

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET



Annual Report for 2025

Mission Statement: The Mission of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket is to make the love of God more widely known.

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ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

St. Paul's Church in Nantucket

185th Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Immediately following the 9:30 a.m. service

Rector – Father Max Wolf

- Call meeting to order
- Opening Prayer
- Verification of quorum (37 members)
- Request permission to waive the reading of the 2024 Annual Meeting minutes
- Call for motion to approve amended church constitution

Wardens calls for reports:

Treasurer's Report – Kirk Baker

Stewardship Report – Peter Barnes/Patsy Wright

2025 Budget – Kirk Baker

Nominating Committee report and election – Jay Riggs

- Presentation of slate and motion for approval:
 - Vestry
 - Officers
 - Diocesan Convention Delegates
- Rector: Any nominations from the floor? For which position? If yes, ballots will be distributed
- Request for approval of slate of nominees by acclamation

Wardens' Reports –Lucy Leske and Liz Bristow

Rector – Father Max Wolf

- Any other business
- Concluding remarks and prayer

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET

2024 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2025

Call to order in person and via Zoom: At the close of the 9:30 A.M. service on January 19th, Max called St. Paul's 184nd Annual Meeting to order at 11:50 and opened with prayer.

Declaration of a Quorum: Clerk Peter J. Greenhalgh reported that the quorum of at least 37 church members were in attendance (44 present). A move to waive the reading of last year's minutes was made by Cece Fowler, all agreed.

2023 Treasurer's Report – Martin McKerrow

Martin spoke from the pulpit and reviewed the highlights from his reports that were handed out before the start of meeting. "Fundraising was very successful and operationally we broke even, thus we finished 2024 in a very strong financial condition." A great deal of work was accomplished once again with our Outreach programs.

The 2025 budget was presented (page 9 in report) and includes \$70,000 for Outreach. Sam Baker had a question about the campus properties – valued at 25 million – and Martin explained those costs were included in the budget.

Cece Fowler moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Steve Paradis, all were in favor.

"This was my swan song report as Treasurer and (he said jokingly), he will miss it, but not a lot." He stated that the support of the congregation and church friends is heartwarming. "When he started as Treasurer in 2018, we were worried about finances, now we are very confident with the vast change and transformation." He noted how Max's service to our church has also been a big help. He shared that the Vestry has put up with "lots of his reports," and thanked the Wardens; he started with Lou Gennaro and Stacey Stuart, then Libby Tracey and Bob Felch, and now Bob Felch and Lucy Leske, all wonderful folks. He praised bookkeeper Becky Mack, "who has been his wife over six years of this Treasurer business, and thanked Kirk Baker for stepping into his shoes." The congregation gave him a hearty standing ovation!

Stewardship Report – Co-chairs: Peter Barnes and Patsy Wright

Patsy noted that Peter was sorry he couldn't attend the meeting and shared that the Stewardship Committee is a great, very active and talented group with a solid Communications Committee as well. She thanked the members, and explained that when she first started, the goal was \$268,000 and last year it was \$550,000. "For 2025, we are already at 25% of our goal and they are continuing to follow up with folks. We will make our goal for this year, but please do pledge if you haven't already." There were no questions from the floor.

Nominating Committee Report and election – Chair: Bob Felch

Bob explained the committee looks towards needs, talents and skills when selecting new members. Terms are three years with an occasional opening, where a person will substitute for someone's full term. Officers are for one year. The Nominating Committee is appointed by the Vestry, and he submitted the proposed slate of names that had been approved by the Vestry at an earlier meeting, noted below. There were no nominations on the floor.

Presentation of the Slate of Officers:

Wardens: Lucy Leske and Liz Bristow (he explained that most churches have a Senior and Junior Warden, but at St. Paul's they work as co-wardens.)

Treasurer: Kirk Baker

Clerk: Peter J. Greenhalgh

As is noted in the by-laws, a motion was made to accept the slate by Clerk Peter J. Greenhalgh, a second was made, all were in favor.

Bob then read the Vestry Nominees for a three-year term and thanked the retiring Vestry Members:

New Vestry members: Class of 2025:

Kirk Baker (becomes officer)

Dorothy Baker

Colby Crenshaw

Cece Fowler

Libby Tracey (retires)

Class of 2026:

Peter Barnes

Liz Bistrow (becomes officer)

Jan Jacobi

Jay Riggs

Ruthie Klinck (for unexpired 1-year term)

Class of 2027:

Steve Paradis

Sheri Perelman

Patsy Wright

Lou Gennaro

Class of 2028 (new and returning folks):

Toby Broadus (1st 3-year term)

Dorothy Baker (2nd 3-year term)

Colby Crenshaw (1 year term)

Cece Fowler (1st 3-year term)

Lou Gennaro (for unexpected 2-year term, class of 2027)

Diocesan Delegate Representative – One-year Term:

Libby Tracey

Kirk Baker

Dorothy Baker, Alternate

There were no nominations from the floor; Jay Riggs moved the full slate, seconded by Martin McKerrow, all were in favor.

Warden's Report: Bob Felch and Lucy Leske

Bob explained the plan developed for our Campus moving forward: the church proper has been painted and window moldings "redone," and all looks lovely. Now they are working on Gardner Hall. Steve Paradis is the chair of the committee and John Barnes is helping him. "They will bring Gardner Hall into the 21st Century." There will be a new electrical system, bathrooms, and all safety codes will be met. Vicky Goss asked about the second egress from the basement, and Bob explained that too was being updated. Binth Rustad questioned the loud and echoing sound and noise when in Gardner Hall, and Steve said that was also being addressed. "We will have better acoustics when the ceiling is redone and will also have proper heating and ventilation systems." Bob was delighted to announce that after

his conversation with Linda Williams, she shared that the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has recommended our grant request of \$978,750 for vote at the Annual Town Meeting. “In the last two years St. Paul’s has received 1.7 million from CPC grants, however we still need to use monies from our Capital Campaign.

He mentioned how the first floor of the Parish House had been redone; the office was moved back to the front part of the building, and walls and floors redone. He encouraged folks to go and see the beautiful work. He thanked all parishioners and Vestry for all their loyal support with this project.

He then mentioned the three-month sabbatical Max will be taking (with Olly of course) and how they will be going to Maine, Block Island, CT., and at the end of March taking a Rhone River Cruise from Amsterdam to Basil and will return to St. Paul’s just after Easter. He explained that we have clergy coverage for his entire sabbatical.

Bob then invited Max and Olly to the front of the church to wish them Bon Voyage and present them with a check from the congregation, that covered their European trip with some extra monies for good measure.

