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Parish Ministers: All the People of St. Paul's

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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

Good news! Well yes, every week we hear the “Good news” of the Gospel but this past week we received the very down-to-earth good news of approval from Church Insurance for our claim to reseal the cross on the church steeple. You may or may not have noticed that the cross has been listing badly. It began during the first winter storm when we had high winds, and there were several more such storms into March at which point it became apparent that I didn't need new glasses but that the cross was indeed crooked!

The first estimate to repair the cross came in at \$47,500 which didn't include the price to rewire the electrical connections to allow the construction company to build a scaffolding up the side of the steeple. After taking a deep breath I asked the Facilities Manager for the Diocese Stuart Newby for a recommendation for another company. Stuart was of tremendous help in choosing the J.P Hunter to do all the work on the Parish Hall and the back of the church. He suggested Nicholson and Galloway who were currently doing work on the cathedral. They came by and thought they could get a crane in and do the work without building scaffolding. Their

proposal was \$32,500 and was approved by the insurance company so we will be signing a contract with them in a few days. We have a \$3000 deductible which is an unbudgeted capital expense so if you wondered whether your Raise the Roof pledge is no longer needed – wonder no more. We are certainly grateful for all contributions and for any extra contributions that you might feel called to make.

Vestry Highlights

- 175th anniversary celebration will officially be held at Lombardi's on the Bay. Invitation list being assembled.
- Electrical work on rectory approved.
- Reviewed parochial report for 2017.
- Tithe discussion for Spring Fair (TBD) & Tag Sale (ESL scholarship SCCC)
- St. Paul's Website is losing its host platform, Michael Daly seeking new site.

Stewardship Committee

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

It’s hard to believe that summer is finally here! For the Stewardship Committee, that means we begin preparing for our next retreat in August and reflect back on the past year. I recently had the opportunity to experience our current theme (see above) and feel for myself how truly inspiring this congregation is, so I wanted to share my observations.

“Coming together”

Throughout the beginning of June, we began preparing for our Spring Tag Sale, as usual amassing more stuff than one could possibly imagine. When I arrived on Friday, the 15th to begin moving items to the Parish Hall, I was so happy and even astonished to see how many people came to give us a hand. We always have a core of amazing workers, led by the indomitable Dee Laffin, but this year, many more came and made the burden seem light. On Friday and Saturday, we were able to pray together, laugh together and God was with us.

“In faithful community”

Each time we undertake a tag sale, Dee and I enter into an agreement of faith. Faith that people will donate items (Praise God, they always do!), faith that parishioners will come to help and support us (Halleluiaah, you always do!), faith that community members will visit and shop (Amen!). We believe in the St. Paul’s family and by the grace of God, all things are possible.

“To serve God in the world”

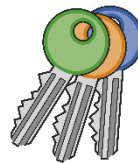
So many blessings out of one event...the individuals who came in with a few dollars and left with treasure; the small children smiling as they got their free toy; the families finding just the right furniture, clothing or items for their homes; the Eastern Farm Workers receiving so many of our leftovers; the animal shelter getting bags of stuffed animals; the books going to the local library. I could go on and on but lastly wanted to be sure and mention the

smiles on our faces as we each gathered our own pile of treasures to take home with us.

Thanks to all of you for making this year’s theme a reality. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!
Laura Cooley .

From St. Paul’s Stewardship Committee
Laura Cooley, Mary Dykman, Martin Minogue,
Conni Still, Phyllis Voegeli

Buildings and Grounds



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.

Wanted

Acolytes interested in going to Adventureland! This has been a traditional outing for St. Paul’s Acolytes. Please see Laura Cooley to arrange a date.





