

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

May 6, 2022



"Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." Psalm 139:13-14

Bishop's Mother's Day Reflection

As I reflect on the innumerable qualities in our mothers, I am inspired to note with high commendation, heartfelt appreciation and sincere gratitude how diminished the quality of societal life would be without their guiding hand. Mother is the epicenter of tolerance that demonstrates the characteristics and virtues of a good and faithful Christian. She is persevering, determined to protect and shield her family from any harm. She advocates for a better life for her family and every family including those that are not her own. The Christian mother's strength goes well beyond what we can outwardly see or perceive - her sense of resilience, fearlessness, Christian devotion and discipleship give rise to a deep sense of admiration. From my vantage point, her unconditional focus and unadulterated objective is the upliftment of all and the sharing of *GOD'S LOVE* with the world without exception.

The preceding is an excerpt from Bishop Marray's Mother's Day reflection. [Click here](#) to read his entire message.

The Shepherd's Crook has seen an increase in the number of clients now that COVID restrictions have lifted. During the first quarter of 2021 they served 1250 people. During that same period in 2022, they served 1843 people - an increase of almost 600.



The Crook has been requesting canned good donations and/or cash donations in response to the rising cost of food. However, the need is even greater with the increase in clientele.

We are hoping to find a large basket to keep in the Narthex permanently as a place for donations to be deposited. If anyone has such a basket that they'd like to give for this purpose please contact Nancy Knotts or the church office.

23rd Annual Native Plant Sale

Assateague Coastal Trust's highly anticipated event of the year, the 23rd Annual Native Plant Sale will be held at their office location at 10959 Worcester Hwy. in Berlin on Saturday, May 7th from 8 am – 1 pm.

Visit the plant sale store at ActForBays.org/PlantSale to view a wide selection of native sun and shade plants. New for this year, Assateague Coastal Trust is offering a few native grasses and sedges for those looking to ascent their property. Plenty of Herbs and Veggies grown by local organic farmer Dave Wiley of Herbs, Spice, and Everything Nice are also available. To view the full inventory, visit the online store at [**ActForBays.org/PlantSale**](https://ActForBays.org/PlantSale).



Ocean Cluster

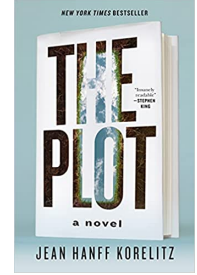
The Ocean Cluster is comprised of the three Episcopal churches in the local area, Church of the Holy Spirit (north Ocean City), St. Paul's by-the-Sea (south Ocean City) and St. Paul's (Berlin). At Christmas, the Ocean Cluster filled boxes of gifts and toiletries for the residents of the Hope4Recover House, a halfway house in Berlin for men in recovery from addiction. The Christmas gifts were so well-received that we decided to fill Easter baskets for them. We used festive Easter bags instead of the traditional baskets because we had so many items - socks, toiletries and, of course, chocolate bunnies (and more). When they were full, we took them to the House, and the men were delighted. The Ocean Cluster continues their year round outreach with Hope4Recovery by preparing and delivering dinner one Sunday every month. Pre-Covid, we would stay and share the meal with them, but we can no longer do that. We are in hopes that one day in the not too distant future we will be able to resume the meals together. This is part of our mission to help the residents to re-enter society.

Please see Patricia Mulcahy for more information about the Ocean Cluster.
(As copied from Church of the Holy Spirit's newsletter)

SPBTS Book Club

Our next book is *The Plot* by Jean Hanff Korelitz. We will meet Monday May 23 at 7pm via zoom.

All are welcome to join the Book Club. If you love to read and talk about books, please join us. Contact Debbie Shuster or Jody Farley.



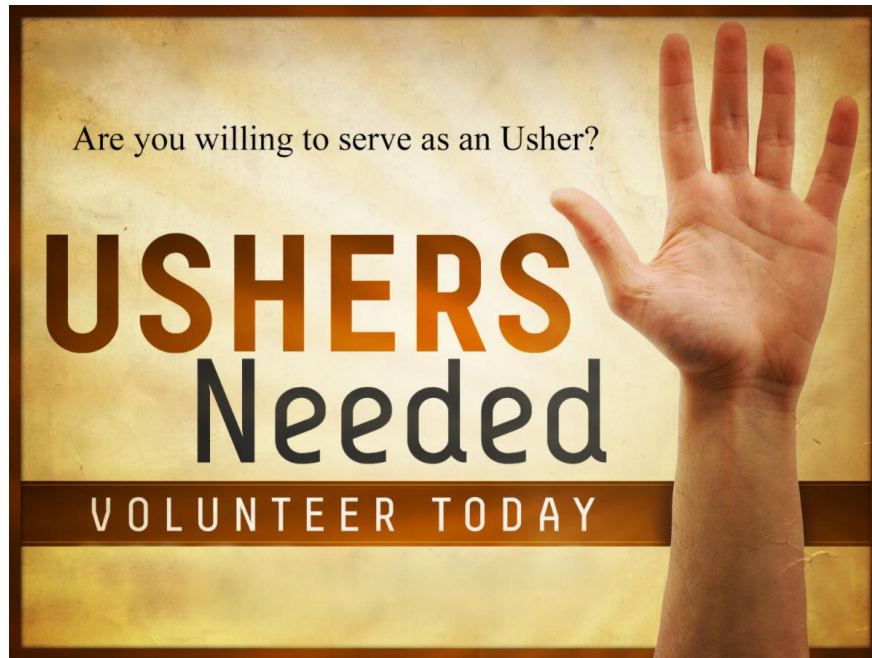
Happy Birthday

Sarah Rutka (5/12)



Online Services

Click here to watch the Sunday, May 1st Holy Eucharist service.



May 8th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Rite II Morning Prayer service with music, officiated by our Lay Worship Leaders, Cami & Paul Rogers.



May 15th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, celebrated by Pastor Karen Wamester.

[Click here](#) for a PDF of the May 8th bulletin so you can follow along.

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, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Hugh, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel, The Lecates Family, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Lakelyn Draheim, Christopher Riley, Meredith Cobb, Alan Farley, Jennings Whittington, Michael Hallett

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week—May 8, 2022

Officiant: Cami Rogers

Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Reader:

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Usher: Amanda Cropper

Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar

Next Week—May 15, 2022

Celebrant: Pastor Karen Wamester

Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Reader: Dan Harris

Chalicer: Dan Harris

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Usher: Kay Ayres

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel



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