



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET
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❄️ WINTER 2021

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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

❄️ Follow With Us



Facebook Live or  zoom

- Sunday Morning Prayer 9:30AM
- Thursday Morning Bible Study 11:30AM – 12:30PM



Facebook Live

- Joe Hammer's Music Monday 8:30PM
- Prayers from the Attic & Compline with Max & Olly Tues – Fri 8:30PM

► To join us on Facebook Live or zoom please see our weekly Parish Update for the current access code. Please contact the Church office if you need assistance.



Our online offerings are taped and available at: St. Paul's – Nantucket.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!



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ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

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Letter from Our Rector

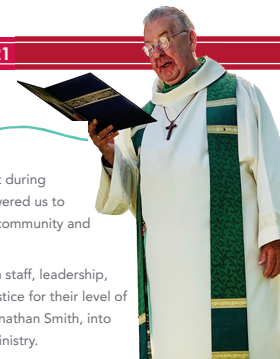
Dear St. Paul's Church Family and Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayers, generosity and encouragement during these especially challenging times. Your generous support has empowered us to together expand St. Paul's ministries and loving witness in our island community and beyond in truly impactful ways. What a blessing!

I am grateful for the faithfulness, creativity, and diligence of our parish staff, leadership, and countless mission workers. (The word "volunteer" does not do justice for their level of commitment.) Thank you too for welcoming our parish seminarian, Jonathan Smith, into the life of our loving parish, and to my wife Olly, truly my partner in ministry.

God bless you always!

Father Max Wolf



“ All shall be well,
and all shall be well,
and all manner of
thing shall be well. ”

Julian of Norwich
1343 – 1416



Year of Service

We will remember 2020, the year of pandemic, as a year that transformed St. Paul's, its mission and its service to its members, the Nantucket community and the wider world. When we could no longer gather safely inside our church, we turned our energy first to providing online access to Sunday prayer services, to daily evening prayer and to weekly Bible study. At the same time, we turned outward to our island community as we heard reports of need and suffering caused by the pandemic.

As these pages show, under the leadership of Father Max (called as our Rector in October), we responded with greater stewardship, using our time, talent and treasure to assist and protect each other and our island neighbors. On call day and night, Father Max safely continued pastoral care to any who needed it. With the pandemic, the Lord called us to do more of His work on our island and in the world. Motivated by our expanded outreach in 2020, we now join together with joy and in faith in the New Year to continue it and to build on it:

❄️ **To Love**, by being open, inclusive and welcoming; by sharing our liturgy and music; by providing comfort and hope in these and other ways.

❄️ **To Serve**, by doing what the Lord teaches us, to help those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or facing any other adversity.

❄️ **To Build Sustainability**, to assure we can fulfill our mission and grow it, by increasing our numbers, managing our finances, maintaining our campus and devoting creative efforts to stewardship.

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Our Staff

The Rev. Max Wolf, *Rector*
 Joe Hammer, *Music Director*
 Christine Borneman,
Parish Administrator
 Martin McKerrow, *Treasurer*
 Becky Mack, *Bookkeeper*

Our Vestry

Executive Officers are elected for a term of one year.
 JANUARY 2021 NOMINEES:
 Bob Felch, *Warden*
 Libby Tracey, *Warden*
 Martin McKerrow, *Treasurer*
 Peter Greenhalgh, *Clerk*

Members of the Vestry are elected for a term of three years (noted) unless they fill a term that has been vacated.

Peter Barnes	2023
Beverly Hall	2022
Robert Inglis	2023
Jan Jacobi	2023
Sandra Keys	2022
Lucy Leske	2021
Jay Riggs	2023
Phil Smith	2022
Yvette St. John	2021

JANUARY 2021 NOMINEES:

Kirk Baker	2024
Susan Coffin	2024
Patsy Wright	2024

Our Church is blessed by the guardianship of staff and volunteers.

TIDINGS

❄️ Time★Talent★Treasure

Bob Felch

*Mission Committee,
Candidate for Vestry*

How did you first come to St. Paul's?

My family started attending St. Paul's in the 1980's during summer and holiday visits to the island. In 2002, we settled in 'Sconset on a year-round basis and attended St. Paul's in the fall, winter and spring months. My three grandchildren were baptized at St. Paul's. My first deep dive into volunteer work at the church started when I was invited to be part of the discernment process and served as a co-chair of the Discernment Committee initiative in 2020.

Why do you volunteer?

