

St Paul's Nantucket

The Weekly Epistle: The Holy Name of our Lord Jesus Christ January 1, 2017

Every Jewish boy was formally named on the eighth day of his life, and so, one week after Christmas, we celebrate the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus.



Happening Soon

Starting today we will be having an 8:00 am Morning Prayer service and 9:30 am Holy Eucharist service until February 26th. On March 5th we will go back to a 8:00 am and 10:00 am service.



Sunday Morning Forum Schedule

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

Mid-week Eucharist held on Wednesday at 8:30 am will resume on January 11th.



Sacred Listening

January 14th at 9:30 am

"Sacred Listening-relationship building with the elderly". This is conducted by representatives from the Diocese of Mass. and will be held at St. Paul's church from 9-3 on Saturday January 14th. A simple lunch will be provided. If you are able to join us, could you kindly let the office (office@stpaulschurchnantucket.org) know this week so that we can plan accordingly.

Annual Meeting

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

Thank You



You have given generously to our Outreach this year, and it has been greatly appreciated. For the Food Pantry, we have collected \$1,750, and 83 bags of groceries and paper goods. For A Safe Place you gave \$425, plus bags of non-food items and a "lifetime's supply" of Charmin. The collection for the hurricane crisis in Haiti netted \$1,102. John Beach matched that donation with an additional \$1,000. from the Rector's Discretionary Fund. We also remember with gratitude the "backpack" drive for the schools, and the cookies for our First Responders on Christmas.

Again, Many Thanks!

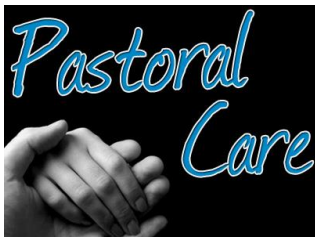
The Outreach Committee for St Paul's

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

Resumes Jan. 10th

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

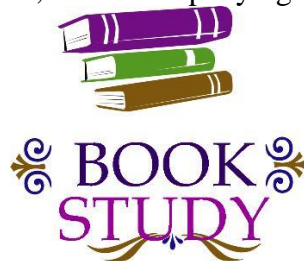
Thursdays, 11:30 am -12:30 pm

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. Bathuel Tiwade, Bishop of Kolhapur.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Christ Church, Boston; Church of the Advent, Boston; Ecclesia Ministries and common cathedral, Boston; The Diocesan Staff; The Massachusetts Council of Churches.

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 WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READING

[Numbers 6:22-27](#)
[Galatians 4:4-7](#) or
[Philippians 2:5-11](#)
[Luke 2:15-21](#)