“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:

Bocca, Mary, Mike, Marcy, Lillian Hemmert, Janis McEvoy, Lou Cooley, Nikki, Phyllis Trypuc, Dot Jackie & Dick Root, Bruce Demler, Larry Smith, Tom Gross, Greg Cavanaugh, Stephanie, Linda, Ann Keyes, Anthony Raiona, Michael Butler, Mary Lou Immel, Carmel & Jim Tuma, Barbara Bahnsen

Those who are serving in the armed forces and their families:

Nicholas Lo Russo, Samantha Schwartz

Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments

Cathie Pliszak and all those who assisted with the Spring Fair

Dee Laffin and Laura Cooley for organizing the Tag Sale and for all the volunteers who provided assistance as well as those who provided donations, including the Thrift Shop

Robin Sconzo for lugging the picket fence to the curb bit-by-bit

Aleah Klagges for acolyting her first time during a baptism and Katheryn Polley for helping to show her the ropes

Scott Harris for being everywhere and doing pretty much anything anyone asks him to do

Charles Polley for installing the air conditioners (and Scott Harris and Bill Beebe for dragging them out of the basement)

Mary Dykman, Cathie Pliszak, and Denise Titone for completing the annual audit

Mary Dykman for taking on the management of the keys

Tracy Classon and Laura Cooley for their work with our youth

Bob from AA who cleaned the dust and grime off the ceiling fan blades in the parish hall

Married: Kerri Wright and George Lewis

Baptized: Joshua Brian Bernichon

Graduated:

- Barbara & Michael Greco's granddaughter Hayley Greco graduated from Patchogue-Medford High School
- Teresa & Steven Julian's daughter Kathryn graduated from Patchogue Medford High School.

Thrift Shop

June 2018 has been challenging for the thrift shop. We supported 2 major fund raisers within a two week period during a time of the year when our all-volunteer staff is taking a little time here and there for their own personal lives. The vendor fair on 6/2 did not impact our income in either a negative or positive way ~ we did the usual business. We did

rather better for the Tag Sale, possibly because our ‘core’ customers (inveterate bargain hunters) came out for that one and the weather was great 6/16. We truly appreciate the help given us by Dee Laffin and others during the Tag Sale. We donated quite a bit of surplus thrift shop stock and their help with moving items was invaluable.

Looking ahead to July, we are losing our ‘lynch-pin’ volunteer, Tania Castro, as she is moving to Arizona 7/19. Tania began with us in July 5 years ago, and, as the expression goes “she knows where all the bodies are buried...” We’ll never be able to replace her, but now we seriously need to recruit more volunteers. Monday is the day that we hope to add to our staff. Please consider joining us on Mondays. Even one or two Mondays a month would be quite a help, if you can’t commit to every Monday. Before Tania leaves, we would be glad if our parishioners would take a moment to stop by the workroom when we are open and express appreciation for her faithful service to all of us over all these years. Truly, we could not have done this without her uncomplaining help.

Respectfully Submitted
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.



LEMONADE ON THE LAWN SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH

July 1 through Labor Day

Sign-up sheet available in the narthex.

You provide a cool drink and a small ‘nosh’ You’ll find a table, cups, and napkins in the narthex. Consider pairing up with someone to host this event. See you on the lawn.



SAVE THE DATES!

Combined service for the Summer

Starting July 1st till Labor Day, September 2nd, there will be only one service at 9am. We will continue with the Saturday evening service at 5pm on the first Saturday of the month.

However, there will be **no** 5pm service on Saturday, September 1st.

July 4, 2018 March in the Patchogue Parade, Wear your St. Paul’s tee shirt. See Tracy Classon for details.

July 7 Weeks Boatyard celebrates its 120th Anniversary - Stop by the boatyard at 10 Riverview Avenue to offer your congratulations

July 7, 2018: Holy Eucharist 5 p.m.

August 5, 2018 Stewardship Brunch/Retreat

from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the parish hall as we “come together in faithful community to serve God in the World”.

August 15, 2018 On Wednesday, August 15, Karen Smith from the Practical Resource Center will be presenting a retreat on Spiritual Practices from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. This is an opportunity to enhance your walk with Jesus. Experience centering prayer using a mandala; walk the labyrinth as you meditate on God’s Word; and journal in response to Mary’s Magnificat. The

event will culminate in a Eucharist celebrating the Feast of the Assumption

Oct 14, 2018 is the 175th Anniversary Dinner, Lombardi's on the Bay, Patchogue. 1-5 PM more details to follow.

Spring Vendor Fair



First Blooming Peony



Spring Tag Sale



Tag Sale Crew Dee, Diane and Meredith



Joshua Brian's Baptism



Ice Cream Social enjoyed by the young folk!



Congratulations to Nancy and Dan Wright
Daughter Kerri married to George Lewis



Jackie enjoying her sundae!