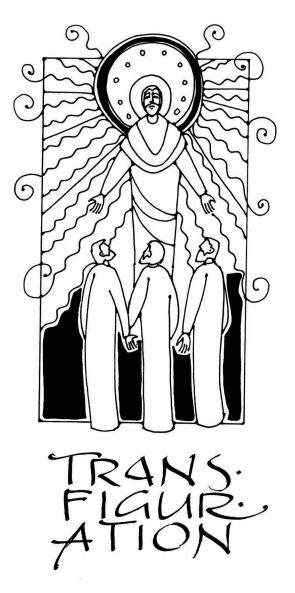
St. Paul Lutheran Church of Catonsville



The Transfiguration of Our Lord February 11, 2024



If you are a guest with us today, we extend a special welcome in the name of Jesus! If you have questions or prayer requests or want to get in touch with us, please sign the guest book in the lobby (or use this QR code) or email or call.

Children's Bulletins are available in the lobby.

Service Live-streamed In The Learning Center Turn right when you leave the sanctuary and follow the hall around to The Learning Center if you need a break during the service.

Prelude: Please use the prelude as a time for quiet prayer and meditation before worship.

Prayer before Worship: O Lord, creator, redeemer, and comforter, I come to worship You in spirit and in truth. Open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. In Jesus name. Amen.

For Those Who Desire to Receive the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper is celebrated at St. Paul in the confession and glad confidence that, as He says, our Lord gives into our mouths not only bread and wine but His very body and blood to eat and to drink for the forgiveness of sins and to strengthen our union with Him and with one another. Our Lord invites to His table those who trust His words, repent of all sin, and set aside any refusal to forgive and love as He forgives and loves us, that they may show forth His death until He comes.

Because those who eat and drink our Lord's body and blood unworthily do so to their great harm and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith which is confessed at this altar, any who are not yet instructed, in doubt or who hold a confession differing from that of this congregation and The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, are asked first to speak with the pastor or an elder. (Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the communion trays.)

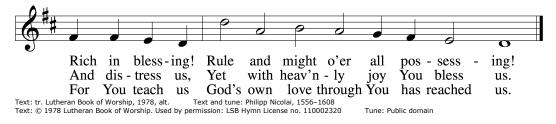
> St. Paul Lutheran Church and School 2001 Old Frederick Road Catonsville, Maryland 21228 Church: 410-747-1897 School: 410-747-1924 www.stpaulcatonsville.org email: secretary@stpaulcatonsville.org Pastor Gregory Alms Renata O'Reilly, Organist & Choir Director

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Donald Hustad

Prelude: Alleluia, Song of Gladness: Lauda Anima

(1918-2013)O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright LSB 395 Morn-ing Star, how fair and bright! 1 0You shine with God's 2 Come, heav'n-ly Bride-groom, Light di - vine, And deep with - in when You look us in love. 3 Lord. on At once there falls own truth and light, A - glow with grace and mer cy! our hearts now shine; There light flame _ un - dy ing! а from God a - bove pur est plea -Α ray of sure. 0 Of King Da-vid's son. Our Lord and mas -Ja - cob's race. bod - y In Your one let us be As liv - ing branch -Spir - it, Your Word and flesh and blood Re - fresh our souls You have won Our hearts lv! ter. to serve You on es of а tree. Your life our lives sup - ply ing. with heav'n-ly food. You dear trea are our est sure! and glo-rious, All Low - ly, ly! Great ho vic - to - rious, Now, though dai ly Earth's deep sad - ness May per - plex us Your Warm and cheer us! draw near us! Let mer cy 0



Confession and Absolution

Invocation

Matthew 28:19b; 18:20

- P In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Exhortation

Psalm 124:8; Psalm 130:3–4; Luke 18:13

- P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
- C who made heaven and earth.
- P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
- C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.
- P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Sit

Confession of Sins

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Absolution

[John 20:19–23]

- P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Stand



Salutation and Collect of the Day

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

- P Let us pray.
- C O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit Anthem: This Is My Beloved Son

Knut Nystedt (b.1964)

2 Kings 2:1–12

Heather Krakat, Soprano

He was still speaking, when lo, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said: "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well please; hear ye Him."

