

# ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET



***2018 Annual Report***

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# ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

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## St. Paul's Church in Nantucket 179<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting

*Sunday, January 20, 2019  
Immediately following the 9:30am service*

### Priest-in-Charge

- Call to order
- Opening Prayer
- Verification of quorum

### Treasurer

- Report

### EMC Report

- Report

### 2019 Budget

- 2019 budget, included as part of written annual report
- Motion to approve budget

### Nominating Committee report

- Committee member reads nominating committee report

### Priest-in-Charge

- 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 Priest-in-Charge
  - Priest-in-Charge announces results
- IF no other nomination is offered, request approval of slate of nominees by acclamation

### Wardens

- Reports
- Resolution designating “Senior” Warden

### Priest-in-Charge

- Remarks
- Other business
- Concluding remarks and prayer
- Adjourn

**Please join us for Brunch  
in Gardner Hall after this meeting.**

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

### 2018 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2018

#### **Call to Order**

At the close of the 9:30 A.M. service on February 4, Stacey Stuart called St. Paul's 178th Annual Meeting to order at 10:30 A.M. and began the meeting with a prayer. Lou Gennaro asked for a moment of silence for all those whom we have lost in the last year and who meant so much to St. Paul's. Lou reminded us that our greatest strength is us, our talents, our generosity, our concern for and dedication to this parish.

Copies of the 2017 Annual Report had been emailed to congregants earlier in the week and were available in the church.

#### **Declaration of Quorum**

Clerk Pam Goddard reported that the quorum of church members was present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made, seconded, and voted to approve the minutes of the 2017 annual meeting.

#### **Opening Remarks**

Lou Gennaro recognized the service of Curtis Barnes. He offered special thanks to Stacey Stuart, who is stepping down after serving St. Paul's Church as Warden for the last three years. Finally he thanked everyone in attendance for what they do in service to this church.

#### **2018 Treasurer's Report**

At a well-attended, interactive forum following the (January 14) 9:30 am service, Pam Goddard, Dual Macintyre and Frank Robinson presented the results of St. Paul's 2017 Every Member Canvas, the 2018 budget approved by the Vestry and preliminary 2017 financial results. The balance sheet and income statement distributed then are identical to those appearing in the Annual Report distributed which were by e-mail and in hard copies. There have been no significant changes in the figures presented except that the 4th quarter investment results have been recently received and increase our net income from around \$73,000 to almost \$88,000.

#### **EMC Report**

EMC Chair Pam Goddard thanked everyone for their generosity and support of this year's Every Member Canvass and was happy to report that we are on track for a successful campaign. Some comparisons:

End December 2015: 121 pledge cards returned \$250,170  
2016: 148 pledge cards returned \$304,009  
2017: 121 pledge cards returned \$266,480  
5 first time pledgers, 30% increased their pledge, while 11% decreased  
2015 prepaid pledges/gifts \$89,000  
2016 prepaid pledges/gifts \$95,000  
2017 prepaid pledges/gifts \$97,000

That being said we still have a challenge before us of meeting the needs of the church for the coming year. The Every Member Canvass is a year-round effort. We invite anyone who has not yet returned a pledge card to do so and can provide extra copies of the material for those who need it. We are also now accepting donations on our website.

#### **2018 Budget Report**

Assistant Treasurer Dual Macintyre: The budget is quite conservative.

We have projected a balanced budget for 2018. In fact, the projected income from the EMC is \$5,000 above what was planned in the budget that, if it is realized, will give us a surplus for the year.

The following Motion to Approve the Annual Budget was presented by Treasurer Frank Robinson:

"I move that the Annual Budget presented to this Annual Meeting is hereby approved and that the Vestry is authorized to amend such budget from time to time as the best interests of the mission of St. Paul's, the preservation of its properties and the circumstances require and as St. Paul's resources permit."

The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

### **Tower Report**

Dual Macintyre reported that, weather permitting, we will see work begin on the tower in March, with scaffolding erected and careful removal of the mortar. This is expected to be completed by June. We thank Luke Thornewill for his dedication and work in overseeing this complicated process.

### **Presentation of the Officers and Vestry Slate**

Nominating Committee chair Stacey Stuart thanked Cece Fowler, Jean Wagley, and Cathy Ward for their service as they leave the Vestry and presented (1) the nominees for the Vestry Class of 2021, plus a nominee to fill a vacancy in the Class of 2020 (2) the slate of officers for 2018, and (3) the 2018 delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery:

#### **Vestry Class of 2021**

Ken Beaugrand, Class of 2021  
Lucy Leske, Class of 2021  
Malcolm MacNab, Class of 2021  
Libby Tracey, Class of 2021

#### **Vestry Class of 2020**

Yvette St. Jean, Class of 2020

#### **2018 Officers**

Lou Gennaro, Warden  
Pam Goddard, Warden  
Frank Robinson, Treasurer  
Dual Macintyre, Clerk

#### **2018 Delegates to the Diocesan Convention and Deanery**

Paul Borneman, Jr.  
Tracy Murray

There being no nominations from the floor, a motion to accept the slate of officers, vestry members, and convention delegates was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

#### **Questions from the floor**

Paul Borneman suggested that once a month after church services Vestry members be available for questions

Godfrey Frable asked if there is a possibility of the church applying for a grant to support a youth director.

#### **Closing Remarks**

Lou Gennaro reminded us of the four points raised by Bishop Gates and suggested we be mindful of those moving forward. Lead with love, listening is important, communication is a two-way street, if something is on your mind, talk with someone, celebrate and take joy in being part of St. Paul's. Upon adjournment at 11:17, all those present were invited to attend the brunch.

The Closing Prayer was offered by Beverly Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pam Goddard*  
Clerk

## ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

### **2018 Annual Report of our Priest-in-Charge**

First of all, thank you for so warmly receiving my wife Olly and me and for welcoming us into St. Paul's parish family. It is a great joy for us to be called to serve here alongside you in this unique island community and in this beautiful part of God's Creation. We arrived in June and hit the ground running, and our parish administrator Christine keeps promising me that in one of these "off-season" weeks, things will slow down. I suspect not.

This parish Annual Report is a good indication of the vitality and broad ministries of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket. Dozens of parishioners and staff are committed to the everyday life of the parish, and countless other members and visitors alike are fed by the sacraments at our open table, and strengthened for their journey and further inspired for their service in the world by their time with us.

There are too many highlights in these first seven months to list, but a few are worth noting. Our Summer Fair, Somewhat Spooky Halloween, and Christmas Market & Concert involved scores of dedicated volunteers and staff, and were extraordinary successes. The parish's music program is thriving, and like our other events, touches people's lives beyond our membership. The childrens participation and our choirs, handbell choirs and instrumentalists' efforts made our Christmas Eve services absolutely transcendent experiences. Two recent teen concerts in church also showed much promise in helping local youth feel that St. Paul's is a sanctuary for them, a safe haven.

Sadly, we have lost to death several cherished family members over this past year. We are devastated by their loss as we commend them into God's keeping. It is our faith in the resurrection and a sense of their abiding love that are our comfort.

We have a hymn in our supplemental hymnal *Wonder, Love, and Praise* that sums up my experience at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket over these months so far. The lyrics go like this: "There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord. There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord. Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love. And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place." Amen to that.

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

## A. LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

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### **1. Wardens' Report**

2018 has been a year of significant transition for St. Paul's. We began the year with uncertainty regarding leadership of the clergy and music program. Bishop Alan Gates visited St. Paul's in January and met with the parish and the vestry to discuss future leadership considerations. We agreed with the Bishop that finding a Priest-in-Charge with the right gifts would be the best path forward. The Reverends John Rice and Peter Chase graced us with their presence as supply priests in the first five months of the year; and Nigel Goss provided leadership and energy for our music program through Easter. We are grateful to all of these people during those months of transition.

