



Anne Perkins The Warming Place



### Growing Together in Faith and Service

St. Paul's Church in Nantucket



Our Mission is to make the love of God more widely known.

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Please support the ministries of Our Church. Our Goal: \$550,000

#### How to give:

• Mail us your pledge card.

• Drop your pledge card off at the church office.

• Drop your pledge card in the collection plate at any Sunday service.

 Pledge and make pledge payments securely on our website. Get started by clicking the Donate Now button at the top of the homepage and follow instructions from there.

You can also download a pledge card and brochure on the donation page.

Call or email the church office with questions or requests about donating your Time, Talent or Treasure.

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### From the Rector

## St. Paul's is so much more than a church

One of the joys of living on Nantucket is receiving visitors who then experience the awe of our island's natural beauty, our town's

timeless architecture, and the surprising diversity of our tight knit community. Our rectory houseguests also regularly attend the concert series and seasonal events we host inside our lovely sanctuary, participate in Sunday worship, and even ride with me for St. Paul's Suppers deliveries and visits on Wednesdays.



After a few days staying with us last year, an old friend and my former sales manager remarked, "Look at everything you now have going on here! Your parishioners are so involved in the wider community. Your music program presents an extraordinary variety of offerings, and your welcoming spirit of hospitality is obvious. St. Paul's is so much more than a church."

Thank you for your continued generous support as we strive together to meet the spiritual, cultural and physical needs of year-round and seasonal parishioners, island neighbors and visitors. May God continue to bless you and to bless our efforts.

—Father Max

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"Show me your faith apart from your works; and I by my works will show you my faith." It is in service to others that we live into our faith, enriched by even the smallest of acts. For 186 years, service and faith have been the hallmark of St. Paul's.

Our Annual Stewardship drive not only helps us create a budget for the coming year, but it also allows us to plan the success of our many ministries. If we think of life as a gift and our job is to share all that we have with joy, then please consider making an offering of personal sacrifice. Know that your gift matters and our parish will be stronger for it.

We all have been surprised by faith. Whether it's the smallest of transformations that remain unnoticed or the awe-inspiring ones that leave us amazed, faith works its way into our hearts and prompts us to follow a long tradition of love and service. It is a good and joyful thing.

> -Peter Barnes and Patsy Wright, Co-chairs Stewardship Committee

### From Our Treasurer

# Community support activities have grown

St. Paul's continues to be in good financial condition, with adequate liquidity and—helped by favorable securities markets—modest but growing

long-term investments (think endowment). In the last six years, our annual budget has grown from about \$500,000 to over \$800,000.

Pledging has grown from about \$280,000 to \$550,000; pledge income now accounts for about 70% of our budget. Helped by this generosity, our Stewardship goal for 2025 remains at \$550,000. Gifts and fundraising events help us reach our gross revenues.

In 2019, when we encouraged parishioners to increase their commitments, we promised that additional funds would be put to good use, and we believe we've lived up to that pledge.

We want to thank you for your ongoing and generous support. It has made St. Paul's what it is today, and without your ongoing commitments, we would be unable to address our ecumenical and ministry objectives and our campus needs. Please give generously to this Stewardship drive.

-Martin McKerrow, Treasurer



### What People are Saying

"The impact of the **Ready-Set-Read** program is a positive one. The interaction between readers and children is motivational. They are fascinated by being able to create journals."

Melissa Ramirez Bilingual teacher, Nantucket Community School

**"My work is being cut soon.** Knowing I can still get meals for my family once a week makes me worry a little less."

Anonymous The Warming Place

"Dear Father Max. We received the spring edition of Tidings. Progress at St. Paul's is remarkable. We see you are a little short on your annual Stewardship Campaign. **We are enclosing a check**... which hopefully will help make up this deficit."

James A. Haslam II

"I so appreciate having one day in the week where I can come home and not worry about dinner. This helps stretch my food money."

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"**Your support makes a difference to our school** and our island community. On behalf of all of us, thank you!"

Emily Miller Head of School, Nantucket Lighthouse School

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