Old Testament Reading

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he said, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The sons of the prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take away your master from over you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know it; keep quiet."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Please stay here, for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the sons of the prophets also went and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his cloak and rolled it up and struck the water, and the water was parted to the one side and to the other, till the two of them could go over on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask what I shall do for you, before I am taken from you." And Elisha said, "Please let there be a double portion of your spirit on me." ¹⁰And he said, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it shall be so for you, but if you do not see me, it shall not be so." ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, chariots of fire and horses of fire separated the

two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²And Elisha saw it and he cried, "My father, my father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" And he saw him no more.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Gradual (spoken responsively)

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

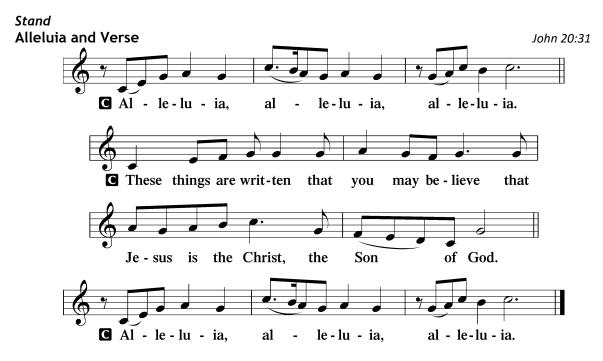
2 Corinthians 3:12–18; 4:1–6

¹²Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

¹Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ²But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled only to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8



Holy Gospel

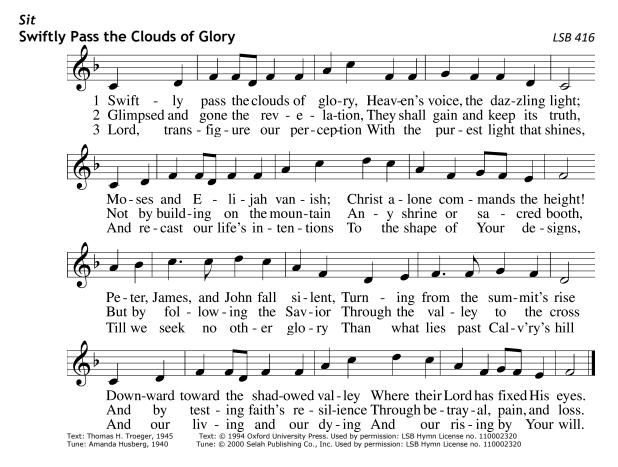
Mark 9:2–9

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.
- C Glory to You, O Lord.

²After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." ⁶For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.

⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.



Sermon

Stand Nicene Creed

- C I believe in one God,
 - the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

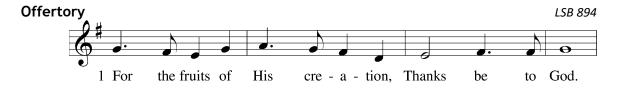
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

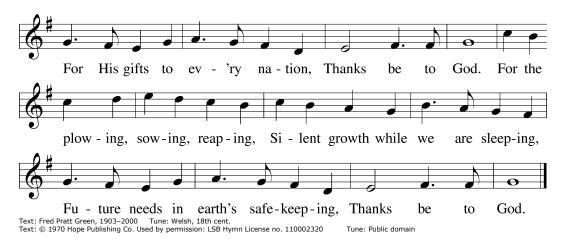
Prayer of the Church

Offering

(An offering plate is available in the narthex. You may also give electronically via this QR code or through our website at stpaulcatonsville.org/donation. If you would like to send in an electronic offering via text, text the dollar amount you would like to give to 410-888-0161.)





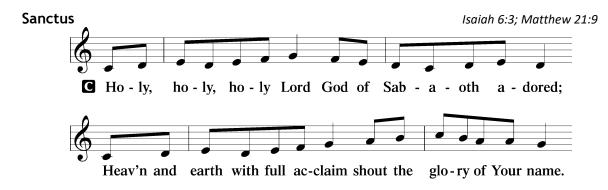


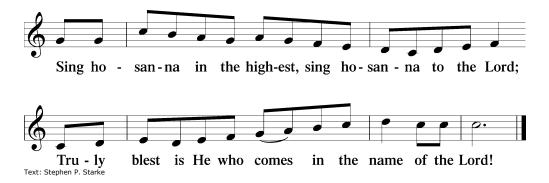
Service of the Sacrament

Preface

2 Timothy 4:22; [Colossians 3:1]; [Psalm 136]

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts.
- C We lift them to the Lord.
- P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
- P It is truly good, right, and salutary evermore praising You and saying:





Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- C Our Father who art in heaven,
 - hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