As summer approached, Bishop Gates advised us to consider The Reverend Max Wolf as St. Paul's Priest-in-Charge, and upon our positive response to Father Max, appointed him to that role. Father Max and his wife, Olly, arrived in early June.

In late May, with St. Paul's Music Committee recommendation and Vestry and approval, the parish welcomed Joe Hammer as our new Music Director.

St. Paul's has responded positively to the spiritual leadership of Father Max, and we feel a renewed sense of joy and have positive expectations for the future. Max has become actively engaged in all aspects of the life of our Parish, and has developed many relationships and friendships within the congregation and on Nantucket. We are grateful for his ministry and that of his wife, Olly. We are also pleased with the energy and devotion Joe Hammer has brought to the music program, and with the many other ways that Joe has become a valuable member of the church staff.

The church staff, the Vestry, and numerous ministry leaders and participants of our many programs have continued to give their time and talents throughout the year, and we are grateful for all they do. This core of leaders and devoted parish members sustain us through good and challenging times.

We embark upon a new year with great expectations for the future of St. Paul's. Our finances are in order and we have made significant improvements to the conditions of our buildings and properties. Our outreach efforts on island and far away have contributed to others near and far, with programs like (*Laundry Love* on island) and the Cuba Mission beyond our shores. St. Paul's continues to develop a loving and accepting spirit as a beacon for all who come through our doors. We are a sacramental Christian church and strive to welcome all who come in contact with our parish.

We began last year with uncertainty but begin 2019 on an upward and hopeful trajectory. We thank all who have sustained us through this journey and who continue to make a difference as we celebrate our faith and love for each other and our island community.

*Lou Gennaro and Pam Goddard*  
Wardens

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

The financial strength of St. Paul's as of December 31, 2018 remained strong.

Benefiting from the generous giving of our members and from the successes of our critical fund-raising events, St. Paul's ended 2018 with:

- net operating income of \$21,120
- net income of \$55,600
- \$150,000 of working capital and an unrestricted reserve of over \$41,000
- over \$8,500 set aside for the Section Leaders of our choir and the music program generally
- over \$18,400 earmarked for Outreach, including \$9,090 for the Cuba Mission and \$4,278 for our monthly Laundry Love events
- \$212,767 in the Capital/Building Account, including a reserve of \$48,000, and
- long-term investments (endowment) valued at \$765,500

Calendar year 2019 will, of course, have its challenges. While early results from our Every Member Canvass for 2018, are promising its success in meeting the goal of our 2019 operating budget will require our members who have not yet pledged to do so generously. And, of course, our budget continues to rely heavily on the success of our Fair, Christmas Market, Rug Raffle and other fundraising events that provided \$62,000 in 2018 or 12% of our ordinary revenue. Our \$20 million campus (church, parish house, rectory, cottage and parking lot and playground) require continued attention, notwithstanding the substantial external work and painting done to the Parish House and the Rectory.

As described in the Building and Grounds Report, the masonry work on the restoration of the Bell Tower was completed, as has been most of the related painting and carpentry work, at a total cost approaching \$300,000. This was paid from the remaining Capital Campaign Funds and the proceeds of

two \$100,000 grants, from the Town of Nantucket's Community Preservation Committee (CPC). On the recommendation of our independent consultant, the Vestry has approved a second masonry contract of \$130,000 to address deficiencies in the walls supporting and surrounding the triptych window facing Fair Street. St. Paul's has adequate resources to defray this cost.

This Report includes the Vestry approved operating budget for calendar year 2019. Also available to you are two financial statements for 2018: the year-end balance sheet and an income statement. Both statements are on a cash basis, preliminary and unaudited. If you would like to receive a copy of these financial statements please e-mail [finance@stpaulschurchnantucket.org](mailto:finance@stpaulschurchnantucket.org) or call the church office at 508-228-0916.

At our Annual Meeting, we will present again in capsule form the financial results for calendar year 2018 and the results of the Every Member Canvass for 2018 and offer a commentary on our proposed operating budget for 2019.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Frank Robinson*, Treasurer



**Saint Paul's Church  
Final 2019 Budget**

1-10-2019

|  | 2018<br>Results | 2018<br>Budget | 2019<br>Budget |
|--|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>           |                 |                |                |
| <b>Income</b>                            |                 |                |                |
| 4-1090 · 2018 EMC Revenue                | 263,210         | 300,582        | 283,000        |
| 4-1300 · Back Pledges                    | 19,005          | 9,005          | 9,000          |
| 4-1400 · Plate Offerings                 | 41,521          | 31,663         | 45,000         |
| 4-1500 · Special Offering - Memory/Honor | 6,950           | 1,850          | 7,000          |
| 4-1600 · Gifts - Restricted Church       | 200             | 5,930          | 4,000          |
| 4-1610 · Gifts - Unrestricted/Contrib.   | 99,367          | 48,043         | 80,000         |
| 4-1700 · Special Services and Ceremonies | 13,153          | 12,700         | 8,000          |
| 4-1710 · Property Usage                  | 10,100          | 13,950         | 0              |
| 4-1720 · Gifts for Flowers               | 2,245           | 2,410          | 4,000          |
| 4-2200 · Rug Raffle                      | 6,022           | 5,950          | 6,000          |
| 4-2100 · Fair                            | 30,175          | 35,150         | 30,000         |
| 4-2390 · Ship's Inn Dinners              | 11,750          | 12,000         | 12,000         |
| 4-2500 · Christmas Market                | 13,322          | 7,500          | 12,000         |
| 4-2000 · Other Fund Raising              | 476             | 225            | 1,000          |
| 4-3000 · Int / Div / Stock Sale Gain     | -35             | 512            | 700            |
| <b>Total Income</b>                      | <b>517,461</b>  | <b>487,470</b> | <b>501,700</b> |
| <b>Expense</b>                           |                 |                |                |
| 6-0500 · Diocese Assessment              | 65,701          | 65,700         | 50,200         |
| 6-0600 · Church Hospitality              | 2,616           | 556            | 1,000          |
| 6-0610 · Church Fellowship               |                 |                | 2,000          |
| 6-0000 · Outreach from General Funds     | 450             | 7,475          | 0              |
| 6-0800 · Outreach Capital                | 10,000          | 10,000         |                |
| 6-1000 · Christian Education             | 2,859           | 2,886          | 2,000          |
| 6-1100 · Youth                           | -275            | 1,725          | 2,000          |
| 6-1500 · Liturgical Expenses             | 5,329           | 5,983          | 5,000          |
| 6-1600 · Music Program                   | 10,854          | 6,304          | 5,000          |
| 6-1700 · Singers/Section Leaders         |                 |                |                |
| 6-2000 · Clergy                          | 108,390         | 126,955        | 141,000        |
| 6-3000 · Staff                           | 120,100         | 126,289        | 136,200        |
| 6-4000 · Administration                  | 57,417          | 47,438         | 57,600         |
| 6-5000 · Payroll Expense                 | 8,563           | 9,224          | 8,000          |
| 6-6000 · Church Building                 | 20,567          | 20,630         | 20,000         |
| 6-7000 · Parish House                    | 9,803           | 6,974          | 8,000          |
| 6-8200 · Rectory                         | 12,519          | 11,813         | 12,000         |
| 6-8300 · Cottage                         | 4,592           | 4,199          | 5,000          |
| 6-8400 · Buildings & Grounds             | 56,856          | 42,859         | 40,000         |
| 6-8410 · Landscaping                     |                 |                | 6,700          |
| 6-9999 · Miscellaneous                   |                 | 11,300         |                |
| <b>Total Expense</b>                     | <b>496,341</b>  | <b>508,310</b> | <b>501,700</b> |
| <b>Net Ordinary Income</b>               | <b>21,120</b>   | <b>-20,840</b> | <b>0</b>       |

Modified Cash Basis

### **3. Finance Committee**

The Finance Committee is responsible for providing broad oversight of St. Paul's finances. In the year just ended we did an evaluation of the investment of the church's long term assets, defining risk parameters and writing a statement of Investment Guidelines. The Vestry approved our objective of restructuring St. Paul's investment portfolio so that it is invested 50% in equities and 50% in fixed income. Both segments of the portfolio be invested in passive (indexed) portfolios which will be rebalanced periodically.

