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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 Warden Cathie Pliszak

July started off in celebration of our nation's birthday. St. Paul's once again participated in the annual Fourth of July parade. Thank you to all who marched and/or attended the parade in support of St. Paul's. Thank you to Tracy Classon, Bill Beebe, Sharon Minogue, Martin Minogue, Michael Daly, Scott Harris, Diane Smith, Ryan Smith, Ron Pliszak, Alison, Jackson, Zoey, and Christopher Hansson who withstood the heat and the wait time to march down Main Street. We had a nice representation from St. Paul's.

It has been two months since Mother Liz began her sabbatical. All in all we are faring well (please remember to keep your pledges up to date). Our standing committees, as well as Ronny Pliszak and Barbara Lapinski, are doing a good job of keeping St. Paul's operating. The supply priests have led us in worship and have offered their interpretations of the readings. Let's hope things continue in this smooth manner as we'll sail through the rest of the summer. However, if you have any concerns, please see Conni or me, or any vestry member.

Fundraising is gaining momentum. Thanks to Barbara Greco and her family, we had our first "Sip and Paint Night". Lots of fun was had while we

painted a beautiful plague of Long Island. If you missed out, you may have another opportunity later in the year as we are looking into hosting a similar event. In the meantime, let's focus our attention onto the Harvest Fair. We will need everyone's help in order to make this event a success. Please look for sign-up sheets. So while some of us are looking ahead to the fall, take time to enjoy the rest of the summer.

Submitted by Cathie Pliszak

Vestry Highlights

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

The vestry reviewed the parochial report with treasurer Barbara Lapinski and a motion to accept the report was made, seconded and accepted unanimously.

The vestry discussed the financial reports again-still below needed revenue. We will discuss with the stewardship committee a way to encourage people to pledge rather than put cash in the plate.

Cathie reviewed the plans for the Harvest Fair on October 5. Advertising has started for vendors and three have signed up so far.

Fundraiser Sip & Paint by Barbara Greco is filled with 24 people. Barbara is looking for another craft fundraiser.

The Bishop's visit has still not been finalized with the date.

Building and Grounds did a lot of hedge trimming, weeding and the refrigerator was cleaned.

Pledge Income - As you have read in our July newsletter our pledge income is down. It is summer and some are on vacation but the bills don't take a vacation. So please keep your pledge up to date, If you are having a problem with your obligation contact the office. Thank you. Ronny Pliszak

STEWARDSHIP

Our Faith Community Seeking to do God's Work

As many of you know I was raised in the Roman Catholic church. As a young teenager I had a number of family problems that made me question the continuing of that practice. I stopped attending church. No one noticed! I never got a note, a call from any of my classmates- nothing! When I attended St. John's University I was still listed as "Catholic", but conveniently I suffered migraine headaches on the days there were mandatory Communion breakfasts. But the best part of my years there was meeting my husband Clifford and we finally began dating seriously. After many months Clifford asked me if I would like to come to church with him, and I knew his church life was very important to him. So I took the train out one Sunday morning and that was my introduction to St. Paul's. I was overcome with a feeling of welcome and love and the love of Jesus that day that filled my Spirit and renewed my faith. I feel that same feeling every time I walk through these doors.

Fifty six years later I have seen many changes here at St. Paul's. Rectors have come and gone, the

buildings have gotten older and in need of repair, and the size of the parish has gotten smaller. Yet this Faith Community has opened its doors to a Soup Kitchen, Food Pantry, Thrift Shop, Twelve Step Programs, Bereavement Meetings, Scout Groups, Adopt-A-Families, Eastern Farm Workers help and so many more in need.

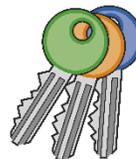
From one generation to the next God's work is what guides this parish to accomplish all the wonderful things that it has done.

For the last months we have been praying for Ken Cooley and his family as he bravely fought a long battle. The faithful people of St. Paul's has prayed for them without ceasing, and now Ken is with our Heavenly Father. And now this Faith Community will be here to support this family as they mourn. Thank you, loving people of St. Paul's for always doing God's work.

