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# St. Paul's Epistle

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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



It's hard to believe that we are almost through the Great 50 Days of Easter, especially since spring only arrived a few days ago. In two weeks we will be celebrating Pentecost, that moment when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles while they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Festival of Weeks. The Holy Spirit came down like a rush of wind and caused divided tongues, as of fire, to rest on them and they began to speak in other languages.

But in order for the Holy Spirit to come down Jesus had to ascend into heaven. Ascension marks the 40th day after Easter, the day when Jesus ascended into heaven before the eyes of his disciples. This event is commemorated by Luke in the Book of Acts and is considered one of our chief feast days. This is the last of Jesus' post-resurrection appearances.

We will mark this occasion by celebrating Evening Prayer in the Chapel on Thursday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. and I encourage you to come to reflect on this great mystery.



On Sunday, May 13 following the 10:00 a.m. service we will have a Rogation Procession in which we will process round the boundaries of the property praying for the things that grow, the buildings that we use and the ministries that we offer, please join us for this special service that dates back to the early Middle Ages.



Quite unexpectedly Tony Pitti, the owner of Gold Brush Painting, was able to fit the painting of the parish hall into his schedule earlier than we had expected so in the last week you will have noticed a remarkable transformation. Tony's crew has done a remarkable job and their work is extraordinary from the careful painting to the attention to detail: the doors, the railings, the brickwork, and even the bulkhead doors have all received a new coat of paint. Our parish hall looks wonderful!



## Vestry Highlights

- Estimates being reviewed for security cameras

- Parish hall front to be painted, will be done before the anniversary celebration
- 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration planning in full force, looking for historic photos and memorabilia, and maximizing advertising opportunities
- Repairs to begin for cross on steeple
- Annual Diocesan Convention delegate will be Michael Daly, and Nancy Western as alternate. Phyllis Voegeli will also attend.

### Stewardship Committee



**Coming together in faithful community to serve God in the world.**

#### *Thank God for our families*

*[Jesus was dying on the cross.] When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, “Woman, here is your son.” Then he said to the disciple, “Here is your mother.” -John 19:26-27*

On the second Sunday of this month we celebrate the mothers and mother figures in our lives, and then in June we celebrate our fathers and father figures. What a wonderful opportunity to honor the strong bond between parents and children. How strong? The first use of the word “love” in the Bible, Genesis 22:2, describes the connection between Abraham and his son, Isaac.

Family is one of our most valuable gifts from God, and one that, as all holy gifts, we are entrusted to treasure, love and nourish. As parents, we are responsible for nourishing children to become healthy adults. And as children, we are responsible for caring for parents as they age.

Jesus indicates in the passage above that there need not be a blood connection for a parent-child relationship (as any family with adopted children can attest). In Matthew 12:46-50, Jesus actually redefines family, saying that all who love and follow him are mothers, brothers, sisters, fathers. So, all of

us are parent, child and sibling to one another. Now THAT’S some family!

As we honor the mother and father figures this spring, we can also challenge ourselves to be better stewards of the family bonds God has given us.

God ordained families to be the fundamental unit of human life. We can be good stewards of family relationships by caring for one another and helping everyone to grow into the faith family God intends.

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

### Buildings and Grounds



Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talent to our Spring clean up day April 28th. Much weeding, raking, trimming, taking down of old fence, putting away winter ice melt and sand (finally) and other tasks were accomplished. The hard work and spirit of those who were able to make it made for a great morning of fellowship and the grounds look very nice. St. Paul's is truly blessed.



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

### Raise the Roof

Many building improvements have been happening here at St. Paul's...new roof on Parish Hall, windows and shingles repaired, and painting, among a few things being done. Please continue to make your monthly, yearly, or one time donations to this very worthy cause, or take this time to begin making a donation for keeping St. Paul's buildings in good repair. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you for your continued support.