In the coming year, among other things, we plan to start work on a long-term capital budget, seeking to align possible commitments to available assets.

Members of Finance Committee:

*Martin McKerrow, Chair, Phil Smith, Sandy Keys, Dual Macintyre and Frank Robinson*

### **4. Every Member Canvass (EMC)**

The theme of this year's canvass was "I Can Make a Difference," and we used the opportunity to ask our parishioners to consider what their skills, gifts, and talents are and how they might contribute, not just financially, to "make a difference" at St. Paul's.

The campaign concluded with 133 pledges and a pledged amount of \$288,025. While 30% of our members increased their financial commitment, we still did not reach our goal of \$305,000. It is impossible to overstate or exaggerate the importance of the Every Member Canvass to the operation of our church. Your pledge dollars and gifts allow St. Paul's to function. Every year the goal of the Every Member Canvass is that pledges and gifts will cover our operating expenses, allowing us to focus our fundraising dollars on outreach and other ministries. While this is an admirable goal, it is one that we have not yet attained.

We should ask ourselves "Is St. Paul's inspiring generosity in those who worship here?" or "Am I getting a good return on my investment?" While it would be unrealistic to expect that the answer is yes for everyone, that would be the goal.

The 2019 EMC, "Celebrate, Now", is ongoing. If you have not returned your pledge card, we still welcome contributions. While for planning purposes it is helpful to have pledges in prior to the end of the year, the current campaign will be underway until we start the next year's efforts. We are extremely grateful for everyone's support and participation. A big thank you to everyone who helped make the 2018 EMC possible, whether it was in the creative process, drafting the materials, writing personal notes, printing, stuffing and mailing the packets, writing follow-up letters, or just verbal support, your assistance and guidance, as always, was much appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pam Goddard*

EMC Chair

### **5. Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Vestry of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket nominates for the following positions the following parishioners for election by the Parish at its Annual Meeting on January 20, 2019:

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Warden for a one-year term                   | Lou Gennaro     |
| Warden for a one-year term                   | Pam Goddard     |
| Treasurer for a one-year term                | Martin McKerrow |
| Clerk for a one year-term                    | Dual Macintyre  |
| Vestry for a three-year term, class of 2020* | Jay Riggs       |

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Vestry for a three-year term, class of 2022      | Mark Beale     |
| Vestry for a three-year term, class of 2022      | Beverly Hall   |
| Vestry for a three-year term, class of 2022      | Sandy Keys     |
| Vestry for a three-year term, class of 2022      | Phil Smith     |
| *to fill an unexpired term                       |                |
| Diocesan Convention Delegate for a one-year term | Marshall Keys  |
| Diocesan Convention Delegate for a one-year term | Libby Tracey   |
| Alternate Delegate to Diocesan Convention        | Frank Robinson |

Vestry nominee biographies:

### **C. Marshall (Mark) Beale**

Mark was raised in Concord, Massachusetts and has been coming to Nantucket continuously since 1940, residing on island year-round since 1983 with a brief interlude in Boston and Florida. He was christened at St. Paul's in 1952 and was a member of the Choir during the Richard Busch era.

A graduate of Boston's Suffolk University (BS and BA), he is the former Finance Director of the Nantucket Conservation Foundation and Executive Director of the Nantucket Historical Association. He has served on the boards of the Nantucket Atheneum, the Nantucket Historical Association, the Nantucket Cottage Hospital, the Nantucket Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Nantucket Planning Board. Additionally, he is a former Commodore of the Nantucket Yacht Club and Senior Warden of St. Paul's. Mark and his wife Deborah have four boys and live on Meadow View Drive.

### **Beverly Hall**

A cradle Episcopalian, Beverly has been involved with St. Paul's since arriving on Nantucket in 1965. She has served on the Vestry under Joel Ives, Andrew Foster and the late Gene McDowell. Her New York City spiritual home was the Cathedral of St. John the Divine where she was the photographer-in-residence for over fifteen years.

In 1998 she began a journey that had been contemplated for years by entering the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, MA. In 2002 she received her Master's in Divinity with a major in pastoral studies. Previous to that her education consisted of a degree in English and Art History from Columbia University and a Masters from Johns Hopkins.

Beverly has been a resident of Madaket since 1965, when she created and established the CHILDREN'S GALLERY on Old South wharf. In 1972, she transitioned into BEVERLY HALL PHOTOGRAPHY with a specialty in family portraits. In the past three years, she has expanded my repertoire to include becoming Hanna Monaghan at Greater Light. "Through all these experiences, I have felt the guiding presence of the Spirit in my life choices," Beverly said.

In 2013 she married David Billings and together they have established a welcoming home for friends and guests as well as creating an Asian Art Museum surrounded by a magical garden and three fish ponds.

### **Sandy Keys**

Sandy has been on the St. Paul's Vestry beginning in 2016 and a member of St. Paul's since 1990, when she and her husband Marshall decided that Nantucket would be their physical home and St. Paul's Church would be their spiritual home. She has a bachelor's degree from Douglass College of Rutgers University, a master's degree from Vanderbilt University and an MBA from Harvard. Her experience before going to Harvard Business School included writing for educational television, college development, and public relations. After Harvard, Sandy had a rewarding career as a fund manager for pension funds and high net worth individuals, first as a Vice President at Gardner and Preston Moss in Boston, and then as President and CEO of an investment management company with

substantial clients in the UK and the US. She and Marshall have two grown children and two grandchildren. While they consider Nantucket home, they also spend a good deal of time with family in the Boston area and in Richmond, Virginia.

### **Jay Riggs**

Jay Riggs grew up in Baltimore and has lived on Nantucket for the past 37 years. Jay has been a long-time member of St. Paul's and recalls serving on the Vestry in the past, and is honored by the opportunity to serve again. Jay also serves on the Altar Guild and recently was a member of a Rector Search Committee. Jay loves spending time with her three children and five grandchildren, all of whom enjoy visiting Jay and Nantucket. Jay also serves on the Sherburne Commons Board and the Advisory Board of the Nantucket Cottage Hospital. When she is not busy with family and board work, Jay enjoys playing bridge and working in her garden.

### **Phil Smith**

Phil Smith and his wife, Ann, have been long-time summer residents of Nantucket and parishioners at St. Paul's for over 18 years. Phil has been active in The Episcopal Church for many years, serving as a Vestry member and the treasurer of the Church of the Heavenly Rest in New York City. After moving to lower Manhattan, he and Ann joined The Church of the Ascension where he is also on the Vestry.

Phil attended Tabor Academy and then Stevens Institute of Technology, where he received a degree in Mechanical Engineering. His business career began at The Bank of New York, where he worked for over 15 years. Since then, he has worked in investment banking and is currently with a boutique firm specializing in mergers and acquisitions and capital raising for middle market firms in the healthcare information technology sector.

Phil was recently elected Trustee Emeritus after stepping down from the board of Tabor Academy after 30 years where he had served as its treasurer and chairman of its Finance and Trusteeship Committees. He currently is on the board of the Nantucket Shellfish Association and is a member of the Nantucket Yacht Club.