St. Paul's is part of my life and I wish to give back to the church in as many ways as I am able. I am interested in helping St. Paul's be a vibrant part of our island community, so volunteering on our Mission Committee is my way of helping us share the love of God.

How did your leadership role at the church evolve?

As mentioned, my involvement on the Discernment Committee was an initial catalyst for my deeper involvement, but work with the Mission Committee has strengthened my passion for serving at St. Paul's.

What is the future for your ministry? Are there any new initiatives or developments in your present work that you would like to share?

I look forward to helping in all ministries at St. Paul's as my skills may be of use. Our Mission work will continue to be a focus for me. I look forward to helping with our ongoing Stewardship efforts, with the launch of a new website and expanding the diversity of our membership.



THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

Sheila Daume

Mission Committee, Stewardship Committee, Christmas Market, Rug Raffle

How did you first come to St. Paul's?

I had been spending summers in Nantucket since 1962; my late husband, Sam, had been coming since 1940. In 1993, we moved to the island full time from Concord, MA, and Sam began his career in real estate in Nantucket. We were both "cradle Episcopalians," and as St. Paul's was the only Episcopal church on the island, we joined. Sam became very involved very quickly, serving on various committees and the Vestry. In the beginning, I go involved in coffee hour and then in the needlepoint for the annual rug raffle. I stitched, organized the stitchers and the sale of the raffle tickets on a table in front of Congdon & Coleman's on Main Street, a great location. Max loves to stand there and tell everyone about the church, so that helps spread the word.

Why do you volunteer?

It keeps me busy, number one. But as for the church, St. Paul's is a wonderful place, with our wonderful rector, Max, wonderful music and wonderful programs. We have a great message, and we have to keep it going — expanding our work out to the Nantucket community. I want to be part of that.

How did your leadership role at the church evolve?

After working coffee hours, my involvement progressed from there. I worked on the Gift Chalet at the Summer Fair; worked at the Christmas Market; was head of Fellowship, then joined the Outreach Committee, which is now the Mission Committee. I served on the Vestry under Rector Gene McDowell.

What is the future for your ministry? Are there any new initiatives or developments in your present work that you would like to share?

We're doing a great job getting the word out about the church. More people are volunteering. Max has been so opening, welcoming, accepting — he is very enthusiastic. He is just a wonderful beacon for St. Paul's Church. We have attracted so many people to work in the free meal distribution program, the "St. Paul's Suppers." We have many people baking for the it. Once we get vaccines, the church will fill right up again. We won't have to worry so much about getting people in the pews! ❄️



Penny Macintyre, Peter Greenhalgh and Stacey Stuart green the church for Christmas.



Parish Seminarian Jonathan Smith and Father Max bless Louie at the Blessing of the Animals in October.



Nantucket
Catering Chef
Mark Yelle
and Mission
Committee
Co-chair
Bob Felch
unload
meals for
distribution.



Our Ministry Opportunities

Do you feel called to get more involved?
The committees and ministries of St. Paul's
welcome your participation:

Altar Guild

Led by **Dottie Gennaro**; dbgennaro@gmail.com

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Led by **Robert Inglis**; inglisra@aol.com

Christmas Market

Co-chaired by **Sheila Daume**;
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and **Olly Wolf**; wolfsanddogs@verizon.net

Fellowship Committee

Led by **Penny Macintyre**; pennymacintyre@comcast.net

Finance Committee

Chaired by **Sandy Key**; sandrabkeys@gmail.com

Long Range Planning Committee

Chaired by **Ken Beaugran**; ken@nantucketrealestate.com

Mission Committee

Co-chaired by **Bob Felch**; rdfelch@gmail.com
and **Frank Robinson**; afr1870@aol.com

Music Committee

Chaired by **Malcolm MacNab**; mwmacnab@comcast.net

Stewardship Committee and Communications Committee

Co-chaired by **Peter Barnes**;
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and **Patsy Wright**; vintagepatsy@comcast.net

Summer Fair

Chaired by **Sharon Robinson**; zeeturtle@aol.com

TIDINGS



Our Music



"'Tis the season to be busy," as one can well imagine, and things have been joyously busy and active in the music life of St. Paul's.

This activity initially included St. Paul's online holiday music variety show, "We Need a Little Christmas," with a variety of popular and sacred Christmas classics and carols. The talents of seven island musicians were in place for a fun filled, festive program — and even with a special appearance by Santa and one of his elves. Unfortunately, the show had to be cancelled, and rightfully so, due to the surge in COVID cases on the island. But the talent pool is in place to have another go once the pandemic subsides. So stay tuned for something exciting to happen perhaps this spring or summer.

