

St Paul's Nantucket

The Weekly Epistle: The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost



COMING SOON

Congregational Meeting

There will be a Congregational Meeting on October 30th after each service in the Parish House. We would like to hear your concerns and desires about service music and worship services.

Youth and Children Service Sunday

Join us Sunday, October 30th at ten o'clock for a Youth-led service of Sacraments and Pumpkins, as we reflect on those who are no longer with us, the love of family and friends, and Christ's triumph over darkness. A boo-tiful coffee hour will be held in Gardner Hall after the service. All are welcome!

Combined Youth Groups Ghost Walk and Spaghetti Dinner

October 30th, 4:30-7:30pm, Gardner Hall

St. Paul's will once again be hosting the annual Spaghetti Dinner and Ghost Walk for the youth of the island on Sunday, October 30th. All students in grade 6 or higher are invited to attend. The youth are encouraged to bring their carved pumpkins for a jack-o-lantern contest. The Event starts at 4:30 in Gardner Hall. Pick up is at 7:30. We are honored once again to have our very own Bill Jamieson lead the ghost walk. Questions? Please contact Kenny Hilbig at khilbig@gmail.com

All Saint's Day Service

We will celebrate All Saint's Day on November 6th at both services. We ask that you send in names of those that you have lost to the Parish office (office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org) so that we might remember them in our prayers. November 6th will also be "bring a friend" Sunday. We invite every parishioner to invite a friend to attend Church.



It's Fall and the perfect time to think about St. Paul's Fair next July. If you're headed to sunnier latitudes for the winter months, closing up your house or selling, we'll help you out. The Gift Chalet needs those treasures like china, silver, furniture and antiques that you hate to part with but know you can no longer use. And we'll take them now! Call Dan Bills (508 228-9044) or the Church Office and donate now.

Tuesday Lectionary Study

Everyone is invited to join John in the Parish House on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm. We will discuss the upcoming week's lessons. Join us



Thursday Afternoon Book Group

Thursdays, 11:30 am -12:30 pm

St. Paul's Parish House

We are studying **Lilac Girls** by Martha Hall Kelly.

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.



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: Jerry, Beverly C., Barbara, Jay, Anna, June, Andrew, Susan, Elizabeth, Marci, Jack, Nora, John, Bonnie, Vi, Frances, Pat.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Rev. Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabay, Bishop of Colombo.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Waltham; Anglican Congregation of St. Peter at Christ Episcopal Church, Waltham; Church of the Good Shepherd, Wareham; Church of the Good Shepherd, Watertown; Order of St. Luke.

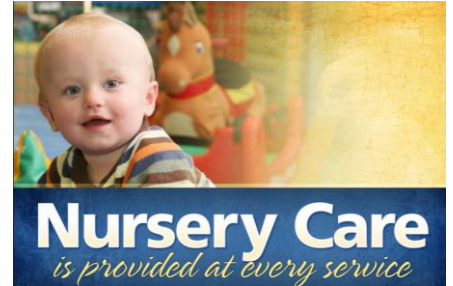
We pray for: The men and women serving in our Armed Forces; easing of racial tensions in our country; those with mental illness and their families; healing and peace among peoples and nations throughout the world; the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Supreme Court and all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

Marie Sullivan will arrange and deliver today's altar flowers to those who are ill, recovering from surgery, needing cheer and/or celebrating a special event or achievement.

Sunday Morning Nursery Care

Second Floor in Parish House

Please be sure to sign your child in and out, and leave your cell phone number with our wonderful childcare provider Joann



Save the date! Film documentary NEWTOWN showing at Dreamland Theater Thu Nov 3 at 5:00 pm.

Filmed over the course of nearly three years, the filmmakers use unique access and never before heard testimonies to tell a story of the aftermath of the deadliest mass shooting of schoolchildren in American history on December 14, 2012.

Newtown documents a traumatized community fractured by grief and driven toward a sense of purpose. Joining the ranks of a growing club to which no one wants to belong, a cast of characters interconnect to weave an intimate story of community resilience.

