

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

September 23, 2022

Notes from Meeting with Bishop Marray

Bob Rothermel and I met with Bishop Santosh Marray on Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at Bray House in Easton. We updated the Bishop on our parish's road to recovery since August of 2020. He commended us on our journey of healing and recovery that has led us to our current state of parish vitality.



We updated the Bishop on our Clergy Search process. He empathized with our frustrations and shared in our concerns for the difficulties we have encountered in finding a Priest in Charge. He encouraged us in continuing our search, recognizing that we are in a period where there are far more openings for priests than there are priests looking for calls. (See the data below from the most recent Transition Ministry Conference). He encouraged us to be discerning in considering candidates that may present themselves to us through October 31.

The Bishop advised us that he will be appointing a part time lay employee to serve as the Transition Ministry Officer. That person will be named at the Diocesan Council meeting on September 26 and will succeed Canon Patrick Collins as our contact going forward.

The Bishop also assured us that he has a plan for our future clergy needs should we not find a suitable clergy person for our call by October 31. He is praying for us and will be working with us to secure the right clergy leadership for St. Paul's by-the-Sea.

Tom Shuster, Senior Warden

Transition Ministry Conference Fall 2022 Data

Dioceses Represented at Conference 32

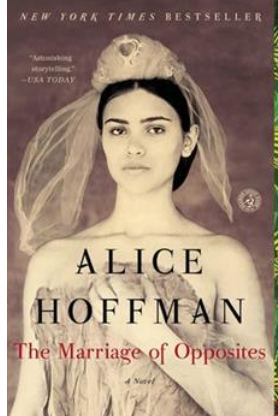
Clergy Presented 26

Congregations Presented 97

Total Clergy Needed 281 (104 Full Time & 177 Part Time)

SPBTS Book Club

The Book Club reconvened on Monday, September 19th, after taking a summer hiatus. The discussion was as much about the book as it was catching up with each other after a time apart. For those who like to read, you are welcome to join the group. Meetings take place via Zoom on the third Monday of each month.



On October 17, *The Marriage of Opposites* by Alice Hoffman will be discussed. This book was recommended by Nancy Baxter, who will lead the discussion. "A luminous, Marquez-esque tale" (O, The Oprah Magazine) from the New York Times bestselling author of *The Museum of Extraordinary Things*: a forbidden love story set on a tropical island about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to painter Camille Pissarro--the Father of Impressionism.

On November 21, we will discuss *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles. From the New York Times-bestselling author of *A Gentleman in Moscow* and *The Lincoln Highway*, a "sharply stylish" (Boston Globe) book about a young woman in post-Depression era New York who suddenly finds herself thrust into high society.

If you are interested in joining the book club please contact Debbie Shuster.

Let's Get Together!

On Friday, October 14th, 5-7 pm, we will have a parish gathering at Windmill Creek Winery (11206 Worcester Highway, Berlin - slightly north of the SPBTS Community Center).

There is a food truck on the premises to which you will receive a voucher toward the cost of your dinner. You will, however, have to purchase your own wine.

Space is limited, so please let us know you will be attending by calling (410-289-3453) or **emailing** the church office. Then, just show up and enjoy good food, good wine and good fellowship!

The rain date will be Sunday, October 16th, 5-7 pm



Memorial Bricks

We need to sell only **ONE** more brick in order to place an order!!! Call Debbie Shuster today at 410-213-9658 or ocshu@comcast.net.

Bricks are available in two sizes: 8x8 (priced at \$500 each) and 4 x 8 (priced at \$250 each). Wording is of your choice, and graphics are available. **Click here** to download a brick order form.

September 26 - Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm at SPBTS

Sept 30 - Oct 2 - Oceans Calling Festival

October 2 - Church of the Holy Spirit Crab & Chicken Feast

October 6-9 - Endless Summer Cruisin'

October 10 - Vestry Meeting 5:30pm at SPBTS

October 14 - Parish Gathering at Windmill Creek Winery 5-7 pm

October 20-23 - Sunfest

October 24 - Finance Committee Meeting 5:30 pm via Zoom

October 28-30 - O.C.tober Fest



OCTOBER

SERVICE SCHEDULE



September 25th 16th Pentecost

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



October 2nd 17th Pentecost

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

[Click here](#) for a PDF of the September 25th bulletin so you can follow along.

[Click here](#) to watch the 9/18 Holy Eucharist service.

Please remember that wearing masks indoors is strongly encouraged for your health and that of others.

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, Dolores Rothermel, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, 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, Hannah Johnson, Gordon Clark, Hugh Smith

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Week—September 25, 2022

Celebrant: Pastor Karen Wamester

Readers: Nancy Knotts & Andy Diaz

Music Director: Shirley Hailey
Altar Guild: Kay Ayres, Amanda Cropper
Usher: John Knotts
Counters: Nancy Knotts, Debbie Shuster

Next Week—October 2, 2022

Celebrant: Pastor Blake Wamester
Reader: Debbie Shuster
Music Director: Shirley Hailey
Altar Guild: Mary Wright
Usher: Amanda Cropper
Counters: Shirley Aydelotte, Lynda Azar



Daniel Hallon (9/27)
Savannah Hallon (9/28)
John Townsend (9/30)
Reese Bunting (10/1)

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