The weekly *Music Monday* on Facebook Live continues to roll along, and it's been great to have Jackie McGrath join in during her break from college. Of note was the December 14th Music Monday program—Jackie sang popular Christmas classics, some of which were carryovers from the holiday variety show. This program garnered more than 1,600 views on Facebook! Good job, Jackie!

Christmas saw an opportunity to safely engage other musicians for Christmas Eve's Family and Lessons and Carols services. Special thanks to the Genevieve, Maria, Juliette and Clara Frable for the Family Service, and to Ian Robertson, Jackie McGrath, Tessa Williams and Maisie Cocker for Lessons and Carols.

We kicked off 2021 with an Epiphany Evensong on January 6, the day of Epiphany, with planning already underway for Lent and Easter.

Throughout all of this, the support for music at St. Paul's from Father Max, the staff, Vestry and parishioners has been overwhelming and appreciated. Thank you!

Joe Hammer, Director of Music & Organist



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THE NEWSLETTER OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET



Our Parish News

St. Paul's Mission Committee (formerly the Outreach Committee) continues to support multi-year programs and initiate new ones, all with a view to assist those in need, primarily on Nantucket but also elsewhere in the world.



Father Max and Libby Tracey visit at an outdoor service this summer — smiling behind their masks!

Meals: The Committee launched "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 supplied the meals on Wednesday afternoons to waiting St. Paul's volunteers at the Parish House.

❁ A distribution system was set up for safe parking lot pickups and deliveries to homes.

❁ The spring program, 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 recipients started to go back to work.

Phase Two began in October, to serve meals weekly since then, with funding from the Committee.

❁ Every Wednesday, 80+ meals are served, with an emphasis on individuals and families who are impacted by COVID or who are shut-ins without access to caregivers and hot meals.

❁ Penny Macintyre's group of bakers has been making cookies and brownies to supplement the meals.

❁ Along with baggers and drivers, volunteers exceeded 40 parishioners who are using their time and talent to help in this effort. **Thank you to them!**



Libby Tracey, Randy Wight and Sheila Daume fill bags at the Food Bank.

Trish Anderson	Caroline & Sara	Ann Maury	Ann Smith
Jean Bennett	Ellis	Deanna McCormack	Jonathan Smith
Mary Bennett	Bob Felch	Toni McKerrrow	Yvette St. Jean
Lucy Bixby	Dottie Gennaro	Brooke Mohr	Stacey Stuart
Christine Borneman	Pam Goddard	Nancy Newhouse	Libby Tracey
Ginny Chambers	Jean Grimmer	Susan O'Brien	Geoff Verney
Susan Coffin	Brenda Johnson	Ann Oliver	Cathy Ward
Ann Colgrove	Betty MacDonald	Sheri Perelman	Suzanne Whelden
Sheila Daume	Penny Macintyre	Melissa Philbrick	Randy & Ned Wight
Cindy Delano	Karen MacNab	Jay Riggs	Betsy Wright
Pat & Dave Dick	Josie & Ellie Martin	Sharon Robinson	

Fairwinds: The Committee has been buying gift cards — mostly \$50 cards — bimonthly 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 bimonthly gift cards for staff.

Cottage Hospital: At the suggestion of a parishioner, we reached out to the hospital to see if there were personnel who would appreciate some help, for Christmas and for the longer term.

❁ For Christmas 2020, St. Paul's provided the funds that enabled the hospital to provide a free roast beef dinner to all three shifts working there on Christmas Day.

❁ For the longer term, the Committee intends to reach out to the Town and the Community Foundation for Nantucket to structure a feasible assistance program for hospital workers.



Laundry Love: November 2020 marked the beginning of the fourth year in which the Committee has provided laundry cards to those islanders identified as needing a little help to do their laundry.

❄️ From November 2017 to March 2020, Committee members typically met at Holdgate's laundromat on the second Wednesday of each month to purchase and insert laundry cards in washers and dryers for our patrons.

❄️ Beginning in April 2020, the Committee had to change its in-person assistance to a monthly mailing of 35 \$25 cards to its patrons who signed up to receive them and provided mailing addresses.

❄️ Subject to adequate funding, the Committee intends to continue to mail cards monthly for the duration of the pandemic and afterwards resume its in-person program at the laundromat.

