

# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## *Weekly News and Updates*

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December 1, 2023

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### **We Begin Again With An Empty Stable**

Come to church this Sunday and join the journey from darkness to light.

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### **Lighting of the First Advent Candle**

*The people walking in darkness have seen a great light. On those living in a pitch-dark land, light has dawned. Isaiah 9:2*

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath, we give thanks for the great light of the world, your Son, Jesus, Who is our light in the world so that we no longer walk in darkness. May our lives be a light to others. *Amen.*

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### Mitten & Scarves

Our Advent Tree is in place beside the pulpit. Please help fill its branches with warm hats, mittens and scarfs to be donated to Shepherd's Crook for distribution throughout the cold weather months. Clothes pins are available under the tree. *No empty branches please!*

# Fiestas Guadalupanas

## St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church

You are  
invited to  
our  
celebration  
of Our Lady  
of  
Guadalupe

Holy  
Eucharist  
Mexican  
Music &  
Food

302 N. Baltimore Avenue Ocean City, Maryland

December  
12th

The Mass  
will begin at  
6pm

For more  
information  
contact  
Pastor  
Jill Williams  
410-499-7808

### 2024 NOEL Christmas Day Dinner

This year, our NOEL ministry will return to its original mission of food and fellowship on Christmas Day. The food will be placed on the tables, family style, so everyone can enjoy each other's company. As always, since the beginning of NOEL, a feeding ministry of St. Paul's by-the-Sea Episcopal Church, all are welcome at the Christmas Day dinner. We will never turn anyone away. This will be a safe, loving place to gather whether you are hungry for food or companionship. Our dinner unites a diverse community – from those who are in need of a meal, to our homeless brothers and sisters, to those who find themselves alone on Christmas Day. We all become one family at one table.



However, this year, there will not be a need to distribute pantry items, toiletries, hats, gloves, scarves, etc., to those who attend this dinner. Instead, all these items are available regularly, 4 days a week, through Shepherd's Crook. If you would like to donate these items, we are happy to accept and distribute them throughout the year at our food pantry.

In addition to monetary donations, we are requesting help with the cooking. We have received a very generous donations of turkeys, so we are requesting the parish's help with desserts. Food donations will be accepted on Saturday, December 23rd 9am-Noon.

We also have a number of volunteer opportunities as well. We will need help setting up the dinner (preparing food and decorating) on Saturday, December

23rd 9am-Noon and on Christmas day 9am-11am. The dinner will begin at 11am and all volunteers are welcome to stay and eat.

If you'd like to volunteer or donate a dessert, please call Jody Farley at 410-289-3453 ext. 101 or send an email to [jfarley@stpaulsbythesea.org](mailto:jfarley@stpaulsbythesea.org).



- 12/2 Ocean City Christmas Parade 11am  
12/3 First Advent Mass 10am  
12/7 Berlin Christmas Parade 7pm  
12/4 Vestry Meeting 5:30pm  
12/6 Good, Good Morning Prayer 10 am  
12/10 Second Advent Mass 10 am  
12/10 Advent Study During Coffee Hour  
**12/12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Service & Celebration 6 pm**  
12/13 Good, Good Morning Prayer 10 am  
12/17 Third Advent Mass 10 am  
12/20 Good, Good Morning Prayer 10 am  
12/23 NOEL Set Up in DeWees Hall 9 am  
12/24 Fourth Advent Mass 10 am  
12/24 Greening of the Church 11:30 am  
12/24 Christmas Eve Service 5pm  
**12/25 NOEL Dinner 11 am**  
12/31 Lessons & Carols 10 am

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## 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, Letty Trimper Hurst, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Randy Hastings, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Larry Lorton, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Frank Avallone, Mary Wright, Alan Farley, Liana Wallman, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Aaron Call, Christine Bauerdorf, Victims of the Hawaiian Wildfires, Lynn Anstatt, Jim Burton, Peggy Hartman, Kathy Jersin, Mary Mitchell, Wendy O'Donoghue, Christina Hartman, Patrick O'Malley, Chris Ellis, David Twining, Corey Bowman, Roger Ballard, Beverly Cooper,

Aniyah Adams



**This Week**

Lisa Mitchell (12/3)  
Debbie Harris (12/7)  
Kay Ayres (12/8)

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