Phil and Ann have three children and reside in Nantucket with a pied-à-terre in Manhattan, splitting their time between these two islands. Phil is an enthusiastic sailor and late in the day can often be found on the waters of Nantucket Harbor. He is also a golfer and enjoys a game of pool. Ann serves as president of Postpartum Support International and has worked for Planned Parenthood for many years.

### **Current Vestry:**

The current officers and members of the Vestry, their terms, and their eligibility for re-election are as follows:

Officers and members whose terms expire at the forthcoming 2019 Annual Meeting:

Lou Gennaro '19 - Warden (Completing his 3rd one-year term; eligible for reelection)

Pam Goddard '19 - Warden (Completing her 1st one-year term; eligible for reelection)

Frank Robinson '19 - Treasurer

(Completing his 3rd one-year term; eligible, but declined to stand, for reelection)

Dual Macintyre '19 - Clerk (Completing his 1st one-year term; eligible for reelection)

Members whose terms do not expire at the 2019 Annual Meeting and their remaining terms of office:

Ken Beaugrand '20 (Serving his 2nd year of a two-year term)

Robert Inglis '20 (Serving his 1st three-year term)

Scott Widmeyer '20 (Serving his 1st three-year term)

Lucy Leske '21 (Serving her 1st three-year term)

Malcolm MacNab '21 (Serving his 1st three-year term)

Yvette St. Jean '21 (Serving her 1st three-year term)

Libby Tracey '21 (Serving her 1st three-year term)

Members whose terms expire at the 2019 Annual Meeting and their eligibility for reelection:

Sandy Keys '19 (Completing her 1st three-year term on the Vestry; eligible for reelection)

Martin McKerrow '19 (Completing his 2nd three-year term; ineligible for reelection; nominated for Treasurer)

Phil Smith '19 (Completing his 1st three-year term; eligible for reelection)

Luke Thornewill '19 (Completing his 1st three-year term; eligible, but declined to stand, for reelection; continuing as Chair of the Building Committee)

We want to thank Frank and Luke for their time, dedication, and service to St. Paul's.

### **Additional nominations:**

Any member of the Parish may offer additional nominations for any of such positions 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, assure their eligibility, advise the Parish Office of your proposed nomination, and provide a biography of the nominee no later than Wednesday, January 16, 2019 for circulation to the Parish prior to the Annual Meeting.

Any baptized person of the age of sixteen years or more, who acknowledges the authority of the By-laws of the Parish, by declaring his or her intention to support the Parish by regular attendance at public worship and by identifiable financial aid, shall be considered a member of the Parish, entitled to vote in its affairs.

Respectfully submitted,

The Nominating Committee,

*Lou Gennaro ex officio, Chair, Pam Goddard ex officio, Curtis Barnes, Rev. Whitney Burr, Sheila Daume, Martin McKerrow, Jay Riggs, Frank Robinson, The Rev. Max Wolf*

## **6. Diocesan Convention**

### **Report on the 233rd Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts**

Marshall Keys represented St Paul's at the 233rd Convention of the Diocese of Massachusetts held on November 3, 2018, at the Cape Cod Conference Center in Hyannis, Massachusetts. The Reverend Max Wolf and Libby Tracey, the other two St. Paul's representatives, were prevented from attending by weather.

The convention resembles Annual Town Meeting in Nantucket but adds updates and committee reports on Diocesan and Parish activities for the year. New parishes and programs were welcomed, closing parishes and programs were recognized. The morning session, including the budget, was chaired by Bishop Alan Gates. After Eucharist and lunch, the afternoon sessions, including most of the legislative topics, were chaired by Suffragan Bishop Gayle Harris.

Notable events were announcements of the appointment of three regional Canons to facilitate parish-to-parish sharing; extended debate on changes in the By-laws to reflect those of The Episcopal Church (the debates were procedural); and several social justice and environmental proposals. The most

controversial action was a budget motion from the floor to cut the 2019 salaries of the Bishop and diocesan staff by 33 1/3 % to help fund parishes in financial difficulty. It was defeated.

The meeting happily included a joyful brass band of young people from Brockton, whose Grace Chapel has been recognized as an affiliate of the Diocese, a first step on the way to parish status.

I left before the end of the meeting. The doors were blowing open from 60 mph gusts, and I had a long drive.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Marshall Keys*

## **B. BUILDINGS AND LONG RANGE PLANNING**

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### **St. Paul's Campus Review Group 2017**

This is a task study group for long term planning. The mission is to examine our physical campus as it currently exists and functions and how we may optimize and streamline our campus in the future to be in stride with future plans.

We have broken this down to two steps.

Step One was to document all existing conditions and review strengths and weaknesses of buildings and grounds and their related functions, operating financials and real-estate values. This has been (almost) completed in the form of individual building drawn floor plans, written supporting text, real estate preliminary values and financial specifics.

Step One will be available for review in the next couple of months.

Step Two will be to begin explorations that address weaknesses and move to see how our campus may better serve the church and community. Then we will move to assist in forming the new sustainable master plan concept as well as to be informed by it.

Respectfully submitted  
*Luke Thornewill, Jean Wagley, Ken Beaugrand, Robert Inglis, Penny Macintyre and Larry Smith.*

### **Buildings and Grounds 2018**

Above and beyond the general operating expenses and minor repairs the following were completed:

1. The exterior trim on the remaining sides of the parish house building had rot repairs and were painted.
2. The rectory had all its exterior trim power washed for a painting evaluation and a cleaner look. The front stoop had significant repairs to the handrail and steps and was fully painted.
3. This spring Renaissance Masonry made extensive repairs to the church bell tower for approximately \$300k. Of this amount the Town of Nantucket (CPC) contributed \$200K in recognition of our building as a contributing historic structure within the old historic district. The remainder of funds came from capital campaigns.

An extensive and highly detailed tower report was written by our consultant Brian Pfeiffer and is available on our web site or by request.

Work currently planned for 2019:

1. In 2019 we will need to paint the Rectory's exterior trim.
2. We have Renaissance Masonry under contract to return in the spring of 2019 to continue stone work mortar and pointing repairs on the Fair street gable and walls to the left of the tower around the triptych stained glass window up to the Daume addition. (In years to come, additional walls around the building will need to be repaired.)
3. In the spring or fall we intend to do all interior finish work in the narthex and to other damaged areas affected by tower water damage of the past. We have been advised to allow the bell tower to dry out to make sure water issues are resolved before moving forward with these tasks.
4. We hope to refinish the wood floor in the chapel.

On behalf of the Buildings and Grounds Committee

*Luke Thornewill, Robert Inglis, David Dick,*

and with additional thanks to Frank Robinson, Dual Macintyre and Curtis Barnes who routinely assisted.

