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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 Mother Liz

Outlined below is an abstract of the information provided in the video put out by the Diocese for How to Receive Communion when we open on November 1. It does not cover how you come into church or receive a bulletin or place your offering envelope. Those guidelines will be distributed when we have tailored the process for our space at St. Paul's.

Preparing for the Eucharist

1. Altar guild: Sanitize hands or wear gloves before setting up the Credence table
2. Altar guild: Set up the credence table with all the elements: the stack, the bread, the wine, and the water

Holy Eucharist

- *Priest, altar party, liturgical ministers, and communicants must wear masks at all times and remain 6 feet apart. Everyone should sanitize their hands regularly*

- *Communion will be distributed in one kind only*
- *Clergy must still receive both the bread and the wine*

At the offertory after the offertory sentence...

1. Altar server: Sanitize hands before handing the priest the bread and wine and water
2. Priest: Sanitize hands before preparing setting the table
3. Priest: Set the table
4. Priest Leave the hosts in the ciborium with the cover on
5. Priest: Sanitize hands
6. Priest: Take communion in both kinds
7. Priest: Sanitize hands
8. Priest: Commune the altar server
9. Usher: Sanitize hands and bring sanitizer to stand by altar rail
10. Usher: Put sanitizer on hands of communicants

11. Communicants: Approach altar maintaining 6 foot distance to those in front of you
12. Communicant: Open both hands to receive sanitizer
13. Priest: Drop host into open hands of communicant
14. Communicant: Open both hands to receive bread
15. Communicant: Receive bread and set to side
16. Communicant: Drop mask and consume bread
17. Communicant: Replace mask and return to seat using side aisles

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Bishop Geralyn Wolf will visit us for the 10 AM Service via Zoom on October 11, 2020, even if you don't normally join u for our Zoom service please try to do so on the 11th. According to Canon Law bishops are required to visit their parishes at least once every three years so we certainly want to give Bishop Wolf a warm welcome, even though it can't be in person. Attendance is mandatory for vestry members since the bishop will be speaking with the vestry following the service.

Pledging is on track and our finances are stable healthy. We are so grateful that the parishioners have maintained their pledges even though we have not met together. It is a testament to their faithfulness.

The Parish Audit is complete. Thanks to Cathie Pliszak, Emeka Azinge and Denise Titone for their work in completing the audit and to our Treasurer, Barbara Lapinski for keeping things in order.

The vestry voted to provide the Friends of Lakeview Cemetery access to water and electricity from St. Paul's Cemetery. The water and electric were installed through grants obtained by the Cemetery Restoration Committee the predecessor to Friends of the Lakeview Cemeteries.

The vestry also voted to allow the FLC committee to help people find graves of their relatives at the Lakeview Cemetery through records that are being compiled by FLC member Arlene Guzman Capobianco.

The Loan Forgiveness program is still not available for us to apply to it for the money we received.

Mother Liz will begin a book study of *White Fragility – Why it's so hard for White People to talk about racism* on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 beginning on October 20. Racism is a difficult topic because we equate being racist with being an evil, race-baiting, prejudiced, violent person, not recognizing that white people have a hard job recognizing racism as pervading the culture in which we live and which we perpetuate because our culture has been created by white people for white people. This is a great way to gain an alternative perspective and to examine our own blind spots. She is currently participating in a group led by Diane Robinson from St. James and it has been very helpful. Please contact her if you are interested in participating.

STEWARDSHIP

Participating in our community of faith through giving

Our stewardship statement has been repeated every month this year in many ways through the viewpoints of each of the members of the committee, and even changing as the way our lives have changed this year.

So to give myself some new perspectives, I spent the evening reading some scripture, reflecting on the ones that deal with giving. The first one that came to me was the giving of the Three Wise Men. They came together through faith of finding a King and following a star and bringing the King suitable gifts. What a surprise to find this King as a newborn babe, but they presented their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with reverence and love. We have followed their example over the last few years by

celebrating the Feast of the Epiphany by bringing baby gifts to an unknown child and providing them to Mercy Center, our faith community giving aid to young women and their babies, gifts through love.

