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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.

ST. PAUL'S EPISTLE

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A Word from Mother Liz

Dear People of St. Paul's,
This is my last newsletter.

We have had a challenging and rewarding 10 years together.

I was ordained as a priest here on September 25, 2011, and as your rector on April 5, 2014.

We have survived an earthquake, Superstorm Sandy, Hurricane Irene, squirrels, pigeons, roaches, feral cats, and chickens.

We have laughed and sweated through tag sales, buildings' and grounds maintenance', breakfasts, suppers, and coffee hour. We have rejoiced in baptisms and mourned at funerals. We have watched babies come, high schoolers graduate, and blessed the marriages of those who returned.

Sounds a lot like life, doesn't it?

I am grateful for all those who have contributed to our life together, whether in worship, or mission, or ministry, through stewardship, and above all in prayer.

I will continue to pray for you as you begin the next chapter in your life together.

Thank you,
Mother Liz

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS

Christmas in July was a success. Thanks to everyone who participated.

Masks will still be required in all church buildings.

Safe Church Training will be available online soon. Those who participate in church activities that involve children are required to take the course. Ronny Pliszak will have the information.

The Audit committee of Cathie Pliszak, Denise Titone and Emeka Azinge successfully completed the audit.

Martin Immel is checking with a person he knows to get a plaque made for the Memorial for Mother Paulette.

The Vestry voted to not request a crossing guard at this time. If our situation changes, we can request the police department to reestablish that position.

Huge thanks for all who worked so hard on the successful Tag sale. One Thrift Shop regular customer purchased some of Mother Liz's furniture and made six trips back and forth to her apartment across the street with help from Dave.

A secure, locked cabinet is needed for records for background checks and safe church training. Tracey is hoping to find someone who would like to work with her in Kindercare.

We have found a

Volunteer who is willing to pick up our orders from LI Cares and deliver them to us and Bonnie Buckley from Christ Church has found an organization that can deliver fresh fruit and vegetables.

Mo Liz official moving day is October 7.

Mo Liz asked that anyone wanting to speak to her concerning her retirement to please make an appointment.

Respectfully submitted

Conni Still, clerk of the vestry

Stewardship

Participating in our community of faith through giving.

I am so grateful to be back working in the thrift shop after so many months in quarantine, coming back to reopen and then leaving for my surgery. It was so wonderful to see our regular customers return and meet some new ones.

It's been so nice to see a group of our community meeting in our back yard since they couldn't use the hall. The different way the soup kitchen and food pantry adapted to the needs of our friends by preparing meals to go. Volunteers have stepped up to fill needs that we didn't even realize that someone would be able to do, picking up our food deliveries for us, an organization to provide fresh fruit and vegetables, a bakery that provides fresh bread, the steady financial giving that pays the bills.

Who ever dreamed we would be keeping together as a parish in little boxes called zoom?

When I went to the World's Fair in 1964, they showed us telephones that you could see the person you were speaking to. It was science fiction to me. And here we are doing it every Sunday and Tuesday night Evening Prayer, and vestry and stewardship meetings. It is the faith we have in our Lord, Jesus Christ, that pushes us to see the challenges that we have had and find a way to get around them. We've been told to feed the poor, clothe the naked, preach God's words. Our St. Paul's community takes its faith and finds a way to bring it to our community, each other, and those outside our walls. God Bless us all.

Conni Still

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

Congratulations Ronny Pliszak!

On August 22nd the Supreme Council Columbiettes had their annual convention in Wilmington Delaware. At that time, I was (by the grace of God and the voting membership) installed as Supreme President.

The Columbiettes are an organization of Catholic women dedicated in faith, charity, unity, and fraternity. We are affiliated with the Knights of Columbus and were established in 1938. We have auxiliaries in 25 states from California to Maine with a total membership of approximately 15,000. Our main office is in Mineola, New York and I work there on Mondays or as needed.

I have been President of the Patchogue Columbiette Auxiliary, and a Supreme officer for the last 10 years and have been a Columbiette for 30 years. The

Columbiettes and the Knights have been there for me in good times and bad times. Therefore, my theme if elected will be, "We are Family" all working together for the good of all.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronny Pliszak



BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS



RE: **Building & Grounds Committee Report for August 2021**

The Building and Grounds Committee met in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, August 10. The committee reviewed our grounds “to-do” list and inspected the vegetation that was trimmed, removed or needed attention. In preparation for the Summer Yard Sale, on August 14, additional items and carts were moved from the recently cleared out shed into the lower Parish Hall. The Parish garage was swept, and items were moved to improve access and space availability.

