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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

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

We had a splendid Holy Week and it was wonderful to see more of you in person. But Easter doesn't end on Sunday, or even at the end of Easter Week. Easter goes on for 50 days! We have 50 days in which to rejoice in the triumph of Christ's resurrection.

Easter is the most important holiday in our liturgical calendar. We are who we are because of Easter. Therefore, Easter is an opportunity to cultivate gratitude, gratitude to God for the great things that God has done for us through Jesus Christ. We thank God through prayer and music and all the gifts and skills we have been given. We demonstrate our thanks by caring for God's creation, giving thanks for the beauty of a sunrise or sunset, a brave little crocus or an ebullient daffodil, and by respecting the earth, reducing our carbon footprint, and waste, and use of chemical fertilizers. Likewise, we can find this a time to be grateful for the creatures who share our lives, loving and caring for them with kindness and a little extra attention. We can

extend our care for God's creatures to our fellow human beings and start by giving thanks for and to our families and then our friends and co-workers and lastly by paying attention to the many needs around us. Episcopal Ministries will be starting its annual fundraising campaign and we can show our gratitude by contributing to the work that they do right here in this diocese.

Cultivating gratitude takes some work but science tells us that it has important health benefits. We begin our practice of gratitude by paying attention to what goes on around us and noticing the little things that brighten our day.

Celebrate Easter. The Lord has risen indeed, Alleluia!

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Mo Liz is working on filing the changes to the By-laws which has been complicated because the county offices are not open in-person due to Covid.
- Together we reviewed the details of the annual parochial report and it was accepted as presented.

- The Karate School has provided us with acceptable guidelines for re-opening.
- The boiler in the church has a new expansion tank.
- We did not qualify for an additional PPP loan because our 2020 income loss was less than the eligibility guidelines – which is a testament to the diligence of our parishioners.
- Capital One has temporarily stopped accepting forgiveness applications for the previous loans.
- We approved the installation of the new floor flooring (\$2,400) in the classroom used by the vestry once we knew that it will stand up to the heavy movement of the rolling racks.
- We reviewed Ronny Pliszak’s monthly calendar and saw all the things she is doing in the office that no one knows about. She is more than a smiling face, she is always ,busy!
- Dave MacDonald attended the Village meeting regarding our neighbor’s chicken coop. The neighbors agreed that they would move it with additional requirements and comply with inspections.
- A possible thrift shop or parish fund raiser is being researched for “Christmas in July” to hopefully sell the many decorations that we have stored and encouraged others to clean out their attics for a successful fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted

Conni Still, clerk of the vestry

STEWARDSHIP

Participating in our community of faith through giving

It is my turn to write this column this month from the stewardship committee. Since I am also one of your Wardens of the Vestry and Clerk of the vestry, I am privy to some

information that I have shared with you today in my Notes from the Vestry. At the vestry meetings for those of you who have not had the pleasure of serving on the vestry, we go over all the details of what is going on the parish in an orderly fashion, and sometimes very detailed accounts.

Last month Mother Liz, painstakingly went over our annual report for the Diocese. It counts each and every one of you, not by name, but by who you are in our community.

- Do you come to church every Sunday?
- Do you come twice a year?
- Did you move away and still contribute to St. Paul’s.
- Have you been Baptized, Confirmed, or Received?
- Do you pledge or contribute regularly?
- Do you participate in any organizations?

There are many things that the diocese wants to know about what goes on in each parish and some of those figures depend on the amount that they ask of us for our annual Pledge to the Diocese.

As Mother Liz read the numbers to us we realized that we are such a small community of Very Faithful people. And when you see how much we are able to do in our giving. The fact the even with covid and being separated from each other physically our pledges were paid!

The Food Pantry was able to feed hundreds of hungry people every month!

Our Diocesan Pledge was paid in full so can support congregations and their ministries across the diocese.

St. Paul’s is small, but we are mighty! Let us continue to work hard to reopen our Thrift Shop (please volunteer), plan some Fund raisers, join

Buildings and Grounds, join Altar Guild (men can polish brass well), come to the zoom programs, Tuesday Evening Prayer at 5pm.

Through our faith we give to each other by sharing Jesus' Love to all.

Conni Still

Stewardship Committee

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



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

THANKS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

- Dee Laffin for overseeing the installation of the new floor in the vestry room
- Rita Hihn for her altar guild work during Holy Week
- Rita Hihn and Sharon Minogue for their assistance in arranging the Easter Flowers
- Ronnie and Dave MacDonald for doing a much-needed yard pick-up
- Michael Daly for his musical offerings during Holy Week
- Martin Minogue for ushering, helping to manage our Zoom broadcasts
- All those who attended services whether in person or on-line
- All those who donated for the Easter flowers
- The return to health for those who have been stricken with Covid
- Conni Still for beginning the process of re-opening the Thrift Shop



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



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

Raise the Roof

Thank you to all who have contributed to this campaign. The final payment to our loan was made this month. If you still have payments on your pledge to make please continue to do so. That will be placed in the building improvement fund for any additional expenses.

Please include in your prayers this month:

Dylan and family, Noe and family, Dorothy, Jeannine, Pauline, Dan, Greg, Larry and Rosemary, Craig, Dan B., Sol, Merri, Michael, Maureen, John, Diane, Seamus, Michael, Tina, Anthony

If you would like a **name added to those who are sick or in need of our prayers**, please let the office know. We are starting the year with a clean slate.

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 another meeting of the Diocesan Affinity Group to share information on Thrift Shops, Rummage Sales and Crafts. One of the things I came away with is the thought for a Fund Raiser is an outdoor “Christmas in July” Sale, which has been successful in several parishes. I am in discussion with Cathie Pliszak, so keep watch for further information and start sorting your Christmas items you might like to donate or rent an entire table!

Food Pantry



Please consider donating food for the food pantry each week. If you are attending church in person then you can bring your donation on Sunday, if not, please call the office to find out when you can drop off your donation.

SAVE THE DATES!



Ascension, Thursday, May 13, 2021
7:00 pm Zoom Evening Prayer

Pentecost, Sunday May 23, regular Sunday schedule



New floor in vestry room

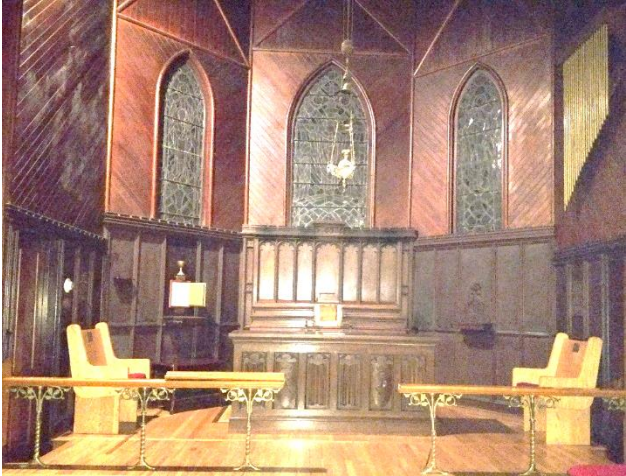
HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday March 28, 2021



Good Friday April 2, 2021



Maundy Thursday April 1, 2021



Easter Sunday April 4, 2021