Lucy Leske, on behalf of Vestry, thanked Bob for his amazing leadership during his tenure, for which he received a standing ovation! She went on to thank Libby Tracey and Martin McKerrow for ALL they have done. “We have big shoes to fill.” She also thanked Max and Olly for what they have been doing as well.

She then spoke on the “Big Agendas” of the Vestry, and the various impacts they will have on our community. “We will focus on the infrastructures and then Policies and Norms and getting our documents into the Cloud, so folks in the future can find them. She thanked all the staff and called out Joe Hammer and Christine Bourneman for all they do on behalf of the church.

Rectors Report: Max Wolf

Max thanked everyone for all they do for St. Paul’s. He then called Dottie Gennaro to join him in the front of the church and presented her with a card and watering can with great thanks for all she has done “as she served and led the Altar Guild for years.”

He called Martin McKerrow up and handed him a card and money clip and pocket square “the color of money.”

He thanked Libby for all she had done and presented her with a new shower cap because he knows she wears one in the rain. Of course, Libby put it right on her head! He gave her a mini-ice pack and scarf with an animal decoration.

Calling Bob Felch back up, he presented him with a card and a Racquetball sports cap, and a knitted Ski cap for his leisure time.

He thanked the congregation for their monetary gift for his sabbatical and hopes it will allow him to “get refreshed and relax.” He praised his very small staff and shared how wonderful they are, “he has no drama from his staff.” He noted that Joe Hammer’s music is a gift; “he is so creative and has brought the choir to a whole new level now.”

“Verger Curtis Barnes has been used in every capacity here at St. Paul’s, and is a true Godsend to me. He has helped me at so many outside funerals, and in just so many other ways.”

He mentioned how in 2018 the Bishop, just before Easter, called him to the island and how much he and Olly love it here.

He thanked the Vestry for their commitment and strong and faithful leadership.

He then thanked Olly and noted that we can find a new priest, but who will replace Olly. “She is his partner, as well as his partner in leadership and ministry.”

He remembered – by name – all those very involved parishioners who had died; Dual Macintyre (and how involved his wife Penny was until she moved to NY), and Ken Beaugrand. “Lou Gennaro and

Ken were so welcoming to him when he came to the island.” He truly believes our CPC grants are due to Ken since he was so involved with the committee for so many years.

He concluded with – as his mother said when she hung up the phone – that’s all I know.

“Now, let’s go and eat as there is a luncheon downstairs in Gardner Hall.”

No New Business

The meeting ended at 11:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter J. Greenhalgh

Clerk

ST. PAUL’S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET **2025 Annual Report of our Rector**

Because the pandemic had a lasting impact on how many people participate in-person in church activities and worship, The Episcopal Church decided to broaden the way they measured our parishes’ wellbeing. For decades parishes used a formula to report annually on their Average Sunday Attendance (ASA). The Church realized that ASA did not tell the whole story of a congregation’s health and instead asked parishes to consider how many daily interactions they have in the community, how many lives they touch.

Although ultimately immeasurable, this consideration is a truer gauge of the impact of St. Paul’s Church in Nantucket. With our island population fluctuating so dramatically seasonally, our ASA is strong but could never rival that of churches with stable year-round populations. Yet the number of lives we touch throughout the year in serving our island community and with island visitors coming to our church, is remarkable.

The reports that follow affirm the vitality of St. Paul’s Church. Through members’ compassion, commitment and generosity, our Outreach efforts are beyond what most parishes could even imagine. At the same time, we are undertaking a refurbishment of our campus that will enhance safety and hospitality for generations to come. I am grateful for your support, for that of our dedicated staff and leadership, and for dear Olly and Meatball always at my side. God is good!

The peace and joy of Christ,

Max

A. LEADERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION

1. Wardens’ Report

St. Paul’s Co-wardens are very pleased to report that 2025 was an outstanding year in terms of all that the Vestry has done in service toward our island, the parish, and the Episcopal community. It has been a gift and a pleasure to work alongside Fr. Max and Olly Wolf, the staff, and the countless volunteers to “make the love of God more widely known” and to strengthen our church.

Among the many high points of the year, we can first say that Vestry is one of our parish’s greatest assets. Serving on the Vestry and now as Co-Wardens, we have come to understand how thoughtful reflection, careful stewardship, open hearts and minds, a willingness to serve, and faith and prayer can come together to create a sum greater than all the parts.

This list of Vestry and Vestry Committee accomplishments is long and includes:

- Drafted and approved Vestry Covenants to guide us in our service.

- Renovated the Parish House.
- Planned and launched the renovation of Gardner Hall and the Sanctuary which includes the installation of a fire suppression sprinkler system and new climate control throughout the church building.
- Continued to steward the final months of the Call to Community Capital Campaign, with the final goal of successful completion in the winter of 2026.
- Hosted a Vestry retreat with Canon Rev. Kelly O’Connell, Regional Canon of the Massachusetts Episcopal Diocese.
- Improved and streamlined our budgeting system.
- Approved and installed a new audio and video system in the church, allowing all services and concerts to be shared more easily with those participating remotely.
- Created an endowment spending policy that will support the church’s Benevolence Fund and church operations.
- Supported the launch of the wildly successful Nantucket Toy Library.
- Reviewed and revised St. Paul’s constitution.

This goes to show how active, engaged, and busy the Vestry, our committees, and volunteers have been. We anticipate that this energy and activity will only continue to grow. Our deepest thanks to Fr. Max and Olly, our dedicated staff, and our volunteers for making St. Paul’s such a valued and trusted resource in our community. Thanks be to God for guiding us in this important work.

Lucy Leske and Liz Bristow
Wardens

2. Treasurer’s Report

As I begin this report, I have a great deal of gratitude for the support of our parishioners and friends in the Nantucket Community for demonstrating such generosity during the first year in my position as Treasurer of St. Paul’s. Your continued, growing support has allowed us to increase the impact our outreach ministries have in the community and has allowed us to create and launch the Nantucket Toy Library!

We are also close to the finish line on our “Call to Community” Capital Campaign, which has allowed us to finally complete a restoration of our Bell Tower, introduce a sprinkler system to protect our beloved church, add money to our endowment and renovate Gardner Hall to create a more welcoming space to be utilized for years to come.

I am pleased to report that we ended 2025 in a strong financial position. Operating revenues exceeded expenses and we are beginning 2026 in a solvent position not only to support a larger budget in general, but to begin and fund our renovation work which began this month.

