

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

February 19, 2021

New Audio Visual Experience

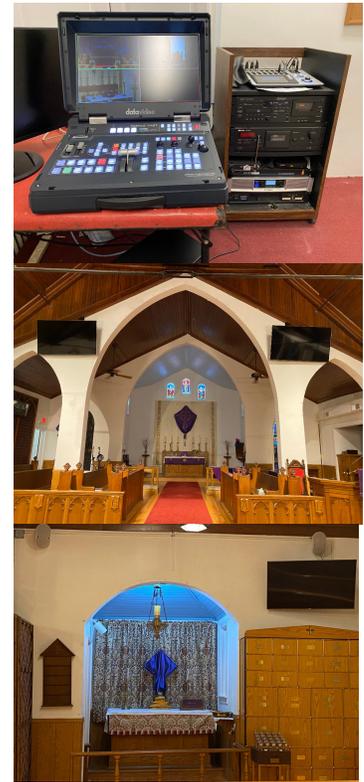
This Sunday we will begin using our newly installed audio visual equipment. This equipment will enhance our technical capabilities, improving our livestream videos both visually and audibly.

As other Episcopal Churches in our Diocese embraced the virtual experience, it became increasingly apparent that continuing to livestream from Jody's iPhone was not going to be good enough. There are many limitations to using an iPhone, one being sound quality for which we have received complaints.

Therefore, three remote controlled HD video cameras have been installed in the church that are controlled by video switcher/controller with built in streaming and recording capabilities. This video switcher, a new digital touch screen audio mixer and amplifier, a streaming monitor, and a desktop computer that runs the whole show are housed in the Sacristy. In addition, three handheld wired mics with stands and cables, a portable camera and a tripod have been purchased.

The second part of this tech upgrade is the mounting of two 65 inch LED televisions above the arches in the Sanctuary and one 49 inch television in the Chapel, so that once in-person services return, we have the type of experience that we as a society are beginning to expect.

At some point we will resume in-person services, and having the ability to provide a more tech savvy service will keep those who are unable to attend connected to SBPTS - whether they are current or former parishioners. We all know that the younger generations are very much attached to their phones and computers, so improving our digital presence will hopefully help grow our attendance, and eventually our congregation.



February 14 Vestry Meeting Summary

The Vestry meeting was called to order immediately following the Annual Meeting. The first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the February 2, 2021 meeting.



Bob Rothermel administered the oath of office for new Vestry members Kay Ayres and Tom Shuster.

The Vestry then elected its new officers for 2021: Tom Shuster, Senior Warden, Bob Rothermel, Junior Warden, Cheryl Nottingham, Registrar and Paul Rogers, Treasurer.

The Vestry appointed Patricia Mulcahy Griggs to the Finance Committee.

Karen Gordon agreed to serve as the Pastoral Liaison to the congregation.

The Vestry agreed to meet on the second Monday of each Month at 7:00 p.m. beginning with March 8.

Bob Rothermel will contact Jerilyn Holston Andrews to advise her the Vestry has selected her for the 2021 Above and Beyond Award.

Paul Rogers reported that he has asked Joy Connor to propose a Red Doors Re-opening plan.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.

New Pastoral Liaison

At the Vestry Meeting following the Annual Meeting the decision was made to institute a new position, Pastoral Liaison. In the absence a Rector, it is important that the congregation keep in touch with one another. If someone is ill or there is a death in the family we need to know how to inform each other. Vestry member, **Karen Gordon**, has taken on this new position and will serve as the point of contact. When you want to inform your Church Family of important events, good or bad, you may call or text Karen at 302-236-0592 or email her at dbriangordon@aol.com.

It is important, especially during these difficult times, that we take care of our St. Paul's by-the-Sea Family!



February 21:

Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, officiated by Fr. Ron Knapp. **Click here** for a PDF version of the bulletin so you can follow along.

February 28:

Rite II Morning Prayer service with music, officiated by our Lay Worship Leaders.

Bishop's Blog is going Virtual for Lent: Faithful Fridays

Bishop San will be creating and posting a devotional video every Friday during Lent (beginning February 19th). The videos will be available via the **Bishop's Blog** on the Diocesan website as well as on our **Facebook** page. Be sure to bookmark these links and tune in every Friday for inspiration and spiritual reflection.

Memorial Brick Sale

To view the February 14th Morning Prayer service, [**click here**](#).

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.

Birthdays

Lynda Azar (2/18), Mary Ellen Carroll (2/20), Jennifer Hallon (2/21), Gary Whittington, Sr. (2/21), Robert Wauhopp (2/24), Elizabeth Hall (2/26)

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We give thanks for the witness of God's people at Augustine Parish, Chesapeake City, and for their lay leadership.

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)

Donations are requested to purchase a brick to honor the work of our beloved Mary Wright and ALL the members of the Altar Guild, past and present. Contact Debbie Shuster if you'd like to participate.

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