

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET



## ***2020 Annual Report***

*Mission Statement: The Mission of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket is to make the love of God more widely known.*

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# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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## **St. Paul's Church in Nantucket** **180<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting** *Sunday, January 24, 2021* *Immediately following the 9:30am service*

### **Rector**

- Call to order
- Opening Prayer
- Verification of quorum (37 members)
- Request permission to waive reading of 2020 Annual Meeting minutes

### **Treasurer's Report**

### **Stewardship Report**

### **2021 Budget**

- 2021 budget, included as part of written annual report
- Motion to approve budget

### **Nominating Committee report and election**

- Committee member reads nominating committee report
- Rector asks for nominations from the floor; any such nomination should identify the office for which the nomination is made
- If nomination is made
  - Remarks by person making the nomination
  - Other comments from the floor
  - Ballots distributed, if necessary
  - Disinterested counters appointed
  - Counters report to Rector
  - Rector announces results
- If no other nomination is offered, request approval of slate of nominees by a acclamation

### **Wardens**

- Reports

### **Rector**

- Remarks
- Any other business to come before the meeting?
- Concluding remarks and prayer

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

### 2020 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2020

*The minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting were initially recorded at the meeting, but due to unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances, were not subsequently submitted and are, therefore, not available. In lieu of the minutes, we submit the slate of officers elected to the Vestry and convention delegates.*

The following were elected to the Vestry:

Warden Lou Gennaro

Warden Pam Goddard

Treasurer Martin McKerrow

Clerk Dual MacIntyre

Diocesan Convention Delegates:

Marshall Keys

Libby Tracey

Frank Robinson, alternate

Class of 2022

Jay Riggs

Scott Widmeyer

Robert Inglis

Peter Barnes

The congregation approved unanimously the annual budget as presented.

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

### **2020 Annual Report of our Rector**

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times...”, so famously begins the classic book *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens. This seems like an appropriate quote to describe our collective experience of this past year. With the confluence of the fear, suffering and loss from the pandemic compounded by societal and political upheaval, 2020 was the worst of times. And yet, by the grace of God, these crises inspired a call to action, creativity to find new ways of being Church and of maintaining community, and a greater sense that “we are all in this together”. In those ways, 2020 was the best of times.

In the middle of the pandemic, my psychiatric social worker colleague Jeff Cox (who preached at St. Paul's Church in 2019) shared his insights. As I wrote before, Jeff phoned to say, “Max, in response to trauma, individuals and organizations do one of two things: they either contract or expand. I want to commend the people of St. Paul's for expanding what you do, not contracting.”

Although our church doors had to be locked in March, our parish never closed and we got busy. The reports that follow portray a faithful parish family deeply committed to both the spiritual and physical wellbeing of our island community and beyond, even in the midst of seemingly overwhelming and often horrific challenges. We thank our dedicated outgoing Wardens, Lou and Pam, for their years of effective leadership, outgoing Vestry members Scott and Malcolm, and we welcome our strong new leadership team. We thank too our small staff that accomplishes so much together: Curtis, Christine, Joe, Jonathan our seminarian intern, and my wife Olly - my partner in ministry and Prayers from the Attic. And finally, thank you for your prayers, encouragement and support!

“Glory to God whose power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine: Glory to God in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.”  
(Ephesians 3:20-21)

The peace and joy of Christ,  
*Father Max Wolf*

# A. LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

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## **1. Wardens' Report**

As we reflect on the past year, it feels like 2019 was so long ago!

We began 2020 with enthusiasm, hope, and anticipation after the many signs of progress and growth in 2019. We selected a Discernment Committee to explore the next steps in our journey with Father Max and worked with the diocese to lay out the steps in that important process.

A short time after our annual meeting we were saddened by the loss of Dual Macintyre, our parish clerk and one of the longest standing Vestry members and parish officers. Dual had volunteered to lead the Discernment Committee as well, and we were fortunate to have Ken Beaugrand step in to take on that task. A few short weeks later the Covid-19 pandemic arrived, and gathering for religious services in the church building became a health risk that was not acceptable.

All aspects of our parish ministries were impacted by the pandemic, not solely our religious services. Committee work now required Zoom meetings for most sessions and some ministries had to be curtailed, such as children's programs. All of our major fundraising initiatives such as the July Fair, the Ships Inn Dinners, and the Christmas Market were no longer viable as offered in the past.

All of our parish gatherings for fellowship were suspended. Our treasurer, Martin McKerrow, took the initiative to pursue federal financial support through a PPP loan/grant, which was significantly meaningful financially. As the year progressed Martin spent many hours dealing with treasury issues that were complicated by the pandemic and the limitations of social contact, while keeping a close watch on the financial wellbeing of the parish.

Father Max worked with his staff to rethink how we should operate through the pandemic and developed new ways of conducting both our services and some of our ministries. Joe Hammer worked with soloists and Father Max to rethink our music programs. We invested additional capabilities to improve the quality of our electronic "broadcast" of Sunday services. We are grateful for the talents and time Andrew Cromartie dedicated to this cause – it made a big difference. Father Max and Olly began to offer evening Prayers from the Attic daily, as a further way of reaching our immediate and remote family of parish members and friends. Father Max also utilized Zoom and Facebook for Thursday Bible studies, which resulted in broader participation in these activities.