2025 Highlights:

- St Paul’s Operating Revenues were over \$969,000 with Operating Expenses at \$882,000. In a year where we experienced higher expenses than anticipated, increased Stewardship, Fundraising and Outreach Income offset those expenses and resulted in a surplus of just over \$87,000.

- Revenues for our Community Outreach programs increased significantly and thankfully more than expenses.

- The Christmas Market was the most successful one yet as we took the silent auction online for the first time.

- The Rug Raffle was also a great success this year resulting in almost \$5,000 more in ticket sales than last year.

- Grants were written, applied for and awarded to start up a Toy Library Program in the Parish House.

- Revenues from the payment of Capital Campaign pledges exceeded \$1.426 million, cementing our base to begin work on expected 2026 capital expenses.

- We received an additional CPC grant of \$957,770 to help fund the Installation of a Sprinkler System in our Church which will help protect our church building for years to come.

Future Outlook:

- Our budget for 2026 projects a balanced budget.

- We are close to completing our “Call to Community” Capital Campaign which will allow us to fully fund both capital projects in the church building.

- Our Long-Term Investment Accounts as of the end of the year had a combined value of \$1,553,040 of which almost \$900,000 was unrestricted. An additional \$500,000 will be added this month based on a donation to our Call to Community Capital Campaign putting the total of our Long-Term Investment Accounts over \$2 million dollars.

Thank you to every one of our parishioners and St. Paul’s family. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated and help us as we continue to increase our efforts and presence in the Nantucket community to make “God’s love more widely known.”

Respectfully submitted,
Kirk Baker, Treasurer

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH IN NANTUCKET
2025 FINANCIAL RESULTS & 2026 BUDGET

	<u>2025</u> <u>Actual</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>2026</u> <u>Budget</u>	<u>%</u>
Operating Income				
Stewardship				
Pledges	\$485,229	67.77%	\$575,000	77.81%
Gifts	\$167,795	23.43%	\$105,000	14.21%
Prior Year	\$9,764	1.36%	\$10,000	1.35%
Plate Offerings	\$30,372	4.24%	\$35,000	4.74%
Special	\$17,550	2.45%	\$10,000	1.35%
Flowers	\$5,320	0.74%	\$4,000	0.54%
Total Stewardship	\$716,030	73.87%	\$739,000	75.20%
Fund Raising Income	\$93,829	9.68%	\$78,000	7.94%
Property Usage	\$3,000	0.31%	\$27,500	2.80%
Outreach	\$151,453	15.62%	\$82,000	8.34%
Music	\$5,000	0.52%	\$25,000	2.54%
Other	\$0	0.00%	\$31,274	3.18%
<i>Total Income:</i>	\$969,312	100.00%	\$982,774	100.00%
Operating Expenses				
Diocesan Assessment	\$88,923	10.08%	\$110,847	11.28%
Fundraisig Expense	\$10,087	1.14%	\$12,750	1.30%
Stewardship	\$11,704	1.33%	\$10,500	1.07%
Church Operations	\$54,977	6.23%	\$59,340	6.04%
Music	\$32,530	3.69%	\$35,850	3.65%
Personnel	\$366,765	41.58%	\$366,197	37.26%
Financial	\$35,415	4.02%	\$45,126	4.59%
Campus Expenses	\$187,668	21.28%	\$216,200	22.00%
Outreach	\$92,907	10.53%	\$107,200	10.91%
Miscellaneous	\$1,026	0.12%	\$18,764	1.91%
<i>Total Expenses:</i>	\$882,002	100.00%	\$982,774	100.00%
<i>Net Income:</i>	\$87,310		\$0	

3. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee plays a crucial role in supporting the Vestry with its fiduciary duties. This committee is responsible for providing comprehensive oversight of St. Paul's long-term investments and offering recommendations that help the Vestry maintain sound financial practices and procedures. A key objective of the committee is to keep the congregation regularly informed about the parish's financial status.

Working closely with the Treasurer, the Finance Committee is tasked with designing and managing the parish's financial systems, including operational accounts, capital accounts, and long-term investments. The committee recommends to Vestry an investment philosophy and develops policies to implement that philosophy across all parish funds. In addition, the committee supervises the investment of these funds and provides the Vestry with monthly updates, as well as quarterly and annual reports detailing investment results and strategies.

The Finance Committee assists in the preparation of St. Paul's annual budget. It is also actively involved in the annual audit process, collaborating with the independent auditor and participating in the review of St. Paul's submission to the Diocese.

Members of the Finance Committee: *Kirk Baker*, Chair & Treasurer, *Lucy Leske*, *Liz Bristow*, *Ruth Klinck*, *Sue Storey*, *Father Max Wolf*

4. 2025 Annual Stewardship Campaign Report

Our 2025 stewardship campaign, with the theme of "Growing Together in Faith and Service," concluded with 154 pledges totaling \$552,000, just exceeding our goal of \$550,000. We also received \$153,000 in unrestricted gifts along with more than \$14,000 in restricted gifts. All of this reflects the continued financial support of our members for our growing mission, ministries and programs. Thank you!

Our 2026 campaign kicked off with the theme of "Working Together Through Faith and Generosity." Thanks to prudent management of our finances, our goal for the 2026 campaign is \$575,000. That is just 4.5% more than our 2025 goal and will cover inflation plus a bit more. As of January 10, this year, we received 117 pledges totaling \$425,000, which is 11% higher for this group of pledgers compared to their 2025 pledges. It is also close to 75% of our 2026 goal. Going forward, we need to get 150-180 pledgers to achieve that goal. We have \$150,000 more to go! (Our campaign lasts through June.)

Going forward, we will be setting our stewardship goals and reporting on them differently. This is because of the changing composition of our pledges and donations. For one thing, we are receiving more restricted gifts than unrestricted ones. Restricted gifts direct the Vestry to spend these funds on specific programs such as our St. Paul's Suppers to fight food insecurity. To better account for these donations, we may deduct them from our pledge goals in future years or add gifts and pledges together, with 2026 as a transition year. So, applying the first instance of this new accounting to 2026, for example, our stewardship goal would be about \$535,000 rather than \$575,000. Our budgets for 2025 and 2026 documented in this report already reflect some of these changes. But they should be considering internal bookkeeping adjustments, not a reduction in our overall fundraising needs.

If you have not pledged yet for 2026, you may pick up a pledge card on the table at the back of the church, fill it out and drop it in the collection plate at a 9:30 service; you may also mail it into--or drop it off at--the church office. You may also download our campaign materials from our website--or pledge and pay there through our secure payment platform--by clicking on the "Donate Now" button at the top of the home page. You may also pay online for unpaid balances on your 2025 pledge.

