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Parish Ministers: All the People of St.Paul's

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St. Paul's Parish Mission Statement: to be a thriving, loving, Christ-centered parish; a parish who knows Christ and makes Christ known.

We take seriously our Baptismal Covenant that says we will respect the dignity of every human being.

You are welcome to worship with us, to join with us in fellowship, and in our ministries, regardless of age, economic status, marital status, nationality, race, sexual orientation or gender identity, ability or disability, and wherever you are in your spiritual journey.

A Word from Mother Liz

Happy New Year!

This year the first Sunday of the year begins with the Epiphany, the day we read the gospel of Matthew and acknowledge the arrival of the three kings. Epiphany is not a moveable feast which means that it is celebrated only on the date it occurs so it is an even bigger celebration when it falls on a Sunday.

Technically the Sundays after the Epiphany are not a season at all but in reality we treat them as a season because the gospel readings are not sequential rather they are chosen to reflect significant occasions in Jesus' life in which his divinity is made manifest, ie. epiphanies.

The number of Sundays following the Epiphany depends on the date of Easter which determines the date on which Lent begins. This year Easter is on April 20 so Lent begins 40 days plus 7 Sundays earlier on March 6. Therefore there are 8 Sundays between the Epiphany and the beginning of Lent. Most of the readings are from the Gospel of Luke since we are in Year C of the lectionary which focuses on Luke. The first week after the Epiphany is always the Baptism of our Lord. The second

Sunday is the Wedding at Cana which is from the Gospel of John and is not a story told by any of the other evangelists. The third and fourth Sundays are Jesus reading from the scroll in the synagogue. The fifth Sunday is Jesus telling Simon Peter to let down his nets and that he will become a fisher of people. The sixth and seventh Sundays are from the Sermon on the Plain, the last Sunday is always the Transfiguration.

I hope these shining moments of the light of Christ will provide comfort and guidance during the upcoming months of winter.

Vestry Highlights

- Accepted and approved budget for 2019
- Thanks to all for successful toy drive for St. John's Hospital, response was outstanding
- Snow removal contract approved on an as needed basis
- Upcoming concert 1/20 at 4:00 p.m.
- Finalized candidates for vestry

Stewardship Committee

Our Faith Community Seeking to do God's Work

January --- another opportunity to start again. Our New Year's resolutions frequently focus on our health: "I'll eat/drink/sit around less; I'll exercise/eat right more." What about our financial health? What about our heart health? Not cardiology, but the heart Jesus said: **"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also" Matthew 6:21, Luke 12:34**

For a New Year's resolution, look over your check register or your on-line bank records. What does your use of your financial treasure say about the state of your heart (the heart Jesus was referring to)? Is your hear where you want it to be?

Your stewardship committee is pleased to report that as of mid-December we have received pledges from almost 50% of the people to whom we sent stewardship letters in October. If you are one of those, many thanks. If you have not yet been able to make a financial pledge to the work of this faith community, please consider doing so as part of a fresh start in the new calendar year.

In this season which follows the Epiphany (bringing light to the world)

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Phyllis Voegeli, for the stewardship committee:
 Laura Cooley, Martin Minogue, Constance Still

Buildings and Grounds

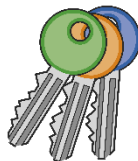


The floor in Phipps Hall and its bathroom has been installed and looks fabulous. Reseating the toilet in the bathroom required a plumber and some

spelunking because there was limited access to the crawl space required to replace a broken pipe flange. But all is well and the toilet is no longer leaking!

The church furnace naturally chose to stop working a few days before Christmas but our HVAC mechanic got it working and we were toasty and warm for the Christmas services.

We are currently soliciting bids for snow removal. We are blessed that Geppie Celauro is willing to plow but the walkways and stairways need to be cleared, sanded, and salted as well. The buildings are used 7 days a week so there is no time when we can afford to ignore snow or ice. If you know anyone who might be interested in submitting a bid please have them call the office.



Do You Have Keys To Our St. Paul's Kingdom?

If you have keys to any door in the church or parish hall please let Ronny Pliszak parish administrator know. List your name and your contact information, phone and email. Thank you.



"Christ has ... no other hands but yours"
 St. Teresa of Avila

Raise the Roof

Thanks to all who have contributed to this and who continue to do so; we'll have updates for you in a couple of months. It's not too late to begin to

pledge, the work is ongoing, see the office for a pledge card.

Please include in your prayers this month:

Those who are sick or in need:

Craig Shaber, Dylan & Family, Ed Smith, Linda Bocca, Mike, Marcy, Lillian Hemmert, Janis McEvoy, Nikki, Phyllis Trypuc, Martin Gunkel, Bill Whyland, Bruce Demler, Mary Lou Immel, Jeannine Cranor, Emeka Azinge, Shirley Bleecher, Conni Still, Ken Cooley, Ada Graniello, Ronnie Silverburg, Lucille Clark, Ronnie Roode, Lynn Schreib, Pauline Minogue, Donna T.