Vestry meetings were conducted via Zoom and we continued to function in new ways. As the warmer months arrived Father Max offered an early morning Sunday service in the gardens between the rectory and the church. Miraculously, not a single one of these services was cancelled due to inclement weather, and all who attended wore masks and remained socially distant.

Bob Felch partnered with Ken Beaugrand to co-chair the Discernment Committee, and through the winter, spring, and early summer months they moved forward with that important work. The Vestry received and approved the recommendation of the Discernment Committee to extend a call to Father Max as our rector in the fall, and we were gratified to have Father Max respond positively to become the 33rd Rector of St. Paul's.

The Mission Committee, formerly known as the Outreach Committee, did a great deal of work supporting those in our community in need of financial support by continuing Laundry Love and offering many meal deliveries to families in need. Our Stewardship Committee also did a great job of communicating with the parish and compensating for the loss of financial support from fundraisers and plate offerings.

We have been through a most challenging year, and it is truly remarkable and inspiring to see how well St. Paul's has managed through this very difficult period in our history. We are most grateful for Father Max and Olly for the countless hours they have dedicated to our parish. We thank the church staff - Joe Hammer, Curtis Barnes, and Christine Borneman, for all their efforts.

Our Vestry has continued to meet and provide guidance and support throughout the year, and our committees have also continued their work with diligence and competence.

Both of us will be stepping down from our Warden's positions this year, and we thank everyone for your support and suggestions over the years. We feel St. Paul's is in good hands and look forward to the day when we can all be together inside our beautiful church.

*Lou Gennaro and Pam Goddard*  
Wardens

## **2. Treasurer's Report**

The past year's challenging operating conditions had the potential for negatively impacting St. Paul's financials. In the middle of March, we were forced to close St. Paul's Church to the public, for what we thought might be a few weeks, but turned out to be the balance of the year. With no place to gather and unable to hold our traditional fund-raising activities, we anticipated that our revenues would be severely challenged, and our expenses – which are largely fixed – would be little changed. Thanks to the generosity of our members and the Nantucket Community, we successfully met these challenges and were able to operate not only with an earned Contingency but one that was ahead of our pre-pandemic budget.

For the full year revenues exceeded expenses and allowed us to generate a Contingency Allowance of about \$60,000 compared to a budgeted \$7,000. Several factors contributed to this operating success, but it was driven by generous gifts from our members - 60% over budget - and overwhelming support of our community activities and particularly our meals program. At the same time, with our facilities largely closed, the cost of operating and maintaining them fell by 20% from budget.

Our expenditures on Community activity, most importantly our meals program, Laundry Love and support of mental health activities, exceeded \$35,000. This compares to the about \$11,000 expended for these purposes in 2019.

As a result, we end the year in a strong financial position with meaningful liquidity available to meet current known expenses. Helped by a rising stock market, unrestricted long-term investments rose to \$593,000, an increase of over \$70,000 or about 14% from the end of 2019. In a similar fashion our restricted long-term investments, of which we are an income beneficiary, ended the year with a value of close to \$445,000, about \$61,000 more than a year ago.

Looking forward, however, we face many of the same challenges in 2021 as we did in 2020. The governmental and Diocesan regulations that govern our behavior during the Pandemic will make it likely that our beloved Church will remain closed for the next several months. Restrictions on gatherings are likely to again inhibit our ability to hold the traditional fund-raising events that account for about 10% of our revenue. While there is clearly light at the end of the tunnel, at the beginning of 2021 it is dim.

Attached is a Statement of Financial Position as of December 31st 2020 and a revenue and expense statement for 2020. We have also attached a copy of our budget for 2021. This budget projects a modest Contingency Allowance. We can only continue to meet our goals and succeed in our mission with your continued financial and personal support. Please give generously and consider getting involved in our Mission. Contact our Church Office if would like to pursue opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Martin McKerrow*, Treasurer

## St. Paul's Church 2021 Budget

Revenue	Budget
Stewardship	\$471,500
Fund Raising	\$41,000
Music	\$1,000
Mission	\$21,000
Interest/Dividends	\$600
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$536,100</b>
Expenses	
Diocesan Assessment	\$52,000
Fund Raising	\$10,500
Operational	\$16,500
Music	\$8,000
Personnel	\$238,500
Insurance	\$30,000
Administration	\$38,000
Campus	\$102,000
Mission	\$24,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$519,500</b>
<b>Contingency Allocation</b>	<b>\$16,600</b>

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**St. Paul's Church**

**Operational Financial Statement**

**Year Ending December 31, 2020**

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**REVENUE**

Stewardship	\$480,829
Fundraising Activities	\$49,000
Property Usage	\$300
Mission	\$40,065
Music	\$1,925
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$572,119</b>

**EXPENSES**

Fund Raising	\$10,589
Operations	\$97,863
Music	\$4,694
Personnel	\$244,433
Insurance	\$25,340
Campus and Buildings	\$83,017
Mission	\$36,028
Music	\$2,360
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$504,324</b>