Thank you to our committee members for another good year: Bob Felch, Jay Riggs, John Olson, Curtis Barnes, Cece Fowler, Martin McKerrow, Toby Broadus, Lucy Leske, Stacey Stuart and Steve Kelly.

Everyone's efforts are much appreciated.

If you have any questions about the 2026 campaign, please contact the church office or email us at stewardship@stpaulschurchnantucket.org. Thank you again for your support, generosity, and commitment. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Barnes & Patsy Wright
Annual Stewardship Campaign Co- Chairs

5. “Call to Community” Capital Campaign Report

In 2024 we launched our “Call to Community” capital campaign with the goal of \$4.2M to fund much needed campus repairs and renovations and to strengthen our endowment. This campaign is expected to reach a successful financial and physical conclusion by mid-2026.

We thank Fr. Max and our Committee for their work on this Campaign and also are extraordinarily grateful for the generosity and participation of so many people in helping us realize our dreams for this beautiful church.

Thank you to our committee members for their time, talent and treasure: Jay Riggs, Curtis Barnes, Cece Fowler, Patsy Wright, Martin McKerrow and Lucy Leske. We thank Fr. Max, whose commitment and leadership throughout the campaign has made this possible. We also wish to acknowledge the financial assistance we have received from the Nantucket Community Preservation Committee for this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Barnes & Bob Felch
“Call to Community” Co-Chairs

6. Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee appointed by the Vestry of St. Paul’s Church in Nantucket submits the following candidates for election by the Parish at its Annual Meeting on January 25, 2026. The Nominating Committee: Jay Riggs (chair), Liz Bristow, Dorothy Baker, Lou Gennaro, Father Max Wolf

Officers – current

Warden – Lucy Leske
Warden – Liz Bristow
Treasurer – Kirk Baker
Clerk – Peter Greenhalgh

Nominee (for 1-year terms)

Lucy Leske (Co Warden)
Liz Bristow (Co Warden)
Treasurer - Kirk Baker
Clerk - Sr. Susanna Fronzuto

Vestry – current

Class of 2026

Peter Barnes (retiring)
Jan Jacobi (retiring)
Jay Riggs (retiring)
Ruth Klinck

Nominees (for a three-year term)

Class of 2029 (new and returning)
Peter Greenhalgh (1st 3 year term)
Josie Martin (for 1st 3-year term)
Scott Ferguson (for 1st 3-year term)
Ruth Klinck (for 1st 3-year term)

Class of 2028

Colby Crenshaw
(stepping down in 2026)

Nominee for two year term, Class of 2028

Karen Bloomfield

Class of 2027

Steve Paradis (1)
Sheri Perelman - partial
Patsy Wright (2)
Lou Gennaro – partial

Class of 2028

Dorothy Baker (2)
Toby Broadus (1)
Cece Fowler (1)

Diocesan Convention Reps – 1-Year Term

Current

1. Kirk Baker
2. Sheri Perelman
Alt. Ruthie Klinck

See attached bios below for new Vestry nominees

Biographies for candidates:

Karen Bloomfield

Karen is an avid volunteer, full time on Nantucket since 2023.

Karen is alumna of Tulane University (biology) and The University of Oklahoma (geology) and has enjoyed careers as a HS Teacher and a Geologist with Shell, where she met her husband, Jim. They were married at the First Congregational Church, as Jim has been a summer resident most of his life. They purchased their first home on island in 2004, and moved to "the country", near Wauwinet, in 2023, full time since 2023.

As an Episcopalian since attending Casady School (OKC), former church roles have included serving on the Vestry at St. John the Baptist (Cairo, Egypt), and, at St. Francis Episcopal (Houston), Altar Guild and The Gathering (outreach for seniors). At St. Paul's, volunteer activities include Altar Guild, St. Paul's Suppers, Ready, Set, Read, and Christmas Stroll Market.

Past volunteer passions included Dress for Success Houston, The Parenting Center of New Orleans, Junior League of New Orleans, serving on the Board of St. George's Episcopal School (New Orleans), and other roles with her children's schools.

Her interests include gardening, home decor, and reading (loves Nantucket Book Festival). She adores being with her children, son Michael and his wife Sarah and their son George, of Washington, DC, and daughter Katie, of Nashville. When not at St. Paul's, she is usually volunteering at The Hospital Thrift Shop or enjoying her home with Jim and their NISHA rescue, Rolo, and friends and family who visit.

Scott Ferguson

Scott and his wife Kelly first came to Nantucket in the summer of 1983 and immediately fell in love with the island. They have returned every summer as have their three (now grown) children: Rachel, Walt and Claire. Scott's mother and stepfather, Hallie & George Heyer, were summer residents as well. They too attended St. Paul's and the cross above the entryway into the sanctuary was given in her memory. Scott and Kelly are both native Texans, Scott from Austin and Kelly from Canyon. They both graduated from the Univ. of Texas and Scott received his MBA from UT as well. Scott was in the cable television business for many years and more recently has been involved with small businesses. He and Kelly are long time members of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Austin where they are active in outreach, altar guild and Bible study activities, among others. Scott attends the Tuesday Lunchbox series at St. Paul's hosted by Sam Baker. Scott has most recently served on the boards of: the ARCH (a homeless support organization), HeartGift Austin and Tarry House. They enjoy spending as much time as they can with their 5 grandchildren.

Peter Greenhalgh

A descendant of Nantucket Whaling Captain Edmund Gardner, Peter has lived on Nantucket since 1991 and is blessed to be married to Stacey Whittier Stuart. A cradle Episcopalian growing up in Lexington, MA., he was an acolyte and crucifer and was the first student representative on the Vestry of his childhood church, Church of our Redeemer.

Taught by his parents the importance of giving back, he has been an active member of St. Paul's church for over thirty years, having served two terms on earlier vestries - some as clerk - and was honored to attend St. Paul's first mission trip to Guatemala. A graduate of Quinnipiac University, he has been a board member on a number of the island's cultural organizations, and for nine years was a member of the Nantucket Golf Club Scholarship Review committee, where he has once again been asked to serve. Peter is involved with our local Masonic Lodge and Rotary International. He enjoys spending time at his family cottage "in America," the natural beauty & history of the island, gardening, and entertaining at home with his lovely wife.

