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**Parish Administrator:** Ronny Pliszak

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

# 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

It's been a busy month at St. Paul's between the Fashion Show, the Spring Fair, a Rogation Procession, Mother's Day, Spring clean-up and Spring planting, finishing up the painting of the Parish Hall, getting estimates to straighten the cross on the steeple, and beginning to collect items for the Tag Sale on June 16. I am very grateful for the efforts of all who have participated in making any of this happen.

I was particularly pleased that our young female acolytes have come into their own. Lylah Klagges made her first appearance and Natalie Young and Katheryn Polley each made solo appearances. All did very well ...a real tribute to "Girl Power!"

## 4<sup>th</sup> of July

Since 2012 St. Paul's has been participating in the Patchogue's 4th of July Parade. Please consider joining us this year since it is a great opportunity to make a showing in honor of our 175th anniversary in Patchogue. If you have any ideas about banner's or themes please let me know. If walking is a problem we can use the wheelchair in my office. I

used it myself in 2013 and was glad I did. Please see me if you would like to purchase a St. Paul's t-shirt.

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. Invite your friends to join us.

## Vestry Highlights

- We will go to one service at 9:00 am on Sundays beginning July 1 through September 2. We will continue with the evening service on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month.
- Newcomers Brunch, Sunday September 9
- New Choir robes to be purchased for choir
- Mark Dykman will be inventorying keys to various buildings and will be responsible for providing keys when needed

**Stewardship Committee**  
**Coming together in faithful community**  
**to serve God in the world.**

Two weeks ago two billion people tuned their televisions to the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. Most of those people had never witnessed an Episcopal service before and amongst the pomp and ceremony they had the opportunity to hear a homily albeit sermon by the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Michael Curry. He quoted Scripture chosen by the bride and groom, he spoke about love with great enthusiasm. He spoke about fire and Balm in Gilead and his energetic style of preaching was far from the staid British customs. The following day people were talking and texting about the wedding, the romance, the gown, the flowers, but the most comments I heard and read were about Bishop Curry. He moved the world, reaching people of all faiths and cultures. He appeared on several news and talk shows, interviewed about the enormous response to his appearance at the wedding. This showed me how this is how our faith community comes together, we use all ways to serve God in the world, the media, our worship services, our being together in family, and in love, "love God, love your neighbor, love yourself".

Phyllis Voegeli, for the stewardship committee:  
Laura Cooley, Martin Minogue, Conni Still

**Buildings and Grounds**



The Building and Grounds Committee has been working hard to keep up the maintenance of our properties. The painting of the Parish Hall is finished for now, but there is lots of little work still needed. Thanks to the gentleman who has repainted the front doors of the Church and the brick foundation. Now the red doors match the red of the Parish Hall and it looks so nice. The flower garden

is blooming nicely, thanks to all the waterers! It really takes a village in this Village.



*"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, Mary, Mike, Marcy, Lillian Hemmert, Janis McEvoy, Lou Cooley, Nikki, Phyllis Trypuc, Johnny, Martin Gunkel, Bill Whyland, Jackie & Dick Root, Bruce Demler, Larry Smith, Tom Gross, Greg Cavanaugh, Nancy Western, Stephanie, Linda, Ann Keyes, Anthony Raiona, Michael Butler, Cathie Pliszak, Mary Lou Immel, Ron Pliszak, Carmel & Jim Tuma

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

Nicholas Lo Russo, Danny Martin, Samantha Schwartz

**Thanksgivings and Acknowledgments**

Jeannine Cranor and Conni Still and all who volunteered to make the Fashion Show a success.

Cathie Pliszak and all those who helped to make the Spring Fair a success.

Laura Cooley for her work with the acolytes.

Pack 177 for planting some lovely annuals around the church.

A member of AA who painted the church door and brickwork to match the red on the parish hall.

Rita Hihn for her faithfulness in visiting Richard Root.

Martin Minogue for installing the new office PC and salvaging the data from the old hard drive. We are now on Windows 10!

Cindy LaValle for reinstalling Mozy, our back-up software, on the new PC.

**From the Most Reverend Suheil Dawani,  
President Bishop of the Province of Jerusalem  
and the Middle East and Bishop of the Diocese of  
Jerusalem:**

*I should be most grateful if you would please give my thanks to all those who have given so generously to the Good Friday Offering. It is wonderful that so many people care for this region and we know that by their very generous giving, they also remember us in their prayers. Be assured that it will be well used in the name of the Lord to further His Kingdom.*

Congratulations to Emma Pliszak, granddaughter of Ronny Pliszak, for winning four scholarships and achievement awards at the Award Ceremony on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Bellport High School. Emma will be attending Indiana University in Pennsylvania in the fall. She plans to pursue a career in teaching.

