



St. Paul's Quarterly Newsletter
St. Paul's Episcopal Church Worcester Parish
3 Church Street, Berlin, Maryland 21811

Lent/Easter 2021

Rector's Article

Dear Parish Family,

It is hard to believe that we are nearly one year into this "new normal." There, I said it - "new normal." I do not want this to be normal, but unfortunately it has become so. The hope is that as we begin to get vaccinated and continue to follow protocols of mask wearing and hand washing, that as we progress through this year we might be able to get back to some semblance of the life we had before Covid 19. What is for sure is that many of the things of the life we currently live with will continue.

Some of those things are blessings. We know as Christians that out of death always come life, and those times we spend in the Wilderness always lead to the Promised Land. Together we will get through this. But what is means at the moment is that Lent and Easter will be different again this year.

I had to do some thinking about Ash Wednesday and Lent - how would we proceed with them? You will find elsewhere in this newsletter the ways in which we will have Lent, beginning with Ash Wednesday.

Ashes will be distributed in small ziplock bags on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, (14 February). You can get them at the In-person Eucharist at 8:30 and for an hour after the Livestream (approximately 11:30 - 12:30) If you are unable to get to church, please email (froyer@aol.com) or call me (office phone - 410-641-4066) and I will be happy to bring them to you. The Ash Wednesday service will be Livestream at 10:30 and you will be able to administer the Ashes to yourself. This seems the safest way for this year.

Each year, I encourage everyone to write down a Lenten Rule of Live. There are a few things we are offering that you can include in this Lenten Rule. We continue to have Bible Study on Wednesdays at 1:00. Consider joining us for the Season of Lent. We will also be offering Stations of the Cross on Fridays at noon. This will be on our Facebook Page. They will be live some weeks and pre-recorded others. Each week will be a different way. There will also be some special sermons during the Season of Lent.

We will be having our Annual Meeting on Sunday, 28 February. You will find information on this in the Newsletter.

I hope that although this Lent and Easter will not be the normal way we have done in the past that we will walk through these important Seasons together, preparing for the week in which we remember the Central events which form our Christian Faith.

Holy Lent and Blessed Eastertide,



Ash Wednesday 2021

*Because of the Current Situation,
Ash Wednesday will be handled
differently this year.*

*The Ash Wednesday Eucharist will be
a Livestream on
Wednesday, 17 February at 10:30 a.m.*

*Ashes will be distributed in small
ziplock bags on the Sunday prior to
Ash Wednesday
(Sunday, 14 February) at our
In-Person worship at 8:30 and
following our Livestream
(for one hour —
approximately 11:30 -12:30)*

*You will be able to administer the
Ashes to yourself when watching the
Livestream or at any time on
Ash Wednesday.*

Bible Study

Each week, the Bible Study meets on Wednesday at 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. In some sense, it is not a Bible Study in which there is a lecture or handouts. Instead, we read through the lessons for the following Sunday and see where our questions and discussions take us. Fr. Michael often uses these discussions as a starting point for writing the sermon. Please consider joining us during the Season of Lent.

Game Nights

Our Parish Family Game Night's continue - usually every other Wednesday night at 7:00. We play such things as Name that Tune, Trivia, Scattergories, and BINGO. We always have a lot of fun. Please consider joining us.

From The Treasurer

Offerings were down \$12,500 for the year 2020. We thank those who are able to continue to give their offerings through the mail. We continued the following: Pay our diocesan offering in full and have pledged to do so this year as well; Our secretary/ treasurer and rector in full; All health insurance/pension/building insurance/ utilities are on going whether or not the building is used; Cemetery grass grows and needs to be cut; Most expenses are fixed. We have about a \$60k loss this year for the total budget which we make up with our unrestricted endowment fund.

Deacon Alisha King

Our new Deacon, Alisha King will be starting with us after Ash Wednesday. Since St. Alban's in Salisbury has not called a new Rector, we will be sharing Alisha with them. She will be with us twice each month. Welcome Deacon Alisha!

Annual Meeting

As with many other things that have to be done "Virtually" so that we can be safe, This year's Annual Meeting will be done in a Zoom format. By using Zoom people with and without computer access can participate. Zoom allows for people to phone in and be a part of the meeting. On Sunday, 28 February we will be having the Annual Meeting at noon via Zoom. If you are on the email list you will get an email with the Zoom link. If you do not have internet access, on the day of the meeting at noon, please call 1-301-715-8592 and enter Meeting ID: 861 7778 6109.

