



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

*Michaelmas 2020 Edition*

Dear Parish Family:

We read in the Book of Ecclesiastes: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1) This phrase seems appropriate as I share with you the "comings and goings" of Deacons in our Parish in the coming months.

Dick Bunting was ordained a Vocational Deacon along with Barry Neville in May of 2013. He spent most of his ordained life with us, with a sojourn at Church of Holy Spirit in Ocean City. He had a conversation with me awhile ago and shared with me his desire to retire from active ministry. He has continued to serve us, but will retire on Sunday, 18 October. I thank him for his many years of friendship and service to our Parish. He will be joining his wife Ellen in the pews of St. Paul's – so he begins a new season of his life and ministry.

Andrew Cropper will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon on Sunday, 1 November. The Bishop is giving the people in the ordination process a time to minister as a Deacon in their sponsoring Parish. Andrew will join us the Sunday after Dick's retirement and will stay until Christmas. It will be nice to see how Andrew has grown into his calling in his time away from us. We welcome him back for a season.

Chris Sabas will be ordained on Sunday, 11 October at St. Alban's in Salisbury. It was my hope that she would return to us as a Deacon, but a different opportunity has arisen for her as the Bishop is assigning her to be Deacon in Residence at St. Andrew's in Princess Anne. Her last Sunday with us will be on 4 October. Although our Current Situation did not allow her to be with us in worshipping Live stream, we have had a wonderful time with her at a number of worship services and through the weekly Bible Study. She will be missed.

You will find more information on Dick, Andrew, and Chris in this newsletter. We will be joined by Alisha King in the beginning of 2021. She is being ordained at the same service as Chris Sabas, since they were both sponsored by St. Alban's. She will continue at St. Alban's until the end of the year. We will share more information on Alisha in our next newsletter.

St. Paul's will be a busy place with the changing of the seasons for these very dedicated servants of our Lord Jesus Christ. I look forward to all of their "comings and goings". Through it all we will continue to be blessed.

In Christ,

The Very Rev'd Michael D. Moyer OGS



Dear Friends;

In July of 2002 I began my journey towards Ordination as a minister in God's Church. During this journey there were many peaks and valleys as I took the necessary seminary courses, attending church services, doing visitations to homes, retirement communities, and hospitals where ever there was a need while following God's Call. On May 4, 2013, I was Ordained as a Deacon in the Episcopal Church right here at St Paul's along with my friend Barry Neville.

During those years of study and preparation my family felt the brunt of me not being home with them on special family celebrations and having to leave early to attend Christmas, Holy Week and Easter Services. They did not complain but I felt bad for having to leave them.

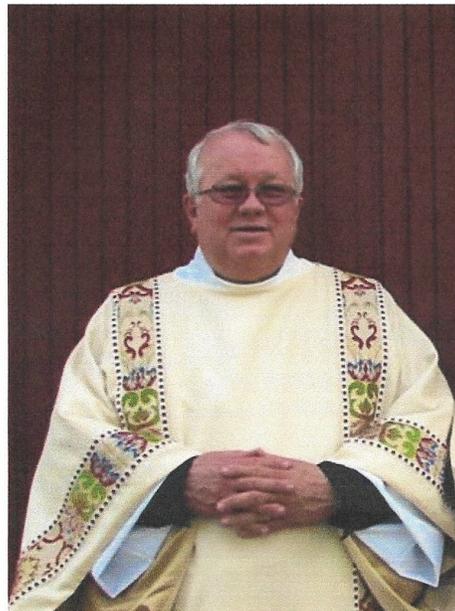
On July 31, 2020 I turned 75 years old. I thought me 75. No wonder my joints are so sore making it hard for me to walk.

Prior to my Birthday I had already began a time of reflection, meditation and prayer, asking myself many questions and the one that stood out most was: What are my children and grand children going to say about me when I die? Will they say he was a nice loving father and grand father who we will miss dearly, then adding; he always had to leave us and go to the church for one reason or another. My answer

became very clear. Time for me to retire from active ministry in the church which I love so much. I appreciate the support & love given to me by Fr. Michael and each one of you. Your love and support will always hold a special place in my heart.