### **Long Range Planning**

The Long Range Planning Committee in conjunction with the newly elected Vestry in February agreed on the following administrative committee structure:

- (1) Building and Grounds
- (2) Christian Education
- (3) Communication
- (4) Finance
- (5) Long Range Planning
- (6) Music
- (7) Nominating
- (8) Parish Development
- (9) Outreach
- (10) Stewardship

After the decision to call Father Max as our Priest-in-Charge, the Long Range Planning committee members individually met with him to review the work done in the past year-and-a-half on planning for the future for our campus and our long term goals as a congregation. The long range planning initiative was then also discussed with the Bishop. He felt that a committee to look at long range planning was appropriate, but that no new initiatives should be considered until Father Max has had a least a year in the parish to fully understand our situation. Then he can begin to formulate his views on how to work towards achieving the three strategic goals initially defined, namely:

- (1) Build our three congregations (year-round, summer and young families)
- (2) Engage children and youth
- (3) Celebrate our faith in new and different ways

Once the new Vestry is in place in late January, the committees will be meeting to start to formulate ideas for discussion with Father Max later in the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

*Ken Beaugrand*, on behalf of the committee

## **C. MINISTRIES**

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### **1. Christian Education**

The Christian Education Ministry collaborates with other ministries within the church and community with the purpose of giving individuals the opportunity to learn and demonstrate the fullness of Christian love to others. St. Paul's continues to be a welcoming place for children of all ages and their families. The "pryground" at the rear of the church provides a place for our youngest members to comfortably sit or play during church services. Our children and youth participate in all areas of Sunday service serving as acolytes, lectors, ushers and nursery assistants. 1Corinthians 16:14 guides us to "Do everything in love" and the children continue to let love be at the forefront of all they do, whether it is manning a booth at the Summer Fair, crafting ornaments for the Christmas Market, hosting coffee hour after church, or making welcome cards for a baptism and the children of our sister church in Cuba.

#### **Sunday School**

Sunday School welcomes between 8-11 children each week between January-June. Sunday School traditionally goes on hiatus from June-August, but this year religious instruction continued without interruption as we welcomed children from families vacationing in Nantucket who filled the classrooms with laughter and love.

Saturday activities for children occur each month. Fairy garden making with live plants encouraged children to connect with the natural world. A Peter Pan afternoon with food and fun wouldn't be complete without a showing of the musical starring Mary Martin and the greater lesson that Jesus isn't Peter Pan; He doesn't fly based on the strength of our faith. Our recently completed Tuesday night Advent series, *The Gift of the Nutcracker*, used the well-known classic to help the children understand God's greatest gift of the Christ child and the kingdom He came to establish.

This year's activities culminated with a birthday party for Jesus and the procession of the Kings and Queens on Epiphany bringing gifts of diapers, wipes and baby blankets for the newborn King which were later donated for local distribution. There are many ways for our children to demonstrate "love first" as we begin the New Year with "Love thy neighbor" as our theme.

### **Looking ahead**

We are preparing a Vacation Bible School curriculum for summer *Beyond Belief*. Youth activities are being introduced in January for Winter/Spring 2019 to include a midwinter retreat, Lenten lock-in in Boston, community service projects and a mission trip for older youth. Teaching young people in the church to grow in their relationship with the Lord fulfills the Great Commission given to us by Jesus: Go make disciples. It is my duty and a great honor to walk this path with the children and youth of St. Paul's.

Pax Christi,

*Sr. Susanna Margaret OSB*

### **Adult Programs:**

During 2018, St. Paul's Thursday Book Group met weekly from 11:30-12:30pm in the Parish House. Being a church group, the emphasis was theology and ethics, as found in books of fiction, non-fiction, history, biography, essays, and poetry. We savored the occasional off-the-press best seller. In addition, during Advent and Lent we followed with (Episcopal monastery in Cambridge) SSJE's "WORD of the Day" programs. Attendance ranged from a dedicated few in January to a dozen or more during the summer season. For a list of books studied in 2018, please contact: [bixbyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:bixbyphoto@gmail.com).

During the past summer, Book Group became Lectionary. Lectionary is a weekly study of appointed readings for the upcoming Sunday. We meet Thursdays from 11:30-12:30. The leadership of this Bible study is shared by Father Max Wolf and Lucy Bixby.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lucy Bixby*

**Centering Prayer Group.** The group continues to meet weekly on Saturday mornings and is led by Sister Susanna Margaret.

### Related Fellowship Activities:

This year we continued with many of the traditional Fellowship activities which included: Sundaes Sunday, Back-to-School Supply Drive and Backpack Blessing, The Blessing of the Animals and Celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, Easter Sunday Egg Hunt, and Church School Recognition Sunday.

## **2. Music Program**

*Music is God's gift to man, the only art of Heaven given to earth, the only art of earth we take to Heaven.* – J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

### **Introduction**

This report specifically reflects the Music Department activities from June through December 2018, the seven months of my tenure as director of music and organist at St. Paul's. However, St. Paul's commitment and desire to support meaningful, high-quality music in its worship services and its understanding of how music serves as an outreach to the Nantucket community-at-large, was more than evident throughout all of 2018.



## **St. Paul's Core Music Groups**

### *A. Adult Choir*

St. Paul's Adult Choir is the foundation of the music program, leading congregants in the singing of hymns and service music during Sunday worship, as well as presenting anthems and special music reflecting the liturgical season and the readings of the day. The choir is comprised of a group of talented and dedicated parishioners, supplemented in the summer by seasonal singers, and since October by a Choral Scholar and two Adult Section Leaders (see below).

It should be noted that St. Paul's Adult Choir is undoubtedly one of only a handful of Episcopal Church choirs in the United States (or any other denomination, for that matter) that maintains what is essentially a 52-week service singing schedule. This is an unusual, significant and challenging tradition. It is a tradition that is yet another reflection of the importance St. Paul's has placed upon music in the life of St. Paul's, and one deserving of recognition.

The choral music repertoire, as in the past, has been diverse, ranging from traditional Anglican anthems to contemporary, gospel or American-traditional works.

Of particular note in 2018 for the Adult Choir were the death of two long-time members; Victoria Harvey and Bill Welch. Their participation spanned many decades and their voices and uplifting spirits will be sorely missed.

### *B. Choral Scholars and Adult Section Leaders*

Providing growth opportunities and maintaining the stability of the adult choir was a key goal in the Music Committee's 2018 Strategic Plan. It was determined that one tool to help accomplish this would be to institute a Choral Scholar and Adult Section Leader program. Currently, St. Paul's choir has one Choral Scholar, a talented high school student who receives a stipend and supports the alto section. There is also a soprano and bass Adult Section Leader who receive remuneration for their support of those vocal sections. The Choral Scholar and Adult Section Leaders create an anchor to the choir and give volunteer members assistance in their singing correctly and with confidence. This is particularly important to those choir members who may not have extensive music training or experience, but have the talent and desire to make a significant contribution – which they do. Choirs, as with most organizations, follow the truisms that “people want to be part of something great” and “people are drawn to excellence”. St. Paul's Choral Scholar and Adult Section Leader program help serve as catalysts for the realization of these truisms.

The Choral Scholar and Adult Section Leader program has been made possible through the generous support of some St. Paul's parishioners. A project-specific fundraising program is being developed and will be implemented to insure the Choral Scholar and Adult Section Leader program's ongoing success.

### *C. St. Paul's Youth Choristers*

The Youth Choristers rehearse for an hour once a week and generally sing twice per month. The choristers are talented and fun to work with. Of particular note was their hard work and dedication in making the Christmas Eve 5pm Service pageant, “Christmas Means Jesus to Me,” a joyous and resounding success.

### *D. St. Paul's Handbell Choir*

Under the direction of Nigel Goss, the handbell choir rehearses once a week and typically performs during worship the first Sunday of the month. In addition to Sunday worship services, the Handbell Choir participated in the Christmas Eve 9pm Service and pre-service music prelude, and the Holiday Stroll Concert held on the Friday evening of Stroll Weekend.

### *E. Instrumentalists*

St. Paul's was blessed to have had a number of guest instrumentalists participate in Sunday morning services during the summer. Guest instrumentalists included: Bob Harvey, organ; Carol Spinelli, piano; Nico de Groot, piano; Joanna Hay, violin; and, Peter Ferrara, flute and saxophone.

George Young, a world-renowned saxophonist, participated in two Sunday services (August and November) and performed a "pop-up" concert in August in a jazz quartet. St. Paul parishioners Pam Goddard, flute, and Nigel Goss, bass, regularly performed special solos or accompanied the choirs on choral anthems, and participated in special concerts and music events.

