

St Paul's Nantucket

The Weekly Epistle: The first Sunday of Advent

Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which Christians make themselves ready for the birth of the Lord, Jesus



Christian Education Opportunities

Tuesday Lectionary Study Resuming Nov. 29th

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 **The Rosie Project** by author Simson. 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, an

Sunday Morning Forum Schedule.

Dec. 4th, Emergency Readiness and Preparedness, Dave Fronzuto after the 10:00am service in the Chapel.

Jan. 8th, Wardens Lou Gennaro and Stacey Stuart will discuss what the role of the Vestry is, after the 10:00am service in the Chapel.

Happening Soon

Advent Lessons & Carols

On December 18th, the Fourth Sunday in Advent, the 10:00 service will be Advent Lessons & Carols and the Holy Eucharist. The short lessons tell stories from the fall of humanity through the promise of the Messiah and the birth of Jesus, followed by carols and anthems. Join us as we continue to prepare our hearts and minds for the coming of Christmas.



CHRISTMAS MARKET – Stroll weekend Saturday, December 3rd, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm

DONATIONS NEEDED: Please take time to look around your house to see what you might be able to give to the Christmas Market. We're looking for decorative items which could be used over the Christmas season. The pew inside the door of the Parish House is waiting to be filled; it's been looking rather empty thus far, but there is still time to donate.

KNITS & CRAFTS

NEEDED: We're also hoping all our knitters, sewers and other crafty people are hard at work on projects for our crafts table. People are always on the lookout for baby sweaters and blankets, as well as scarves, hats and mittens.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Call Nancy Bills at 508-228-9044 (or email at nancymbills@comcast.net). We have morning and afternoon shifts in all departments including the popular tours of our stained-glass windows.

TEA TIME: we'll be offering tea and hot drinks along with baked goods in the afternoon from 2:00 on. This will be a good time for just taking a break.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for St. Paul's Christmas Potluck Brunch.

On Sunday, December 11th after our combined 9:30am service we will continue the long held tradition of our congregation celebrating the Christmas season together. The sign-up sheet for the Potluck is in the back of the Church. There also will be a collection taken and items collected to benefit "A Safe Place." After the brunch, Kristen Brock, who is the Director of Advocacy and Community, will tell us about what "A Safe Place" does for us in the Nantucket community.

Gingerbread House Workshop Potluck

Friday, December 16th, 5:30pm

Everyone loves the colorful and creative gingerbread houses! There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the church. We have 20 houses so please indicate the number of gingerbread houses you wish to decorate. Also, please mark which type of dish you will bring to the potluck. The suggested donation is \$10 per gingerbread house. Candy donations are also needed to help keep costs down.

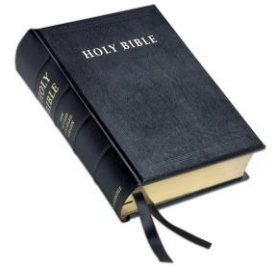
We pray for: Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Alan, our Bishop; Gayle, our Suffragan Bishop; Bud and Barbara, our retired Suffragans; and John, our Rector.

We pray for: Reggie, Marianne, Marshall, Barbara, Jay, Anna, June, Andrew, Susan, Elizabeth, Jack, Nora, John, Vi, Frances, Pat.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Rev. Dean Wolfe, Bishop of Kansas.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Parishes of the Alewife Deanery; Church of Our Saviour, Arlington; St. John's Church, Arlington; Order of St. Anne & Bethany House of Prayer, Arlington; The Standing Committee

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.



This weeks Scripture Readings

- [Isaiah 2:1-5](#)
- [Romans 13:11-14](#)
- [Matthew 24:36-44](#)
- [Psalm 122](#)