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<b>CONTINGENCY</b>	<b>\$67,796</b>
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**Statement of Financial  
Position  
As of December 31st, 2020**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

Checking account	\$28,990
Designated Money Market Fund	\$39,787
Unrestricted Money Market Fund	\$294,110
Cuba Mission, Other Current Assets	<u>\$24,552</u>

Total Checking/Savings \$387,439

Long Term Investment Accounts	\$1,037,522
Restricted Accounts	\$444,040
Unrestricted Account	<u>\$593,482</u>

Total Long Term Investment Accounts \$1,037,522

Total Current Assets **\$1,424,961**

**Fixed Assets**

1-3100 · Land	\$7,490,900
1-3200 · Buildings	\$17,146,500
1-3300 · Furniture & Fixtures	<u>\$513,700</u>

Total Fixed Assets \$25,151,100

**TOTAL ASSETS** **\$26,576,061**

**LIABILITIES & PROPERTY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

**Other Current Liabilities**

Deferred Stewardship Revenue	\$70,879
Security Deposit	\$200

Total Liabilities **\$71,079**

**Property**

3200 · Equity - Property & Plant	\$25,151,100
3220 · Unrealized Gains/Losses	\$286,989
3900 · Retained Earnings	\$971,046
Net Income	<u>\$95,767</u>

Total Property **\$26,504,902**

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & PROPERTY** **\$26,575,981**

### **3. Finance Committee**

The purpose of the Finance Committee is to assist the Vestry in its fiduciary responsibilities. It provides broad oversight of St. Paul's finances and recommends to the Vestry ways to maintain prudent financial practices and procedures. It seeks to ensure that the congregation is informed of the parish's financial standing on a regular basis.

It works with and through the Treasurer to design and oversee our financial systems, our operational accounts, our capital accounts and our long term investments by recommending to the Vestry a philosophy of investment and policies to implement that philosophy for all funds. The committee supervises the investing of such funds and reports the results to the Vestry on a monthly basis through the Treasurer's report, with interim updates during highly volatile markets and with quarterly and annual reports on investment results and strategy.

The Finance Committee assists in preparing St. Paul's annual budget. It also assists in the annual audit process, participating with our independent auditor and reviewing St. Paul's submission to the Diocese. This year we completed the 2019 audit to the satisfaction of the Diocese, making the transition to net asset accounting.

The Committee meets monthly one week before the Vestry meeting.

Members of Finance Committee: *Sandy Keys, Chair, Martin McKerrow, Treasurer, Phil Smith, Frank Robinson, Kirk Baker, and Mark Beale*

### **4. Every Member Canvass (EMC) & 2021 Annual Stewardship Campaign Report**

The 2020 campaign concluded with 180 pledges and a pledged amount of \$369,000 this compared to 137 pledges totaling \$268,457 in the 2019 campaign.

The 2021 stewardship campaign kicked off with the theme of "Love, Serve, Sustain," reflecting the 2020 parish profile and the work of the Discernment Committee and Long-Range Planning Committee. As of January 6, we had received 119 pledges for a total of \$328,195. Just 12 parishioners reduced their pledges from 2020, while 58 increased them and 49 left them the same.

The 2021 campaign has taken on added importance because of the pandemic. Covid-19 forced the church to cancel important fundraising events last year, including the annual Summer Fair and the Christmas Market. These events have funded about 10% of our budget--about \$50,000--each year. With these events again at risk in 2021, we raised our pledge goal to \$400,000, about 10% higher than in 2020. We view this level of pledges as insurance against the possible impact of cancelling or scaling back our events this year. And with strong pledge income in 2021, we hope to maintain and expand our work and mission.

If you have not yet returned your pledge card, we still welcome your pledge. We are blessed by and grateful for everyone's support and participation.

Thank you to this year's committee: co-chairs Peter Barnes and Patsy Wright, Phil Smith, Sheila Daume, Jay Riggs, Beverly Hall, Curtis Barnes, Martin McKerrow, Lucy Leske, and Steve Kelly. Everyone's efforts are much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Peter Barnes & Patsy Wright*  
Annual Stewardship Campaign Co- Chairs

## **5. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Vestry of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket submits the following candidates for election by the Parish at its Annual Meeting on January 24, 2021:

### **Officers - Current - 1 Year terms**

Warden – Lou Gennaro  
Warden – Pam Goddard  
Treasurer – Martin McKerrow -  
Clerk – Susan Coffin

### **Nominee**

Bob Felch\*  
Libby Tracey  
Martin McKerrow  
Peter Greenhalgh\*

### **Vestry - Current – 3 year terms 2021**

Lucy Leske  
Yvette St. Jean  
Malcolm MacNab  
Libby Tracey

### **Nominee**

Lucy Leske  
Yvette St. Jean  
Patsy Wright\*  
Susan Coffin

### **2022**

Kirk Baker (replaced Mark Beale)  
Beverly Hall  
Sandy Keys  
Phil Smith

Kirk Baker

### **2023**

Jay Riggs  
Scott Widmeyer  
Robert Inglis  
Peter Barnes

Jan Jacobi\*

### **Diocesan Convention Reps – 1 Year Term**

#### **Current**

Marshall Keys  
Frank Robinson  
Alt. Libby Tracey

\* See attached bios for new nominees

#### **Additional nominations:**

Nominations for any office may be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting. We request, however, that if you intend to offer a nomination, you first obtain the consent of the nominee and then advise the Church Office of your proposed nomination and provide a biography of the nominee no later than Wednesday, January 20, 2021 for circulation to the Parish ahead of the Annual Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Nominating Committee,  
*Lou Gennaro*