My last Sunday here at St. Paul's will be on October 18<sup>th</sup>. I will be retiring to spend more time with my wife Ellen, our children and grand children, maybe take a trip or two along the way, and sleep in a Sunday or two. Ellen and I consider St. Paul's as our home parish so we will continue to worship with you as time goes quickly by.

In God's Service.  
Blessings  
Dick Bunting



## Cropper Ordination set for Sunday, November 1st.

Greetings St. Paul's! I am writing you with an update on my discernment/journey to Ordination in the Diocese of Easton. Since September 2019, I have been assigned as the intern at All Hallows in Snow Hill under the direction of Rev. Chuck Hatfield. I have been blessed by the support that Rev's Chuck and Adele and the members of All Hallows have provided to me as I have continued my training for the Diaconate. My Ordination to the Sacred Orders of Deacons will be taking place Sunday, November 1st (All Saint's Day) at 3pm at St. Paul's. Due to the current covid-19 situation, the service will only be open to ten (10) people. The service will be live streamed on the St. Paul's Facebook page. You are invited to watch the service at that time online.

I will be Ordained as a Transitional Deacon as I continue my discernment/journey to the Priesthood in the Episcopal Church. This transitional statue means that I will be serving as a Deacon between six months to one year prior to being Ordained a Priest in the Diocese of Easton. During this time, I will be gaining more training and discernment from clergy in the Diocese to prepare me for the

As Deacon Dick is set to retire on Sunday, October 18th, I will be returning to St. Paul's to assist Father Moyer with services as a Deacon starting on Sunday, October 25th to Christmas. Bishop Marray is giving the Ordinands the opportunity as our first steps into Ordained Ministry coming back to serve our sponsoring parish for a short time. And I will be returning to All Hollows' in Snow Hill Sunday after Christmas, December 27th.

I ask for your continued prayers and support as I continue on this journey to Ordination to become a Deacon and then to the Priesthood.

Peace,

Andrew Cropper



## Chris Sabas

Greek philosopher Heraclitus is credited with penning 'the only constant in life is change.' All of us can certainly relate to that sentiment, especially this year. I am of course disappointed that my internship with St Paul's was affected to the extent that it was in light of these Covid-19 times. Throughout the lockdown, and initial re-opening phases, I had a 91-year-old household member in the high-risk group, with the various doctors and health care professionals advising us to remain home. While not assisting with the weekly live stream services, I was able to maintain a connection to the parish via the weekly virtual Bible study gatherings. I cannot find the words to express my appreciation and deepest gratitude for the fellowship and discussions. I found myself missing the group the week my family member died and could not wait to resume the sessions. Now that I do not have to maintain a more restrictive Covid-19 protocol, I eagerly returned to the parish to assist with worship services. Anticipating being placed with St Paul's after my ordination, I was looking forward to being as active as possible within the parish community, and getting to know more of you. The only constant in life is change. Due to an unexpected

forthcoming vacancy at St. Andrews, Princess Anne, with Father Rob Lawes accepting another call in New Jersey, the Bishop needed to juggle anticipated placements among several of us in the deacon cohort. He asked me if I was open to being placed at St Andrews for the next little while as the 'Deacon in Residence.' Deacons are to be transitory, serving Christ and the church, as the Spirit directs. I said yes. I will begin my time with them after my ordination on October 11<sup>th</sup>. St Paul's will remain in my heart and prayers. I have enjoyed the opportunities provided to me throughout the past several months. I will miss those of whom who have been a part of my ministry since I arrived to the parish. We may be troubled, yet not distressed; perplexed but not in despair (see 2 Corinthians 4: 8-18 NRSV). The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love be with all of you in Christ Jesus (1 Corinthians 16: 23-24 NRSV).



## Sprucing Up

A member of our Parish Family, Blair Ranneberger (with the help of his able assistant Susan Wellman) has scraped, primed, caulked, and painted all of the exterior doors and door frames at the Church. They have also sprayed the weeds at the back of the cemetery. You may have also noticed as you came into the Church on Sunday that there are beautiful autumn corn stalks, hay bales, and potted plants and pumpkins. The back storage closet has been cleaned out as well as the back steps fixed.