Congratulations to Robin Cooley who just graduated with a Masters of Science in Kinesiology from Miami University in Ohio. Robin will be heading to the University of Knoxville, Tennessee in August for her PhD in Kinesiology, emphasis on Sport Studies.

Congratulations to Dan Minogue for graduating with a Masters of Music in Composition from the Hartford School, University of Hartford and for live

performances of a piece for Saxophone ensemble called Night Walk and a Vivid Ballet performance for choreographer Calvin Bittner and for an upcoming premier during the Phoenix Concert series in NYC

### **Thrift Shop**

The thrift shop has had a busy month. We worked diligently planning our Fifth Annual Fashion Show and Luncheon and it was very successful. We had models ranging from the youngest and newest members of the parish to two ladies who are friends of parishioners who wanted to participate in the "Fun"draiser. We sold quite a few of the attractive outfits and other nice gift items from the shop. Our kitchen crew did a wonderful job putting together the delicious luncheon. Much thanks to everyone who worked so hard and helped us raise just shy of \$1000 profit!

The new addition to the thrift shop is our own telephone line. Our new number is 631-307-9154 and we have brand new business cards to hand out to customers with our hours of operation. Hopefully this will channel calls to us and not bother Ronny in the office and we have an answering machine to return calls too! Give us a call to say hello.

### **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!**

**June 2, 2018:** Holy Eucharist 5:30 in the Chapel

**June 2, 2018.** Spring Fair. 9 AM-3PM Volunteers needed, see Cathie Pliszak.

**June 16, 2018.** Tag Sale 10AM-3PM **SAVE YOUR STUFF!!** Donations will be accepted the week before during regular office hours. Please place them neatly in the Chapel. Also, many volunteers are needed, please contact **Laura Cooley at 631-363-8209** if you're able to help out. See enclosed flyer.

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**Oct 14, 2018** is the 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Watch for details!



**Editor's Note:** Conni Still

Lord, I hate Buttermilk!

A visiting Priest was attending a men's breakfast in Ohio farm country. He asked one of the impressive older farmers in attendance to say grace that morning. After all were seated, the older farmer began:

"Lord, I hate buttermilk."

The Priest opened one eye and wondered to himself where this was going.

Then the farmer loudly proclaimed, "Lord, I hate lard."

Now the Priest was overly worried. However without missing a beat, the farmer prayed on,

"And Lord, you know I don't care much for raw white flour."

Just as the Priest was ready to stand and stop everything, the farmer continued,

"But Lord, when you mix 'em all together and bake 'em up, I do love fresh biscuits."

"So Lord, when things come up we don't like, when life gets hard, when we just don't understand what you are sayin' to us, we just need to relax and wait 'till You are done mixin', and probably it will be somethin' even better than biscuits."

Amen.

*This apocryphal story has been floating around the internet for some years with no attribution*



On Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> Woman's Club of Patchogue hosted Friendship Night at the Mediterranean Manor. Friendship Night is held once a year consisting of five Patchogue service clubs. St. Clare's Guild was the Guest Club that attended for the second year in a row at my invitation. Eight ladies from St. Clare's Guild and St. Paul's attended.

The President of each club is asked to do a short presentation of what they have done in the past year or their plans for the coming year. Jeanine Cranor spoke so eloquently and represented not only St. Clare's Guild but St. Paul's Church. I was extremely impressed as were the members present. I congratulate her. She mentioned that the ladies present were the movers and shakers who do so many wonderful things for charity. Well, the ladies of St. Clare's are certainly a part of it. Great job.

Ronny Pliszak, Co-chair Friendship Night



Caiden stole the show!



Thrift Shop Fifth Annual Fashion Show  
And Luncheon, Lylah and Aleah



Thanks to the crew that set up and did so much hard work for a successful show.



**TAG SALE**  
**Saturday, June 16, 2018**



Rogation Sunday, Mother Liz blessed the Different areas of the church property With help from new acolyte Lylah



The newly painted parish hall blessed.



Bryan copying Mo Liz and blessing everything in the Polley house.



Pack 177 did their annual Spring Plant In to Beautify St. Paul's grounds. Thanks!

Since it was also Mother's Day all the women received carnations, handed out by Katheryn.