## **6. Diocesan Convention**

### **Report on the 235th Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts**

The 235th annual convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts took place via Zoom and YouTube Livestream on November 7, 2020. Almost 500 clergy and lay delegates attended.

Bishop Alan Gates announced efforts toward greater cooperation with the Diocese of Western Massachusetts. He then reviewed the response of our diocese to two great crises: COVID and racial injustice. The Church has adapted vigorously to the pandemic with changes in historic practices, some of which may remain permanent and others which we will be glad to see gone. The Church cannot compromise with racial injustice, and he urged all members and all parishes to remain steadfast in

dialogue, church formation and the institutional change. in all these he encouraged us to Be the Church, to Be the Body of Christ.

The Convention heard report from a number of committees in a new format. Instead of written reports read from the podium, members of the committees spoke individually and very effectively through videos. Each member delivered a paragraph or two, and we in the audience could see how deeply committed they were to the work they were doing. I was especially moved by the Diocesan Youth Committee, the Young Adult Committee, the Mission Strategy Committee, and by statements from members of diverse parishes. We could learn a lot from Chelsea and Mattapan.

After lunch, there were reviews of clergy compensation and of the proposed budget for 2021, both of which passed.

Four resolutions were passed by the convention:

A call for repentance and reparations for racism in the church and in the Diocese;

An endorsement of Presiding Bishop Curry's declaration of a climate emergency;

A call to address the neglect of the seven historically black churches of the diocese and to strengthen their relationships;

And finally, a resolution commending the address by the right Reverend Alan Gates.

My own reaction is that Diocesan Convention is better on Zoom than in person.

1. Fewer people are on the podium to be acknowledged
2. Easier transitions between speakers and program components
3. Less confusion from bathroom traffic during programs
4. Much more comfortable than being packed in a room
4. Much better/effective reports when given in bullet points by committee members than when a single person drones on and on
5. Fewer opportunities for people to flaunt their egos.
6. Easier to manage cringeworthy proposals when no one sees your reaction
7. Once the technology investment (hardware and training) has been made, it has to be cheaper and the money saved can go directly to program.

Other positives: there are a number of interesting programs now going on; I was impressed by the number of talented, sincere and loving people on the program.

Downsides: no networking, no peer to peer sharing

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Marshall Keys*

## **B. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS**

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### **The Church**

The planned and contracted masonry restoration work on the east wall of the church scheduled for the spring of 2020 was cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic construction project shutdown. This restoration project has consequently been rescheduled to commence in April 2021. In mid Jan 2020 a six-person building restoration team gathered to evaluate the Church tower for sources of intermittent though significant water intrusion that suddenly returned in the fall of 2019. This team included our masonry restoration contractor and our regular as well as another expert consultant. Minor sources for water intrusion were discovered in the walls where a stone or two is cracked or similarly a masonry joint, as well as where new trim wood had shrunk. The numerous cracks in the interior walls of the belfry are thought to pose as only minor sources for water as well. Some copper flashing was identified

to have potential leaks in particular directions of wind driven rain on the east side of the tower. While cracked stones and mortar joints can indicate structural movement, and this is a real concern requiring further evaluation, at this point no crack sufficient to cause significant water intrusion has been found. The larger problematic leak is suspected as originating on the tower north wall above or at the intersection with the roof. The masonry restoration contractors and one of the consultants will further evaluate this area to identify what is at issue while completing the scheduled restoration work this spring.

With the suspension of in person services in the spring of 2020 due to the pandemic, services have continued and been broadcast largely through the technological skills of Andrew Cromartie. This broadcast system has been refined over this time and is expected to be refined further and continue as an option for us to join in church services.

### **The Rectory**

A long-term mildew problem in the upstairs NE corner of the house was addressed with the installation of a condensate drip pan under an attic HVAC unit there. Treatment of the mildew and painting followed. Approximately 2/3 of the Rectory back porch was screened in. Long sought pruning of the large sycamore maple in the Rectory back yard was done. With the pruning it is hoped the tree will be less of a threat to the building and more air circulation will further control mildew in the NE building corner. The fire alarm and security system started generating nuisance alarms, was evaluated, and identified as needing an upgrade. Hopefully, that will be accomplished in 2021.

### **The Cottage**

No significant projects were needed or achieved. Joe Hammer continues with light general maintenance at the Cottage as he does with the Church and Parrish House.