Please include in your prayers this month:



#### **Those who are sick or in need:**

Craig Shaber, Dylan & Family, Ed Smith, Linda Bocca, Mary, Mike, Marcy, Lillian Hemmert, Janis McEvoy, Lou Cooley, Nikki, Phyllis Trypuc, Johnny, Martin Gunkel, Bill Whyland, Jackie & Dick Root, Jeannine Cranor, Bruce Demler, Larry Smith, Jenn Schiff, Tom Gross, Greg Cavanaugh, Alison Hansson, Nancy Western, Stephanie, Conni Still, Linda, Ann Keyes

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

Nicholas Lo Russo, Danny Martin, Samantha Schwartz

### Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments



- The Stewardship Committee and the Vestry for hosting the Earth Day Community Breakfast
- Robin Sconzo for rounding up the volunteers for the Spring Cleanup - and all the volunteers
- Dee Laffin for getting mulch for the front of the Parish Hall
- Robin Sconzo, Dee Laffin, and Cathie Pliszak for picking out the beautiful paint colors for the parish Hall
- Rosemary Smith for bringing two of our brass flower vases back to life with vigorous polishing
- Martin Minogue for installing a new computer after the office computer died
- Jackie and Dick Root for bring some Easter joy to the residents of the Suffolk Rehab Center by handing out stuffed animals
- The birth of Zoe and Christopher Hansson to parents Alison and Michael, and congratulations to Cathie and Ron Pliszak and our Parish Administrator, Great-grandmother Ronny Pliszak

Janice and Rob McEvoy for helping to keep the Food Pantry stocked each week by picking up Food from Long Island Cares and Island Harvest

All those who make Coffee Hour possible

### Thrift Shop



Blooming

Once in a while when something bad happens, there is some sort of advance notice and we can get out of the way of the worst of it. Other times, we are caught short-sided and feel the full force of the

event. I think the best thing we can do when we find ourselves buried hip-deep in manure is to “Bloom Where We Are Planted”. I heard of someone who was in one of those inescapable vicissitudes that life sometimes hands us, and who used the circumstance to create a remarkable ministry. While in the midst of this situation, our friend began to notice others in similar conditions who didn’t have the same resources for comfort and support. A reaching out began and so did the “blooming”.



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.

### St. Clare’s Guild



From St. Clare’s Round Table...

Usually, Saint Clare’s group is busily working away on our individual projects and helping one another, as needed, over the tricky bits. In February this year we participated in the national “Hats for Hearts” project of crocheting little red hats for distribution to babies born with congenital heart defects that will require surgery. We provided 36 hats to St. Catherine’s Hospital in Smithtown; one of two collection centers on Long Island. We are now in another one of those times of the year when we work on other projects. We made palm crosses for Palm Sunday; then we assisted the Easter Bunny with his egg-filling duties prior to Easter Sunday and also prepared the bells for Easter. We are working on baskets for the Fashion Show and the Spring Fair at the moment. So far, we have not determined what our large annual fund-raiser for the Christmas Fair will be. The most successful projects from past years have been our crocheted “Granny-Square Afghans”. However, we are always glad to have suggestions and we have tried several types of things in past years with varying degrees of success. Anyone with an interest in needlework is warmly welcomed to attend our meetings at 2.30 pm every Friday at the round table in the Thrift Shop, bring your project or help us with one of ours. We can provide some supplies (mostly yarn), just follow the laughter down the hall.

### Coffee Hour



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!

**May 5, 2018** 12PM Fifth Annual Thrift Shop Fashion Show! More details to follow, volunteers needed to model, behind scenes and culinary experts.

**10 May**, Celebrate the Feast of the Ascension with Evening Prayer at 5:30 p.m.

**May 13**, Rogation Procession following the 10:00 Service

**June 2, 2018.** Spring Fair. 9 AM-3PM Volunteers needed, see Cathie Pliszak.

**June 16, 2018.** Tag Sale 10AM-3PM Volunteers needed, see Laura Cooley and Dee Laffin

**Oct 14, 2018** is the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Watch for details!



Earth Day Community Breakfast



Tony and Crew painting the Hall



Teresa preparing the flower bed



Spring Clean Up Crew, Robin, Dee, Scott, Maurine  
Teresa, Bill, (Charlie and Laura not in photo)

The Hurdy Gurdy an instrument that evolved from  
the fiddle in the Middle Ages

Stony Brook Baroque Players Spring Concert  
Bassoonists



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