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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

It's a good thing that you didn't call me for my technology skills!

The last few 10:00 services have been quite challenging. Between trying to upload video files to Zoom and to Facebook, changing Zoom accounts, and changing log-ins for Facebook, turning microphones on in 4 different places, and having a microphone detach itself from my collar, nothing has gone smoothly.

I appreciate your patience and good humor as I try to get things straightened out. I am not sure how much more can go wrong but I am sure that the technology demon still has some surprises in store.

The good news is that technology has provided people from the parish to join us through Zoom and people from outside the parish to join us through Facebook so I wouldn't want to give up either of those two platforms. Zoom is important because it allows for the interaction of

parishioners on Zoom with each other and also for those present in-person to interact with those on Zoom. Facebook does not allow that option which protects us from unwanted visitors but still makes us available to the general public. So hang in there.

The numbers attending our in-person service are creeping up slowly, which is good, and we are lessening some of the restrictions that had been in place.

Although wearing masks is still mandated, the distancing guidelines are being reduced so our capacity guidelines have increased.

Masks are important because not everyone has been vaccinated. Covid can still be spread regardless of whether or not you have been vaccinated, the vaccination means that you are less likely to become critically ill if you catch it.

Please, please get vaccinated. Unless you have an underlying health issue that makes this dangerous there is no logical reason to delay and

you are putting yourself and others in danger by not doing so.

If you have been vaccinated, please copy your vaccination certificate and email or send a copy to the office for our records. If you want to make a copy on our photocopier just let me know.

Thank you,
Mo Liz

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

- Treasurers Report was encouraging, investments, pledges, plate and sunshine accounts are all up and we haven't had to touch additional funds. Keep up the good work!
- Mother Liz has finally been able to get the PPP loan forgiveness forms in progress.
- The By-Laws changes are on hold.
- Septic Tank in glebe was emptied and some of the pipe were scanned. Approved payment from the Improvement Fund.
- Thanks to St. James, Brookhaven for their Food Drive contributions to our Food Pantry.
- Need to divide Phipps Hall in two to provide separate space for AA groups and the Food Pantry.
- Christmas in July Fundraiser already has some vendors signed up.
- Masks ON policy still in effect for church and parish hall and thrift shop, Holy Eucharist still in one kind.
- Singing will start with two hymns, processional and communion. Will begin search for organist at Stony Brook.
- Liturgical Calendar for readers to start up again and Kevin and Scott will be able to return to their altar ministries.
- Keyholders and various volunteers will be required to take Safe Church Training using an online program.

- Mother Liz is planning an evening Bible Study.

Respectfully submitted
Conni Still, clerk of the vestry

STEWARDSHIP Participating in our community of faith through giving

As we navigate through these uncharted pandemic waters, St. Paul's has continued to be blessed by each of you sharing your time, talent, and treasure. This has not only kept the church afloat financially, but it has allowed us to support the work of the Gospel into the community outside the walls of the church through such outreach as the Food Pantry. One positive aspect of the COVID-19 pandemic is that we are learning many new and different ways of being the church. Even when it is safe to resume church life as usual, virtual worship will most likely continue. More people are being reached as time and distance are no longer factors in who attends services. Zoom meetings are proving a workable substitute for gathering in person. Pastoral care is continuing to be provided and various measures have been taken to make sure that the most vulnerable of our congregation are checked on.

As successful as we have been at coping with the pandemic, another opportunity is awaiting us here at St. Paul's. We need to be consciously active in practicing thankfulness for the gifts we have been given from God. Being mindful and aware can help us to celebrate the blessings we often take for granted. How can we seek out ways to give back? St. Paul's continually needs your support, whether in the worship service, outreach programs or simply giving a few extra dollars a month to help make ends meet. We encourage you to reach out to any of us, the members of the Stewardship Committee, if you are interested in sharing your blessings with St. Paul's.

Stewardship Prayer

Gracious and generous God, Creator and Giver of all that is good, we thank you for our many blessings. We acknowledge that all that we have is from you. We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth, our work, our family, our loved ones, and all the gifts we have been given.