Community School snacks: In response to the Nantucket Community School's notice that it would appreciate receiving snacks for 60-80 children enrolled there, the Committee will be providing them with weekly snacks, such as crackers, pretzels and fruit packs, beginning this month.

NFFRA: 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 its (new) Medical Travel Emergency Fund. The Committee donates funds to NFFRA, and its members volunteer to assist with the bagging and distributing food by the Food Pantry.

Cuba: Since 2017, the Committee has assisted the Episcopal Church of Cuba.

❄️ In February 2018, it 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. Committee member have sought to travel to visit their companions twice yearly, bringing funds, supplies and friendship.

❄️ Due to the pandemic, their March and November 2020 trips were cancelled, and there is little hope of traveling to Cuba in the near future.

❄️ That said, member are in regular contact with their friends via email! They 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 weeknight Compline services.

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 "To Make God's Love More Widely Known in Nantucket."

❄️ The Committee gratefully acknowledges parishioner support, most recently in donations for the canceled Comfort & Joy Christmas concert to support its meals program, and in generous grants for it from the 'Sconset Chapel, the Community Foundation for Nantucket and Congregation Shirat Ha Yam.

❄️ Current Committee members are: 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 and Randy Wight.

❄️ The Committee welcomes new members. If you are interested in joining, please advise Father Max or any members through the church office.



Save the Date: Join us via Zoom for our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 24, after the Morning Prayer service. Watch for details in our weekly parish updates. It is never too early to start thinking about Easter Sunday, which falls on April 4 this year.



From Our Treasurer

St. Paul's is in a good financial position, with adequate liquidity to meet foreseen needs. This position is only possible thanks to the support of our congregants and friends.

St. Paul's annual budget is approximately \$500,000. Of this, about 70% typically comes from pledges made by parishioners. The next largest single source of income is our fundraising activities such as our Summer Fair and Christmas Market. The pandemic has made it impossible to hold these traditional events; they usually cover much of our funding that is not met by pledges and gifts — about \$50,000 a year. Fortunately, through improvisation of fundraising activity, our creativity and most importantly our members' support, we were able to cover this revenue shortfall in 2020.

Last year, our expenses fell below budget primarily because, with the pandemic, our facilities (and in particular the Church), were largely closed, reducing utility and maintenance costs. With expenses below budget, we were able generate funds available for contingencies. As a result of these financial dynamics, our expenditures in the Nantucket community rose meaningfully last year. Our Mission activities are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter, but in 2020 our expenditures on them exceeded \$25,000, and as long as resources are available, we expect to surpass this total in 2021. Our largest single spending item for Mission work was for meals for the needy.

While we hope that the current year for our finances will repeat the success of 2020, we face meaningful challenges in 2021. We anticipate that it will again be difficult, if not impossible, to hold our traditional fundraising events. And it may be that, if held, they will have to be on a reduced scale. Thus, we are asking for increased pledges in 2021.

We trust your generosity and support will continue in the new year, allowing us to return to a more traditional offering of services while continuing to expand our presence in our community.



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2021 Stewardship Campaign: Love, Serve, Sustain

We wish to thank parishioners and supporters of St. Paul's for their pledges for 2021, in our "Love, Serve, Sustain" Campaign. As of December 31, we had received 114 pledges totaling \$323,595, which is 81% of our goal of \$400,000. Compared to 2020, 56 pledges were higher, 46 were unchanged and only 12 were lower. The average pledge so far is \$2,942, an average increase of 17% from 2020. These pages detail all of the wonderful work that St. Paul's clergy, staff and volunteers are doing in these challenging times. Your pledges express your support of this work and mission—in both the number of pledges and the average increase in them.

Our campaign continues in 2021. We are counting on additional pledge income this year with the expectation that our traditional fundraising events (such as the Summer Fair and Christmas Market) again will be cancelled by the pandemic or scaled back. These events account for about 10% of our \$500,000+ annual budget. So if you have not yet pledged, please fill out the pledge card and mail it back to the church office; you should have received one by mail in November, along with our 2021 campaign brochure. If you did not, you can request a card and brochure from the office; you can also download them on the homepage of the parish website, www.stpaulschurchnantucket.org. Thank you for your generosity, whether it be with your time, talent or financial support!

“ As each has received a gift,
use it to serve one another,
as good stewards of God's
varied grace... ”
1 Peter 4:10

love ✨ serve ✨ sustain ✨