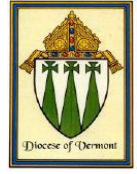


St. Paul's Epistle



FEBRUARY 2015

January 24, 2015

Dear People of St. Paul's,

This past Sunday the Annual Meeting of the Parish was held following the 10 o'clock service. Here are the results of the elections that took place:

3-year Vestry positions serving until January 2018

Keith Carrig
Tim Earle
Nancy Lennox

Delegates to Diocesan Convention, autumn of 2015

Sue Berkenbush (Vestry rep.)
Margaret Lowe
Bo Price

Alternate Delegates to Diocesan Convention

Laurie Earle
Bob Laidman
Judy Langeway (Vestry rep.)

Hearty thanks to these parishioners who answered the call to offer their time for these positions. Thank you as well to Mary Beth Hamilton and Lee Martel who have both served on the Vestry for the past three years.

I want to alert you to some upcoming dates. The much-anticipated annual Shrove Tuesday pancake supper and talent show will begin at 6 o'clock on February 17 (more details elsewhere in this newsletter). The season of Lent begins the next day with Ash Wednesday falling on February 18. Two services are scheduled: Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes will be offered at both noon and 7 o'clock in the evening. Also Eucharist will be celebrated on Tuesday, February 24, to commemorate St. Matthias the Apostle.

Sunday, March 1, the 10 o'clock service will be an instructed Eucharist. This is an attempt to make clear what the action is about in our principal act of worship.

Blessings to everyone in these remaining weeks of Epiphanytide.

In Christ's peace,

Alan +

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

4 Kim Hatgen 4 Cricket Laidman
4 Noah Macauley
5 Hayden Jennings 5 Nancy Lennox
6 Rorrie Jay
12 Bonnie Huizenga
19 Keith Carrig
20 Lucy Macauley
24 Bo Price 24 George Chauvin
25 Lisa Stockwell
26 Colin Jennings
27 Theresa Davis



SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER AND TALENT SHOW

February 17 6:00 PM

St. Paul's will again have a Mardi Gras party with a Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on Tuesday, February 17 starting at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. All are invited to join in the festivities. There will be pancakes, Vermont maple syrup and sausage (for FAT Tuesday) provided by Mary Cassidy and her famous flapjack cooking crew. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent. There will be a sign-up sheet available at church for those who would like to contribute a side dish or dessert.

This is a family friendly event that has been a hit. People of all ages are welcome. A talent show will be presented after supper in the Parish Hall. We will probably finish our celebrations by about 8:30 PM.

Here is your chance to participate and share your talents. We are looking for volunteers to share a poem, a story, a few jokes, sing a song, play a musical instrument or dance. Contact Bob Laidman if you would like to share your talent with us. Note: Jokes need to be child friendly.

In order to plan for the appropriate quantities of sausage and syrup, please sign-up indicating number of attendees. This sheet will be in the Church entryway or you can send email to Bob at blaidman@gmail.com. Feel free to wear your Mardi Gras attire including beaded necklaces, boas, hats, costumes and masks



John Stroup 2014



Andrew Woods 2014

LENT begins on 18 February 2015 and if you are looking for a means to enhance your experience of Lent, St. Paul's Education Committee is suggesting the program prepared by the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Their Lenten Series is entitled "It's time to...Stop, Pray, Work, Play & Love."

Daily videos on email plus a workbook are available from www.SSJE.org/time or by calling 617-876-3037. The materials are free but the brothers do appreciate a donation to cover their costs as well as to promote their efforts.

The Vestry and the entire congregation of St. Paul's are very grateful to our Treasurer John Stroup for his thankless efforts in presenting a deficit budget. It is no easy task! However for every Vestry meeting he has worked diligently to add, subtract and make sense of our finances. We owe him many thanks for his efforts for us.

Recognizing that the task before us is impossibly huge gives us reason to trust in God, which is a good thing; BUT the size of the problem does not excuse us from taking any action---- Do something to make a difference in this budget!
--Take out the trash.....the Vestry will!
--Wear your coat in Church....the Vestry will!
--Give flowers, candles, food.....the Vestry will!
--And pray!