### **The Parish House**

There was a lightning strike on or near the St Paul's campus last summer that knocked out many components of the Church and Parrish House Fire Alarm and Security System. This is an integrated two building system with both buildings and several locations needing replacement parts. The contracted system operator made the necessary repairs in a timely way. The old Parrish House hot water heater started leaking and was replaced with an energy efficient one.

On behalf of Buildings and Grounds

*Robert Inglis*

## **C. MINISTRIES**

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### **1. Music Program**

“The measure of intelligence is the ability to change.” - Albert Einstein

Using Einstein's measure, suffice it to say we all have become more (even extremely) intelligent over the past year, or at the least, certainly accustomed to change.

St. Paul's music department's experience in 2020 is no exception. But with these changes has also come opportunities and with the support of St. Paul's clergy, vestry and parishioners, the music department, regardless of the changes, has been active, continually striving to provide the church and the community-at-large a meaningful worship music experience.

A quick music department review of the year shows that since early 2020, this worship music experience has included:

- Morning Prayer as the format for weekly “broadcast” worship services. The opportunity has been to become familiar with new settings of the Venite, Jubilate and canticles.

- More than 30 “Music Monday’s” have been presented, a weekly, 30-minute Facebook Live-streamed program which has been viewed from 30 to 1600 times. The opportunity has been to learn more about hymns, canticles, psalms, piano, organ, vocal and instrumental sacred music.
- Those who have shared their time and music talents, both year-round and seasonal participants, include: Deborah Beale, Abigail Borneman, Andrew Byers, Maisie Cocker, Ann Colgrove, Andrew Cromartie, Genevieve, Maria, Juliette, and Clare Frable, Joey Gioe, Nigel Goss, Peter Greenhalgh, Ann Martindale, Jackie McGrath, Libby Tracey, Isaiah Williams and Margot Young. The opportunity has been to engage some who might not have otherwise have been.
- To help compensate for the cancellation of the Summer and Holiday Fairs, music variety shows were planned for broadcast over Facebook Live, Zoom, YouTube and NCTV Channel 18. The summer variety show was very well received. The December holiday music variety show, “We Need a Little Christmas,” had to be cancelled due to the Covid-19 surge prior to the performance date. Nonetheless, the opportunity allowed for St. Paul’s musicians to showcase their talents to the parish and indeed, the community-at-large, both on and off island.

Within the Nantucket community-at-large, St. Paul’s has regularly opened its doors (safely) for budding musicians to practice on both the piano and organ. This recent comment from one such young musician is an affirmation of the impact this practice can have:

*Dear St. Paul’s, Thank you for letting me use your beautiful organ and pianos and introducing me to your community. Your generosity has created an oasis of music for me on the island and has helped be significantly with my organ techniques and performance skills!*

In addition, St. Paul’s joined the Nantucket Pipe Organ Association (NPOA) and participated in Nantucket Community Music Center’s 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Organ Crawl, *Holidays in Music: A Parade of Nantucket’s Pipe Organs!*

Undoubtedly, 2021 promises to present other opportunities for us to become even more “intelligent.” With this in mind, St. Paul’s Music Department looks forward to continuing the tradition of presenting and offering meaningful, engaging, and uplifting worship music. *Soli Deo Gloria*—To God alone, the glory.

*Joe Hammer*

Director of Music & Organist  
St. Paul’s Church in Nantucket

## **2. Altar Guild**

The Diocese to stop the spread of the virus, we found there was a dramatic change in activities at St. Paul’s. Without a regular in-person services in the church there wasn’t a need to prepare for the weekly Eucharist and the duties of the altar guild were eliminated. In November a few members gathered with masks to polish the brass for the Advent season but that was the only major preparations that were done. Both Father Max and Curtis Barnes have cared for the altar and the candles if needed. All their work and preparation is appreciated and has been very helpful.

This has been a strange year since the special church holidays have been zoomed into our house without any gathering or preparation at the church. I look forward to getting back together and seeing everyone face to face and working with the many Altar Guild Members.

Welcome to 2021. Looking forward to the return to the life before COVID-19 arrived.

*Dottie Gennaro, Altar Guild Directress*

### **3. Liturgical Ministry**

Serving the Church as a Eucharistic Minister, lector, usher, greeter, or acolyte is a ministry open to all. During 2020 serving has been more limited due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We honor the following who have served in the past, and look forward to returning to the Church in 2021.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Curtis Barnes  
Peter Barnes  
Paul Borneman III  
Alison Boughrum  
Richard Boughrum  
Nancy Broll  
Betsy Brown

Martha Chapman  
Godfrey Frable  
Sister Susanna  
Margaret  
Beverly Hall  
Sandy Knox Johnston  
Malcolm MacNab

Bill Moore  
Sheri Perleman  
Ian Roberston  
Randy Wight  
Olly Wolf  
Alan Yount

#### **Acolytes**

Elizabeth Borneman  
Genevieve Frable  
Maria Grace Frable

Erin McCormack  
Clara Frable  
Juliet Frable

#### **Lectors**

Trish Anderson  
Kathy Baird  
Curtis Barnes  
Peter Barnes  
Ken Beaugrand  
Normand Berthelette  
Nancy Beuscher  
Lucy Bixby  
Abigail Borneman  
Eliabeth Borneman  
Cynthia Borneman  
Paul Borneman III  
Nancy Broll  
Andrew Cromartie  
Ned Fawcett  
Marianne Felch  
Bob Ford

