stpaulsnorwalk.org</u>.

Join the Race and Social Justice Coalition at St. Paul's

<u>Click here to learn</u> about the 50-member group's work. All are welcome to attend the group's meetings on Wednesdays at 7pm. <u>Click here to join on Zoom.</u>

Free COVID-19 testing Thursday

<u>Read this flyer for information</u> about free testing at Norwalk Public Library on June 18th from 8:30-11:30am.

Support local aid organizations

- Norwalk Mutual Aid offers community support fueled by donations and local volunteers.
- <u>Person-to-Person</u> provides emergency assistance for families in greater Norwalk.

Save the Date: Financial Sustainability

Sunday June 28th at 5pm, join a parish-wide Zoom call to learn about the Funding Sustainability Task Force, a new initiative of the vestry. The Task Force will pursue big, audacious ideas that will sustain the continued growth of St. Paul's. Read more at this link.

Our Doors are Open!

The church building is open to visitors large and small on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4-6pm and Saturdays from 12-2pm.

If you've enjoyed your visit and would like to volunteer in staffing the reopening, contact Marsha Dunn: admin@stpaulsnorwalk.org.



Social Distancing Stories

Mother Louise interviewed long-time parishioner Estela Williams for this week's parish dispatch.

Estela has seen a lot in her 96 years, more than 60 of those as a faithful St. Paul's parishioner. Through these years she has lived in the constant awareness of God's love and care and providence, which gives her assurance that God will see us through the pandemic, and that through prayer and faithfulness, we will all be okay.



Estela was born in Cuba, one of 10 children; her father cut sugar cane. She grew up in

Jamaica and came to the US after she married. She raised her family in Norwalk, and her children were baptized and married at St. Paul's. She loves St. Paul's and misses it very much, looking forward to when we can be back together for worship and fellowship.

Estela thanks God for her life; she prays that, if it pleases God, she reaches 100. She believes that God gives us what we can manage, never more than we can bear. And that God is always good.

Weekly Recommendation

Michael B. Jordan stars in *Just Mercy*, the true story of Bryan Stevenson's battle for justice. Stevenson, a civil rights lawyer and social justice activist, is the subject of acclaimed documentary *True Justice*.

<u>Click here to rent Just Mercy</u> free of charge with an

Amazon account.

See more recommendations from St. Paul's on <u>the church</u> website.



Weekly Schedule

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

Sunday

11am Holy Eucharist (Facebook)
12:10pm Small group connection and conversation (Zoom)
9pm Compline from the river (Facebook)

Monday

8:30am Morning Prayer from the river (Facebook) **7pm** "Reading and Reflection" with Mother Louise (Zoom)

Tuesday

4-6pm Church open for prayer and meditation

Wednesday

8:30am Morning Prayer (Facebook)11:30am Mid-Day Eucharist (Facebook)7pm Race and Social Justice Coalition (Zoom)9pm Compline from the river (Facebook)

Thursday

4-6pm Church open for prayer and meditation **7pm** "Going Deeper" with Fr. Daniel (Zoom)

Friday

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

Saturday

Noon-2pm Church open for prayer and meditation

Visit <u>stpaulsnorwalk.org</u> for more information on all upcoming events.











Praying for one another

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