Josie Martin

Josie Martin is a managing Director at TrailRunner International based in Washington, D.C. She consults with and advises corporate and nonprofit CEOs and Boards experiencing existential and routine crises. Josie has more than 25 years of corporate external and internal communications, crisis, and reputation management experience across a range of industries, with deep experience in the pharmaceutical and health care sectors. Prior to her current role, Josie was Chief Communications Officer at a major Texas based hospital chain, led communications at several organizations including Purdue Pharma, the Pharmaceutical Research & Manufacturers Association, and the Federation of American Hospitals, and held leadership roles at firms such as TrailRunner International, APCO Worldwide, Ketchum, and Golin. Josie began her career on Capitol Hill and held a range of positions including serving as Communications Director for the Senate Finance Committee and for the late Senator John Chafee of Rhode Island.

Josie and her wife were married at St. Paul's Church on September 1, 2011, have been members since 2010, and were occasional summer attendees for the decade before that. They live just outside Washington DC in Arlington, VA with their daughter who has recently graduated from college and their four cats and 120-pound rescue golden retriever. In addition to St. Paul's, they are members of St. George's Episcopal Church in Arlington and the Chevy Chase Club in Washington D.C. They are active in many LGBTQ organizations and are avid New England Patriots fans. Josie is on the board of Children's Charities, an organization dedicated to helping low-income children in DC. They are in Sconset from June to October every year and they can often be found on a beach or on a boat enjoying the island.

Susanna Mary Fronzuto OSB

Susanna grew up on Nantucket and left the island the day after high school graduation to hitchhike to New York City. No matter where she lived, crisscrossing the country many times, St. Paul's was always a welcoming, stabilizing presence in her life.

Susanna is active in the Nantucket community. Retiring after a twenty-year career as a special educator in the Nantucket schools, three days later she joined the staff at A Safe Place and is entering her sixth year there as senior advocate and case manager. She currently sits on the Board of Friends of Our Island Home, Nantucket Center for Elder Affairs and the Special Education Parent Advisory Board for Nantucket Public Schools.

Susanna is a solemnly professed Benedictine Sister in the Episcopal Church. Her community, the Benedictine Priory of St. Mary is domiciled in Minneapolis, Minnesota where she joins her sisters several times a year. She is happy to answer questions about Episcopal religious life.

Susanna is certified in Children’s Ministry and Formation and at St. Paul’s is a member of the Altar Guild and the Hospitality Committee.

In her spare time, Susanna facilitates training and support groups for the National Alliance for Mental Illness, is a competitive bodybuilder and offers brain health fitness classes and energy therapy through her home studio.

Respectfully submitted,
The Nominating Committee,
Jay Riggs

7. Diocesan Convention

Report on the 240th Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Father Max Wolf and Kirk Baker attended the 240th Diocesan Convention in Burlington, Massachusetts on Saturday, November 15th, 2025. The theme of this year’s convention was, **The Hope to which we are Called**. *“May the eyes of your heart be enlightened so you may know the hope to which God has called you.”* – Ephesians 1:18

The day began with Eucharist, including the Keynote Address by the Most Rev. Melissa Skelton on congregational development and the importance of churches understanding their purpose. “No one had ever introduced the concept of ‘purpose’ to me and my impression of church was ‘spinning plates’—the rush of energy that requires you to be busy all of the time,” says Bishop Skelton. In her keynote, she presented a Gather, Transform, send model that helps congregations develop and articulate their core identity to deepen who they are and appeal to newcomers most suited to their church.

Bishop Whitworth then addressed the room of more than 500 clergy and lay members. She affirmed our shared calling to hope, through God’s abundant love, to be the body of Christ fully alive in the world, a community of joy and courage, bearing witness to the resurrection in all that we do. She discussed the critical work that was done over the past few years on diocesan core values, mission and priorities. She discussed the core values of Welcome, Courage, Justice and Joy, all in the service of Love. She announced four strategic priorities going forward: strengthening our worshipping communities; reframing communication, evangelism, and prophetic witness; advancing formation, discipleship, and leadership development; and improving diocesan stewardship and asset management. She highlighted a range of commitments that came out of the visioning work: including hiring Hispanic and Justice missionaries; hiring a Canon for Communications, Witness, and Engagement; supporting congregations in best utilizing real estate and with operational structures; and committing resources to formation throughout the diocese, including youth formation “the church of today.”

The next presentation was by the Compensation and Benefits Committee. They discussed a compensation survey, a new health insurance plan renewal option, the clergy housing allowance and adjustments to the compensation formula for 2026. The committee recommended a 3% increase in the Total Clergy Compensation Standard for 2026.

The Committee on Resolutions came next with proposed resolutions re-affirming the dignity and humanity of all people, denouncing discrimination against individuals because of their immigration status, recognizing the crucial and unique contribution of immigrants who hold Temporary Protected Status, and three other resolutions addressing the Church’s support of the Massachusetts TPS Committee and National TPS Alliance. The Convention Handbook supported all of the resolutions with the following explanation:

“As Christians, we follow Jesus and the Biblical mandates and examples: “You shall not oppress the stranger for you know the heart of the stranger, having been strangers in the land of Egypt” (Exodus 23:9) and the words of Jesus, “for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and

you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in" (Matthew 25:35). And as Episcopalians, our Baptismal Covenant implores us to commit to "seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves" and "striving for justice and peace among all people, and respecting the dignity of every human being," including by "welcoming the stranger." (Source: Book of Common Prayer, Baptismal Covenant).”

“Our sacred duty is to protect, uplift, and embrace those who seek safety and hope in our midst.”

This was my second year as a delegate at the Convention. I was joined on the trip by my wife and daughter, and we enjoyed a lovely dinner with Father Max the night before. It is always a blessing to be able to spend any time off island with Father Max breaking bread! Overall, I found the day in convention to be enriching, the Eucharist uplifting and the message of Hope to be necessary in this current political landscape that our Diocese feels so strongly involved in.

I came across a passage recently that I thought I would share, “Every day it becomes clearer that the root of the main political problems of today is religious – the presence or absence of faith in God.” Perhaps by protecting, uplifting and embracing those who seek safety and hope we are, indeed “Making God’s love more widely known.”

Respectfully Submitted,
Kirk A. Baker

B. BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

Well, the “Big” project is underway!

The Building Committee and Emeritus Design Team completed the documents for the new project, which includes:

1. Renovating Gardner Hall, work includes:
 - a. Sprinklers
 - b. New HVAC-heating and cooling
 - c. New lighting
 - d. New finishes, including:
 - i. Flooring
 - ii. Ceiling
 - iii. Wall finishes
 - iv. New bathrooms
2. Upgrading the electric service from 400 amps to 800 amps to accommodate our new HVAC systems.
3. Adding heat pumps on the main level to provide trim cooling during super-hot days.
4. Adding sprinklers throughout, upstairs and downstairs, to protect our beautiful building. As Father max said “let’s not have a Notre dame”!