Genevieve Frable  
Maria Grace Frable  
Pam Goddard  
Vicki Goss  
Peter Greenhalgh  
Beverly Hall  
Robert Inglis  
Bill Jamieson  
John Knox-Johnston  
Sandy Knox Johnston  
Tinka Knopf  
Marshall Keys  
Heidi Larson  
Lucy Leske  
Wyatt Leske  
Reggie Levine  
Kathi Linville

Penny Macintyre  
Karen MacNab  
Sr. Susanna Margaret  
Erin McCormack  
Matt Mitchell  
Sally Nash  
Siobhan O'Mahony  
Jenny Paradis  
Steve Paradis  
Ian Robertson  
Yvette St. Jean  
Geoff Schultz  
Howard Stovall  
Scott Widmeyer  
Randy Wight

#### **Ushers/Greeters**

Curtis Barnes  
Mark Beale  
Ken Beaugrand  
Abigail Borneman  
Elizabeth Borneman  
Christine Borneman  
Lou Gennaro  
Vicky Goss  
Peter Greenhalgh  
John Knox-Johnston

Reggie Levine  
Penny Macintyre  
Fritz McClure  
Aidan McCormack  
Erin McCormack  
Martin McKerrow  
Bill Moore  
Steve Paradis  
Frank Robinson  
Phil Smith

Stacey Stuart  
Luke Thornewill  
Wes Thornewill  
Jean Wagley  
Cathy Ward  
Randy Wight  
Scott Widmeyer  
Alan Yount

Respectfully submitted,  
*Curtis Barnes*, Coordinator

#### **4. Fellowship Committee**

The Fellowship Committee has 10 members: Louisa Affleck, Christine Borneman, Sheila Daume, Suzanne Fronzuto, Dottie Gennaro, Sharon Robinson, Yvette St. Jean, Libby Tracey, Olly Wolf and myself. The committee started off strong with five Winter Dinners held in January and February. Also in January was our Annual Meeting Luncheon with 53 attending and on the 31st our famous Bingo Night with Max as our preferred caller, 20 played and enjoyed dinner and prizes. In February we had our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper with 36 parishioners enjoying a delicious meal. Regrettably we were able to hold just two Lenten Luncheons in the Parish House on March 5th and 11th with a dozen people attending each. Our last service and coffee hour was on Sunday March 15th. A far cry from our 2019 52 coffee hours and 27 supported activities.

In early November our committee was asked to supply brownies/bars or cookies for the Wednesday Mission/Covid dinners. Since the beginning our committee and fellow parishioners have been baking and presenting 50 to 85 packaged desserts each week. In addition the committee has donated \$5,000 to cover a full month of dinners.

This month the committee has begun “Silver Line” an initiative started in the UK by the Duchess of Cornwall. Her volunteers call people to have a welcoming chat. We like the name so much we are appropriating it. Since winter can be long and lonely each of our members have two or three names to call each week to say Hello. We will continue throughout the coming months adding names as we go along.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Penny Macintyre*  
Chair

#### **D. FUNDRAISING**

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##### **1. Summer Fair- UnFair 2020**

It became clear by late May, 2020, that it would be impossible to hold St. Paul’s annual summer Fair because of the Covid 19 restrictions on large gatherings. The challenge was to replace it with an event which would generate some of the income normally derived from the Fair and provide parish members with a summer event at St. Paul’s.

With the old saying “when life hands you lemons, make lemonade” running through our minds, the UnFair was conceived. Joe Hammer offered immediately to put together a musical entertainment and the idea of the parish dinner was reimagined as a” take out” lobster bake to conform to Covid regulations. The goal was to provide a lobster dinner for each donation of \$100 or a chicken dinner option for a \$50 donation. The initial expectation was that 50 lobsters would be considered a success.

Gliddens Island Seafood, Joan Skar and Zach Knights (chef), agreed to work with us providing the meals.

We announced the UnFair to the parish and parish friends through an email promotion and the response was immediate and overwhelmingly positive. Immediately donations began pouring in as parishioners ordered meals for family and friends, put together small outdoor gatherings, and gave dinners as gifts. Gliddens rose to the challenge as daily we contacted them to increase our order. In the final count, we ordered 119 lobsters and 57 fried chicken dinners.

For distribution, we used the “no contact” model set up by the Mission Committee in the spring for handing out meals for those in need. Orders were bagged, tagged with names and set out on Fair St.



People drove down Fair St., paused briefly to open a door or put down a window, were greeted by Libby the Lobster (Libby Tracey in a lobster costume) and Father Max, and went on their way to enjoy their dinners while watching Joe Hammer and friends present a lively musical variety show.

Thanks to all who planned, bagged, tagged and, in some special cases, delivered meals and to all who donated to the UnFair with or without a meal included. Special thanks to Joe Hammer putting together a summer music concert to go with the UnFair and for being the easiest person ever to work with and to Glidden's Island Seafood which made it look easy to go from "maybe 50?" dinners to 176; they were amazing. Much gratitude to Libby the Lobster AND special thanks to Father Max for going along with this crazy idea. The UnFair netted \$26,889.

