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**Sunday Holy Eucharist**  
**8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.,**  
In the Church

**Sunday, November 11 11 am**  
**Parish Life Comm Meeting**  
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**Sunday, November 11 6-8pm**  
**Adult Speak Series Begins**  
Red Doors Community Center  
Worcester Hwy, Berlin

**Monday, November 12**  
**Church Office Closed**  
Veterans Day

**Tuesday, November 13 5 pm**  
**Buildings & Grounds Mtg**  
Red Doors Community Center  
Worcester Hwy, Berlin

**Thursday, November 15 6pm**  
**Vestry Meeting**  
St. Paul's by-the-Sea

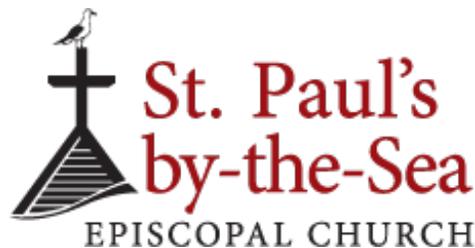
**Wednesday, November 21 6pm**  
**Special Meditative Labyrinth Walk**  
St. Paul's by-the-Sea

**Thurs & Fri, Nov 22 & 23**  
**Church Office Closed**  
Happy Thanksgiving

**Wednesday, November 28**  
**Life Line Screening Day**  
St. Paul's by-the-Sea

**Wednesday, November 28 Noon**  
**Shepherd's Crook Board Mtg**  
St. Paul's by-the-Sea

**Shepherd's Crook**  
**Shopping List**



Folks:

Properly understood, the term Stewardship means the responsible and faithful oversight and management of resources entrusted to others. Our Pledge Drive began on November 4, 2018, with the words of Jane Ellis, coordinator of the Shepherd's Crook, and a shared breakfast, coordinated by Karen Cramer, head of the Parish Life committee, and many volunteers. My thanks go to all who contributed to this robust kickoff of the Pledge Drive.

This is a time worthy opportunity to reflect on our Stewardship as we continue through our Pledge Drive into December. Resources which have been entrusted to us include a commitment to ministry in the Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and Berlin communities founded on ecumenical and interfaith partnerships, the abundant financial resources in our foundation, the exuberance and faithfulness of our volunteers, leaders of our congregation with wisdom, experience, and dedication, our location in the center of downtown Ocean City just off the Boardwalk, our story of becoming a Resurrection People after our devastating fire, our beautiful building and spaces which we offer for use to our neighbors and the larger community. Truly we have been blessed abundantly by God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Our oversight and management has been through the leadership of our wardens, vestry, chairs of committees, committee members, and in consultation with our congregation. We have had substantial conversations

**The following items are always needed and always welcome:**

Bottled Water  
Tuna - packed in water - 5 oz. cans  
Vienna Sausage  
Canned spinach, collards, pinto beans, kidney beans  
Fruit - cans or plastic one-serve containers of pineapple, peaches, pears, oranges  
Soups - anything Progresso, Tomato, Chicken Noodle  
Pasta Sauce (in non-glass containers)  
Pasta  
Macaroni and Cheese boxes

and will continue these conversations regarding our plans for the future of our robust and vital ministries. If you are interested in entering and contributing to these conversations, we warmly invite you to consider serving on our vestry or on our finance or parish life committees or on the Red Doors or Shepherd's Crook boards.

A note on our ministries is on order at this point. When I arrived at St. Paul's by-the-Sea to serve the congregation as rector, I had several goals in mind. Among them was to strengthen and expand our ministries. So often I heard from visitors to other congregations that I served, "Nice Church and beautiful worship. What are you doing for the community?" Put another way, I have often heard a challenge to congregations that, if your church should close tomorrow, would your community notice? At St. Paul's by-the-Sea, we can respond with confidence and vigor that our imprint in the Ocean City, Ocean Pines, and even Berlin communities is substantial and foundation to who we are as a congregation.

When I arrived at St. Paul's by-the-Sea, it was clear that our flagship ministries, the Shepherd's Crook and the Red Doors, were both constrained by the spaces in which they were housed and were unable to expand or grow. Through the leadership of our wardens, vestry, and finance committee, our new property now offered both our Red Doors as well as the newly relocated Shepherd's Crook the opportunity to grow in constituency and expand what each ministry can offer our communities!

We have outstanding leaders who are mature, faithful, charitable, and dependable. We have been blessed with abundant resources which are well managed with responsibility and accountability. Our vibrant and innovative ministries of the Red Doors, Shepherd's Crook, and NOEL are growing and expanding. Our congregation is growing and new members are stepping up to serve in leadership capacity. Truly St. Paul's by-the-Sea is on the move in a promising direction and toward a bright future! We invite you to join in this momentum as you consider your pledge as well as how you may be willing to offer yourself in service or leadership in our congregation and ministries!

In your charity please remember our homebound parishioners, Bette Wilde, Margaret Hudson, and Ken and Sylvia Tyler, the peaceful repose of the souls of Millie Connor and Dolores D'Amario, and in celebration for the unions of Ryan and Meegan Kennedy, Bryan and Tori Stuke, and Gil Griggs and Patricia Mulcahy.

Fr. Matthew+



## **Thank You!**

Pictured above are Brian and Colby Connor as they installed the wooden sign that had been severely damaged by the fire. We thank them for their time and effort in re-conditioning the sign to its current beautiful condition. It is so nice to have it back in front of the church.



## **Children's Sermon**



## **Congratulations**

We have been blessed with a number of weddings recently ... including that of Patricia Mulcahy and Gil Griggs.



### **Come Join the (Altar) Party!**

Please consider serving at the altar. Our needs include ushers and readers at 8:00 am and ushers, readers, and chalicists at 10:00 am. Our greatest need is ushers. Father Matthew will be training those who are interested. Please let Father Matthew know if you are interested.



### **eNewsletter**

All the committee chairs are invited to submit articles (whether one paragraph or several) about the activities of their committee such as meetings or upcoming events. The next issue will be sent out the first week of October.

We want to keep our parishioners well informed and feeling connected and your help is needed in order to do so. Thank you!

If you have any questions, articles, or suggestions for this e-newsletter, please contact Jody Farley at [sptsnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:sptsnewsletter@gmail.com) Thanks for reading!