The SPC committee made a business decision to work with local Nantucket vendors and members of our St. Paul’s community as much as possible. The team includes:

1. Architects – Emeritus Josh Bankroft lead architect, Matt MacEachern Principal
2. MEP Engineers – BLW Engineers – Daki Koutouvides Principal
3. Interior design – Good Bones – Graham Veysey Principal – with Vestry members Patsy Wright’s and Cece Fowler’s oversight
4. Lighting design – Prism Lighting Design – Maxime O’Rourke Principal
5. Construction Superintendent – Wise Construction – Peter Lloyd
6. Trade partners:
 - a. HVAC & Plumbing - Cape Cod Mechanical – Sean Maher

- b. Flooring – Mac Davis
- c. Electric – NEC Nantucket Electric
- d. Sprinklers – Rustic
- e. Painting - Heritage

Work started after Christmas services and is targeted to be complete around May 2026 if all goes well!

Respectfully Submitted

Steve Paradis & John Barnes Steve Paradis, Chair, Lucy Leske, Colby Crenshaw, Kirk Baker, Martin McKerrow, Robert Felch, John Barnes

Campus Interiors committee

The Campus Interiors Committee is responsible for the thoughtful oversight of all interior spaces across the church campus, including the church, parish house, and related buildings. The committee’s role is to ensure that any changes or additions align with the overall character, function, and long-term vision of these spaces, helping maintain a sense of continuity and harmony throughout the campus. By offering guidance and coordination, the committee supports decisions that respect the history of the parish while allowing the interiors to evolve in a considered and cohesive way.

Cece Fowler & Patsy Wright co-chairs

C. MINISTRIES

1. Music

Commitment means a promise or pledge to do something, a dedication of time and/or energy to a person or cause, or an obligation/duty, often involving loyalty, perseverance, and seriousness, like a "commitment to a relationship" or "work commitments". It signifies being bound to something, requiring effort and focused purpose, from a personal promise to a professional pledge or even legal consignment.

“...being bound to something, requiring effort and focused purpose...” What a wonderful way to describe those who have contributed to St. Paul’s vibrant and meaningful worship music life and the enrichment of St. Paul’s parishioners, visitors and the Nantucket community at large. This commitment, whether from the clergy, staff, Sunday congregants, Nantucket or visiting musicians, old folks, youngsters, trained professional vocalists or instrumentalists, or music novices, has enabled the music program to grow and enhance an already historically robust music tradition.

The result of St. Paul’s commitment in 2025 was the continuation of a 50-week choir program (essentially unheard of in church music programs), serving as the home of the Nantucket Musical Arts Society, being the featured concert venue for the Rossini Club performances, and hosting rehearsals and performances of the Nantucket Community Music Center (NCMC) Community Choir, the NCMC Jazz Band, and the NCMC Nantucket Island Youth Orchestra. In addition, through the support of the **Nancy Tompkins Broll Music Fund**, St. Paul’s was able to enjoy the music talents of many accomplished and acclaimed pianists, vocalists and instrumentalists throughout the year. The music fund’s support included bringing Paul Fey, the young German concert organist and YouTuber, to St. Paul’s for a concert and his participation in the crawl. (More than 15,000 viewers world-wide have shared in these St. Paul’s experiences through Paul Fey’s YouTube channel.)

Those who **committed** their time and talent to St. Paul’s 2025 music program include:

Bree Ahern	Joey Gioe	Ian Robertson
Ashley Akins	Mollie Glazer	Serena Schick
Emily Bashour	Karin Gockel	Richard Stewart
Deborah Beale	Anthony Healey	Lauren Swezay
Normand Berthelette	Sharon Henderson	Libby Tracey
Nancy Beuscher	Brian Hull	Sophie Tracey
Benjamin Boskoff	Joan Hull	Candace Tschirki

Whitney Burr	Eli Jordan	Chalotte Weinstein
Andrew Byers	Janet Lindgren	Ned Wight
Marion Cephas	Kathi Linville	Margot Young
Ann and Larry Colgrove	Lucy Leske	
Nick Davies	Charles Manghis	
Judy Dey	Ann Martindale	
Kezia Duarte	Jennifer Maxwell	
Wesley Ducote	Michelle Murray	
Faith, Genevieve, Maria, Juliet, and Clara Frable	Terry Noyes	
Pam Goddard	Jenny Paradis	
	Laura Roberts	

Thank you to them, and to you, for expressing such commitment!
Joe Hammer, Director of Music & Organist

2. Altar Guild

After serving as Altar Guild Directress for 17 years, Dottie Gennaro stepped aside as the organizer, with Ann Oliver as her assistant. Both of them continue to be treasured assets to the Altar Guild.

Ann Smith and Karen Bloomfield have taken on the organizer roles. We started off the year with a Welcome Coffee in Gardner Hall, to say thank you to Dottie and Ann and enjoy some fellowship as the year got started. We followed that up with Training in May, headed by Ann Oliver. We welcomed several new members (Anne Broadus, Emily Gaskin, Whitney Burr, Robin Youngman, Ruthie Klinck, and Priscilla Walker Dallmus) who have become very helpful new members of our groups! Two Polishing Days were held, before Easter and Christmas, to make sure that the brass and silver sparkle for our biggest days of the year. Altar Guild teams work together to prepare the church for services each week, in the garden in the summer and in the church year-round.

Many thanks go to Jay Riggs, Trisha Anderson, Ann Smith, Dottie Gennaro, Toni McKerrow, Anne Broadus, Emily Gaskin, Karen Bloomfield, Ruthie Klinck, Robin Youngman, Patricia Walker Dallmus, Sister Susanna Fronzuto, and Ann Oliver, Olly Wolf, and Whitney Burr.

We encourage anyone who has an interest (women and men) to contact us, or any member of the Altar Guild or Father Max to find out more about the Altar Guild. Serving the church in this ministry is a rewarding way to learn more about the workings of the church, to feel a part of the good works of the church, and to make new friends in the congregation.

Ann Smith and Karen Bloomfield

3. Liturgical Ministry

Serving the church as a Eucharistic Minister, lector, usher, greeter, or acolyte is a ministry open to all. We are blessed to have many members of the parish volunteers to serve in these ministries. Our young people continue to serve as acolytes – especially the Frables, the Crenshaws, and the Moores – and we welcome any others who may be interested. Readers, ushers, and greeters are always needed. Thank you all for your dedicated service to St. Paul's!