Conni Still for the Stewardship Committee.
Laura Cooley, Martin Minogue, Scott Harris
Phyllis Voegeli

Buildings and Grounds

See Dee Laffin. Volunteers needed to organize Parish Hall Basement.



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 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, Conni Still, Pauline Minogue, Rosemary & Larry Smith, Seamus Butler, Kerri Jo Da Leo, Michael Daly, John Daly, the Reynolds-Langley Family, Jailayasia Reynolds, Fred Miller, Dawn, the Cooley Family



Pray for the Deported
Kenneth W. Cooley

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

Samantha Schwartz, Nicolas LoRusso

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments

Dee Laffin, Scott Harris and Frank Getz for putting the mobile air conditioner into use for the vestry room

Ronny Pliszak for keeping the office running smoothly while Mo Liz is away!

Thrift Shop volunteers for all their energetic hard work.

Bill Beebe for the hedge trimming, Diane Butler and Teresa Julian for the addition to the gardens and maybe pumpkins!

“Hello! We are so grateful for all the love and hard work St. Paul’s accomplishes! God is good!

Give our fondest greetings to all.

Love, Deb & Dennis Davidson”

“Just wanted to drop you a note of Thanks for thinking of us on our birthdays!!! It was nice to see the bulletin! Made me feel like I was at the altar getting our Blessing!!! Our best to Mo Liz and the Congregation. Thanks again.

Love Steve and Elaine Leffert”



Sunshine Fund

Have you had a pleasant vacation or family visit that you are grateful for? Or a wonderful lobster dinner out, or fun barbecue in the backyard? Perhaps you would like to contribute a small "Thank You" to the Sunshine Fund as an appreciative gesture for the good things in your life. This money is earmarked for those in our parish who need some sunshine in their lives. Just put it in an envelope with your name and mark it Sunshine Fund and it will be credited to your pledge account. Thank you.

Thrift Shop Doings

Despite taking a week's vacation the last week of June, we made our goal for the month. We are also doing very well thus far in July. Our most recent volunteer, Harold is hard working and able bodied. He has washed the windows in the workroom and in Mother Liz's office. Next will be the windows in the office and in the Ladies portion of the Thrift Shop. And lastly the windows in the vestry room. How wonderful to have clean windows!



St. Clare's Guild

St. Clare's is on Hiatus till Fall!



SAVE THE DATES!

September 6, 2019 Friday 7:30 PM

Solo concert-Kyle Collins on Clavichord

"Dive into the world of gothic horror with Jane Austen as we explore London's most popular novelists and the music they once heard. With pieces befitting of a dark and gloomy castle, music from modern horror games,

and selections from the library of Jane Austen, this program will give audiences an in-depth look at one of the strongest literary fads of the early-nineteenth century."

Featuring music from the library of novelist Jane Austen
September 8, 2019: Stewardship Retreat- 12-2 All are welcome to attend.

September 29, 2019 7:00 PM Sunday

Concert 19th & 20th Century Re-Imaginings

Erin Heisel, soprano & Daniel Keene, guitar

October 5, 2019 Saturday 9-3 Harvest Fair

Fun, food, crafts, and more! See Cathie Pliszak to sign up to help.

October 12, 2019 Saturday, Safe Church Training,
Mercer School 9am-4pm

October 23 at 7:30 pm. Wednesday,
Pre-Convention Meeting

October 27, 2019 Stewardship Breakfast 9 AM



Zoey, Christopher and Jackson at the July 4 Parade!



Alison, Cathie and kids at the parade



Blooming Garden, butterflies, bees and Little lizards.



Cathie, Ron, Tracy, Diane, Ryan and Scott posed for St. Paul's



Mother Christine gives Caiden his Birthday blessing.



Summer and Martin bring up the Food Pantry Offering.



Sip and Paint Night FUNdraiser



Tony Taylor receives his birthday blessing.