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Ronnie MacDonald, Scott Harris, Maurine Jacobs, Barbara Ruest, Laura Cooley, Barbara Greco, Nancy Western, Teresa Julian, Charles Klagges

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Parish

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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

Dear People of St. Paul's

My last Sunday before my sabbatical begins will be May 12. I am looking forward to a period of rest and relaxation. I will take some short courses, go on retreat, and do some landscaping at my house on Cape Cod. I will certainly miss you but this period of time is necessary if I am to continue among you. St. Paul's is a wonderful place but it is not very restful!

I will be back in the office after Labor Day.

While I am gone you will have an opportunity to have several different priests, to listen to their sermons, and to experience how they preside at the Eucharist.

Here is the schedule of the of supply clergy. Most are not known to you:

Date	Clergy
5/19	The Rev. Rand Frew
5/26	The Rev. Rand Frew
6/2	The Rev. John Krahn (Lutheran)
6/9	The Rev. Matthew Moore
6/16	The Rev. Rand Frew

6/23	The Rev. Rand Frew
6/30	The Rev. Matthew Moore
7/7	The Rev. Christine Petersen-Snyder
7/14	The Rev. Christine Petersen-Snyder
7/21	The Rev. Christine Petersen-Snyder
7/28	The Rev. Christine Petersen-Snyder
8/5	The Rev. Canon Claire Woodley
8/12	The Rev. Bernadette Sullivan
8/19	The Rev. Bernadette Sullivan
8/26	The Rev. Canon Claire Woodley
9/1	Morning Prayer

Please look after each other. If you notice someone has not been in church for a few weeks reach out, let them know that they are missed.

Please report any pastoral issues to the wardens: Cathie Pliszak and Conni Still and they will reach out to our local clergy on call.

Vestry Highlights

- Discussion of the stained glass window frame repair and plans to apply for grants for this work. We need to pay off the \$9000 we still have due on our Raise the Roof Loan.

- The steeple repair has been completed. We are waiting for insurance claim adjuster to see whether we will receive any money to offset the cost
- Mo Liz has reviewed two resumes for choir directors and the choir will meet with them.
- Mo Liz will call Peter Quattrale regarding the condition of the maple tree in the glebe to see if it needs to be removed.

STEWARDSHIP

Our Faith Community Seeking to do God's Work

BEAUTIFUL GROWTH

In my opinion the prettiest month on Long Island is May --- lots of blooming shrubs and trees, grass greening up, etc. GROWTH!

As each of us seeks to do God's work, how can we encourage healthy growth and development throughout God's world --- from the ground up: earth, water, air, plants, animals (including us!).

If as Teresa of Avila stated "God has no other hands but ours", how can each of us add to our work one more effort toward growth: healthy, beautiful growth? What is one thing I can do to improve the health of the ground we plant in, the air we breathe, the water we use, the natural resources we use, the people we meet?

In thankfulness, how earnestly am I seeking to do God's work?

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it"
ps. 24

My day-to-day calendar and my bank account show me how I am spending the time and resources God has given me to use. Am I being a bit stingy? What am I adding to the growth of God's creation? How thankful am I for what I have received? In today's parlance, how much am I "giving back"?

"... We give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all..."
BCP p. 58

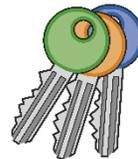
Phyllis Voegeli,
For the stewardship committee: Laura Cooley,
Scott Harris, Martin Minogue, Constance Still

Buildings and Grounds



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

Part of a tree that had been snapped off at the back of the field has been removed and some dead branches have been removed from a tree lining the driveway. The maple in the Glebe was deemed to be okay for now, so keep your fingers crossed!



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.

Mary Dykman has a new address if you would like to keep in touch with her.
16 Clearwater Court
Damascus MD 20872
phone 240-381-0227



“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; the campaign is schedule to complete in 2021. 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, Mikki & Family, Nick Parella, Al Montefusco, Wilma Zeldin, Melissa Dengeles, Marzena Harris, John Mark Charlton, the Family of Marylou Immel