Another very personal parable to me is the one of the “widow’s mite”. When Clifford died twelve years ago and shortly after I was forced to retire from my job I did not know how my income was going to stretch to pay for taxes, maintenance and pay my usual amount to St. Paul’s. I had to come to the wardens and sorrowfully say I did not think I would be able to continue to contribute my pledge. I started paying a very small amount, a widow’s mite, I thought. But God Blessed me. Somehow, the pensions and social security turned out to be more than I thought it would be, my expenses were not as much as I used to spend, and little by little I have been able to increase my pledge. I also found that I had time to devote to the Thrift Shop and vestry, and other work that I could do to give my time and talents where needed. My mite has become my “might” that I give with faith and love.

As this season comes to a close you will receive more letters about Stewardship. Please take the time to reflect and pray and read the scripture how it affects you too. How you can participate in St. Paul’s Community of Faith through giving.

In Jesus’ Love,

Conni Still

Stewardship Committee

Laura Cooley, Scott Harris, Martin Minogue, Conni Still, Phyllis Voegeli

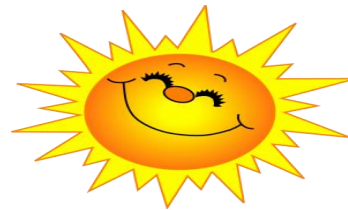
Stewardship Retreat/Survey

Each year we have a retreat in August to look at how we have done together as a parish in the previous year and to solicit hopes for the coming year. This year things were different.

Instead of trying to do a virtual meeting we are going to ask members of the Stewardship Committee and the Vestry to contact all parishioners and ask them a few questions. Just to give you an opportunity to think before they contact you these questions include:

- Which service do you attend?
- What I really appreciate about St. Paul’s is...
- I would also like us to...
- Do you attend Zoom service? And if not, why not?

THE SUNSHINE FUND



We established the Sunshine Fund last year in the hope we would have money to be able to send gifts of flowers or food as needed for parishioners who are ill or grieving. Some organizations ask for a small donation on a regular basis to support their funds, we thought we would ask for donations when you have had a special moment as a Thanksgiving. Thanks for a recovery from a bad cold, a bad day, a new job or a raise. A good report card, or an extra nice birthday gift. Anything that makes you feel thankful, remember that we have folks that maybe need some sunshine in their day.

It has brought lovely gifts to many of our parishioners, but we are now out of money and don’t have anything left to continue this work. I hope this reminder will encourage you to think of all the things we are thankful for. I am thankful for all of you, so I will be sending in a check, just write Sunshine Fund in the subject line.



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



Bill Beebe, Diane Butler, Gail Davis, Scott Harris,
Teresa Julian and Dee Laffin



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

Raise the Roof

Thank you to all who have contributed to this and who continue to do so. We have 5 months to go!



Please include in your prayers this month:

Craig, Dylan & Family, Ed, Linda, Mike, Marcy, Janis, Nikki, Martin, Bill, Jeannine, Pauline, Dawn, Joanne, Kenny, Janine, Tony, Mother Liz, Peggy, Robert, Marilyn, Matthew, Liz, Val, Kim & Family, Margaret, Linda, Bob, John, Buddy and Mary, Alice, Tony, Jim, Jack, Shirley, Michael, Gail, Richard, the people of Beirut, the victims of the

wildfires in California and Hurricanes Laura and Sally, and for those we name now.

Prayer for the Parish

Almighty and ever living 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

We look forward to reopening soon and pray that everyone remains healthy. God Bless Us All.

Food Pantry



The Food Pantry needs food. The Food Pantry serves families by bag and grab until the quarantine is over. Please consider making a regular donation of food which can be dropped off on Wednesday or Thursday mornings.



SAVE THE DATES!

October 4 Virtual Blessing of the Animals!

October 11, 2020: 10 AM Service and Visitation with Bishop Geralyn Wolf via Zoom. We hope to have **EVERYONE LOG IN** to participate in the service that morning via computer or phone. There will be a **mandatory** zoom meeting of the vestry following the service.

The 154th Convention of the Diocese of Long Island will be held virtually and will convene on **Saturday, November 14, 2020, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm.**



Outdoor Baptism of Anthony Fava IV,
September 12, 2020



Mufasa holding Simba?
No, Anthony III, holding Anthony IV!