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

# 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 Warden Cathie Pliszak

We welcomed Father Frew these past two Sundays and will look forward to seeing him preach again in June. While we miss Mother Liz, life sure does go on. On the first Sunday of her absence we had a visitor at both the 8:00 and 10:00 services. A baby squirrel had found its way into the church (thanks, I'm sure to a hole in the eaves on the north side of the church). It sat tucked away, hiding in the corner of the last pew. Cookies placed in the trap by the 8:00ers were not enough to lure it out. However, thanks to some encouragement by Fr. Frew and Bill Beebe, they were able to coax the little critter into the trap, which was then removed from the church. So while amusing as this is, we need to face the serious fact the church needs some work once again to close up the hole to prevent anything else from getting inside. We also need to address some other building issues, for example the windows in the church are in need of attention. With that being said, we must come up with profitable fundraising events. The pledges are down and our last attempts at raising funds have fallen short of their marks. So, if you have any ideas please contact the wardens or any member of the vestry.

## Vestry Highlights

Thanks to all who participated in the Fashion Show. We just about cleared our expenses, low attendance. We will rethink before doing it again.

Long discussion of future fund raisers. Ideas ranged from Harvest Festival this fall selling mums and pumpkins, silent auction with additional social event, need large ticket items for this. Chicken Barbeque or Roast Beef Dinners all need community participation to make a profit.

Be aware that supply clergy may do things differently, go with the flow. If you see someone missing from church try to check in and make sure they are ok, they are missed.

Most of vestry have done safe church training so those that need Racial Awareness can sign up online.

Teresa Julian and Barbara Greco set up for Sacred Sites on May 15.

## STEWARDSHIP

### Our Faith Community Seeking to do God's Work

What if being truly present at Mass each Sunday was the most important priority of the week? What if being a prayerful example to others was the highest purpose for each new day?

The response to the call to stewardship might be as simple as asking, what would you have me do, Lord?

the primary ministry we're called to is to be present, visibly glad to be present and to participate in the liturgy.

Yes, the stewardship of presence is of tremendous importance, particularly at this time during Mo. Liz's sabbatical. The summer months are traditionally a time for family excursions, vacations and other outings that cause attendance at Sunday services to be sparse at times and that is understandable. What we ask is that you do your best to keep up with your pledge. As a congregation, our giving is currently falling slightly behind our pledged amount. I must say that March and April's giving has rebounded over what was given in January and February so that is very encouraging but we cannot afford to fall any further behind as the summer months approach. I urge you to take a look at your most recent statement to see where you stand in relation to your pledged amount and make any adjustments necessary. Please remember that, as in any household, the bills still need to be paid and plan to keep up with your pledged amount during any summer breaks.

Martin Minogue

For your Stewardship committee

Conni Still, Phyllis Voegeli, Scott Harris and Mo. Liz

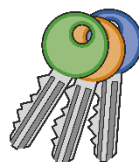
### Buildings and Grounds

Volunteers needed to bring fans and air conditioners up from basement and distribute to offices and appointed rooms. See Dee Laffin.

Volunteers needed to organize Parish Hall Basement. See Dee Laffin



Thanks to all who cleaned the grounds in time for Easter.



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:**

Craig Shaber, Dylan & Family, Ed Smith, Linda Bocca, Mike, Marcy, Lillian Hemmert, Janis

McEvoy, Nikki, Phyllis Trypuc, Martin Gunkel, Bill Whyland, Bruce Demler, Jeannine Cranor, Emeka Azinge, Shirley Bleacher, Conni Still, Ken Cooley, Pauline Minogue, Rosemary & Larry Smith, Seamus Butler, Nick Parella, Al Montefusco, Wilma Zeldin, Melissa Dengeles, Marzena Harris, John Mark Charlton, Mary Anne Musacke, Kerri Jo DaLeo, Mr .Daly



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

Samantha Schwartz, Nicolas LoRusso

**Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments**

Thanks to Troop 177 for the wonderful gardening and planting.  
 Teresa Julian for tidying up our flower garden that is blooming so beautifully.  
 The coffee hour hosts and clean up people. We all enjoy it so much  
 Teresa Julian, Barbara Greco and Rita Hihn for opening the church for the Sacred Sites Day.

**Thrift Shop  
 Thrift Shop Doings**

This has been an interesting month for the Thrift Shop. We worked hard, as we usually do, to put on a good Fashion Show and we did. However, in spite of the fun we had doing it, and the wonderful food our caterers, Johnny’s Bites, presented, our profits were almost non-existent and the attendance was disappointing. It’s time to reconsider if the rewards are worth the effort for a future fashion show. Despite that, we have exceeded our fiscal goal for the month again which is encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Jeannine Cranor and Conni Still



**St. Clare’s Guild**

Donna Sievers, has generously donated a beautiful hand-made Christmas Village for us to use as our Prize for the Fall Fund Raiser. Since we won’t be furiously working against a deadline in order to complete a major group project for the fall this year, and because attendance has been in decline for several months, we are going to take the summer off. During our hiatus we will try to determine the best time and day for our regular meetings when we start up again in the fall.



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!**

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**June 1, Saturday:** Flea Market and Vendor Sale- Cancelled due to poor vendor participation. We plan to have a Harvest Fair in the fall and all baskets that were made will be kept until that time. “Any questions, please call the office.

**June 1, Saturday 1:00** Cemetery Restoration Committee of Patchogue will host a dedication ceremony of the new headstone for William Kemp, a Confederate soldier born in Virginia and buried here in Patchogue. Rain date June 2, 1:00

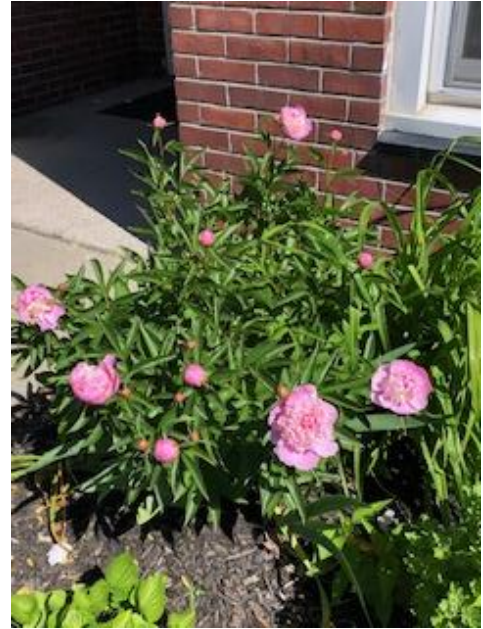
**June 8, Saturday:** Racism Awareness training- required for all vestry members-Mercer in Garden City. Register online.

The Thrift shop will be closed the week of **June 23<sup>rd</sup>**.

**July 4, Parade:** See Tracy Classon and Bill Beebe to sign up. Don't forget to wear your St. Paul's tee shirt!



Iris



Peonies more than last year!



Tracy received an anniversary blessing



Fr. Rand Frew and children give the Final Blessing



Pack 177 Spring Planting



Fr. Rand Frew and children at Altar





Pack 177 Good Job Well Done



Pack 177 won Best Unit in the Memorial Day Parade. Congratulations!