

# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## *Weekly news & updates*

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January 22, 2021

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### 2021 Annual Parish Meeting

The date for our 2021 Annual Parish Meeting is Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 1pm via Zoom. There is so much to discuss as we review 2020 activities and look to the future. Please plan to attend! Your participation is valuable.

One order of business will be a vote to approve amendments to our by-laws which will reduce the number of Vestry members from 12 to 7. For the last several years the parish has been unable to recruit enough candidates to fill all 12 Vestry seats which prompted discussion among the Vestry to make such a reduction. The Constitution & Canons Committee of the Diocese of Easton has reviewed and approved the amendments to our by-laws.

Nominations are being taken for two vestry positions, as well as two delegates and two alternates for the 2022 Diocesan Convention. Nominations will only be accepted prior to the beginning of the meeting. Please contact any vestry member to submit a nomination.

The deadline for annual reports is February 1<sup>st</sup>. (This is a corrected date.) On Friday, February 12th, the report booklet will be emailed to everyone, as well as available at the church office for those who would like to pick up a copy.

***If you are not comfortable using Zoom please let us know by calling the church office, 410-289-3453. We have plenty of time to give you the assistance/instruction you may need to use the program and participate in the meeting.***

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### Service of Remembrance and Unity

On Tuesday, January 19 at 5:30pm, St. Paul's by-the-Sea joined with other churches around the nation to remember the 400,000 lives that have been lost to COVID-19, and to pray for national unity.



The lights were on in the nave and one of the front red door was open to the world outside. Ten parishioners, Tom Shuster, Debbie Shuster, Bob Rothermel, Amy Rothermel, William Rothermel, Jody Farley, JeriLyn Holston-Andrews, Andy Diaz, Diane Lorton, and Larry Lorton volunteered to ring the church bell 40 times, for a total of 400, one time for each 1000 lives lost. When each ringer finished, a prayer of remembrance was said. The event concluded with the Prayer for Sound Government from The Book of Common Prayer.

Many thanks to Debbie Shuster for organizing such an important and moving service, and to all that participated in-person and on Facebook. A **video** of the service is on our Facebook page.

*As of Thursday evening, January 21st, the video of this service had been viewed by 226 people and had reached 319 people!*

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## Vestry Meeting Summary

The Vestry of St. Paul's by-the-Sea met on Monday, January 11, 2021 and conducted the following business.

1. The Annual Parish Meeting was set for Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 1 pm via Zoom.
  2. The Vestry approved a contract with Metrecic Builders to re-build the steps to the Third Street entrance of the Church.
  3. The Vestry also approved a contract to purchase HD video cameras and audio equipment for the livestreaming of services from the church.
  4. The next Vestry meeting was set for Tuesday, February 2nd at 7pm vis Zoom.
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## Sunday Services

This Sunday, January 24th at 10 am, Fr. Knapp will return to celebrate a Rite II Holy Eucharist service. Shirley Hailey will also be present to enliven our worship with music! **Click here** for a PDF version of the bulletin so you can follow along.

Next Sunday, January 31st, our lay worship leaders, Paul Rogers, Amy Rothermel, and Tom and Debbie Shuster, will lead a Rite II Morning Prayer service.

To view last Sunday's Morning Prayer service, **click here**.

Many of you may be wondering about Ash Wednesday. We are keeping in touch with the Cluster churches so that we can advise you of their plans. As soon as services have been announced we will let you know.

*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.*

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## 2021 Pledges

The Stewardship Committee would like to remind parishioners to complete and submit their pledge card for 2021. If you have misplaced your card, please contact the church office and one will be sent to you.

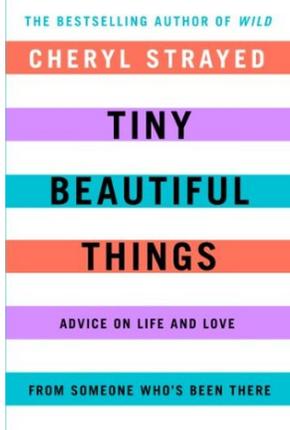
Your financial support is critical to the success of our parish!

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## 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](mailto:ocshu@comcast.net), or the church office at 410-289-3453 or [office@stpaulsbythesea.org](mailto:office@stpaulsbythesea.org).

*Donations are requested to purchase a brick to honor the work of all the members of the Altar Guild, past and present. Please contact Debbie Shuster if you'd like to participate.*

## SPBTS Book Club

Please consider joining the St. Paul's by-the-Sea Book Club for one or all meetings! Our next meeting is Thursday, February 18 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom when we will be discussing *Tiny Beautiful Things*, by Cheryl Strayed. (It is your responsibility to procure the book.) The discussion will be led by Joy Connor.

## Birthdays

1/27 Paul Rogers

## Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We give thanks for the witness of God's people at St. Clement's, Massey, and for their Lay Pastor, Mark Hansen, and his spouse, Heather.



The Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle are wonderful ways to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and thanksgivings. The cost for two formal arrangements for the Main Altar is \$55. On Sundays for which nobody signs up, there will not be flowers.

The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Main Altar to the Glory of God to signify the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the form of reserve sacrament. The cost is \$15 for two weeks or \$30 for a month.

Due of COVID restrictions, the flower and candle charts are hanging in the church office. If you would like to sign up, simply contact the church office by phone 410-289-3453 or email [office@stpaulsbythesea.org](mailto:office@stpaulsbythesea.org).

Be sure to let us know how you want your dedication worded in the bulletin.

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