### *F. Special Music Events*

St. Paul's continues to be a welcomed venue for both sacred and secular concerts and special music events. Since June of 2018, these have included:

1. Holiday Stroll Concert; a one-hour concert of sacred and secular seasonal music. Performers included Pam Goddard, flute; Jessica Sanseverino, soprano; Nigel Goss, piano and double bass; Joe Hammer, organ and piano; St. Paul's Handbell Choir.
2. Alternative music concerts: instrumental performances organized and led by Nantucket High School student Sawyer Phillips. These concerts, in October and December, were targeted to a high school/young adult audience, helping to introduce St. Paul's to a new audience. The bands have been comprised of electric guitars with drums; Isaiah Williams, on the organ, participated in the December event. Concerts of this nature are being planned for 2019.
3. As mentioned above, saxophonist George Young performed a jazz concert in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 5.
4. St. Paul's participated in the Nantucket Community Music Center's Annual Organ Crawl in October, a long-standing Nantucket/St. Paul's music tradition.

### **Sanctuary Chancel - Space Flexibility**

In order to provide flexibility and additional performance space for both worship services and music events, the choir pews were moved to the chapel and dollies procured which allow for easy movement of the choir chancel railings. When the chancel choir railings are place and through the use of the church's kneeler chairs, choir seating configuration can be based upon the number of voices engaged in any given service. Or the space can be completely open, allowing for any number of configurations accommodating handbell tables, solo or ensemble instrumental performances, choral performances on risers, etc. A goal in 2019 will be to devise an easy, user-friendly ramp system to enable the Steinway piano to be moved to and from the chancel level when appropriate for worship services and music performances.

### **Music Committee**

The Music Committee, initially formed to assist in the music director search process, continues to provide important ongoing guidance and support to the music director and to St. Paul's overall music program:

- Malcolm MacNab, Chair
- Deborah Beale
- Pam Goddard
- Nigel Goss
- Ann Martindale
- Susie Robinson
- Nancy Jane Woolley

## **Instruments**

St. Paul's is fortunate to have the following instruments at its disposal for use in worship services, music practice and rehearsals, and special music events:

- 1902 Hutchings-Votey tracker organ, 19 ranks; renovated in 2014.
- Steinway grand piano (donated by the Fowlkes family)
- Three-octave Schulmerich handbells, refurbished in 2014
- Yamaha grand piano, Parrish House Choir Room
- Baldwin Ellingham spinet piano
- Rogue acoustic guitar

## **Moving Forward – 2019 Priorities**

In 2019, We look forward to working with St. Paul's parishioners, clergy, Vestry, and staff in continuing to grow St. Paul's music program within the church itself and the Nantucket community. Some of the priorities for the year include:

- Continue to build, grow and strengthen the core music groups
- Continue the tradition of programming inspirational music for Holy Week services
- Plan and implement special music events
- Continue to utilize and engage the music talents of St. Paul's parishioners, year-round and seasonal
- Explore collaborative music opportunities with Nantucket churches and music organizations
- Continue to develop and implement fund raising efforts for the ongoing support of the Choral Scholar and Adult Section Leader program

On a personal note, I want to thank parishioners, the Vestry, clergy and staff for their affirmation and support since my arrival on Nantucket in May. I am blessed.

*If you are called upon to play a church service, it is a greater honor than if you were to play a concert on the finest organ in the world.... Thank God each time when you are privileged to sit before the organ console and assist in the worship of the Almighty. – Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965)*

Amen.

*Joe Hammer*

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

## **3. Altar Guild**

The arrival of Father Max last June was reassuring and comforting for the Altar Guild. Although the Altar Guild is self-sufficient and independent, we rely on the Clergy for guidance in much of the work we do. It is a pleasure working with Father Max, because of his friendly and supportive ways and concern for everyone. Father Max has chosen to enhance the natural look of the wooden structures in the Chancel by removing the Bible Markers and Pulpit Hanging. Originally the pews for the choir were moved to the chapel to give space for a concert by a local band on Halloween but it was discovered that with the removal of the pews, the voices of the choir on Sunday had a fuller sound. As time has gone on this open space has given us the opportunity to allow several musical groups as well as the St. Paul's Bell Choir to perform in the church more easily. Plus there is a whole new look in the Chapel with the pews.

Last year we suffered some sad news. The passing of Barbara Anderson was a shock for us all. Barbara had been on the guild for at least ten years, as well as assisting with the many church weddings. Barbara had gained the respect of all because of her dedication to both activities. Many a bride felt her support as she walked down the aisle.

Olly Wolf and Mary Will joined the Altar Guild this year. Olly has been a special blessing because of her willingness to assist and her previous training. She graciously volunteers to help with the last minute details. Mary has brought enthusiasm and her natural grace to the guild. We are happy to have these two new members.

Thanks to the members that continue to tend to the weekly preparation of the altar and sanctuary. We are blessed to have the following members: Jeannette Fowlkes, Polly Espy Millard, Beth Keith, Penny Macintyre, Barbara McDonald, Sister Susanna Margaret, Sheri Perelman, Jay Riggs, Ann Smith, Cathy Ward, Christine Borneman, Toni McKerrow and Trisha Anderson, Olly Wolf and Mary Will.

St. Paul's is enriched because of the many dedicated and committed Altar Guild members. We have continued to grow over the years and have become a very supportive and energetic group.

*Dottie Gennaro*, Altar Guild Coordinator

#### **4. Liturgical Ministry**

Serving the Church as a Eucharistic Minister, lector, usher, greeter, or acolyte is a ministry open to all. We are delighted that several new people volunteered to serve in 2018. We can always use more help, and serving in one of these ministries can be very fulfilling as well. We encourage all members of the parish family to consider volunteering in one of these areas of service, and we look forward to welcoming you into that fellowship.

The parishioners listed below have served during the past year in the various Liturgical Ministries of St. Paul's Church. We thank them all for their dedicated service!

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

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

Betsy Brown  
Godfrey Frable  
Sister Susanna  
Margaret  
Beverly Hall  
Sandy Knox Johnston

Malcolm MacNab  
Bill Moore  
Sheri Perleman  
Ian Roberston  
Randy Wight  
Olly Wolf

#### **LECTORS**

Trish Anderson  
Kathy Baird  
Curtis Barnes  
Ken Beaugrand  
Normand Berthelette  
Lucy Bixby  
Abigail Borneman  
Cynthia Borneman  
Nancy Broll  
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  
Lucy Leske  
Wyatt Leske  
Reggie Levine  
Kathi Linville

Penny Macintyre  
Karen MacNab  
Sally Nash  
Siobhan O'Mahony  
Jenny Paradis  
Steve Paradis  
Yvette St. Jean  
Geoff Schultz  
Barbara Stevens  
Howard Stovall  
Debbie Timmermann  
Randy Wight

#### **USHERS/GREETERS**

Curtis Barnes  
Ken Beaugrand  
Abigail Borneman  
Elizabeth Borneman

Christine Borneman  
Lou Gennaro  
Peter Greenhalgh  
Carolyn Hills

John Knox-Johnston  
Reggie Levine  
Penny Macintyre  
Fritz McClure

Aidan McCormack  
Erin McCormack  
Martin McKerrow  
Bill Moore  
Steve Paradis  
Frank Robinson

Dirk Roggeveen  
Phil Smith  
Stacey Stuart  
Luke Thornewill  
Wes Thornewill  
Jean Wagley

Cathy Ward  
Randy Wight  
Scott Widmeyer  
Alan Yount

#### **ACOLYTES**

Elizabeth Borneman  
Genevieve Frable  
Maria Grace Frable

Erin McCormack  
Clara Frable  
Juliet Frable

Respectfully submitted,  
*Curtis Barnes*, Coordinator

### **5. Fellowship Committee**

The Fellowship Committee is made up of parishioners willing to volunteer their time to help achieve a successful year of entertainments for St. Paul's. The members are: Louise Affleck, Christine Borneman, Sheila Daume, Suzanne Fronzuto, Dottie Gennaro, Penny Macintyre, Sharon Robinson, Yvette St. Jean, Stacey Stuart, Libby Tracey, Olly Wolf and Nancy Jane Woolley. The committee meets once a month to discuss upcoming events and then our liaison reports at the Vestry meeting which is held the following day.