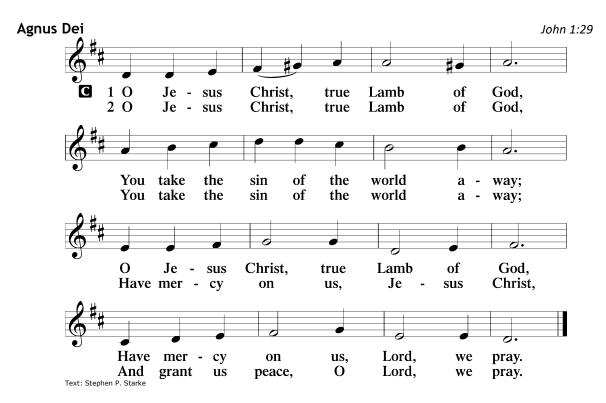
The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My T body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My T blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

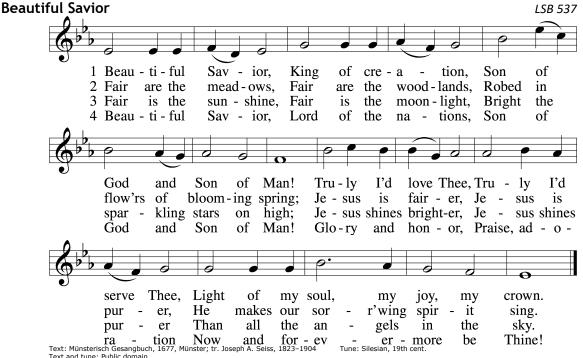
- P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C Amen.



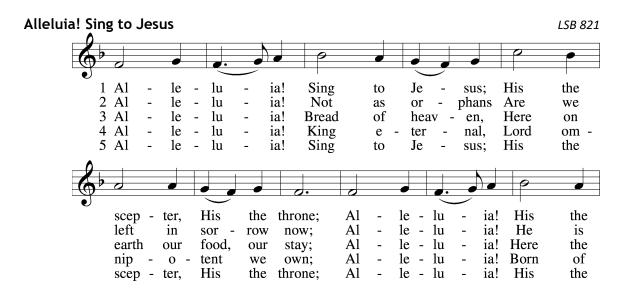
Sit

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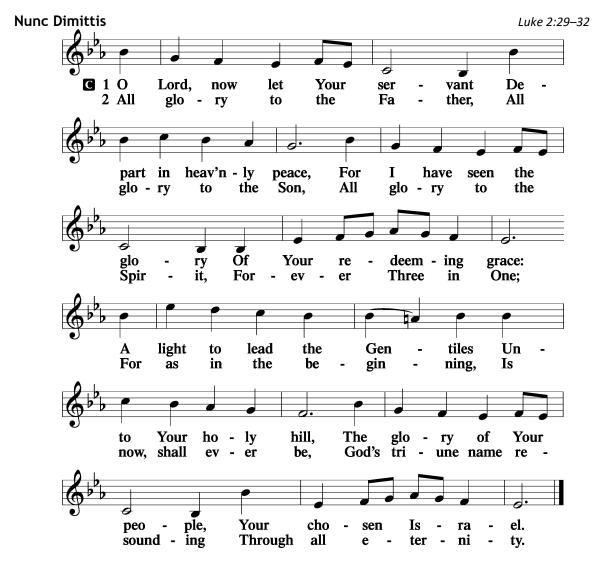


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Stand Post-Communion Blessing



Post-Communion Collect

- A Let us pray....
- C Amen.

Benedicamus

- A Let us bless the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Psalm 103:1

Benediction

- P The Lord bless you and keep you.The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.
- C Amen.



Dismissal

Postlude: Bright and Glorious Is the Sky Danish Tune: *Dejlig er den Himmel blaa* Wayne L. Wold (b. 1954)

News & Notes

Altar Flowers

Flowers today are given by Debbie Frech in celebration of Dasha's birthday.

Women's Center West

In support of life, during the month of February we will gather \$25 WalMart gift cards for Women's Center West, a local crisis pregnancy center here in Catonsville.

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 14th we will hold Ash Wednesday Services at 11 am and 7 pm. The 7 pm service will be a service of Holy Communion.



"A Ransom For Many"

is the theme for our Lenten services this year. We will meditate on the story of Christ's suffering and death as told in the Gospel of Mark, chapters 14-15. Services will be on Wednesdays, February 21st through March 20th at 11 am and 7 pm.

