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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

We will be celebrating our 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary on October 14<sup>th</sup>. In honor of the occasion we will be using the 1789 prayer book for our service which would have been the prayer book in use when St. Paul's was founded in 1843. As you know, the Episcopal Church came out of the Church of England. After we became an independent country we had to establish our own bishops and national church and the 1789 prayer book was the first American version of the book that was used by the Church of England. Those of you who attend the 8:00 service where we use Rite 1 will find the language and prayers very familiar if not exactly the same. Those of you who remember the 1928 prayer book will find it even more familiar. Some of the key differences have to do with the role of the "minister" and the number of readings that are used.

In 1789 the minister did most of the liturgical work, reading many of the prayers that are now read by lay people as well as any passages from scripture. The lectionary was limited. There are only two readings, the epistle and the gospel which are fixed, meaning there was no variation from year to year. Compare this with our current prayer book in which we have 3 different annual cycles of readings

and 2 variations on what we read from the psalms and the Old Testament!

The altar will be pushed back against the wall and the bishop will preside *ad orientem*, which is to say with his back to the congregation facing east. There are many people who feel that this is the correct posture because it places the celebrant along with the people offering their prayers to God but there is also something to be said for our current practice of having the priest face the people.

Interestingly, the recommended position from the English Book of Common Prayer would have been for the minister to face north on the right hand side of the altar. Such an arrangement would be awkward given our layout of a fixed altar rather than a table so we will be using the eastward facing position that became common by the late 1840s and was obviously the practice when our church was built in 1890.

The liturgical vestments were probably different as well. The minister/priest would not wear a chasuble, the poncho-like garment that I usually wear but rather a cassock, a black house coat with a surplice, the white over-shirt with big sleeves: picture what the choir wears only in black. And as

for the bishop, he will not be wearing a chasuble but a chimere and rochet. The chimere is a pinky-purple long vest that is worn over a rochet, a huge white nightgown with enormous gather sleeves that is worn over the cassock. Bishops still wear them but most often for Morning and Evening Prayer rather than to preside over the Eucharist.

The most radical change between then and now is of course the presence of women on the altar – I wouldn't have been a priest back in 1843, there wouldn't have been any female deacons or acolytes so I am very grateful for the changes that have occurred.

We will be providing a complete bulletin for our service so be sure to follow along and there would have been a lot more kneeling but only follow along if you are able to do so without significant discomfort. However you choose to participate, just be there; it will be a great day!

### **Vestry Highlights**

- Voted to donate an additional \$1,000 to the Cemetery Restoration Committee
- Asked Buildings and Grounds to get estimates for replacing floor in Phipps Hall
- A Bereavement Support group will begin meeting the last Monday of every month at 7:00 pm

### **Stewardship Committee**

“Coming together in faithful community to serve God in the world.”

Kindness in giving creates love.

One day last spring, I cut a bouquet of jonquils from my yard and took them to Dick Root, whom I barely knew. He was in a nursing home, and I had been told he was not in good spirits. I did this as a simple gesture of kindness. At the sight of the glorious yellow jonquils, he brightened immediately and started telling me stories about his secretly

cutting jonquils late at night to give to his mother. This led to another story, then another, then another.

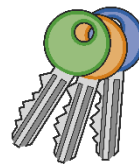
Much to my surprise, we ended up talking of many things - from what it feels like to want to die to food and cooking to finding the love of one's life. I ended up staying for almost 2 hours. During our time together he went from being polite to tears to wonderful guffaws of laughter. When I left, he seemed happy.

The miracle of the visit was that though my goal was to make him feel better, he ended up cheering me and making me feel appreciated and loved. I gave so little, but received very much more.

It is in the giving that we receive.  
From Mary Dykman  
And stewardship committee Laura Cooley, Martin Minogue, Conni Still and Phyllis Voegeli

### **Buildings and Grounds**

The cherry tree that has graced our parking lot for 47 years was completely rotten on the inside with just a ring of healthy wood underneath the bark. The arborist said that cherry trees are notorious for continuing to bloom until the tree collapses without warning. Therefore as you can see from the pictures we had it removed and left the stump. We hope to erect the cross from the steeple on that stump and surround it with a couple of benches and low plantings to create a meditation space. Repurposing is a gift of grace.



Do You Have Keys To Our St. Paul's Kingdom?  
Mary Dykman has agreed to organize the keys and key holders for all St. Paul's buildings. Please send

her an email (mary.dykman@optonline.net) with a list of keys you have to any door in the church or parish hall. List your name and your contact information, phone and email. Thank you.



