St Paul's Nantucket

The Weekly Epistle: Epiphany January 8 2017

Epiphany, or Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God in his Son as human in Jesus Christ. The feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ child and the baptism of Jesus.



Happening Soon

Sunday Morning Forum Schedule Sunday, January 8th Wardens Lou Gennaro and Stacey Stuart will discuss what the role of the Vestry is, after the 9:30am service in the Chapel.

Movie Night January 11at at 7:30 pm in the Parish House

Young Frankenstein (1974)
The late, great Gene Wilder stars as young
Frankenstein who aided by his two inept assistants,
Igor and Inga—tries to play God (and fails
miserable). One of the greatest Comedies of all time.
Doors open at 7:00 pm, Movie and refreshments are
Free.

Sabbatical News

Beginning after the 9:30 service on January 15, our Director of Music, Ann Colgrove, will embark upon a 10-week sabbatical, returning the week of March 27. Ann's first Sunday back with us will be April 2, in plenty of time for Holy Week and Easter. Mollie Glazer will substitute for Ann while she is away. We wish her a fulfilling and restful sabbatical.

Annual Meeting

Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 22nd immediately following the combined 9:30am worship service.





Recent Outreach Results

St. Paul's contributed 5 brown grocery bags of groceries and \$25 in checks to the Nantucket Food Pantry as the fruits of its January 1 collection. St. Paul's members also contributed \$100 in checks to the Nantucket Rental Assistance Program. Thank you for your continued support. Our next collection for the Food Pantry will occur on February 5, 2017. Checks payable to St. Paul's and marked for the Food Pantry or "NRAP" (the Rental Assistance Program) are welcome at any time.

Parish Potluck January 17th at 5:30 pm Sign-up sheet in back of Church

Parish Potluck Brunch

After the Annual Meeting, please join us for a parish potluck brunch in Gardner Hall.

Please use the sign-up sheet in back of the Church or e-mail the Church Office at

office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org to let us know that you are coming and what kind of dish you plan on bringing (green or fruit salad, or dessert).

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

Christian Education Opportunities

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 continue our annual six-week Advent program. Beautiful scripture, and accompanying paintings by John August Swanson will provide a feast of the senses as we make our way through the story of Jesus' birth. 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: Lucy, Reggie, Marianne, Marshall, Barbara, Jay, Anna, June, Andrew, Susan, Elizabeth, Jack, Nora, John, Vi, Pat.

The Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Rev. Bolly Lapok, Bishop of Kuching and The Rev. Solomon Cheong Sung Voon, Assistant Bisho of Kuching.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Emmanuel Church, Boston:

St. Augustine's & St. Martin's Church, Boston; Deans, Deanery

Coconveners, Greater Boston Interfaith Organization.

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.

Faith Frable and daughters 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

Isaiah 42:1-9 Acts 10:34-43 Matthew 3:13-17 Psalm 29