Blair has provided a crew of workers (Russ Huffman and Melvin Collins) to power wash the sidewalk, parts of the church, and the cemetery fence as well as other painting jobs. He has donated weeks of time and talent as well as the materials used for these projects. Thanks, Blair!



## Is It Live?

Do you remember the old television commercial for Memorex in the 1970's that asked, "Is it live, or is it Memorex?" as we listened to the singing of Ella Fitzgerald? In the coming weeks, there will be a couple of times in which we will have to post pre-recorded worship services instead of worshipping live.

Fr. Michael has been invited to attend the ordination of our Intern, Chris Sabas on Sunday, 11 October, at St. Alban's in Salisbury. It is scheduled at 9:30 a.m., which makes it impossible for him to celebrate a live or "in-person" Eucharist that day. Instead, we will post a pre-recorded service.

Andrew Cropper will be ordained at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, 1 November. We will be pre-recording of a service for the morning. We will be Live streaming the ordination (to the best of our ability – we hope to have new equipment by that time). We will send out more information as we get closer to that Sunday.

We will be pre-recording our annual All Souls' Day Requiem and posting it on Facebook on the 2 November. Because of our guidelines, we can only have one "in-person" service per week in the church. This makes it impossible to have the All Souls' service with a congregation present. Please see the information elsewhere in the newsletter to submit the names of your departed loved ones to be remembered at the Requiem.

## Game Night

We continue to have our Game Night every other week. We play Mad Libs, Scattergories, Name that Tune, BINGO, and other games together. It is a wonderful time of fellowship! We are moving them to Wednesday evenings. Please see the weekly email for the weeks that we have Games.

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59	13	36	46	17
58	29	34	21	03

# Stewardship

We continue to be thankful for those who have either mailed their contributions or can now bring them to “in person” worship. This is a wonderful reminder that Stewardship is a way of life – choices we make of how we use the gifts which God gives us. You will find on this page a Stewardship Card for 2021. Please fill it in and mail or bring it to Church as a reminder of your continuing commitment to be a good Steward. Thank you!

# Bible Study

Because Chris Sabas is moving to St. Andrew’s in Princess Anne, she will no longer be able to lead our weekly Bible Study. It will continue, however, with Fr. Michael leading a time of reflection on the lessons for Sunday. We were able to do this one Wednesday in September, and it was a nice discussion. Please join us on Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

# Delivering the Sacrament

We have begun having our “in person” worship on Sundays, but not everyone is able to come to Church. If you would like to have Fr. Michael bring the sacrament to your home, please let him know by email ([FrMoyer@aol.com](mailto:FrMoyer@aol.com)) or by calling the office (410-641-4066). He puts the consecrated host in a ziplock bag and can bring it to your home. He wears a mask and does not come into the house. Depending on how many people request this, a schedule will be made. We do not want anyone to be deprived of the sacrament because of our current situation.

## Stewardship Card For 2021

In support of our parish’s mission and ministry, I/we pledge the following Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

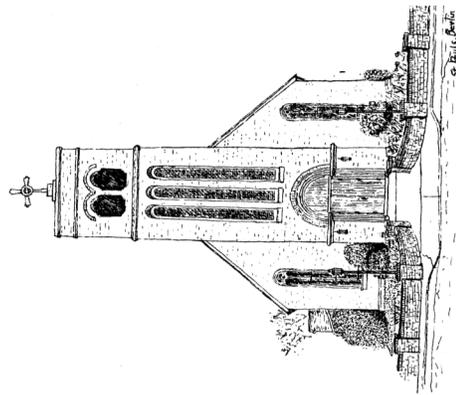
Weekly Monthly Yearly

*All gifts are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.*

This pledge can be changed at any time by contacting the church office.

*In conjunction with your annual pledge, you may also want to consider making a planned gift, such as a bequest in your will, gift of life insurance, or a charitable trust.*

*Please bring this card to Church with you on Sunday, drop in plate, or mail by the First Sunday in November*



## CHURCH MOUSE

Needless to say the past 6 months have been challenging for the Church Mouse as it has been for all of us. We are open Thursday, Friday and Saturdays. In addition we opened for several hours Sunday mornings while the Berlin Farmers Market was in full swing. Sunday September 27th was the last day of the market we have discontinued Sunday hours.