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

### **Raise the Roof**

Thank you for your continued support for the Raise the Roof Campaign. It's not too late to begin to pledge, the work is ongoing, see Robin Sconzo for a pledge card.

#### **Please include in your prayers this month:**

Those who are sick or in need:

Craig Shaber, Dylan & Family, Ed Smith, Linda Bocca, Mike, Marcy, Lillian Hemmert, Janis McEvoy, Lou Cooley and his Family, Nikki, Phyllis Trypuc, Martin Gunkel, Bill Whyland, Bruce Demler, Mary Lou Immel, Lisa, John, Val & Friend, Robin, Rosemary & Larry Smith, Greg Goshgarian, the Martin Family, Lillian Coulton, Fred H. Miller,

Those who are serving in the armed forces and their families: Samantha Schwartz, Nicolas LoRusso

### **Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments**

Diane Smith for ushering at Anthony and Tina's wedding

Martin and Sharon Minogue, Michael Kykish, and Conni Still for serving as liturgical ministers for Richard Root's funeral

All those who attended Richard Root's wake vigil and funeral

Dee Laffin for her yardwork around the parish

Ronnie and David MacDonald for trimming bushes

All who attended the Newcomer's Brunch and all who provided food and who helped to set up and clean up

Dee Laffin, Laura Cooley, and Robin Sconzo for their work in managing the tag sale and everyone else who donated or contributed time to making it a success

Dee Laffin for arranging for removal of the Cherry Tree

Robin Sconzo for her dedication and hard work as Warden and co-chair of Buildings and Grounds

Ronny Pliszak for her administrative support and consulting skill in processing, invitations, journal adds, and finances for our 175<sup>th</sup> celebration

### **Thrift Shop**

Sometime over the course of the Summer, two geckos took residence in the Thrift Shop. One is considerably smaller than the other. They are colorful and beautiful. They are quietly scampering around dining upon insects and keeping the premises bug-free. So don't be startled if you happen to see one or both of them out of the corner of your eye. The large one answers to "St. George" and we're taking suggestions for the name of the smaller one.

It is Summer Clearance Days at the thrift shop this month. All summer clothes are fifty percent off and today we had some of our regular customers come in and make some wonderful purchases. They have been coming to the shop since we first opened so we have seen the children grow from a toddler to a young boy and little girl to a teenager and a Mom who is a very careful shopper. We enjoy watching them because everyone was able to find something that they liked, consulting each other, especially the teenager who found attractive school clothes, casual wear and dressier dresses at very reasonable sale prices.

Three bags of attractive clothing of fine quality, big smiles, happy customers. They will be back soon and we are glad that we are here to serve them.

Thank you for your donations, your volunteering, your support that makes this thrift shop possible.



Respectfully submitted,  
Conni Still and Jeannine Cranor

### St. Clare's Guild



As of the beginning of February we changed our meeting time from Tuesday evening to Friday afternoon at 2:30 to accommodate those members of the guild who can no longer travel at night. We hope that more people will join our friendly and productive group.

### Coffee Hour



Volunteers are needed to host the coffee hours after the 8 and 10 o'clock services. Sharon Minogue will give you all the instruction on how to make delicious coffee and where all the equipment is kept, and the goodies are up to your imagination and baking or shopping skills! Best of all you can be reimbursed for your purchases. Please see Sharon to sign up.



### SAVE THE DATES!

- Sunday, September 30, 2018 9:00-9:45 Am
- Autumn Parish Community Breakfast
- Coming together in faithful community to serve God in the world.
- Saturday, October 6, 2018 Holy Eucharist Evening Service, Saturday, 5:30 PM
- Sunday, October 7, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi: Blessing of the Animals
- Leashed and crated animals are welcome at both 8 and 10 services.
- Immediately following each service we will have a parish clean up in preparation for our 175th

- Anniversary celebration the following week. Please join us.
- Sunday, Oct 14, 2018 is our 175th Anniversary Luncheon, Lombardi's on the Bay, Patchogue. 12-4 PM
- Invitations were mailed out. Please RSVP by October 1st and include your payment.
- Dia de los Muertos on October 27<sup>th</sup>, see info on tickets in parish hall



Paula and Paul Wilson's Anniversary Blessing



They were married at St. Paul's 45 years ago on September 16



And we celebrated their anniversary with a cake for coffee hour



Another successful tag sale! Barbara Greco, Dee Laffin, and Robin Sconzo



Goodbye cherry tree



Blessing of the backpacks



Dee Laffin with Peter Quatralo