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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 Conni Still

School is just about over, Graduation postponed today because of the rain. Hopefully we will have some sunny days ahead. Beginning July and August we will have ONE SERVICE at 9 AM and I always look forward to this time for the 8 o'clock and 10 o'clock congregations to get together. We are all part of this wonderful family but sometimes we never see each other and this is a great time to get to know the other half a little better. We look forward to some refreshments, see Phyllis Voegeli if you would like to help.

I hope some of you will be able to take relaxing vacations, go to the beach, or swim in your pools. But as you will read in the Vestry Highlights, St. Paul's business does not have any vacations and the pledges need to be kept up to date. If you can possibly catch up, or even pay a week ahead when you are away it will be very helpful to get our income balance back up to the level that it should be. Please pray for our financial needs, as well as we pray for those who will be away from us during the summer.

Vestry Highlights

Parish Treasurer Barbara Lapinski attended the Vestry Meeting to review the Financial Statement. The Pledge Income is DOWN and has put our operating income below our customary amount. It is vacation time, but the bills for the church still have to be paid on time, and the need for pledges to be kept up to date is crucial for us to maintain St. Paul's financial stability.

The Fundraising Discussion is ongoing, but we will plan a Harvest Festival on October 5, 2019. Vendors are required to make it a success as well as parishioner participation. Hopefully we will sell flowers, pumpkins and maybe flea market or tag sale items as well. See Cathie Pliszak to sign up for help as soon as you can.

A small amount of money was left over from the food donation for the Cooley family. The vestry decided to set it aside for a "Sunshine Fund" line item in the budget that can be added to whenever someone would like to contribute. Did you have a special anniversary or birthday that you are thankful for? Did you get a great report card? Put a dollar in an envelope and mark it Sunshine Fund and put it in the plate. This will accumulate and be used

whenever there is a parishioner in need of some form of “sunshine”

We will look forward to the Bishop Parish Visit in the Fall.

July and August, One Service at 9 AM!
Refreshments on the Lawn!

STEWARDSHIP

Our Faith Community Seeking to do God’s Work

I wonder what others think sometimes. Being human, it’s very easy to become disgusted and to wonder if what good you’re doing is really as important as you hope it is. Like, for example, being a cherished supporter of your church and its mission. Sometimes, you have to remind yourself that what you’re doing is so extremely important and that it truly makes a difference in the community and the world.

A good way to remind yourself is to think about the people who were here before us, and how they made sacrifices so that we today could have our wonderful church home. In the case of St. Paul’s, I admire the founders and original forebears of our church and parish. They were older than my great grandparents, and their day was probably not blessed with riches and conveniences as ours today is. Yet they stood by the church and because of their steadfastness, it thrives to this day. What a wonderful gift they gave to us!

When you come right down to it, we the parishioners of St. Paul’s have a grave responsibility to preserve St. Paul’s for the future, as our forebears did for us. It’s a blessing that is worth everything you can give. So don’t be discouraged by the little slights that come up. Be a generous soul and do whatever you can for your church home. The community will know that we are Christians by the love that we put into our church home. Never say die. It’s up to us!

I sincerely pray that God may bless each and every member of our parish, past and present, and instill in them the value of our wonderful church home. God will truly reward you and the love of Jesus will fill your hearts. So, think generous.

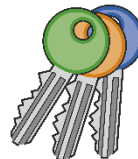
Respectfully submitted by...

Scott Harris for the Stewardship committee,

Laura Cooley, Martin Minogue, Conni Still, Phyllis Voegeli

Buildings and Grounds

Volunteers needed to bring fans up from basement and distribute to church and parish hall. See Dee Laffin. Volunteers needed to organize Parish Hall Basement. See Dee Laffin



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.



SUMMERTIME,
AND THE LIVIN' IS EASY

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN

After our 9:00 AM service
each week in July and August
join us for refreshments.



“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 Bleecher, Conni Still, Ken Cooley, Pauline Minogue, Rosemary & Larry Smith, Seamus Butler, Mary Anne Musacke, Kerri Jo Da Leo, Michael Daly, Dave Lombardi, Georgann Lombardi, John Daly, the Reynolds-Langley Family, Jaiayasia Reynolds



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

Samantha Schwartz, Nicolas LoRusso

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments

Diane Butler and Teresa Julian for planting the flower gardens.

Dee Laffin and B&G crew for air conditioners
Young people, families and Fr. Rand Frew for special acolyte training and service

Thrift Shop

Thrift Shop Doings

Even though the Thrift Shop will be closed the last week of June, we have still made our goal of \$1,000.00 for the month. We have a new volunteer, Harold, who is working with us to perform his obligation of community service. Harold is a smart, able-bodied man who has been a great asset thus far. If we are lucky, he will stay on with us after completing his obligation.



St. Clare's Guild

St. Clare's is on Hiatus till Fall!



SAVE THE DATES!

June 30: Picnic at the Lakeview Cemetery

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

September 8, 2019: Stewardship Retreat- 12-2 All are welcome to attend.

October 27, 2019 Stewardship Breakfast 9 AM



Jeannine receives her Birthday Blessing from Fr. Rand Frew



Ginny received her Birthday Blessing



Acolytes all had new assignments.



Thrift Shop Summer Specials and Crafts!



Diane Butler and Teresa Julian planting away!



Cathie gets her Birthday Blessing