You will find much of the information that is shared at the Annual Meeting in this Newsletter. You will find the Budget, information on those running for Vestry, the Minutes from last year's Annual Meeting, and the Agenda. We will be having a "bare bones" meeting, so that we might fulfill the By-Laws. On the day, we will go over how we will be registering votes.

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows:

Annual Meeting Agenda

Opening Prayer

Remarks

Review and Approval of 2020 Minutes.

Presentation and Voting - Slate of new Vestry Members

Review use of the "Thumbs up" emoji to vote in favor.

Review the need to indicate if 2 people are using 1 computer both will be counted the same way parties make known their individual vote.

Presentation & review of the approved 2021 budget.

Closing Prayer.

**St. Paul's Episcopal Church
Worcester Parish
Annual Parish Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2020**

Vestry Members Present: Sandy Pacella, Bob Abel, Jerry Freeman, Debbie Ritz, Ray Coates, Phyllis Ashley

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

A few minutes were given to review the minutes of the February 24, 2019 Annual Meeting. Father Moyer asked for any corrections. Helen moved to accept the minutes and Faith seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Voting for Vestry Members and Delegates to the Diocesan Convention

Vestry. Dave Hammond and Anthony Turner were nominated for the Vestry. Ellie Scott moved to accept and Bill Blackmore seconded. Both were unanimously approved.

Delegates Current delegate Jerry Freeman agreed to maintain his position as delegate. Betsy Abel agreed to maintain her position as delegate. Ellen Bunting agreed to be the alternate. This was approved by acclamation.

Presentation of Reports:

Donna Main moved to accept all the reports. Betsy Abel seconded the motion. All were in favor of accepting the reports.

Presentation of the Budget:

Ray Coates presented this year's budget and compared it to last year's. Sarah Thompson asked for information about the Ehart Trust. Father Moyer explained that a trust had been set up by the Eharts to care for their son who was injured in a bicycle accident and spent many years in various institutions. Upon the death of the son, that money was given to the Diocese of Easton to invest and the proceeds each year go to St. Paul's and another church. The estimate of return of 4.75% would yield about \$14,000 for St. Paul's each year. Ray

explained that the Vestry decided to use some of it to fulfill our obligation for the Diocese asking. We have not been fulfilling the whole amount in the past years. The advantage of this is that should Father Moyer leave, our church would not become a mission. It would be announced at the convention that St. Paul's Berlin is fulfilling 100% of its asking. Also, although there is a loss on the balance sheet, there has been an increase in the endowment so that is tis around \$500,000. Less than 1% is drawn down to maintain costs. There was a question about how it is invested. It is invested in RBC and the Easton Episcopal Funds. Donna Main asked if the interest on the Cemetery account pays for the maintenance. It does not, but it is close.

New Business:

Father Moyer presented the new logo and the new letterhead. They had met with the Chairman of the Worcester County Arts Council to help make St. Paul's a patron of the arts for young people in the area. Donna Main noted that the letterhead was grammatically incorrect and instead of reading Traditional Worship. Contemporary People. Serving Our Community it should read: Traditional Worship. Contemporary People. Community Service. All approved of this change. This will be displayed in the dispatch at no charge because we permit the person at the dispatch to use the facility for an exercise class. It was asked to add a promotion for the Church Mouse into the paper as well. Father Moyer said that young people involved with the arts at St. Paul's could design the bulletin covers. Jenny has had stumbling blocks to getting young people to be involved in the music; no one responds to her emails. It was suggested that she text. It is an idea that is going to have to adjust as it goes on.

Adjournment, Blessing and Dismissal:

The closing prayer was said and the meeting adjourned at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Pacella

Annual Meeting Slate of Candidates

New Vestry Member Candidates:

Bill Blackmore

My name is Bill Blackmore and I've been a long-time Episcopalian. I have been a member of St. Paul's Church since 2016 when my wife and I bought a house in town. Prior to coming to St. Paul's, I was an active member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Prince George's county, MD, for 26 years. While there, I also helped out with church maintenance and landscaping.

For many years my work has been in the field of environmental monitoring. My hobbies include vegetable gardening and enjoying the beaches and scenery of Delmarva. My family and I very much enjoy the Sunday service, fellowship, and other activities at St. Paul's Church. I am honored to be a member of the vestry and helping the church grow and prosper.