Sincerely,  
*Sharon Robinson, Fair Coordinator*

## **2. Needlepoint Rug Raffle**

Our beautiful St Paul's needlepoint rug of familiar Nantucket scenes was dedicated this year to Bay McClure, who faithfully stitched many squares for our rug. It was also dedicated to Dual Macintyre who created the frame for displaying the rug on Main St. and every year set the frame up for us.

Because of the Covid virus we were unable to get a permit to sell tickets on Main St. so were unable to be on Main St. this summer. We were tremendously grateful that Meredith Townsend and Bill Blind purchased the beautiful rug to hang in their new house on island. This made our fundraising event very successful.

We are always grateful to the faithful stitchers: Caroline Ellis, Penny McIntyre, Yvette St Jean, Meryl Renwick, Nancy Bills, Jeanette Fowlkes, Patsy Ernst, Margaretta Andrews and Sheila Daume.

I also want to thank those who generously underwrote the cost of the rug. Their support is so important to the success of our fund raiser for St Paul's.

We anxiously await the arrival of our 2021 rug and look forward to the continued support of the St. Paul's parish for this important fund raiser event.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sheila Daume*

## **3. Christmas Market**

The St. Paul's Christmas Market is such a festive, happy event full of warmth, anticipation, joy, fellowship, teamwork, hospitality, deliciousness and beauty! As I recall our 2019 Christmas Market, those are the things I remember most and that's why we keep on having it year after year. But alas, it was not to be in 2020 due to the global pandemic.

As we continue to hunker down until all is right again, let us not forget our wonderful church's Christmas Market in the years to come and what an important role it plays in our island community as well as in the Christmas Stroll. When we commence again, please join the team to help spread the joy — it's so rewarding, be a part of it!

Respectfully submitted, Olly Wolf  
Christmas Market Chair

Respectfully submitted,  
*Olly Wolf*

## E. OUTREACH

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### 1. Nantucket Interfaith Council

The Nantucket Interfaith Council (NIFC) is a non-profit association made up of clergy and lay members of the island's diverse faith communities, including St. Paul's. Open meetings are held to discuss common concerns and for opportunities to promote interfaith dialogue and action regarding important issues affecting the Nantucket community. Father Max Wolf was elected President for a two-year term that commenced in September 2020.

The Nantucket Food Pantry, the Nantucket Rental Assistance Program, and the Nantucket Fuel Assistance Program - rebranded collectively in 2017 as "Nantucket Food Fuel and Rental Assistance"- are vital community outreach programs sponsored by the NIFC. These programs provide critical assistance of food, shelter and heat to Nantucket's families.

In the first six months (ended December 31, 2020) of its current fiscal year (ending June 30, 2021), NFFRA reported:

- 2,041 visits to the Food Pantry, 2,449 persons served, 6,028 bags of food distributed, 992 unique households registered
- 144 households assisted with \$161,537 in rent checks issued
- 15 households received direct fuel assistance, and \$8,944.13 was paid for utility assistance.

Members of St. Paul's Mission Committee assist operations of the Food Pantry weekly by bagging groceries and delivering them to their recipients.

The clergy representatives to the NIFC, including Father Max, led a Thanksgiving service and presented a holiday commentary in December with music, all via social media and Channel 18.

In December 2020, Nantucket Cottage Hospital made a \$500,000 donation to NFFRA for an endowment for those needing financial assistance to travel off-Island for medical care.

The NIFC conducts the annual commemorative service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January each year (January 18, 2021, via Zoom and Channel 18) and coordinates the yearly Nantucket High School Baccalaureate.

The NIFC's bylaws provide that each island congregation is entitled to representation by its clergy and two lay representatives. Sheila Daume and Frank Robinson have been appointed by the Vestry to be St. Paul's lay representatives for terms ending June 30, 2021. Others in the congregation are welcome to attend NIFC meetings (typically, by Zoom, at Noon, second Tuesday of the month, from September to June) and are encouraged to bring important community matters to the Council.

We are blessed to be part of such a generous community in which people of all faiths work together, peacefully, to assist our neighbors in need.

*Frank Robinson, Lay Representative*

## **2. St. Paul's Mission Committee**

St. Paul's Mission Committee (f/k/a Outreach Committee) continues to support multi-year programs and initiate new, all with a view to assist those in need, primarily on this Island and elsewhere in the world.

**Meals:** The Mission Committee initiated "St. Paul's Suppers" in May 2020, to serve hot meals to those in need with an emphasis on helping individuals and families affected by the pandemic. Mark and Eithne Yelle of Nantucket Catering have been supplying hot meals with salads on Wednesday afternoons to waiting St. Paul's volunteers at the Parish House. A distribution system was set up for parking lot pickups and deliveries to homes. The spring program was underwritten by the Community Foundation for Nantucket, served up to 107 meals weekly, and lasted until the end of June when funding was exhausted and members of the community started to go back to work.