Eucharistic Ministers

Kathy Baird	Paul Borneman III	Sheri Perelman
Dorothy Baker	Elizabeth Bristow	Ian Roberston
Curtis Barnes	Jeffrey Cox	Stacey Stuart
Peter Barnes	Gina Crenshaw	Olly Wolf
Kate Barney	Sister Susanna	

Acolytes

Elizabeth Borneman
Charleston Crenshaw
MaryVirginia Crenshaw
Genevieve Frable

Clara Frable
Juliet Frable
Lillian Frable

George Moore
Finn Moore

Lectors

Trish Anderson
Kathy Baird
Joe Baird
Dorothy Baker
Kirk Baker
Sam Baker
Curtis Barnes
Peter Barnes
Jennie Benzie
Nancy Beuscher
Lucy Bixby
Abigail Borneman
Eliabeth Borneman
Paul Borneman III
Liz Bristow
Marion Cephas
Colby Crenshaw
William Connell
Gina Crenshaw
Jeffrey Cox

Zoe Di Pinto
Adam Dread
Ned Fawcett
Bob Ford
Genevieve Frable
Pam Goddard
Vicki Goss
Peter Greenhalgh
Joe Hammer
Robert Inglis
Jan Jacobi
Bill Jamieson
Eli Jordan
Steve Kelly
Marshall Keys
Lucy Leske
Wyatt Leske
Kathi Linville
Karen MacNab
Malcolm MacNab

Sr. Susanna Margaret
Josie Martin
Siobhan O'Mahony
Charles McGill
Martin McKerrow
Jackie McGrady
Jenny Paradis
Steve Paradis
Sheri Perelman
Ian Robertson
Stacey Stuart
Yvette St. Jean
Howard Stovall
Campbell Sutton
Libby Tracey
Randy Wight
Jack Williams
Olly Wolf

Ushers/Greeters

Trish Anderson
John Barnes
Curtis Barnes
Peter Barnes
Jeffrey Cox
Adam Dread
Bob Felch
Lou Gennaro

Peter Greenhalgh
Carolyn Hills
Robert Inglis
Yvette St. Jean
Steve Kelly
Malcolm MacNab
Josie Martin
Martin McKerrow

Bill Moore
Steve Paradis
Don Russell
Phil Smith
Howard Stovall
Stacey Stuart
Libby Tracey
Patsy Wright

Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Barnes, Coordinator

4. Hospitality Committee (Formally known as Fellowship Committee)

When thinking of the meaning of Hospitality, the friendly and generous reception of guests and strangers comes to mind. This is the most important thing a church can offer its members and visitors. I am often reminded of this when I observe people sitting together weekly and enjoying fellowship or greeting people who are new to St. Paul's and welcoming them to our church.

We at St. Paul's fulfill this sentiment by way of our small Hospitality committee. For fifty-two Sundays a year, our rotation of ladies faithfully produces an array of gastronomical delights for our Coffee hour. In addition, every gathering after an event is produced by the ladies of this committee, this includes receptions after concerts and fundraisers. Last year the ladies spearheaded a spaghetti

dinner, it was hugely popular, and many non-committee members helped and did the cooking, waiting of tables, bussing and cleaning up.

A winter tradition everyone enjoys is the hosting of dinner parties for parishioners in people's homes. This breaks up the ho hum of winter boredom on the island. Last year there were 6 dinners hosted that were eagerly attended by parishioners. In years gone by, Hospitality even organized Bingo with prizes! And not to be overlooked, there is a meal delivery hospitality for parishioners who are sick or just out of the hospital and could use a week's worth of meals to help them get through. Jay Riggs organizes this and I have been the recipient of this lovely act of generosity many times.

The very fine ladies of Hospitality would love to have people join us in our work- many hands make light work as they say, or many hands make for a loving ministry.

I am grateful for the people who step up to fill in the occasional voids, but I am most thankful for my committee- Libby Tracey, Sheila Daume, Christine Borneman, Sister Susannah Fronzuto, Yvette St. Jean, Stacy Stuart, Dottie Gennaro and Jenny Benzie.

Respectfully submitted,
Olly Wolf, Chair

5. Laundry Love

This was the ninth year in which I was fortunate to head this helping project of the Mission Committee of St. Paul's Church. St. Paul's has provided laundry cards to those islanders identified as needing a little financial help to do their laundry. We were so fortunate this year to receive again a generous private donation to support our Laundry Love program. This year we have been able to greatly increase our client base. The program gives 8 \$25 cards each month to Elder Services of Nantucket. We now are also able to give from 20-30 \$25 cards each month to The Warming Place. We continue to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month adding more clients at each meeting. Many are not just clients. They have become friends. At our December meeting, we were able to help 18 clients do their laundry spending \$950.00. Libby Tracey, Father Max, Sheila Daume and Candace Claster have been invaluable helpers.

I have enjoyed the 9 years coordinating this worthwhile project that our very own St. Paul's parishioner, Frank Robinson, began years before. We are always grateful to The Community Foundation for its financial aid over the years.

Respectively submitted,
Randy Wight, Coordinator

D. FUNDRAISING

1. Needlepoint Rug Raffle

Another beautiful needlepoint rug was masterfully stitched again this year with Nantucket native flowers Hydrangeas, Rosa Ragosa, Daffodils, Blueberries, wood lilies and forget me nots. The rug was designed by one of Erica Wilson's designers and was lovingly stitched by Lucile Hays, Nancy Bills, Ann Broadus, Daphne Mitchell, Susan Whitlock and Sheila Daume.

The Stunning rug was displayed on Main St. in front of Murrays Toggery and we are so grateful for their help again this year! Olly managed the selling of the raffle tickets on Main St. and after services on Sunday.

We are also grateful to all those who generously underwrote the cost of the design and finishing of the rug.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheila Daume

2. Christmas Market

Christmas Market - 2025

It is with JUBILATION that we report on St. Paul's Christmas Market for year 2025. It was by far the best year yet and we are thrilled and grateful beyond measure. Church members, islanders, and visitors to the Christmas Stroll all cherish this yearly church fundraiser. It provides an opportunity to bring our church members together to work, imagine, create, learn and begin friendships all for the purpose of making a beneficial impact on our island community through the outreach programs it supports.

