

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

January 1, 2021



May 2021 be filled with new beginnings, love, kindness and enthusiasm!

Epiphany

This week, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Epiphany, which marks the end of the twelve days of Christmas each year on January 6.

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation” or “appearing.” At the Feast of the Epiphany we celebrate Jesus being made manifest or appearing as Christ. Traditionally, there are three manifestations celebrated on this feast day.

The most widely celebrated manifestation of Christ on this feast day, and the one that has been historically celebrated by Christian churches in the West, is Jesus revealed as Christ to the three wise men, or Magi, from the East, who followed the Star of Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth.

The second manifestation celebrated today is the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan. Although this was part of the original Epiphany celebrations in second-century Christian churches in the East, by the fourth century Western churches had largely stopped observing the Holy Baptism in Epiphany celebrations. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer began to reintroduce Jesus’ baptism into this celebration by revising the lectionary readings for the First Sunday After the Epiphany to include gospel passages each year

about Christ's baptism.

The First Sunday After the Epiphany is now also known as the Baptism of Our Lord.

The third manifestation of Jesus as Christ that is traditionally celebrated on this day is the miracle of turning water into wine at the wedding at Cana in Galilee, Christ's first recorded miracle.

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Red Doors Programs Suspension

Dear Parish Members and Friends:

Following careful deliberations, the Vestry of St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal church has decided to suspend Red Doors programs at the Worcester Highway Campus of the church effective January 1, 2021. The decision to suspend operations was based on the combination of factors including the increased spread of the coronavirus, guidance from the Diocese of Easton and an abundance of caution to protect the participants, instructors and staff.

The Vestry regrets the impact of this decision will have on the participants, instructors and staff. The Vestry will continue to monitor the health, welfare and economic conditions in the community and our church and revisit the decision to suspend operations as circumstances change.

Jerilyn Holston Andrews
Senior Warden

Bob Rothermel
Junior Warden

Service Schedule

This Sunday, January 3rd at 10 am, our lay worship leaders, Paul Rogers, Amy Rothermel, and Tom and Debbie Shuster, will lead a Rite II Morning Prayer service broadcast from the church sanctuary. The service will be streamed for everyone to watch via Facebook Live. **[Click here](#)** for a PDF version of the bulletin so you can follow along.

Next Sunday, January 10th, Fr. Knapp will return to celebrate a Holy Eucharist service, to be streamed via FB Live.

To view last Sunday's Lessons & Carols service, **[click here](#)**.

Memorial Brick Sale

Memorial bricks are being offered for sale. They are available in two sizes: 8x8 (\$500 each) and 4 x 8 (\$250 each) Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available.

If you are interested in ordering a brick to honor or remember a beloved one, **[click here](#)** to download a brick form. You can also contact Debbie Shuster at 410-213-9658 or **ocshu@comcast.net**, or the church office at 410-289-3453 or **office@stpaulsbythesea.org**.

Prayer Request

Sylvia Tyler's daughter, Robin

Don't forget to follow us on Facebook so you will receive notifications when we are live and when a post has been added. Click the Facebook icon below.

Bunting, wants to let the parish know that Sylvia has entered Hospice care. She requested prayers for her mother as she prepares to leave her earthly home and be with the Lord.

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