We are grateful for donors as well as customers during the pandemic to be so understanding and kind. Our hours although reduced have been profitable. We are continuing to follow CDC Guide Lines. Masks are required to enter the store.

We have changed our policy on accepting donations. **Please do not bring items to the store.** Instead bring them to her house. Please Contact Helen at 443-514-6655 for an appointment to make donations. Her house is only a few blocks from the store.(317 buttercup Court, off Broad St. And with the parking situation in town it is far easier for you to bring items to her house where they are sorted, priced, and staged. We are accepting clean, gently used household items for example serving dishes, glassware. silverware, utensils gently used and clean cookbooks ,novels (paper backs and hardbacks) for adults and children. Complete puzzles and games. **In season clothing** clean and gently used for adults and children. For example sweaters, long sleeves shirts, jeans and pants.



## OUTREACH

Recent recipients for outreach were Cricket Center, Jesse Klump Memorial Fund, Worcester G.O.L.D. school supplies, and Camp Wright, hygiene items for shut-ins. In addition we have given away clothing to several local folks in the community that were in need of some help.

We will continue to follow the CDC guidelines . □

Church family outreach is bar soap or liquid hand soaps for local senior shut-ins. We will be collecting these items until further notice. Wicker baskets for collection will be located in the foyer. .

## Blessing of the Animals



(Weather Permitting)

Sunday, 4 October:

\*2:00 in the afternoon\*

St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
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Animals must be on leashes, held in your arms, or otherwise contained.

**All Humans Must Wear Masks and Maintain Social Distancing**

For more information, call St. Paul's at

410-641-4066





### September Birthdays

- 1 Deb Ritz
- 3 Emma Hopkins
- 6 Sara Thompson Jerrie Birch
- 12 Clay Warrington
- 16 Mary Hall Jason Cole
- 18 Mike Wiley
- 19 Raymond Nichols, 3rd.
- 20 Charles Nichols
- 21 Ann Hastings Andrew Cropper  
Sylvia Angstadt
- 25 Christopher Ashley  
Sandy Pacella  
William Fsham, 3rd
- 28 Wayne Hopkins
- 29 Karen Way
- 30 Kirk Burbage

### October Birthdays

- 4 Mechelle Nichols Ruth Dodds
- 5 Carolyn Cummins
- 10 Jessica Beckstead
- 13 Ruth Kemp
- 14 Douglas Berry
- 17 Ray Coates, Jr.
- 18 Alex Reddick
- 21 Liz Warrington
- 24 Sara Backstead
- 30 Jane Doherty

### November Birthdays

- 5 Shirley Hartman Ellie Scott
- 6 Colin O'Neill
- 14 Brooke & Brittany Wellman
- 15 Melissa Reid
- 18 Diane St. Clair Ramona Smith
- 19 Susan Wellman
- 20 Lindsey Coates  
Stephen Nichols
- 23 Joe Moore Cliff Birch
- 29 Lauren Coates Jude Cole



### September Anniversaries

- 5 Jim & Sylvia Angstadt
- 18 Jerry Freeman & Karen Ready
- 29 Clay & Liz Warrington

### October Anniversaries

- 5 Maury & Susan Wimbrow, 3rd
- 9 Wayne & Emma Hopkins
- 11 Joe & Susan Moore
- 15 Dick & Diana Brown

### November Anniversaries

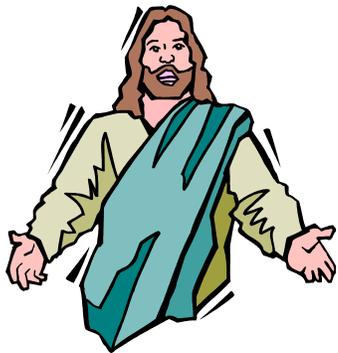
- 11 Steven & Nancy Lehman
- 25 Buddy & Laura Jenkins
- 26 Wade & Susan Wellman
- 28 Roger & Sandy Pacella



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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