

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

May 21, 2021



Diocesan COVID-19 Protocols have been revised

On May 19, 2021 the Bishop and the Diocesan Covid-19 Task Force issued the following adjustments to the Covid-19 protocols. *What a blessing it is to return to "normal" on Pentecost Sunday, also known as the birthday of the church.*

- Social Distancing no longer must be maintained. All capacity restrictions are lifted.
- Only unvaccinated persons must wear a mask indoors if social distancing cannot be maintained.
- No longer need entrance procedures. May enter and exit through all doors of the church.
- Books of Common Prayer and Hymnals may be returned to the pews.
- No longer need to sanitize the church.
- Sharing the Peace is permitted but minimization of physical contact should be considered.
- Ushers may return to pre-pandemic normal.
- Congregations may use collections plates.
- CDC guidelines tell us that singing by fully vaccinated people wearing masks is safe. Therefore, congregational singing, choirs or vocal solos is permitted as congregations feel comfortable.
- Coffee Hour and other social gatherings with food and drinks may resume. Individually wrapped food is strongly recommended or have designated individuals who hand out food.

Our first Coffee Hour will be next Sunday, May 30th before the 10 am service. For the time being, it will take place on the second floor, in the kitchen and gathering areas. The Parish Life Committee requests that parishioners volunteer to oversee/serve.

- Presentation of the gifts is permitted.
- There are no restrictions on how people may approach the altar/receive communion. It is recommended that hand sanitizer is available in the church for those who wish to use it.

- Communicants will receive only the host.
- Baptisms, Funerals/Burials, and Weddings may resume following the same guidelines as indicated above.
- Use of facility by ministry partners is permitted.

*As we move forward in this new dispensation, I would strongly urge extreme caution with Christian tolerance and careful consideration of our fellow family members in this community of faith and our neighbors. They may wish to continue wearing protective masks or face covering and we should respect their choice to exercise that right. Furthermore, I encourage each of us to exercise compassion in considering the health and safety of our unvaccinated children and young people, persons who possess compromised immune system and/or underlying health conditions. Let us be mindful of the command from our Lord to LOVE and CARE for the 'least among us'. As we rejoice at the good news on the lifting of restrictions, may our actions be informed by grace and mercy as we return to some semblance of living and relearn the art of living life under more freedom and less anxiety. - **Bishop San***

Click here to read Bishop San's pastoral letter.



Congregational Meeting with Sandy Cormack

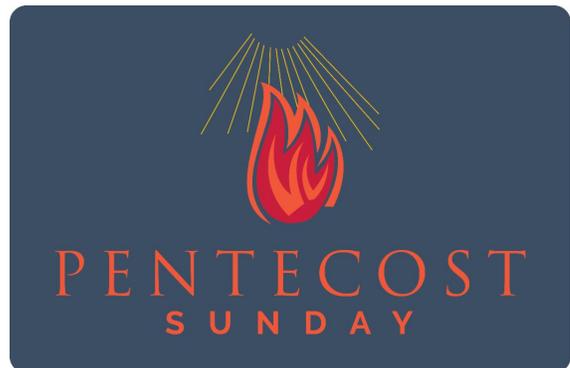
The vestry and congregation will once again meet with facilitator, Sandy Cormack this Tuesday, May 25th at 5pm in the church nave. It has been several months since our last meeting so this will be an opportunity to bring everyone up to date on what has taken place, as well as to discuss plans for the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

The Christian holiday of Pentecost is a moveable feast, which is celebrated on the 50th day from Easter Sunday. It commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles and other followers of Jesus Christ while they were in Jerusalem celebrating the Feast of Weeks, as described in the Acts of the Apostles.

God knew, that when Jesus would go to Heaven, the Christians would need more than the written Word of God to spread the Gospel, and win new souls for His Kingdom. They would need access to the same power that Jesus used, when He was doing miracles amongst the people He met.



The festival of Pentecost is still important to Christians today because it also represents

the beginning of the Christian Church.

Don't forget to wear red this Sunday!



Church Online

To view the May 16th Holy Eucharist service, **[click here](#)**.

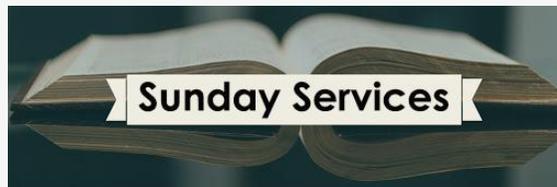


Birthday: Bernhardine Whitney (5/27)

Anniversaries:

Madalaine & Harry How (5/19)

Jennifer & Daniel Hallon (5/21)



Sunday Services

May 23: *Pentecost*

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.

May 30: *Trinity Sunday*

Rite II Morning Prayer with music, officiated by Lay Worship Leaders, Amy Rothermel and Paul Rogers.

June 6: *II Pentecost*

Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, officiated by the Rev. Frieda Malcolm.

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week - May 23, 2021 Pentecost

Celebrant: The Reverend Ronald Knapp

Readers: Cami Rogers

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Ushers: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres, Karen Gordon

Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar

Next Week—May 30, 2021 Trinity Sunday

Officiants: Amy Rothermel, Paul Rogers

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Ushers: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres, Nancy Knotts

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