The Departed –

Eliana Wishnevsky, MaryLou Immel, Lee Beckman

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

Samantha Schwartz, Nicolas LoRusso

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments

- Thanksgiving for the return to wok of Ronny Pliszak. She did a mountain of work before she left and we missed her!
- Phyllis Voegeli and Tracy Classon for preparing the bulletins in Ronny's absence
- Teresa Julian, Rita Hihn, and Bill Beebe for participating in the Cemetery Clean-up
- Michael and Barbara Greco, Rita Hihn, Bill Beebe, Scott Harris, and Cathie Pliszak for the Palm Sunday Clean-up
- Charles Polley for taking down the sumac trees at the back of the field
- The Altar Guild for awesome work during Holy Week and setting up for Mary Lou Immel's funeral
- Scott Harris and Tracy Classon for serving as liturgical ministers for Mary Lou Immel's funeral
- Tracy Classon for managing the Easter Egg Hunt and the St. Clare's Guild for filling the eggs
- All who participated in making the palm crosses.
- Conni Still for preparing the bells
- Frs. Alexandre Hickman and Terence Buckley and Pastor Kevin O'Hara for their work and participation in our joint Holy Week Services
- All those who donated towards the Easter flowers
- Everyone who brought goodies to share for our Easter Coffee hours
- Cindy Lavalley for handling Food Pantry Reporting
- Aleah Klagges for jumping in as acolyte when she wasn't scheduled
- Sharon Minogue for overseeing the 10:00 Coffee Hour
- Dee Laffin for making sure that there is always coffee at the 8:00 Coffee Hour

THRIFT SHOP

The excitement for last month involved firetrucks and alarms. There was no fire however, we did accidentally set off the alarms when we used

our borrowed steamer too close to the smoke detector. P.S. the steamer works great (as do the smoke detectors) and we are happy to be using one donated to us as a matter of routine now that we know where the smoke detectors are located! We are also thankful for the quick and courteous response of the fire department and the fact that our St. Paul's Fire Captain had made proper plans for fire drills and escapes and everyone knew exactly what to do when the alarms went off, and the Karate School students and teachers upstairs evacuated promptly.

The sales for the month returned to the level we aim for and we exceeded \$1000.00, the exact figure will be found in our Treasurers report.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeannine Cranor and Conni Still



St. Clare's Guild

St. Clare's members kept very busy this month preparing for Easter. We set aside one Friday for filling the plastic Easter eggs for the children's Egg Hunt. Each egg held an individually wrapped non chocolate candy, (that kept us from eating the candy before the kiddies!)

The next week was set aside to make a basketful of palm crosses. It is always a challenge to remember how to make them from one year to another. Once we figure it out we were able to fill the basket.

The last week we added to our basket of Alleluia bells. Last year we discovered that some of the ribbons we used were a poor quality and the sharp metal of the bells ripped right through it and we had bells flying all over the church. So we bought better ribbon and some new bells and had lots of joyful ringing.

This week we will prepare the baskets for the Fashion Show and hope we will make lots of money

on the great gifts we put in them. Come to the Fashion Show and see!

- We meet on Friday at 2:30 pm in the Thrift Shop. Please call Jeannine or Conni at 631-307-9154 if you cannot attend so we don't wait for you. Thanks.



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 4, 2019 Saturday, Thrift Shop Fashion Show and Luncheon

12-3 PM \$15/person Door prizes & Baskets

Tickets available in Thrift Shop

We have twelve models wearing clothing and accessories from the Thrift Shop which will be available for sale after the show. The luncheon is catered by Johnny's Bites, chef from the Culinary Institute of New York

We hope you will all come!

May 18, 2019 Saturday, from 1 to 3, St. Andrew's Yaphank will be hosting a Tea Party. The cost is \$15. There will be door prizes and raffles. For young girls, please bring your favorite doll.

For tickets and information: Sherrilee, 631-522-5128, or Rich, 631-764-6321. Tickets can be purchased through PayPal, using the church's email:

info@standrewsyaphank.org.

June 1, Saturday: Flea Market and Vendor Sale
See Cathie Pliszak to rent a table!



St. Clare's Guild makes palm crosses



Alleluia Bells!



A basketful of palm crosses



Caiden flowering the cross



Our future acolytes, Bryan, Caiden & Jackson!



The Flowered Cross
Alleluia, Christ is Risen!



Birthday blessings Jackson, Zoe, Christopher



Jackie Root and Alison Hansson, (Jackson in the middle)



Easter Altar



Tree pruning April 24



Easter Egg Hunt was inside because of the rain.



Police motorcycles led the funeral procession
For Mary Lou Immel.