Patty Hammond



My husband and I moved to Ocean City in 2002 from Lancaster, PA after purchasing a B&B in Downtown Ocean City. We moved our family here and lived at the B&B to operate and enjoy all that Ocean City has to offer. He passed away in 2007 from cancer and I sold the business shortly after. I then worked as a Client Service

Manager for an Insurance Broker in Ocean City for 9 years. I met Dave who became my best friend and eventually husband. When Dave became ill, I quit my insurance job to take care of him and help do administrative work for his business. During that time, I got my real estate license so we could form a team once he got back to health. I decided I like to be behind the scenes and would rather help him with the admin side of it and not sales. I recently began a new adventure as a part-time personal assistant and am extremely excited for this opportunity. I am a member of the Ocean City Lioness Club and a former board member of the Ocean City Downtown Association. When we decided to go back to church, I was raised Catholic and Dave was Presbyterian, so Episcopal seemed like a great choice for us both. Someone I worked with recommended St. Paul's and we gave it a try and fell in love with the congregation and Fr. Michael. We genuinely love our "church family" and as they say, "the rest is history". If elected, I look forward to serving St. Paul's as a member of the Vestry. Dave and I live in West Ocean City with our two dogs, Molly and Leila. I have two children, both grown, a son Ian and a daughter Ally.

Candidates for Delegate/Alternate to Diocesan Convention

These remain the same as last year:

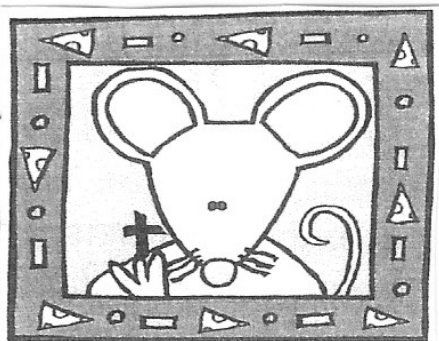
Delegates

Jerry Freeman
Besty Abel

Alternate

Ellen Bunting

CHURCH MOUSE



Despite COVID the Church Mouse continues to chug along, with some modifications, changes and improvising. In the early days of restrictions we remained closed for close to 2 months. In time we re-opened, with a much limited schedule. We follow the CDC Guidelines, requiring masks and limiting 6 customers at a time in the store.

The stores hours are now Thursday-Saturday 11-3:00. I would like to applaud Mary Hall and Lydia Lank, who staff the store on Thursdays and Jan Bucciere who is faithfully on duty every Saturday. I work on Fridays, and husband Mike fills in when needed. Without the assistance of these folks, I would not be able to handle the job efficiently. When the Berlin Farmers Market is open on Sunday mornings we opened the shop for a few hours this past summer. This proved very successful, and helped with the cash flow since we have limited days open now.

Another big change, we are asking is that donations not be taken to the store, but instead to my house, 317 Buttercup Ct, off Broad Street and 3 minutes from the shop. In addition, with limited hours we are not moving as much stuff out, so we hope you understand, we are not always able to take everything. Please call for an appointment 443 995 3122 to arrange a mutually convenient time and to check to see if we are able to take your donations. We have always had a storage problem and can only store so much at my house.

We continue to sell Church Mouse canvass tote bags. Many of our customers return to shop using our bags. We are trying to encourage reusable bags in place of plastic for

the good of our environment. If shopping at the Mouse (or anywhere else) please take your own bags. We only have one Mother Earth. The store is blessed often by folks saying "keep the change". They want to support our cause and are touched by our mission. Recently a young teenage boy stopped in, without even purchasing anything he made a donation of several dollars. In addition at times we are a sounding board for persons with issues, or they just plain want to talk about a past traumatic event in their life.

In closing we continue to remind donors that jewelry is always needed. We also have a great demand for books, novels, cook books and coffee table books as well as children's books which are always in demand. Please no torn or damaged books, and no text books or encyclopedias. With the Pandemic keeping us all inside much more, puzzles are very popular, please only those with all the pieces, and please tape them shut. And the same applies to board games.

As always much appreciation for your donations!

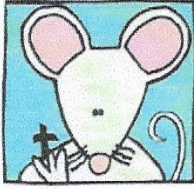
HELEN WILEY
CHURCH MOUSE COORDINATOR
443 995 3122

OUTREACH

Our first recipient for January went to HOPE4RECOVERY to purchase bedding items for their house guests.

During the Christmas Season donations have helped in a variety of ways. These include Toys for Tots, Bless Our Children, and food cards for "Christmas for Seniors"

We have provided much needed clothing, coats and sweaters to local folks in need. Spring donations will be to GOLD for emergency food distribution. In addition future plans include donations to Meals on Wheels, Worcester Developmental Center, Operation We Care, Health Care Team at AGH, Camp Wright, Cricket Center, The Samaritan



**CHURCH MOUSE
THRIFT SHOP**
101 N. Main Street
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Saint Paul's Episcopal Church operates the "CHURCH MOUSE" Thrift Shop for the purpose of reaching out to those in need. Donations from the proceeds are made to a variety of local, national and international causes.

