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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



- We are now well and truly into Lent. I hope you will consider taking advantage of these opportunities to support your Lenten devotions:
- Evening Prayer at 5:00 on Tuesdays
- The Great Litany at Noon on Wednesdays
- Stations of the Cross at Noon on Fridays

- A program on Reconciliation and Confession offered by St. Ann's on Wednesdays at 6:00 for the virtual soup supper with the program beginning at 6:30
- The PBS special on the Black Church offered by St. James at 6:30 on Fridays
- I will continue to email the links for these services and programs.
- If you prefer private devotions there is always Forward Day-by-Day which is available in the narthex or by calling the office and
- The Daily Office offered by the Mission St. Clare at www.missionstclare.com where you can read or listen to Morning and Evening Prayer and Compline.
- I also suggest reading The Supplication on pgs 154-155 of the Book of Common Prayer. I wish I'd thought of posting this last year – since the service I described as being appropriate in times of war, national anxiety, or disaster. It's quite short so I have included it in below:

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The Supplication

O Lord, arise, help us; And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

- V. From our enemies defend us, O Christ;
R. Graciously behold our afflictions.
V. With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;
R. Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.
V. Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;
R. O Son of David, have mercy upon us.
V. Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;
R. Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

The Officiant concludes

Let us pray.

We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

If anyone wishes to come to make their confession, which we call the Reconciliation of a Penitent, please contact me directly. *All can, none must but some should!*

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- The vestry signed a contract for the copier maintenance.
- Mother Liz attended a zoom clergy meeting with the Bishop regarding contact tracing. We must notify and quarantine parties if positive for Covid. Eventually the vaccine will be required to attend church in person.
- We will apply for PPP loan forgiveness.
- We received a clarification that a quorum of 6 members is required for the annual meeting according to New York State Religious Law.
- We received a quote to replace the floor the classroom used by the vestry and the Thrift Shop. We will make a decision once we have verified that the flooring will withstand the heavy traffic of moving the Thrift Shop racks.
- Thanks to Cathie Pliszak and Alison Hanson for their effort in putting together the wonderful Zoomed Pancake supper.
- The new vestry members were welcomed and we all introduced ourselves and said how many years we had been members of St. Paul's Parish.
- Ronnie MacDonald was appointed as the delegate to the November 13, 2021 Convention and Barbara Greco will be the alternate. The Convention will be zoomed again this year.
- The vestry supports the reopening of the Karate School once they have their safety procedures in place.
- Mother Liz gave the vestry an overview of the work done by Ronny Pliszak: writing thank you notes for Food Pantry donations, fielding phone calls about church, Food Pantry and Thrift Shop hours. Printing church services to send out each week to the parishioners who do not have internet access...And soooo much more.

Thank you, Ronny.

Respectfully submitted,

Conni Still, clerk of the vestry

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STEWARDSHIP

Participating in our community of faith through giving

As we examine ourselves during Lent, how do we measure up in this area. It's easy to coast along when all is going well, ignoring the blessings around us. Martin's profound article in last month's newsletter brings us up short. Do we thank God on a regular basis? Perhaps this would be a good daily Lenten "discipline". What are you thankful for? Here is my hastily assembled short list:

For giving us the people who ---
Create music, art, theater
Keep us in working order --- physicians,
electricians, plumbers
Plow and shovel the snow
Sacrifice to pay school taxes
Provide us with food --- farm to table
Create electronic means of bringing us together
Develop solar and wind energy
Clean out our gutters and patch our roofs
Keep our cars running

For other blessings ---
Trees and flowers
Dogs
The Book of Common Prayer
Mother Liz's sermons
Bach, Brahms, Gershwin songs
Wit, wisdom, and whimsy
Coffee, ginger ale, and scotch
Pizza, hot dogs, and ice cream
Love of friends and family
Experiencing Holy Week
This parish and the Church Universal

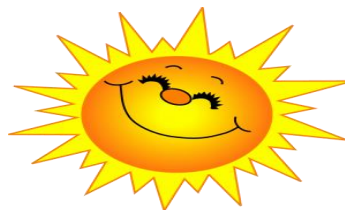
For God: Father, Son, Holy Spirit

**"All things bright and beautiful, all creatures
great and small,**

**All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God
made them all."**

Hymn # 405, refrain

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



We established the Sunshine Fund 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.

Are you Thankful that none of your family or friends have been ill with Covid.? Or that you have received your vaccination or at least an appointment for one? Perhaps you are so grateful that you have returned to church or at least been able to Zoom the services and fill your spiritual lives.

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. Thank you and God Bless You.

Conni Still, editor

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Ronnie MacDonal for helping out one of our parishioners who was ill

Stephanie Froberg for letting us know about the folks who provide NY Vaccine scheduling assistance

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BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



Bill Beebe, Diane Butler, Gail Davis, Scott Harris,
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 campaign. If you still have payments on your pledge to make, please continue to do so, any additional funds will be moved to the Improvement Fund for future repairs and improvements.

Please include in your prayers this month:

Dylan and family, Noe and family, Dorothy, Jeannine, Pauline, Dan, Greg, Larry and Rosemary, Craig, Peter, Dan B., Sol, Steve, Merri, and Michael

Please let the office know to add a **name to the list**. We started the year with a blank sheet.

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

I attended a zoom meeting to discuss thrift shop openings with other parishes in the dioceses. There was many interesting ideas on how to begin the Grand Reopenings.

Mother Liz has requested that we remove everything from the shop so that we can clean the floors and windows and rearrange things in our preparation for a summer reopening. Please think of how you may be of help for this major project. Thank you.

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

Food Pantry



The Food Pantry needs food. The number of families asking for food increase by 30 in 2020. Please contact the office to see how you can contribute to this ministry.



SAVE THE DATES!



Sunday, March 14, 2021

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Turn your clocks ahead!

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Holy Week:

Palm Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday: 7:00 pm

Good Friday: 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist: 8:00 am & 10:00 am

Please note that you must call ahead for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday to reserve space. We still need to maintain social distancing and our capacity is limited.

We will not have the traditional flowering of the cross this year. There will be a flowered cross present but we cannot coordinate the timing and social distancing required to have it done by the children.



Grab & Go Pancake Supper- Zoomed for Shrove Tuesday 2021

Conni Still enjoyed these pancales!



Pancake Supper-Mother Liz, Deb Davidson zooming from South Carolina, Ronnie MacDonald, Cathie Pliszak, Ronny Pliszak, Charles Polley, Bill Beebe, The Hansson Family



Ronnie Cathie Pliszak, Ronny Plizak, Martin & Sharon Minogue & Jackie Root



Here's Dave MacDonald and Ron Pliszak and Shinaide Polley and Jeannine too.

Stations of the Cross