Red Letter Challenge Begins NEXT Week

During the Lenten season, the adult Sunday School class will embark on the Red Letter Challenge, a 40-day discipleship challenge that explores five principles of Christian discipleship: Being, Forgiving, Serving, Giving, and Going as guided by Jesus' words. The first class will begin on February 18th.

Siberian Lutheran Church

Today is the last day to leave a special offering for the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church. Please make your check out to St. Paul Lutheran and write on the envelope or on the check "Siberia".

Newsletter Deadline: Articles for the March Newsletter are due on February 19th.

Mission Trip 2024

We will begin discussions about a mission trip in 2024 on Tuesday, March 5th at 7 pm in the media center. Our last two trips have been very successful and rewarding. We hope to continue that tradition this year. We will discuss where, when, who and what kind of trip we would like to take. All are welcome. Bring your opinions, suggestions, calendars and enthusiasm.

Mark Your Calendars!

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place here at St Paul on Saturday, March 30th, 10am - Noon. Spread the news to family and friends. More information to come!

Concordia University Nebraska Choir Concert

Join us for a captivating performance by Concordia University Nebraska's A Cappella Choir at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Thursday, March 7th. This distinguished choir is one of the United States' oldest touring Lutheran collegiate choirs. The concert will feature a wide range of both secular and sacred music for all ages to enjoy. The Concordia Prep Upper School Choir will open the evening and will perform with the A Capella Choir.

College Student Hosts

Concordia Prep also invites you to extend your hospitality by hosting choir members for the night after the concert. If interested, please email averykesar@concordiaprepschool.org. Your support is greatly appreciated!

-	This week	Next week
Cantor	JB Jaeger	JB Jaeger
Reader	Michelle Johnson	JB Jaeger
Usher	Greg McDonald	Bruce Staudinger
Usher	Ken Waibel	Paul Lubell
Greeter	Irene Giguere	Dave Carnes
Acolyte	Danny McKay	Michael Hemmeter

Serving at St. Paul

Daily Readings: *Feb* **11:** Job 7:1–21, John 4:7–26; *Feb* **12:** Job 8:1–22, John 4:27–45; *Feb* **13:** Job 9:1–35, John 4:46–54; *Feb* **14:** Job 10:1–22, John 5:1–18; *Feb* **15:** Job 11:1–20, John 5:19–29; *Feb* **16:** Job 12:1–6, 12–25, John 5:30–47; *Feb* **17:** Job 13:1–12, John 6:1–21.

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CHURCH MEMBERS

Norm Giguere (in ICU at University of MD, Baltimore) Pat Chinn (cancer, awaiting treatment) Doris Schascheck (thanksgiving she is home from rehab, continued recovery at home) Merilyn Blomster (recovering) Laurie Dungey (concussion) David Nguyen (recovering from back surgery) Lindsey Gay John Gay (cancer) Janice Gay (caretaker) Debbie Frech (cancer, chemotherapy treatments) Marilyn Haberl (scleroderma)

<u>SHUT-INS</u>

Mildred Klein, Betty Blackburn, and Janet Conklin.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Fred Piegols, father of Jeff (recovering from vascular surgery) 2/11 Donnie Andrus, stepson of Bruce Staudinger (terminal cancer) 2/11 Pam Andrus, daughter-in-law of Donnie (lupus) 2/11 Sara Johns, friend of Erin Fields (diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, rushed to treatment in TX) Brian Willberger, friend of Carolyn Louden (liver) 1/28 Tya, St. Paul School lunch delivery lady (heart attack) 1/28 Michael Murphy, friend of the Borths (bone cancer) 1/21 Nick Mantzourin, friend of Carolyn Louden (recovering from heart valve replacement surgery) Chaplain Eric Malmstrom, friend of the Jaegers 1/21 Billie-Jean, friend of Sally Foks (pray that surgery would be scheduled soon) 1/7 Sandy Miller, friend of the Kynes (breast cancer) 2/11 Elsie Cox, friend of the Kynes (congestive heart failure) 2/11 Walt O'Reilly, husband of Renata (cancer, recovering from radiation therapy) 1/21 Steve Schafer, father of Alicia Dreessen (skin cancer) 1/21

Prayer is a great gift and privilege for Christians. To add people to the prayer list printed in the bulletin, please email pastoralms@stpaulcatonsville.org or tess.bagale@splscatonsville.org or call the church office at 410-747-1897. Family and friends will automatically be removed after one month. If you want your request to stay on for another month, just contact the office.