Those who are serving in the armed forces and their families:

Samantha Schwartz, Nicolas LoRusso

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments

- The Altar Guild for all their work during the holiday season
- All those who donated for Christmas poinsettias
- The Choir for carrying on in spite of illness
- Dan Minogue for returning to St. Paul's once again
- Ronny Pliszak for doing all of the bulletins associated with Christmas
- Dee Laffin for working with the flooring contractor
- Martin Minogue for tracking and updating the pledge reports
- All those who have pledged for 2019
- Ronnie and Dave MacDonald for hosting the last vestry meeting of the year
- The Food Pantry volunteers for coordinating a great distribution of turkey and gift cards for Christmas
- All those who contributed towards the gift for Ronnie Silverburg
- All those who contributed gifts for the children of St. John's Hospital
- Those who decorated the Christmas Tree
- Cathie Pliszak and all who made the Christmas Fair a success

- Tracy Classon for organizing and overseeing the Christmas Pageant
- The Thrift Shop for carrying on in spite of illness
- All those who moved furniture out of Phipps Hall in preparation for the new floor (and hopefully will be willing to move it back again!)
- All those who helped to green the church

Milestones

We said farewell to our friend Mary Dykman as she moved to Maryland. Here is her new address and phone number if you would like to continue to keep in touch with our dear friend.

16 Clearwater Court, Damascus MD 20872

Phone 240-381-0227 (remember it was not correct in the last church directory)

email: mary.dykman@gmail.com

Died: Jean Chapin, wife of former rector Richard Chapin

Thrift Shop

A wonderful month of income this month demonstrated all the hard work of our volunteers.

Despite the scheduling problems we have managed to have adequate coverage and greatly appreciate everyone who has stepped in to fill in the gaps. We continue to look for more help in the future, especially anyone who likes to learn the banking end of our business.

We worked hard to prepare for the Christmas sale by getting all the seasonal clothing onto the selling floor and donating things that have been here longer to Big Brothers, Big Sisters. We carefully sorted through our treasures and prepared wonderful baskets for raffles for the Christmas Fair, some items brand new, some vintage, and all enjoyed by the lucky winners. Over the past year we had set aside all the Christmas mugs donated and sixty three mugs were filled with candy and given out at the food pantry, thanks to Barbara Greco's efforts.

Our Christmas sale is ongoing until Saturday and we have already had a great December month. We will give ourselves a well deserved rest for Christmas and return to work January 4, 2019.

Merry Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year from Conni and Jeannine and the Thrift Shop Staff

St. Clare's Guild



As of the beginning of February we changed our meeting time from Tuesday evening to Friday afternoon at 2:30 to accommodate those members of the guild who can no longer travel at night. We hope that more people will join our friendly and productive group.



Volunteers are needed to host the coffee hours after the 8 and 10 o'clock services. Sharon Minogue will give you all the instruction on how to make delicious coffee and where all the equipment is kept, and the goodies are up to your imagination and baking or shopping skills! Best of all you can be reimbursed for your purchases. Please see Sharon to sign up.



SAVE THE DATES!

Sunday, January 6, 2019- Feast of the Epiphany:
8:00 Holy Eucharist
10:00 Holy Eucharist with music. Following the service, we will celebrate the Feast of the Three Kings! As they brought gifts to an unknown child, please bring a baby gift to benefit the Mercy Center Ministries.

January 27 is Annual Meeting. There will be one service at 9:00 a.m. followed by a potluck brunch. We will elect a new Warden and 3 vestry member and review our accomplishments over the past year.

Petit Salon Concert Program

Terry Keevil – oboe, Paolo Bartolani – piano

January 20, 2019, 4:00 pm

- Miniatures
Richard Faith (b.1926)
- Partita for Keyboard No. 1 in Bb Major, BWV 825 J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
- Six Metamorphoses for Oboe Solo Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
- Drei Romanzen Robert Schumann (1818-1856)
- Rumble in Cortona Gavin Bryars (b. 1943)
- "Farewell" for solo duduk Terry Keevil (b.1952)
- Improvisation for Oboe and Piano
- Elegie Nino Rota (1911-1979)

Suggested donation \$10:00



The Altar Guild and Greening Committee did an outstanding job making St. Paul's beautiful for Christmas.



Jackie Root donated this Nativity in memory of her husband Richard Root. Michael Greco built the wonderful manger to complete the scene. Stop by Mother Liz's office to see it.



Jackson helped decorate the tree with bright red apples. Alison and Donna Reached the higher branches.



New flooring for Phipps Hall



Jackson brings an animal to the manger

Caiden and Stefanie shared a sweet moment. He's all ready for Santa.





The Three Kings, Brendan, Jack and Brendan brought the Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh



Dan Minogue brought his talented musicianship to the Family Service.



Mother Liz preached a wonderful Christmas Sermon!



Bringing the animals to the manger is a favorite part of the Family Service for the children.



Toys for St. John's Hospital



The Thrift Shop accumulated 63 Christmas mugs over the past year. Barbara filled them with candy and distributed them to the food pantry.



Scott and John have loaded Mo Liz's car for toy delivery



The kitchen crew at the Christmas Fair, Sharon, Cathie and Theresa.