

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

May 14, 2021



Due to the following directive by Governor Larry Hogan, social distancing no longer has to be maintained during services. Everyone, however, must wear a face mask at all times.

Effective Saturday, May 15, indoor & outdoor venues and indoor & outdoor dining may resume normal operations with all remaining capacity restrictions lifted. The indoor

mask mandate will expire after the state achieves 70% of Maryland adults vaccinated, hopefully attainable by Memorial Day weekend.

The tape has been removed from the floors and pews so you may sit anywhere and move around in the church nave. In addition, the Front Red Doors will be open for entering and exiting the church. The front steps renovation has been completed and they are ready to be used. The Orange Doors will also be open for those needing to use the elevator.

May 10th Vestry Meeting Highlights

- Vestry reviewed the plans for reopening of Red Doors programs from the Red Doors Work Group. After discussion and careful deliberations, the Vestry voted not to reopen Red Doors.
- Vestry agreed to commit to reexamine the uses for the church property on Worcester Highway and authorized the Senior and Junior Wardens to pursue potential rental or use arrangements with compatible nonprofit organizations.
- Confirmed plans for a joint Congregation and Vestry meeting on Tuesday, May 25 at 5:00 p.m. at church with Sandy Cormack our consultant.
- Buildings and Grounds reported that the steps to the church entrance on 3rd Street have been completed.
- The Treasurer presented an electronic Banking Policy and Procedure that was approved by the Vestry.
- The Finance Committee recommended an increase in the schedule of Jody Farley to 25 hours per week effective June 1 due to the additional work related to livestreaming Sunday services and other communications assignments. The Vestry approved the increase in hours.
- Vestry reviewed and approved the updated answers to the questionnaire portion of the Ministry Profile and referred it back to the Clergy Search Work Group.
- The next Vestry meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 14, 2021.





Congregational Meeting with Sandy Cormack

The vestry and congregation will once again meet with facilitator, Sandy Cormack on Tuesday, May 25th at 5pm in the church nave. It has been several months since our last meeting so this will be an opportunity to bring everyone up to date on what has taken place, as well as discuss plans for the future.

Although, this is an in-person meeting, members will also be able to attend via Zoom. If Zoom is your preference, please let the church office know so we can send you the link. office@stpaulsbythesea.org

Please mark your calendars. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate!

A Reflection: The Feast of the Ascension from Bishop San *A Brief Season to Embrace a Glorious Message*

The Feast of the Ascension of our Lord and Savior Jesus (celebrated on Thursday, May 13) traditionally falls forty days after the resurrection and ten days before the Feast of Pentecost which will be celebrated on Sunday, May 23. The significance of Ascension is that it underlines the exaltation of Jesus, and a fitting conclusion to his ministry. Also, it authenticates his message about his relationship with the Father and his imminent return (*Greek Parousia*) at a time appointed by his Father in heaven. Sadly, in the Anglican/Episcopal liturgical culture it has never held a prestigious or prominent place in the church's liturgical calendar.

Its place in Christian tradition, however, has been securely fixed by its prominent role in Christian creeds and confessions. A myriad of creeds and confessions echo the claim of the Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed that Christ "ascended into heaven." Although there are New Testament references and allusions to Christ's ascension (e.g., Luke 24:50-53; John 20:17; Ephesians 4:8-10; 1 Timothy 3:16), only Acts 1 provides a full narrative of the event. **Read more.**

Material adapted from *The Acts of the Apostles. Paideia Commentary Series. Eds. Mikeal C. Parsons and Charles H. Talbert. Grand Rapids: Baker Academic (a division of Baker Publishing Group), 2008. Used by permission.*

St. Peter's, Salisbury, Book Club

St. Peter's Book Club is reading **Love is the Way: Holding on to Hope in Troubling Times** by our Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Because there is much to absorb and ponder in his book, the Book Club will be reading this over several months. The next zoom meeting of the Book Club is Monday, May 17 at 7pm when the Introduction and chapters 1-4 will be discussed. All are invited to read the book and join in the discussion. Go to the Book Club page on **St. Peter's website**. Elizabeth Phillips is moderating the group and has posted reflection questions on the Book Club web page to consider in the discussion on May 17.

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To view the May 9th Holy Eucharist service, [click here](#).



Birthday: Andrew Ball (5/17)

Anniversary:
Amy & Bob Rothermel (5/16)

Sunday Services

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May 16: *Seventh Sunday of Easter*
Rite II Morning Prayer with music, officiated by Lay Worship Leaders, Amy Rothermel and Paul Rogers. [Click here](#) for a PDF version of the bulletin so you can follow along.

Paul Roger, M.D. will present a special offering, *Jesus as a Healer: A Physician's Perspective.*

May 23: *Pentecost*
Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, officiated by Fr. Ron Knapp.

May 30: *Trinity Sunday*
Rite II Morning Prayer with music, officiated by Lay Worship Leaders, Debbie and Tom Shuster.

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week - May 16, 2021

Worship Leaders: Paul Rogers and Amy Rothermel

Reader: Cami Rogers

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Ushers: John & Nancy Knotts, Elsie MacMullin

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel

Next Week—May 23, 2021 *Pentecost*

Celebrant: The Reverend Ronald Knapp

Readers: Cami Rogers

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Ushers: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres, Karen Gordon, Tom Shuster

Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar

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