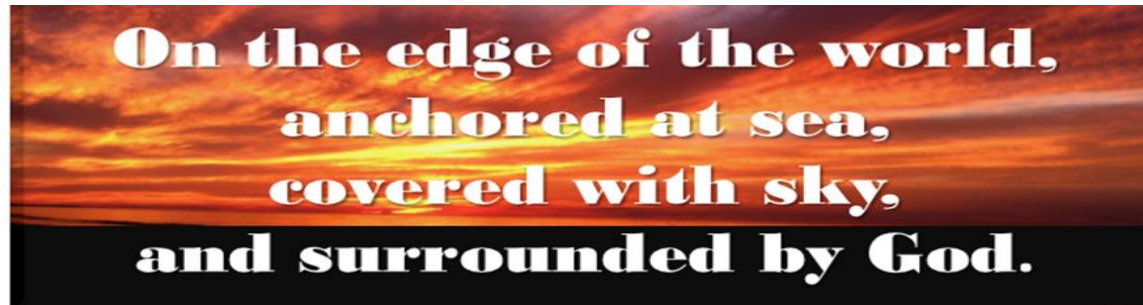


St Paul's Nantucket

The Weekly Epistle: The Last Sunday after Pentecost



Christian Education Opportunities

Tuesday Lectionary Study Resuming Nov. 29th

Everyone is invited to join John in the Parish House on Mondays 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 group includes an opening prayer or meditation, a 20-minute practice of Centering Prayer (silent sitting), a scripture reading, and a time for discussion.



Sunday Morning Forum Schedule

Nov. 20th, How to Conserve Energy in your Home, Kim Horyn after the 10:00am service in the Chapel.

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

Vestry Nominations

If you would like to nominate a St. Paul's parishioner to be on the Vestry for the 2017 slate, please contact Christine at the church office at 508-228-0916.



Pastoral Care is Here and Near

Do you or does someone you know need a visit, a call, a card, a meal, flowers, prayers, a caring presence, spiritual guidance, a helping hand, a ride to the doctor, dentist or Stop and Shop or other assistance?

St. Paul's has a pastoral care team of individuals who may be able to help.

Please call or e-mail with your request:

The Church Office: (508) 228-0916; office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org

The Rev. John Beach: (508) 228-0916; rector@stpaulschurchnantucket.org

Sara Jones, Chaplain, R.N.: (508) 221-6801, quesara@comcast.net

Food Pantry Collection Results

In collections for the Food Pantry, for November, St. Paul's contributed another ten brown bags of groceries and \$120 in checks.

Year-to-date, St. Paul's has contributed 78 bags of groceries and \$1,875 in checks. Checks payable to St. Paul's and marked for the Food Pantry are welcome at any time.

Our next monthly collection for the Food Pantry will occur on Sunday, December 4. Thank you for your continued support of the Food Pantry.



Happening Soon

Christmas Wreath Sign-Up



The order sheet for a beautiful St. Paul's Christmas Wreath is in the rear of the church! Please get your order in while supplies last! These make great gifts as well.

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, and handmade ornaments, stockings and Christmas tree skirts. Let's supply our shoppers with a good array of choices.

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.

Christmas Card Making

All are invited to make a precious Christmas Card, or two, this Sunday, November 20th and again Sunday, November 27th during Coffee Hour. We will have supplies on hand, but could always use any donations of ribbons, glitter, pom-poms, and any other crafting items you have at home and no longer need.

These cards will be shared with the residents of Sherburne Commons, Our Island Home, The Landmark House, and The Homestead on Sunday, December 11th when the Nantucket Youth Group will go Christmas Caroling.

Nantucket Island Youth Group Christmas Caroling

This event is open to grades 6 and higher.

On Sunday, December 11th at 4:00pm we will go Christmas Caroling.

4:00pm - Drop Off at Sherburne Commons

4:35pm - Our Island Home

5:00pm - The Landmark House

5:35pm – The Homestead

6:15 pm – Cookies and Hot Chocolate at Summer Street Church

~ Graciously provided by Summer Street Church ~

6:30pm - Pick up at Summer Street Church ~

Please be prompt.

We are in search of someone to play guitar along side the Carolers, if you would like to volunteer or know someone else that would like to spread Christmas Cheer in this meaningful way contact Christine in the Church Office.

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: Marianne, Marshall, Caryn, Barbara, Jay, Anna, June, Andrew, Susan, Elizabeth, Marci, Jack, Nora, John, Vi, Frances, Pat.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Rev. Nigel William Stock, Bishop to the Forces and Bishop to the Falkland Islands.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:

Cathedral Church of St. Paul, Boston; The Crossing; The Cathedral

Chapter; Deputies to Provincial Synod; For all churches in the Diocese closed or merged.

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.

Ann Smith 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.

This week's Scripture Reading

[Jeremiah 23:1-6](#)

[Canticle 16](#)

[Colossians 1:11-20](#)

[Luke 23:33-43](#)

