

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

January 14, 2022



Announcement of the Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Pursuant to Article II of the Parish Bylaws

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Paul's by-the-Sea Church is scheduled for Sunday, February 6, 2022 at approximately 11:30 a.m. in Dewees Hall. Agenda items include:

- The adoption of the minutes from the Congregational Meeting of February, 2021
- Receipt of reports from the Officers, Vestry, Committees and Others
- Election of two (2) Vestry members
- Election of two (2) delegates and two (2) alternates to the 2023 Diocese of Easton Convention
- Other Business to come before the Congregation

Tom Shuster, Senior Warden

Long-Term Supply Clergy

We are pleased to announce that Father Carl Mosley will be joining us as our long-term supply clergy beginning Sunday, February 13, 2022. Father Carl has also agreed to provide pastoral care to us as needed.

Father Carl may be familiar to many of you. He lives in Ocean City with his wife Virginia and has been an active member of the NOEL Community.



Please join with me in giving Father Carl a warm welcome to St. Paul's by-the-Sea.

Tom Shuster, Senior Warden



Bishop's Epiphany Reflection - January 2022

The Good of Particularity

"You are my son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased" (Luke: 3:22)

Sunday marked the commencement of the solemn Season of Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus to the Gentile world, a world represented by the three Magi from the three known continents: Africa, Asia and Europe. These three symbols are indicative of Christ the Messiah's

lordship over the nations of the world.

The baptism narrative reveals a Savior who, although sinless, joined the line of sinners to await his turn to enter the 'fount of baptism' created by John the Baptizer in the River Jordan. The River Jordan was the body of water the Hebrew children crossed over centuries ago as recorded in the Book of Joshua Chapter 3. A crossing that marked a new and hopeful chapter in their exilic wandering lives; from slavery to freedom. Here, this body of water stands ready to receive the Son of God in baptism, and subsequently to release him to the tempter for the period of self-examination that was to follow.

Although there were many other candidates for baptism, Jesus' baptism was the most renowned and transformative, highly publicized and scrutinized, both spiritually and politically. And so the question must be asked, "why didn't this choice of identification go to the person in front of him, or behind him or before him?" I presume an appropriate way to answer this question is to consider it from the position of the *Principle of the Good of Particularity*.

God in every way sends the news about the world's Savior because God determines the choice and directs the course of the God action on God's terms. God was preparing Jesus of Nazareth for this moment in time ever since the inception of creation, through the days of the prophets, the announcement and the nativity, the 30 years of nurturing and now comes the day of maturation. Note the progression of God's eternal conceptualization of this holy event consummated in the waters of baptism.

Continue reading Bishop's Epiphany Reflection here.



Reminder

Masks must be worn by everyone while inside the church buildings.

We are thrilled to announce the birth of Riggs Insley Cropper, great-grandchild of Amanda Cropper, born Saturday, January 8th. Congratulations to Amanda and the whole Cropper family.



2022 Flower & Candle Charts

The charts are in place across from the kitchen in Fellowship Commons. This is a wonderful way to commemorate birthdays, anniversaries, memorials and thanksgivings. The cost for two formal arrangements for the main Altar is \$60. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the main Altar to the Glory of God and to signify the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ in the form of the reserve sacrament. The cost for two weeks is \$15 or \$30 for a

month. Please indicate on the calendar your dedication. Place payment in the envelopes provided and then put it into the collection plate. For additional information, contact Mary Wright at 302-537-2080. There are many open dates.

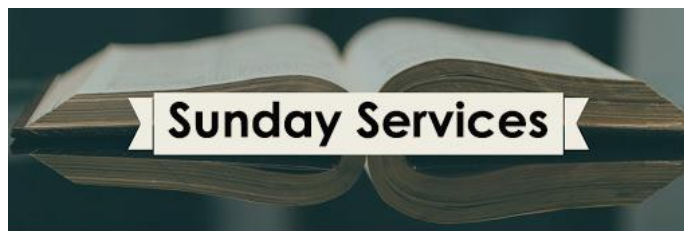


January 17 - Book Club 7pm via Zoom

**January 18 - Gary Whittington, Sr. Funeral
11:30am**

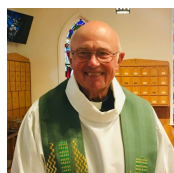
January 18-20 - OC Blood Drive

January 19 - Vestry Meeting 5:30pm SPBTS



**January 16:
II Epiphany**
Rite II Holy
Eucharist

service with music,
celebrated by the Rev. Dr.
Frieda Malcolm.



**January 23:
III
Epiphany**
Rite II Holy

Eucharist service with
music, celebrated by Pastor
Blake Wamester.



**January 30:
IV
Epiphany**
Rite II Holy

Eucharist service with
music, celebrated by Pastor
Blake Wamester.

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Church Online

[Click here](#) to view the video of the
January 9th Holy Eucharist service.



Birthdays

Adam Showell, Jr. (1/17)
Megan Smith Kennedy (1/17)
Daniel Harris (1/20)

Prayer List

Please keep those on our prayer list in your daily prayers.

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera,

Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Fr. Ron Knapp, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Hugh, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Rogers, John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvette Henry Tull, Melvin, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Nancy Wimbish, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Fred Smith, Jean Charles, Tom Shuster, Richard, Mark

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week—January 16, 2022

Celebrant: Rev. Dr. Frieda Malcolm

Reader: Bob Rothermel

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Usher: Amanda Cropper

Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar

Next Week—January 23, 2022

Celebrant: Pastor Blake Wamester

Reader: Amy Rothermel

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Usher: Kay Ayres

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel

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