

## Laundry Love

St. Paul's will fund a second "free laundry" event at Holdgates Laundromat next Wednesday, December 13, between 230 pm and 430 pm.

If you know of someone who would benefit from being able to wash and dry their laundry without cost, please them of the date and time.

## Christian Education Opportunities

### Weekly Prayer Vigil

Wednesdays , In the Church at 5:00-5:30pm  
Candlelight, Prayer, Music and Silence  
For Peace and Healing of ourselves, family, nation and world

### Mid-week Eucharist

Wednesday Holy Eucharist  
Holy Eucharist will be at 5:30pm.

### Thursday Afternoon Book Group

Thursdays, 11:30 am -12:30 pm  
St. Paul's Parish House  
The group is following the Advent Daily word program from SSJE and Virginia's Theological Seminary.  
For more information, please contact Lucy Bixby: bixbyphoto@gmail.com

### Centering Prayer Group

Saturdays, 9:00 am -10:00 am  
St. Paul's Parish House  
Led by Sister Susanna Margaret  
This weekly group includes an opening prayer or meditation, a 20-minute practice of Centering Prayer (silent sitting), a scripture reading, and a time for discussion.

### Study of the Bible

#### December 10th

"What is the Bible, and how did we get it" from 8:30-9:10am Please bring your Bible to the discussion. A variety of translations will be helpful.

### National Alliance on Mental Illness

For support, education, and advocacy for mental illness please contact Nantucket's Program Coordinator Suzanne Fronzuto at 508-221-6202 or NAMIonNantucket@gmail.com.

### Advent

Daily Advent reflection offered by the monks at the Society of St. John the Evangelist. To register, see their website [www.adventword.org/sign-up](http://www.adventword.org/sign-up).

### CUBA! March 10-17, 2018

Your passport needs to be valid through August, 2018. Religious visas take 3 months, via the Episcopal Diocese of Cuba. Deadline for non-refundable deposit (\$125 for visa): NOVEMBER 20th. St. Paul's members will have preference until November 10th, then trip will be open to the greater Diocese. If you'd like to join us, contact Lucy Bixby [bixbyphoto@gmail.com](mailto:bixbyphoto@gmail.com), 508-257-6672( home)508-332-2855( mobile)

**We pray for:** Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our Bishop; Gayle, our Suffragan Bishop; Bud and Barbara, our retired Suffragans; and John, our Rector.

**We pray for:** Sue, Martin, Andrew, Betsy, Connie, Deb, Cathy, Joan, Steve, Mary, Margaux, James, Carrie, Nancy, George, Stewie, June.

**The Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** The Rt. Rev. Jose Antonio McLoughlin, Bishop of Western North Carolina.

**The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** St. Paul's Church, Bedford; All Saints' Church, Belmont; St. Mark's Church, Burlington; The Officers of the Diocese.

**We pray for:** The men and women serving in our Armed Forces; easing of racial tensions in our country; those with mental illness and their families; healing and peace among peoples and nations throughout the world; the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Supreme Court and all in authority; our brothers and sisters from other faiths; our local Food Pantry, the Rental Assistance Program.

### Advent and Christmas Service Schedule

#### Dec. 10th ~ Advent 2

9:30 am ~ Bring a friend to Church/ St. Nick Visit  
5:00 pm ~ Sung Compline

#### Dec. 13th

7:00 pm ~ Blue Christmas

#### Dec. 16th

9:00 am ~ Breakfast with St. Nick

#### Dec. 17th ~ Advent 3

9:30 am ~ Holy Eucharist Rite II  
5:00 pm ~ Sung Compline

#### Dec. 24th ~ Advent 4/Christmas Eve

9:30 am ~ Holy Eucharist Rite II/Advent 4 service  
5:00 pm ~ Children's Pageant and Holy Eucharist  
9:30 pm ~ Musical Prelude  
10:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist

#### Dec. 25th ~ Christmas Day

10:00am ~ Christmas Day Worship/Rite II

### Today at St. Paul's

**Sun., Dec. 10th** **Bring a Friend to Church Sunday**  
9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II/St. Nick Visit  
9:30 am Church School Classes/Nursery Care during service  
Coffee Hour following the service  
11:00 am Christmas Brunch  
1:00 pm-3:00pm NLM Services  
5:00 pm Sung Compline  
7:00 pm NIANA Meeting in Parish House

### This Week at St. Paul's

#### Daily

8:00 am-7:00 pm The Church is open for prayer

#### Mon.-Fri.

8:30 am-12:30 pm Parish Office is open

#### Tues. & Thurs.

3:00- 5:00pm John's office hours

#### Mon., Dec. 11th

11:00 am Music Committee Meeting  
7:00 pm NIANA Meeting in Parish House

#### Tues., Dec. 12th

10:00am Sherburne Commons Worship  
11:15 am Lectionary Group  
7:00 pm NIANA Meeting in Parish House

#### Wed., Dec. 13th

9:30 am Staff Meeting  
5:00 pm Pat Searle Memorial Service  
7:00 pm Blue Christmas Service  
7:00 pm NIANA Meeting in Parish House

#### Thurs., Dec. 14th

11:30 am Book Group  
4:00 pm Vestry Meeting  
open to all St. Paul's members

#### Fri., Dec. 15th

7:00 pm NIANA Meeting in Parish House

#### Sat., Dec. 16th

9:00 am Breakfast with St. Nick  
9:00 am Centering Prayer  
5:00 pm NLM Event

#### Sun., Dec. 17th

9:30 am Holy Eucharist Rite II  
9:30 am Church School Classes/Nursery Care during service  
Coffee Hour following the service  
1:00 pm-3:00pm NLM Services  
5:00 pm Sung Compline  
7:00 pm NIANA Meeting in Parish House



## St. Paul's Church in Nantucket

Second Sunday of Advent

December 10, 2017

**Happening Soon**

### Compline Continues

Our service of Sung Compline will be offered at 5:00 pm on Dec. 10, and 17th. Compline is the final service, or office, of the day in the Christian tradition, and can be traced back to the first century AD. It is a brief, candlelit ritual of contemplation and prayer – a lovely way to conclude one week and prepare for the next.



### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Invites you to *Breakfast with St. Nick*

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM

**December 16, 2017**

*Come and enjoy a breakfast buffet, crafts, face painting, story time with St. Nick and other surprises!*

### Christmas Cookies for 1st Responders

Let the 1st Responders of our Police Department, Fire Department, and Hospital who are on call to serve us on Christmas Day know that we support them by baking a dozen or more cookies from your favorite recipe(s). These treats will be delivered on Christmas Day immediately following our morning worship. Donations can be left in the refrigerator/freezer in Gardner Hall any time before and including Christmas Eve and marked for 1st Responders.

### Blue Christmas – A Service of Hope and Healing - December 13th at 7:00pm

On Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00 pm, there will be a holiday service at St. Paul's designed for those who aren't feeling so merry during the holidays: anyone who has suffered the loss of a loved one, a job or a place to live; who might be troubled by seasonal depression or the ghosts of Christmases past. There is space for feelings of grief, anxiety and frustration as this service moves us out of sadness into hope, out of darkness into light. Through music and prayer, worship and healing, we can find release and peace. Come for yourself, or bring someone who needs to find blessing and perspective in this season of hope.

### A Christmas Carol (1999)

Dec. 14th 7:30pm in the Parish House The Dickens' classic starring the great Patrick Stewart as Ebener Scrooge. Doors open at 7:00pm Movie and refreshments are FREE