

# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## *Weekly News and Updates*

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February 9, 2024

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**Wednesday, February 14th:**

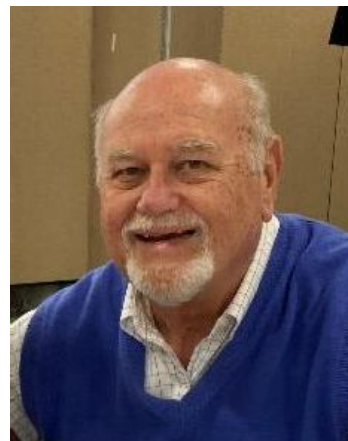
**8-9 am - Ashes-to-Go  
at the Orange Doors**

**10am - Mass**

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### **Senior Warden's Farewell Message**

I will be concluding my term on the Vestry and my tenure as your Senior Warden at the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting on February 11. I am honored to have served our parish the last 3 years plus and am indebted to all of you who have joined me on this journey of transition and rebirth for St. Paul's by-the-Sea. I have always relied on your help and collaboration in advancing the work of our parish. Serving our parish has always been a blessing, not a burden. I am indebted to the Vestry, the other officers, committees, congregation, staff and volunteers that have made this last three years so productive. I appreciate our visiting clergy, especially Bishop Santosh Marray, for the support they have provided us. I also want to recognize our licensed worship leaders for providing services for us. I am especially thankful for the support of my wife Debbie, who has been an important partner with me in serving our parish.



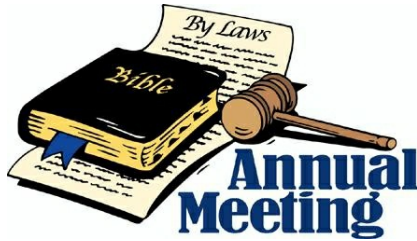
I want to recognize two groups in particular that did important and transformational work for our parish this last year. First, the Clergy Search Committee that has prepared and conducted our search for a new priest. Their efforts over two years resulted in the call of Reverend Jill Williams to serve as our Priest-in-Charge. Secondly, I want to commend the work of the Discernment Group that shepherded Andy Diaz as he explored his call to ordained ministry. Their work culminated with the approval of the Vestry to

recommend Andy to Bishop Marray for the pursuit of postulancy for the priesthood.

I am proud of the work the Vestry has accomplished in 2023. I want to especially thank departing Vestry members Kay Ayres and Andy Diaz for their service to the parish. Now we are at a familiar juncture; looking to our future as we embark on a new chapter of our story with Pastor Jill as our new priest. Let's embrace and confront the opportunities and challenges that we will face. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as we choose wisely in the path we take going forward.

Tom Shuster, Senior Warden

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## Annual Congregational Meeting and Slate of Candidates

The Annual Congregational Meeting of St. Paul's by-the-Sea Church will take place this Sunday, February 11, 2024 following the 10 am service.

The congregation will be electing three (3) members to the Vestry and two delegates and two alternates to the 2025 Diocesan Convention.

Here is the list of candidates:

Vestry-Class of 2027 (two to elect)

- Debbie Andrew
- Cami Rogers

Vestry-Class of 2025 (one to elect)

- Bob Rothermel (*to complete the remaining one year of the vacant seat*)

Diocese of Easton 2025 Convention Delegate (two to elect)

- Tom Shuster
- Paul Rogers

Diocese of Easton 2025 Convention Alternate (two to elect)

- Cami Rogers
  - Open to Nomination
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## Sunday is the last opportunity to participate in our Souper Bowl Challenge

The "Souper" Bowl canned soup drive to help stock Shepherd's Crook with chunky, hearty soups (no tomato or chicken noodle soups please) ends this Sunday.

Two baskets, one for the 49ers and

one for the Chiefs, are placed in the church. Deposit your donations in the basket for the team you want to win. The basket with the most soup is our prediction for the outcome of the game. **Let's have some fun while supporting our feeding ministry!**



### Prayer List

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

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, Letty Trimper Hurst, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Randy Hastings, Frank Candeloro, Jr., Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Frank Avallone, Liana Wallman, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Aaron Call, Christine Bauerdorf, Lynn Anstatt, Peggy Hartman, Cathy Jersin, Mary Mitchell, Patrick O'Malley, Chris Ellis, David Twining, Roger Ballard, Beverly Cooper, Aniyah Adams, Levon Davis, Andy Hales, Roger Thomas, Suzy Young, Alan Farley, Mary Delaney

**If you put a name on the prayer list please contact the office by February 12th and let us know if the person still needs our prayers or can be removed from the list.**

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