This special screening will be followed by a question and answer session with a panel of speakers from the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the Family and Children's Services of Nantucket, the Make It Stop coalition, and local schools and police.

MAKE IT STOP is a Nantucket group of people who meet once a month to write letters, make calls to senators and congress, demonstrate, speak out, host events, and educate ourselves about how to make a difference in gun safety.

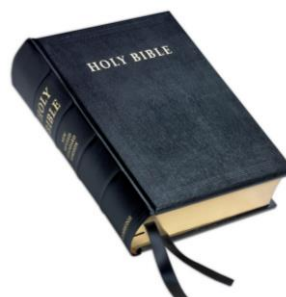
THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

[Jeremiah 31:27-34](#)

[Psalm 121](#)

[2 Timothy 3:14-4:5](#)

[Luke 18:1-8](#)



October 14, 2016

**Treasurer's Financial Report to the Parish for
the Nine Months ended September 30, 2016:**

1. Income and Expenses. As of September 30, 2016, our ordinary income for the calendar year was \$404,908 compared to the budget of \$357,350 and our ordinary expenses were \$340,564 compared to the budget of \$394,800. The positive result is in major part attributable to the accounting change, effected in August, that includes in this year's January ordinary income almost \$90,000 of pledges for 2016 that were prepaid in 2015. Were net ordinary income to be adjusted to exclude the \$90,000 not included in the budget, StP's net ordinary income as of September 30 would be within \$5,000 of the amount budgeted.

Unlike prior years, pledges for 2017 prepaid this year will be not be recognized in 2016 income and instead will be deferred to January 2017. As of September 30, StP had received \$6,036 in prepaid 2017 pledges and gifts, recognition of which in income is being deferred to January 2017. An explanation of the accounting change appears on the StP website under "Resources – Treasurer's Report – Accounting Changes Authorized – Accounting Change Notice."

In the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we received \$27,710 for, and spent \$19,400 from, the Capital Campaign Fund.

Not reflected in ordinary income is a bequest of \$25,000 from the estate of Barbara Malcolm. The terms of the bequest ask that the funds be used for "maintenance of the church building." Consequently, we will maintain this bequest as a restricted fund separate and apart from our long-term investments and our Capital Campaign Fund. A portion of this bequest has been appropriated by the Vestry to pay for current studies of the leaks in the Bell Tower and their potential remedies. Also excluded from ordinary income is \$21,000 in revenue associated with special services, such as weddings, that we have reclassified (since we developed the budget) as contributions to a building fund.

2. Balance Sheet: As of September 30, our working capital and related reserves (including the balance of the restricted Malcolm bequest and building fund balance) were \$234,509, the Capital Campaign Fund balance was \$132,936 and our long-term investments aggregated \$644,143. The Rector's Discretionary Fund held \$9,637.
3. Seniors: For those of you with IRAs and "minimum required distributions" – Included in legislation enacted into law in December 2015 was an expansion of the popular IRA provision allowing individuals aged 70½ or older to make direct charitable gifts from traditional and Roth IRAs to qualified charities in a total amount up to \$100,000 per year and exclude the amount of the gifts from income subject to federal income tax. This provision applies only to IRAs and not to 401(k)s, 403(b)s and other tax-favored retirement plans. Gifts must be made directly from the custodian of your IRA to St. Paul's or another qualified charity. Please consult your tax advisor or contact us for assistance in utilizing this provision.
4. Gifts of Securities: If you choose to meet your pledge with, or make a gift to StP of, securities, please call the Treasurer's office [508-228-0916 x16] for instructions as to how to effect the transfer to StP.
5. Quarterly statements. If you indicated on your 2016 pledge card that you wanted to receive periodic statements of the status of your gifts to St. Paul's, your statement for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is being e-mailed to you. If you do not receive your statement by November 1, please e-mail us - finance@stpaulschurchnantucket.com.

Frank Robinson, Treasurer
Dual Macintyre, Assistant Treasurer