Coffee Hour is a weekly Sunday event. The committee assigns a coordinator and a volunteer is recruited to assist with the set up and to bring the sweets or savories. The volunteer and the coordinator are responsible for the set up and to clear afterwards and to be sure Gardner Hall is left clean for the next event.

Throughout the year the committee has assisted with several brunches and potlucks, the Mid-Winter dinners, the Festival on Fair, the two Ships Inn dinners-one held in the Spring, the other in the Fall, the first ever Spooky Halloween two-day event, several concerts along with assisting with the Christmas Market.

The committee thanks those parishioners who have graciously assisted us throughout the year and my grateful thanks to our dedicated committee members.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Penny Macintyre*  
Chair

### **6. Flower Ministry**

The Flower Ministry is part of the Befrienders, whose larger mission is to provide care and friendship to those needing meals, rides, visits and the like. Each week (except during Advent and Lent when there are no flowers just altar greens) the Sunday altar flowers are broken down into smaller bouquets, and delivered to those in the community who are ill, housebound, just need cheering, or are to be thanked for extraordinary service of some kind. Volunteers and recipients alike receive the warmth of St. Paul's loving care in this special ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Christine Borneman*

## D. FUNDRAISING

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### 1. Summer Fair

In 2018, St. Paul's Fair was held on Thursday, July 12, from 9:30AM to 2:00PM. The weather was perfect, in some ways, too perfect. Bright sunny days historically mean that the Fair attracts most of its visitors in the morning but by lunchtime attendance drops off significantly as people leave to go to the beach. This proved true this year. Nonetheless, we had a large crowd including a record number of children (600+, many from the island day camps and the Boys and Girls Club.

The Fair was organized, as it has been in the past, into three sections – the Festival on Fair (preview and cocktail party on Tuesday, July 10), the fund-raising adult area of the Fair featuring the sale of goods, crafts and food, and the free “Kidstreet” with children’s games, crafts and special events.

Overseen by the Fellowship Committee, the Festival on Fair, our annual soiree to reunite our year-round and summer parishioners, was held in the church garden and had a strong turnout. Attendees had the opportunity, in advance of the general public, to bid on or buy items at the Silent Auction and the Gift Chalet while enjoying each other’s company and an array of hors d’oeuvres and wine.

Among several new features introduced this year, “Pop a Cork” debuted at the Festival on Fair. Parishioners were asked to donate a good bottle of wine and attendees at the Festival could then buy a \$20 chance to draw a numbered cork from a bin and take home the bottle with the corresponding number.

For the second consecutive year, we were able to open Kidstreet as a community service event, free for all children on the island, ensuring that all children had an equal opportunity to enjoy a day at the Fair without regard to their economic circumstances. We are happy to report that a record number of children attended this year. We were able to fund Kidstreet through a \$1500 grant from a charitable foundation. Through the generosity of Mark Snyder and his staff at the Nantucket Hotel, featured fire engine rides on the hotel’s 1948 fire engine. Wendy Rouillard and Barnaby Bear joined special events for the first time, and we purchased a dunk tank. Lizza Obremski, with her Nanpuppets, has been a regular for the past several years and returned this year to give her much-loved puppet show.

The Fair itself was enhanced and enlivened by the music of the New Life Ministries choral group, appearing for the first time. The musical group from the congregation, which uses St. Paul’s Church for their services, received raves from all who heard them and were a great, upbeat addition to St. Paul’s Fair.

We are sincerely saddened by the passing of Bill Welch who, for many years, has been a fixture at St. Paul’s Fair. We will miss his art, his smile, and his presence going forward.

The 2018 Fair brought in \$30,175.00. The Silent Auction was the top money-making area of the Fair.

Thank you to all who in any way, shape or form, made the 2018 Fair happen. The Fair remains the single biggest fund raiser for St. Paul’s and an important part of our parish and Island life.

Sincerely,  
*Sharon Robinson and Dottie Gennaro, Fair Coordinators*

## **2. Needlepoint Rug Raffle**

This year's beautifully stitched St. Paul's rug was won by a surprised but thrilled young lady from New York City. Our rug this year was dedicated to George Fowlkes, who stitched many squares for our rugs over the years and has stitched many beautiful pieces in the church, including the piano bench and the glorious window rug .

Our rug this year was similar to last year with its new border with the names of many of Nantucket's best known areas on the island and it will be repeated again this year. We are always grateful to Cindy Chilauskas, who year after year designs the squares, makes up the kits and assembles the glorious finished rug.

Special thanks to our faithful stitchers: Caroline Ellis, Jeanette Fowlkes, Bay McClure, Sheila Daume, Nancy Bills, Mary Jo Beck, Penny McIntyre, Yvette St. Jean, and Eugenie Voohrees.

Further thanks must go to our underwriters; their support is so important to the success of our fundraiser for St Paul's. I am eternally grateful to all those who faithfully and enthusiastically sold lots of tickets on Main Street to make it a fun project and spread the wonderful words of St Paul's Church. Our thanks to Congdon and Coleman who enthusiastically helped us set up the table and rug.

The stitchers are eagerly awaiting their squares for the 2019 St. Paul's Rug. We look forward to the continuing support of the parish in this important fundraising event.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Sheila Daume*

## **3. Christmas Market**

The annual Christmas Market was held on December 1, 2018 as part of Nantucket Stroll weekend.

The Market has earned a reputation with Islanders and visitors alike as the "go to" place for high quality, unique gifts, Christmas decorations and décor, greens, baked goods, and a wonderful, hot, sit-down lunch – all at good prices. This year's Market lived up to that reputation.

Olly Wolf gamely stepped up to take over the gift and craft area. The steady flow of customers who came through the doors were thrilled with the array of items, new, used and antique, as well as with the Silent Auction. Sister Susanna and the kids crafted Christmas ornaments, and Sheila Daume handled the greens.

Vicky Goss reports about the same number of lunch customers as last year. The slight price increase imposed this year did not affect the number of lunches served. The menu included quiche, chowder, carrot soup, chili, hot dogs, and salad. Food prep, cooking, service, and clearing tables, all went off without a hitch with the help of a dedicated crew - some new, some veterans.

The Bake Sale, managed by Yvette St. Jean, is always a star at the Christmas Market as people stock up for the holidays.

Something new was added this year to our Stroll weekend. On Friday night (Nov. 30) before the Christmas Market, Pam Goddard and Joe Hammer organized and orchestrated a new event, "Carols, Crèches, Cakes, and Champagne," to piggyback on the Christmas Market. That night the church was decorated with a unique display of crèches loaned by generous parishioners and managed by Dottie Gennaro. Joe Hammer put together a fabulous program of traditional and contemporary Christmas

music, featuring performances by guest artists and the handbell choir. Tickets were sold for \$25 per person with a percentage going to support the music program. Following the concert, ticket holders enjoyed dessert and champagne and the opening of the gift sales area of the Christmas Market for their exclusive shopping. Plans are already underway for the Christmas Concert for next year.

The Christmas Market netted well over \$13,000.