Saint Paul's Episcopal Church started an outreach to the community 50 years ago in a small shop attached to the Atlantic Hotel. It then relocated to a warehouse on Old Ocean Blvd. We moved 30 years ago to our present location 101 North Main Street.



Profits from The Church Mouse help support St. Paul's Outreach Mission.



**Episcopal
Relief & Development**
Working Together for Lasting Change

The Rt. Rev'd Santosh Marray, Bishop of Easton, has designated Sunday, 21 February as Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) Sunday. Because of the Current Situation, the easiest way to make donations is to send them directly to ERD.

You can either go to their website:
www.episcopalrelief.org

Or mail a donation to them:
Episcopal Relief & Development
815 Second Avenue
New York, NY 10017



During these current times, a group of people from the Ocean Cluster (The Episcopal Churches in Berlin and Ocean City) have been continuing our relationship with Hope 4 Recovery House in Berlin. Once a month, they have been dropping off a meal. We hope that some day soon, we will be able to join them for this meal and talk over dinner. Until then, we continue to support this important local outreach.

FRIDAYS IN LENT AT ST. PAUL'S 2021

This year because of the Pandemic, we will be having Stations of the Cross on Fridays at noon. They will be either Livestream or Pre-Recorded. There is a different version done each week as follows:

19 February

12:00 Noon — Traditional Stations of the Cross

26 February

*12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross from
The Walsingham Pilgrim's Booklet*

5 March

12:00 Noon — Contemplative Stations of the Cross

12 March

*12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross with
Mary, the Mother of Jesus*

19 March

*12:00 Noon — Feast of St. Joseph
Livestream Eucharist*

26 March

12:00 Noon — Stations of the Cross in Song



March Birthdays

- 2 *Savanna Hastings*
- 5 *Hattie Quick*
- 13 *Karen Neville*
- 15 *Faith Stanley*
- 16 *Patty Hammond*
- 17 *Earl F. Conley, II*
- 18 *Diane Brown*
- 20 *Bob St. Clair*
Abigayle Conley
- 24 *Robin Peoples*
- 27 *Betty Hammond*
- 31 *Steve Main*

April Birthdays

- 2 *Carol Vaughan*
- 4 *Fric Hutchinson*
- 6 *Chandler Smith*
- 11 *Bo Duke*
- 12 *Jim Short*
- 15 *Dave Hammond*
- 17 *Elizabeth Moore*
- 19 *Emily Sudbrink*
- 20 *Susan Moore*
- 21 *D. J. Thompson*

May Birthdays

- 1 *Jan Bucciare*
- 3 *Alex Moore James Blackmore*
- 4 *Patricia Fisher*
Theresa Bruner
- 5 *Laura Jenkins*

- 6 *Fr. Michael Moyer*
- 7 *Roger Bredehorst*
- 9 *Patrick Reid George DeGroft*
- 11 *Addison Conley*
- 12 *Virginia Barrett*
Bill Blackmore
Missy Freeman
- 15 *Nancy Lehman*
- 19 *Phyllis Ashley*
Loni MacKinnon
- 25 *Maggie Weil*
- 26 *Judie Short*
- 27 *Sherrie Beckstead*
- 28 *Ellen Bunting*
- 29 *Rachael Pacella*



March Anniversaries

- 21 *Bob & Carol Vaughan*

April Anniversaries

- 7 *Cliff & Jerrie Birch*
- 21 *Charles & Mechelle Nichols*
- 30 *Shirley Hartman &*
Gerry Kizina

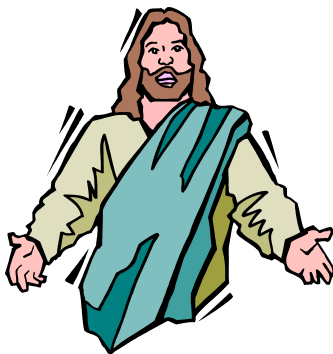
May Anniversaries

- 3 *Fric & Susan Hutchinson*
- 4 *Ordination of Dick Bunting*
- 18 *Joe & Sue Garliss*
- 27 *Jim & Jan Quick*

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Mission Statement

*Our Mission is to offer and nourish a
relationship with God in Jesus Christ, our
Lord, through worship, outreach, fellowship,
and study.*

Vestry and Officers

Senior Warden: Ray Coates, Jr.,
Treasurer: Susan Wellman,

Vestry Members:	Bob Abel	Ray Coates, Jr.	Dave Hammond
Sarah Hooper	Sandy Pacella	Deb Ritz	Anthony Turner