As we began to envision what the 2025 Market would be like, we invited past volunteers to a meeting to discuss what improvements and what changes we might consider streamlining our event. The question came up of how to make it more efficient and more prosperous. After much discussion and with participation from all the volunteers present, we decided to focus on specific items, eliminating the inventory of things that are difficult to sell, expanding both our lunch menu and available seating for diners, and by seeking a silent auction chair and committee to seriously enhance the auction. We were resolute in our objectives, and it paid off especially where the Silent Auction is concerned.

Ann Smith very gamely answered the call to be the Chair of the Silent Auction and in doing so, she took a long hard look at the Silent Auction in years past and figured out what we needed to do to grow. This meant securing more experiences for people to bid on. With that goal in mind, long-time parishioner with many connections, Jay Riggs and savvy business owner Jenny Benzie, joined Ann to create the committee that brought the Market over the top. During our planned meeting, it was suggested that we should establish an online presence for the Christmas Market, possibly including the Silent Auction online, as many nonprofits on Nantucket do. This idea was a daunting challenge for us, and Jenny Benzie valiantly researched and designed a system that paired online and in-person bidding. The team created our most successful Silent Auction yet, practically doubling our total money earned from previous years, with over \$53,000 raised. A REMARKABLE achievement indeed!

We close the 2025 Christmas Market with gratitude for each and every volunteer, staff member, patron, and donor of items, experiences and activities. It is a joy to see all that can be accomplished TOGETHER by our small but mighty parish! Between the talents, wisdom, generosity, tireless work and our shared goal of working in unison for the wellbeing of our church and community, we find favor in God's sight. Blessings and Thanks to All!

Lovingly and respectfully submitted,
Olly Wolf & Ruthie Klinck, Christmas Market Co-Chairs

E. OUTREACH

1. Nantucket Interfaith Council

The Nantucket Interfaith Council (NIFC) is a non-profit association made up of clergy and lay members of the island's diverse faith communities, including St. Paul's. Open meetings are held to discuss common concerns and for opportunities to promote interfaith dialogue and action regarding important issues affecting the Nantucket community.

The Nantucket Food Pantry, the Nantucket Rental Assistance Program, and the Nantucket Fuel Assistance Program - rebranded collectively in 2017 as "Nantucket Food, Fuel and Rental Assistance"- are vital community outreach programs sponsored and maintained by the NIFC. These programs provide critical assistance for food, shelter and heat to Nantucket's families.

The clergy and lay representatives to the NIFC host an interfaith Nantucket High School Baccalaureate service every June often held at St. Paul's Church, traditionally an interfaith Thanksgiving service, and a Martin Luther King Jr. service in January, broadcast and in person.

In December 2020, Nantucket Cottage Hospital made a \$500,000 donation to NFFRA for an endowment for those needing financial assistance to travel off island for medical care.

The NIFC's bylaws provide that each island congregation is entitled to representation by its clergy and two lay representatives. Libby Tracey and Dorothy Baker are our current lay representatives, and Father Max is serving as this year's Vice-President. Others in the congregation are welcome to attend NIFC meetings (typically, by Zoom, at Noon, second Tuesday of the month, from September to June) and are encouraged to bring important community matters to the Council.

We are blessed to be part of such a generous community in which people of all faiths work together, peacefully, to assist our neighbors in need.

*Frank Robinson, Lay Representative Emeritus
and Father Max*

2. St. Paul's Outreach Committee

At St. Paul's, outreach is one way we live our mission to make the love of God more widely known. It is a shared practice of showing up, quietly, steadily, and together, for our neighbors and the wider community. This work is sustained by many small acts of care, offered by parishioners and carried out in partnership with local organizations across Nantucket.

Our outreach partnerships include: A Safe Place; the Community Foundation for Nantucket; Elder Services; Fairwinds Counseling Center; the Interfaith Council; Nantucket Community School; Remain Nantucket; Siasconset Union Chapel; The Food Pantry; and The Warming Place, among others.

St. Paul's Suppers

Now in its fifth year, St. Paul's Suppers provides healthy, professionally prepared dinners each week to neighbors who may be hungry or isolated. Meals are cooked by local chefs and delivered by parish volunteers. This ministry is supported by parishioners, friends of the church, and grants from the Community Foundation for Nantucket's Nantucket Fund and Siasconset Union Chapel.

Nantucket Food Pantry

St. Paul's provides regular donations of food and household supplies in support of the Pantry's ongoing work.

Community School Snacks

What began as a small response to a specific need has grown into the provision of daily snacks for young children across Nantucket Community School programs, helping ensure consistent nourishment during the school day and after-school hours.

Ready, Set, Read

Parish volunteers read one-on-one each week with kindergarten students enrolled in the Nantucket Community School extended day program. The emphasis is on consistency, relationships, and the simple joy of reading together.

The Nantucket Toy Library @ St. Paul's

The Toy Library offers families access to high-quality toys that can be checked out and brought home, supporting imaginative play and early learning. In addition, the Toy Library hosts open sessions staffed by volunteers and warmly welcomed by caregivers and children alike. We are grateful to the Remain

Nantucket Fund and the Community Foundation for Nantucket's Nantucket Fund for start-up support, and to the parish for its ongoing care of this ministry.

The Bike Library

The Bike Library provides bicycles to international J-1 visa students working on the island. Bikes, helmets, locks, and lights are offered and maintained through dedicated volunteer effort and community generosity.

Laundry Love

Laundry Love has provided both laundry gift cards and monthly access to free laundry services at Holdgate's. This ministry is grounded in the dignity that clean clothes offer.

Outreach Newsletter

A monthly outreach newsletter continues to share updates, highlight needs, and invite participation across the parish.

We are deeply grateful to the parishioners who lead and sustain this work, and to the many others who contribute time, energy, and resources behind the scenes.

As needs continue to shift, so will our response. If you are interested in learning more, volunteering, or sharing an idea, we would be glad to hear from you.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Baker and Liz Bristow
Co-Chairs, St. Paul's Outreach Committee

F. COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The purpose of forming a Communications ministry was to communicate God's work in and through the St. Paul's community by sharing stories of outreach, events, and the other ministries of our congregation. This has been accomplished by developing and enacting a strategy for St. Paul's various communication tools including the website, Tidings newsletter, bulletins, and the promotion and marketing, via local media, of our many special events. Our communications initiatives are a natural segue into our annual Stewardship campaign by enabling us to tell our story to a broader number of people. We are very thankful for our dedicated volunteer committee members: Curtis Barnes, Peter Barnes, Susan Coffin, Jan Jacobi, Steven Kelly, and Josie Martin.

Patsy Wright and Peter Barnes
Chair, Communications Committee