*Pam Goddard, Olly Wolf, Sheila Daume and Sharon Robinson*

## **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.

The Nantucket Food Pantry, the Nantucket Rental Assistance Program, and the Fuel Assistance Program-rebranded collectively in 2017 as "Nantucket Food Fuel 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, 2018) of its current fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, NFFRA reported that:

- 2,074 persons had visited the Food Pantry, and 1,534 households had received 5,146 bags of groceries
- 26 households had received rental assistance of \$77,025
- 19 households had received fuel assistance

Members of St. Paul's have made contributions through a monthly collection, on the first Sunday of each month, of food and money for the Food Pantry as well as donations for rental assistance.

The NIFC conducts the annual commemorative service for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in January each year (6 pm, January 21, 2019, at Summer Street Church) and coordinates the yearly Nantucket High School Baccalaureate.

In 2019, St. Paul's expects to play a much larger role in the NIFC's annual efforts to assist the J-1 Visa international students who come to work on Nantucket during the May-Labor Day period. Led by Father Max, who was involved in the Delaware programs for these students, we hope to invite them to services at St. Paul's and a meal or two in Gardner Hall, to offer free laundry service, and otherwise to offer counsel and to be a resource for them.

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, 2019. Others in the congregation are welcome to attend NIFC meetings (noon, second Tuesday of the month, from September to June, at the Congregational Church on Centre Street) 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 respond to our neighbors in need.

*Frank Robinson, Lay Representative*

## **1. Outreach Committee**

"Outreach" has been active this year, formally with the Committee's work, and also among the congregation. Opening the doors of St. Paul's to young people for their music, continuing to be active in the community dinners, sharing space and Communion (and music!) with New Life Ministries - in these ways we continue to share God's love with our neighbors.

Laundry Love, actively helping many needy community members to do their laundry, has been going strong. We continued with our presence and financial assistance once a month at the laundromat through June, and began again in September. During the busy summer months we gave laundry cards to our "regular" customers, so they could still afford the expense of doing their washing. We've helped about 15-20 families and individuals a month, thanks to some generous donations and to the volunteers who give their time, smiles and energy to help with the laundry. Special thanks to Holdgates Laundry and Frank Robinson and Kathy Baird who brought the program to us.

About \$600 worth of school supplies were collected again this year to give to students and teachers as needed.

The food pantry collections each month have continued, and almost \$900 in cash as well as bags of groceries have been donated.

Outreach funds are also available for emergency aid, when they are needed to assist in a natural (or man-made) disaster or crisis.

The Cuba Mission, spearheaded by Lucy Bixby, succeeded in installing a water purification system in Vertientes in March, at the site of our companion Episcopal Church of San Juan Evangelista. This is being used by the entire community, with clear health benefits. A second trip to Cuba was made in November, with Lucy and Vicky Goss bearing gifts of tools and sewing materials and money for the rebuilding of their church. This was even more productive in assuring them of our continued love and support.

These two mission trips were supported by a matching grant of \$10,000 from the Diocese of Massachusetts. Each traveler to Cuba has paid his or her own travel expenses, so that all the money raised goes directly to the church in Cuba.

The Outreach Committee was somewhat in limbo, except for these active missions, for much of the year while we waited for our new pastor. It seems very clear that the love Father Max shares with us will help us continue to spread the knowledge and love of Christ throughout our community, the nation and the world.

We give many, many thanks to the parish for your generous financial support of Outreach missions and for your active participation. We are blessed to be able to share so much, in so many ways.

Committee members: Lucy Bixby, Cynthia and Paul Borneman, Sheila Daume, Vicky Goss, Frank Robinson, Libby Tracey, Fr. Max Wolf

Respectfully submitted,  
*Vicky Goss*, chair

## **F. FACILITY USAGE**

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### **1. New Life Ministries International**

Grace and peace be multiplied unto you. The New Life Ministries family continues to express our sincere gratitude towards the St. Paul's Parish for their continued expression of love.

The Word of the Lord states in John 13:35, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." This act has been clearly demonstrated towards us (NLM) by the St. Paul's family, not only in the past year but repeatedly over the past several years. It has truly warmed our hearts to see the constant expression of love. Our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Garfield Bloise and other NLM members have had the opportunity of working with several members from the St. Paul's Parish and I have been honored to have the opportunity to get to know and work alongside Father Max. Father Max has been very instrumental and has gone over and beyond, extending himself to aiding us in every way that he is able to. Frank Robinson with keen eye for detail has ensured that all needed details are in order and has communicated in a very timely manner. There have been so many other members who have touched our lives, for the sake of time and space I cannot name, but will say, thank you for your time and efforts. Our admiration for Leadership continues to grow as selfless humility and Christ-like love have always been portrayed.

The St. Paul's family have kept their doors open to our NLM congregation, allowing us to have a place of fellowship and worship: weekly prayer meetings, bible studies, Sunday services, summer evening services on Sunday evenings, funerals, weddings and any other occasion which may arise. It has been with great pleasure that we have had the opportunity to have had a combined service with both congregations in 2018 which in our eyes was a great time of fellowship displaying brotherhood and unity, exemplifying the vision of our Lord that the Body be one. We appreciated the combined evening fellowship where both our congregations had the opportunity to eat and commune with each other and the invitation extended to us to be a part of the annual summer event where our choir participated in the mid-day concert. We look forward to and welcome more opportunities to fellowship with each other as we continue our mission of spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our Senior Pastor, the Rev. Garfield Bloise, and the entire New Life Ministries Leadership and church family look forward to a continued healthy and long-lasting relationship, working together with the St. Paul's Church family in advancing the "Kingdom of God" and making a difference in our island community, Nantucket.

The opening of your hearts and doors have truly been a blessing to us and all the other lives that have been touched by your generosity. Thank you.

Shalom  
*Rev. Garfield Bloise*, Senior Pastor  
New Life Ministries International

## **G. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

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In 2018, we continued to work to improve the central communications functions of the parish via periodic newsletters, advertising, events and social media. As we look ahead to 2019, we will strive to build out these channels for a successful communications platform as this will be integral to St. Paul's long-term planning efforts.

### **Newsletters**

We published three newsletters during the 2018 calendar year. In May, thanks to the work of Lucy Bixby and Vicky Goss, we provided the congregation a four-page full color newsletter, "To Cuba with Love," that chronicled the March St. Paul's-supported trip to Cuba.

Then, in June, in conjunction with Father Max and Olly coming to St. Paul's, a 10-page full-color newsletter was created to welcome them and to provide important information to the parish as we began the busy summer season.

In October, in advance of the busy fall and Advent season, our final newsletter of the year was published (8 pages, full-color).

With each issue, we emailed the newsletter to all members as well as providing printed copies to those who preferred a mailed version.

### **Advertising**

At various times throughout the year, we organized public service and paid advertising on Nantucket radio stations (97.7 ACK-FM and 89.5 WNCK-FM), Mahon About Town, the Inky and Yesterday's Island. And, through the weekly "Cross Currents" public affairs show hosted by Scott Widmeyer on 89.5 WNCK-FM, St. Paul's was featured for two months in complimentary spots, "Your Church, Your Community."

### **Social media/website**

Efforts continue to improve our presence via social media channels, Facebook and Instagram. And thanks to the work of several parishioners and Christine Borneman, the St. Paul's website is becoming a go-to place for key information.

### **Your Contact Information/Become part of the Communications Committee**

If you are interested in becoming part of the Communications Committee for 2019, we welcome your involvement. Please contact Scott Widmeyer at [scott.widmeyer@widmeyer.com](mailto:scott.widmeyer@widmeyer.com) to let him know of your interest.

And, if your mailing address and/or email information has changed, let Christine know in the parish office. She can be reached at [office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org](mailto:office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org) or call the church office.

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