The remainder of our meeting was devoted to moving furniture, and other large items, from the Rectory into the garage. This was done to assist Mo. Liz in her plans for moving, and, in the event of rain, to prepare for furniture display during the yard sale. Other items were discarded or moved to the curb for mid-week trash pick-up.

Once again, we extend a sincere thank you to all Parish volunteers who continue to trim hedges and/or tend to some of our garden beds. Likewise, many thanks to all the Parish members and friends of St. Paul’s who, through record heat, graciously assisted with the 2021 Summer Yard Sale.

Respectfully submitted,

Dee Laffin & Scott Harris, Co-Chairs for the
B&G Committee, Gail Davis, Bill Beebe.



“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:

Dylan and family, Noe and family, Dorothy, Jeannine, Pauline, Dan, Greg, Larry and Rosemary, Craig, Dan B., Sol, Merri, Michael, Maureen, Anne Lorna, Joanne, Ed & Family, Camille and Linda, Jackie, Jay, Mike and Jim, Jonathan David, Rob, Mary Anne, Robby, Donna and Bob, Ada, Cathie, Michael, Nikki, Conni, Stephani, Gail, Jack, Ed, Yanni, Wilma

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.

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgements



Thank you all so much for the delicious food, the cards, phone calls and emails wishing me a quick recovery from my knee surgery. I'm doing well, started aqua therapy this week which is a great work out. All your kind thoughts were better than opioids! As soon as the other knee is done, I can put zoom away and see you all in person. In the meantime, come say hi at the thrift shop. Thanks again. Conni

Dear Parishioners,
Thank you so much for the lovely flowers that I received from my family of St. Paul's (that is what the card said) when I became President of the Supreme Columbiettes this past Saturday in Wilmington Delaware. You are indeed my adopted family. God bless you all and sincere thanks.
Ronny.

Dave MacDonald for keeping up with the bushes that never seem to stop growing!

Robin Kruchinski for orchestrating the new look for the Thrift Shop.

Laura Cooley and Dee Laffing for organizing the Tag Sale and all the volunteers who helped to make it such a success.

Laura Cooley for organizing the Stewardship Retreat and all those who participated.

The Stewardship Committee for their faithfulness in writing articles each month for the newsletter.

Thrift Shop Doings

The Thrift Shop has been getting busier and we have made a lot of changes. Between the Christmas in July Sale and Tag Sale we cleared out some old stock and made room for many new donations and rearranged the racks, bringing back some of the round ones and removing some shelving that limited the walking area for customers using walkers. Our fall and winter clothes are coming out and children's school clothes are going on sale. Our volunteers are doing such a great job, come and see our new looks and find some great buys!

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.

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



SAVE THE DATES!

September 12, 2021- 1-3 PM

REMINDER...An In-Person Stewardship Retreat will be held on September 12th, but no food. All parishioners are encouraged to attend. It is expected that **all committees will be present.**

Masks will be required.

September 26,2021 12-3PM in the back of the parish hall. The farewell reception for Mother Liz will be a southern BBQ. Masks are required.

October 3,2021 Blessing of the Animals, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Your leashed or crated animals are welcome for a Blessing.



Barbara Greco was one of our vendors in the Christmas in July sale.



Janis and Bob McEvoy received a blessing to celebrate their 53rd wedding anniversary.



Conni Still and Jeannine Cranor Received the Bishops Diocesan Medal For Parochial Service. Congratulations!



Jackie greets everyone at the Tag Sale with her great smile as she gladly takes their money!



There was something for everyone at this sale.



The thrift shop donated wonderful clothes that customers were happy to buy.

From the Editors Desk

A member of our church choir arrives every Sunday morning with her seven children in tow, all a bit ruffled but never-the-less on time.

Scarcely able to get my one child ready, I asked her how she managed her brood so efficiently.

"Easy," she replied with a smile. "I dress them the night before!"

Received from Thomas Ellsworth.

Classified Ad:

Oak fireplace logs available. My arborist will cut them for your fireplace; he says they've been down long enough (1 year) to be perfect. Want them? Call 631 – 475 – 7845 before September 15.

Phyllis