Let us all do something small to help.....
(With thanks to Br. David SSJE for inspiration and words.)

FEBRUARY 2015 at St. Paul's, Vergennes

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Epiphany 4 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school & Child care 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	2	3	4 7pm Choir	5	6 8pmAA	7
8 Epiphany 5 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school & Child care 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	9	10 7pm Vestry	11 7pm Choir	12	13 8pm AA	14
15 Last Epiphany 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school & Child care 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	16	17 Shrove Tuesday 6pm Pancake supper and talent show	18 Ash Wednesday Noon Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes 7pm Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes	19	20 8pm AA	21 Epistle Submissions Due
22 1st Lent 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday school & Child care 7pm AA	23	24 St. Matthias Day 10:30am Holy Eucharist Rite I	25 Morning Prayer at Vergennes Residential Care Home 7pm Choir	26	27 5:30 – 6:30 Community Meal at Congregational Church 8pmAA	28 10:30 Parish Hall, Girl Scouts

Notice please that the 1st week of March is included in this Sunday cart as March 1st is a Sunday.

If you cannot serve on the day shown please arrange to switch Sundays with someone. Thank you.

FEBRUARY SUNDAY CHART

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flower Guild</u>	<u>Sunday School/ Child Care</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Welcome Comm.</u>	<u>Acolyte Crucifer</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Readings</u>
Feb. 1 Epiphany 4	Kim Hatgen	Pam & Bob Macauley Sarah Stroup	Judy Woods Mary Gordon	Cricket Laidman Carol Knauss	Carol Knauss Tim Earle	Sue Berkenbush Lee Martel	Alisdair Chauvin Carol Knauss	Bob Laidman	Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Psalm 111 1 Corinthians 8:1-13 Mark 1:21-28
Feb. 8 Epiphany 5	Carol Knauss	Sarah & Chris Hale Beth McAllister	Mary Cassidy Bonnie Huizenga	Steve Lowe Nate Guilmette	Carol Knauss Tim Earle	Margaret Lowe Steve Lowe	Catie Macauley Carol Knauss	Steve Lowe	Isaiah 40:21-31 * Psalm 147:1-12, 21c 1 Corinthians 9:16-23 Mark 1:29-39
Feb. 15 Last Epiphany	Mary Gordon	Lenore Morse Margaret Lowe George Chauvin	Laurie & Tim Earle	Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen	Tim Earle	Mary Gordon Lee Martel	Alisdair Chauvin Tim Earle	Steve Lowe	2 Kings 2:1-12 Psalm 50:1-6 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 Mark 9:2-9
Feb. 22 First Lent	No flowers on the altar during Lent	Nan & Nate Guilmette Sarah Hale	Cricket Laidman	Laurie Earle Lenore Morse	Judy Langeway Carol Knauss	Lenore Morse	Noah Macauley Carol Knauss	Pam Macauley	Genesis 9:8-17 Psalm 25:1-9 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:9-15
March 1 Lent 2	Lent	Rebecca & George Chauvin Margaret Lowe	Cricket Laidman	Cricket Laidman Carol Knauss	Judy Langeway Carol Knauss	Steve Lowe	Alisdair Chauvin	Catie Macauley	Genesis 17:1-7,15-16 Psalm 22:22-30 Romans 4:13-25 Mark 8:31-38

BITTERSWEET

BY Catie Macauley

I think that winter is like a person.
It has two sides to its personality.
There are icy blizzards that turn
any exposed skin into frozen stubs,
where the wind is so loud and strong
it can push you over without trying.
The only thing you can see is a cyclone of gray and white,
and it circles all around you mercilessly.
The storm greedily snatches away your energy and breath;
everything is surreal.

And then there are the cold days,
where you sit, wrapped in a blanket before a crackling fire.
You stare into the mesmerizing flames, without a care in the world.
The snow falls softly and silently onto every surface, but you are safe from
the biting cold as you sip your hot drink, and feel nothing but happiness.

Winter is a bittersweet season that is all yours.
And all mine.
And everybody's.
It is different and special to every person.
I think that winter is like a person.
It has two sides to its personality.

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