Phase Two began October 21 and has been managed weekly since with St. Paul's Mission funding. Every Wednesday 80 meals are served, again with an emphasis on individuals and families who are impacted by COVID-19 or are shut-ins without access to caregivers and hot meals. Penny Macintyre's group of bakers have been making cookies and brownies to supplement the meals. Baggers, bakers, and drivers volunteer from the St. Paul's community with over 30 helping parishioners engaged to date. This project will continue into 2021.

**Fairwinds:** The Mission Committee has been buying, bi-monthly, gift cards - mostly \$50 cards - for the hard working and stressed staff of Nantucket's counseling center. For Christmas 2020, the Committee provided Fairwinds with 25 \$50 gift cards for staff and 50 \$25 cards for staff to donate to Fairwinds clients they assist. The Committee anticipates that, subject to adequate funding, it will continue to purchase bi-monthly gift cards for staff.

**Laundry Love:** December 2020 marks the beginning of the fourth year in which the Mission Committee has provided laundry cards to those Islanders identified as needing a little help to do their laundry. Members of the Committee typically met at Holdgates laundromat on the second Wednesday of each month for four hours to purchase and insert laundry cards in washers and dryers for our patrons. Beginning in April 2020, the Committee has had to change it's in person assistance at the laundromat to a monthly mailing of 35 \$25 cards to its patrons who signed up to receive laundry cards. Subject to adequate funding, the Committee intends to continue to mail cards monthly for the duration of the pandemic and afterwards resume it's in person program at the laundromat.

**Community School snacks:** In response to the Nantucket Community School's advice that it would appreciate receiving snacks for 60-80 children enrolled there, the Committee will be providing weekly snacks, such as crackers, pretzels and fruit packs, beginning in January 2021.

**Cuba:** Since 2017, our Mission Committee has assisted the Episcopal Church of Cuba. Specifically, in February of 2018 we raised funds, purchased, transported, and helped install a UV Water Filtration system on the grounds of Iglesia San Juan Evangelista, an Episcopal church in Vertientes. As a result, the public is able obtain clean water in the afternoons, free of charge. We have sought to travel to visit our companions twice yearly, bringing funds, supplies, and friendship. Due to the pandemic, our March and November 2020 trips were cancelled, and there is little hope of traveling to Cuba in the near future. That said, we are in regular contact with our friends via email! We currently are buying phone minutes monthly for Cuban clergy and church employees. The congregation of San Juan Evangelista is included in *Prayers of the People* during our weeknight Compline services.

**NFRRRA:** St. Paul's is a member, and Father Max is the new president, of the Nantucket Interfaith Council, which operates the Nantucket Food Pantry, its Fuel Assistance program, its Rental Assistance

program, and (new) its Medical Travel Emergency Fund. The Committee donates funds to NFFRA, and its members volunteer to assist with the bagging and distribution of goods by the Pantry.

**More:** Constrained only by its available resources, the Committee will continue to seek projects and programs which it may lead or to which it may contribute in order to make God's love more widely known. We gratefully acknowledge parishioner support, most recently via donations for the canceled Comfort & Joy Christmas concert to support StP's meals program, and generous grants from the 'Sconset Chapel and the Community Foundation for Nantucket. The Committee craves and welcomes new members. During the pandemic. The Committee typically meets by Zoom once a month or more often as necessary. Current Committee members: Kathy Baird, Lucy Bixby, Sheila Daume, Caroline Ellis, Bob Felch (co-chair), Vicky Goss, Brenda Johnson, Karen MacNab, Frank Robinson (co-chair), Sharon Robinson, Ann Smith, Libby Tracey, Randy Wight. If you are interested in joining, please advise Father Max or any one of us.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Bob Felch and Frank Robinson, co-chairs*

## **F. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

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Some of our parish communications were thrown off track by the pandemic, but the Communications Committee has been working to get them back on track. Father Max directed the Committee to launch quarterly parish newsletters and the first was published and mailed in September. The second was published and mailed in mid-January. The Committee is testing formats for the newsletter, called St. Paul's Church Tidings, and will continue to work on improving the content and design with forthcoming issues. Separately, the Committee is working on a new design for the church's website with its current hosting and design company, Monk Development. With other members of the Vestry, it is has held several conference calls with the Monk team. These discussions continue, with the goal of launching a new, more user-friendly website in the second quarter. Finally, the Committee continues to work with Father Max and the church office on improving its regular email communications, the parish directory, mailing lists and new online broadcasts.

The Committee is seeking volunteers to assist it in all of these efforts and welcomes your comments and feedback.

*Peter Barnes and Patsy Wright*  
Co-chairs, Communications Committee

## **G. LONG RANGE PLANNING**

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The Long-Range Planning Committee did not meet this year as such.

Having last year obtained agreement on the three Goals for St Paul's moving forward, we did not meet to flush out the strategies under those goals. However, as we moved forward with the Discernment process, members of the committee had input into the goals for Father Max and St Paul's. As the Vestry has approved several strategies as the issues develop in implementing the goals, it would be our intention to meet once that is possible in person to discuss and then recommend additional strategies to the Vestry and then the Congregation later this year.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ken Beaugrand, on behalf of the Committee*