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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

This year Easter is on April 12 which means Lent is just around the corner beginning with Ash Wednesday which is on February 26.

Easter Day is always the first Sunday after the full moon that falls after March 21. It cannot occur before March 22 or after April 25. (The Eastern Orthodox tradition still uses the Julian rather than the Gregorian calendar so Easter falls no earlier than April 4th and no later than May 8th).

The date of Easter also determines how many Sundays there are between Epiphany and the last Sunday before Lent. This year there will have been 7 Sundays but there can be as few as 4 and as many as 10. If you want more details there are descriptions and tables in the back of the BCP on pages 880-885.

Epiphany (and the Sundays that follow) is not technically a season, in the Roman tradition it is the beginning of ordinary time but it is not quite ordinary because our lectionary uses the Sundays after the Epiphany to mark the some of the most significant moments of Jesus' ministry before he turns his face towards Jerusalem.

Some of you may have been surprised that we kept our greenery up until Feb 2. This is an old English custom that notes February 2 as the fortieth day after Christmas, giving it a seasonal impact similar to the 40 days of Lent. I thought it looked nice and complemented the poinsettia that have been so beautiful this year. Let me know what you think!


Vestry Highlights

- The vestry reviewed and approved the proposed 2020 parish budget.
- Decided to begin a "Spare Change Fund Raiser" for the purpose of purchasing new lights and fans for Phipps Hall.
- There will be a cake for appreciation of their excellent work by the young acolytes at the Annual Meeting.
- The Lenten programs will not be held at St.Paul's this year, but will be held at either Christ Church or St. James TBD. Mother Liz may hold one in place of the Wednesday Morning Eucharist, also TBD.

- A motion was made and approved to amend the St. Paul's By-Laws to reduce the number of vestry members. This will have to be approved by Annual meeting in 2021.
- Bishop GERALYN Wolfe will visit us on October 11, 2020 for the traditional Episcopal visit. There will be one 10 AM service that day and all are encouraged to attend.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Best wishes from your B&G team 
 Bill Beebe, Diane Butler, Gail Davis, Scott Harris,
 Teresa Julian and Dee Laffin

STEWARDSHIP

Participating in our community of faith through giving

Life is an opportunity. Life is a journey. A journey to saying "yes" to God who calls us the Beloved. Life is a journey to love, a journey to peace and a journey to generosity,

From the moment we draw our first breath, we are both receivers and givers. How we move from takers of everything we are given to sharing everything is often one simple word, "yes". The gospel stories of Jesus inform, challenge and inspire us to take the journey to generosity. Whether it's the story of the Good Samaritan, the rich, young ruler, or Zacharias, Jesus invites us to participate in our community of faith through giving.

It is not simply about how much we give to support our mission and ministry of St. Paul's. The journey is also about how we live our lives as Christians. Are we generous in our dealings with others? Are we generous when we welcome the strangers and the newcomers to church on Sunday mornings? Are we generous with our time when we're asked? Put simply, life is a God-given opportunity to become who we are, to affirm our spiritual nature and to participate in St. Paul's community of faith through giving.

God bless.

Laura Cooley, Respectfully submitted for the Stewardship committee. Scott Harris, Martin Minogue, Conni Still, Phyllis Voegeli



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

Raise the Roof

Thank you to all who have contributed to this campaign and who continue to do so. We will have updates on the status of your pledges for you in February but it's not too late to begin to pledge since we have just over a year to go – and the work is never ending!

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments

- All those who attended the Epiphany Service
- All those who contributed towards the gifts for Mercy Center Ministries
- Conni Still for the Epiphany decorations, crowns and cakes
- The choir for vesting for the Epiphany Service
- Michael Daly for playing on Epiphany
- Cathie Pliszak for providing the special cake for the acolytes
- Outgoing vestry members, Laura Cooley, Barbara Greco, Scott Harris

- Incoming vestry members Barbara Greco, Emeka Azinge, Martin Immel Jr., and Diane Butler
- Incoming Warden, Conni Still
- Vestry members and Stewardship Committee members and all who contributed towards our Annual meeting brunch
- All who attended the Annual Meeting
- Conni Still for agreeing to serve as clerk
- Kevin Weeks for serving as Parliamentarian
- Everyone whose 2021 pledges helped us to achieve a balanced budget
- Members of the 8:00 service for degreening the church
- Those from the 10:00 service who took down the Christmas tree and put away the decorations
- Ronny Pliszak for putting together the Annual Report, the Pledge Reports, and sending thank-you notes to our many donors – all in a very short period of time!



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, Jeannine Cranor, Steven Wallner, Conni Still, Pauline Minogue, Rosemary & Larry Smith, Seamus Butler, Dawn, Joanne, Kenny, Janine Hope, Sara Lonchar, Tony Bennet, Tina Bennet, Mother Liz, Daniel & Family, Peggy Raiona, Robert Fardella, Marilyn Moonan, Ken & Jen Russo, Dana Sauro, Matthew Briggs, Liz Simmons

Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and everliving God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, hear our prayers for this parish family. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Grant us all things necessary for our common life and bring us all to be

of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Thrift Shop Doings

As we begin a new year the thrift shop is very pleased with our 2019 accomplishments. We exceeded our hoped for income and now we are looking forward to doing even better. After seven years we decided to raise some prices slightly, still keeping us below the other thrift stores and still within the budgets of most of our customers. We have received many donations of designer clothing, handbags, fine jewelry and excellent collectibles. Our customers are very happy shopping with us.

Jeannine and Conni



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.



An Ecumenical Epiphany: Christ Church, Bellport, St. James Brookhaven, Our Savior, Lutheran graced our altar for Epiphany



Three Kings Crowned: Denise Titone, Nancy Meade from Christ Church, Bellport, and Frank Getz

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry served 228 families in December, 474 adults, 329 children and 46 adults over 65.



SAVE THE DATES!

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

6PM-7PM all tickets \$6

Ash Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Imposition of Ashes 12 Noon and 7 PM

Lenten Programs to be Announced



Three Kings Decorations and Crowns courtesy of Conni Still



Annual Meeting January 26, 2020



Brunch



Cake for the Acolytes



Acolytes get ready to cut the cake



Rita contemplating her next glass of wine!