Blessed by your grace, may we show gratitude by sharing what we have been given. By serving our brothers and sisters, we serve you. We remain ever grateful for your constant love, the gift of your Son Jesus, and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us. We seek to be your faithful stewards.

Amen.

Stewardship Committee

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

Dear Parishioners,

I am in need of volunteers for our “Christmas in July” fundraising fair. I particularly need help with directing the vendors when they arrive at 8am to set up. Also, I will need someone to be a contact person throughout the day. I am having my knee replaced at the end of June and I am not sure how mobile I will be at the time of the fair. If you can spare some time please contact me. It would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Cathie



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



The Buildings and Grounds Committee has wondered if parishioners would like to adopt a garden.

Barbara Greco and Rita Hihn have already adopted the gardens in front of the Thrift shop and they are blooming beautifully with peonies,

irises, roses and several other perennials. The garden in front of the parish hall is mostly hostas, but needs regular weeding. Alongside the north side of the church are some hostas and the scouts have planted annuals, but a few perennials could be planted and if divided up the weeding wouldn't take too long. The front of the church needs regular weeding too, as does the front of the rectory. A few minutes after church while you have a chance to chat with friends will keep the gardens looking lovely. Dee will post a chart to place in the narthex where you can put your name for the garden that you would like to maintain. At the end of the summer the B&G Committee will award a prize for the best kept garden! So get your best green thumbs working and let's make St. Paul's the prettiest church in Patchogue!

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. The final payment to our loan was made. If you still have payments on your pledge to make please continue to do so. Additional Funds will be placed in the building Improvement Fund.

Please include in your prayers this month: and for those we name now.

Dylan and family, Noe and family, Dorothy, Jeannine, Pauline, Dan, Greg, Larry and Rosemary, Craig, Dan B., Sol, Merri, Michael, Maureen, Anne, Ronnie, Lorna, Joanne,

Ed & Family, Camille and Linda, Jackie, Jay, Mike and Jim, Jonathan David, Rob, Eric

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.

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgements

- Congratulations and thank you to all the volunteers who helped get the Thrift Shop prepared for its Grand Reopening: Conni Still, Robin Kruchinski, Dave MacDonald, Sharon Minogue, Gary Stephan and others from the Food Pantry, Rita Hihn, Barbara Greco, Seamus Butler, Teri Licursi, Scott Harris, Susan Dykman, Jeannine Cranor, Theresa Fiori, Mike Russo, Claudia Romero and Cesar Verela.
- Dee Laffin and Scott Harris for their continued work on maintaining the grounds.
- The scouts and parents of Pack 177 for weeding, planting flowers, and mulching the beds around the church and for their food drive contributing to our Food Pantry
- Sharon Minogue for helping out in the office while Ronny was out.



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

After a long wait the Thrift Shop is reopening on June 5! Thanks to all the volunteers who

helped to empty everything out of the shop so we could have the floors cleaned and waxed and windows washed and then reloading and rearranging all the shelving and racks and decorations and make it all pretty again. We will welcome our customers with masks on and socially distancing, and look forward to many more years of happy sales.

If you would like to join our happy group in our ministry please call me or email me.

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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. **DO NOT LEAVE FOOD OUTSIDE WHERE THE RACOONS CAN GET IT.** THANK YOU.

Feeding about 60+ families weekly.



SAVE THE DATES!

June 5 2021 REOPEN THRIFT SHOP!!!!!!

St. Paul's is planning "Christmas in July" on **Saturday, July 24th**. This event will feature vendors and a sale of Christmas items from the Thrift Shop. This will be an outdoor, rain or shine, event. CDC guidelines, including wearing of masks and social distancing will be adhered to. Save the date: plan on helping out, shopping, and/or rent your own space for \$40.00. Contact Cathie Pliszak at (631) 475-1117 for more information.



Peonies



Iris



Scout Troop 177 Food Drive

Mo Liz, Dave MacDonald, Scott Harris
Sorry I didn't get Dave on the ladder
Cleaning the bugs out of the light fixtures!





Scott prepares windows for washing.



Emptied the shop into two rooms with Dedicated volunteers.



Finished wax floor! Beautiful!

