



TIDINGS

Winter 2026



Rector's Message

Called, Gathered, Nurtured, Sent



On behalf of all our volunteers, Father Max graciously accepts the Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Volunteer of the Year Award.

In a recent Sunday sermon, I reminisced about this succinct summary of our faith printed on a poster distributed by the Diocese some years ago. I find these words to be appropriate for this issue of *Tidings*, which celebrates our parish volunteers. God calls each one of us volunteers; God gathers us into community; we are nurtured by the sacraments and each other's fellowship, and we are sent.

We are sent by God to serve through our various occupations inside our church and parish house, at worship, behind the scenes, and now with children in our Toy Library. We are sent by God into the schools, into the hospital, into Our Island Home, into the laundromat, and sent by God with suppers to our neighbors' doorsteps.

So many of the people listed inside here also serve with various other nonprofits, and we know that so many of our snowbirds are very much involved in their "offseason" communities. (You know that I prefer the designation laborer or worker instead of volunteer). Thank you for all that you do as a worker helping to build God's Kingdom. Thank you for responding to God's call and agreeing to be sent.

*Continued blessings,
Father Max*



St. Paul's Church in Nantucket

Our Staff

The Rev. Max Wolf, Rector
Joe Hammer, Music Director
Christine Borneman, Parish
Administrator
Curtis Barnes, Verger
The Rev. Susan Phillips, Deacon
John Howish, Sexton

Our Vestry

Lucy Leske, Warden
Liz Bristow, Warden
Kirk Baker, Treasurer
Sister Suzanna Fronzuto, Clerk

Dorothy Baker
Karen Bloomfield
Toby Broadus
Scott Ferguson
Cece Fowler
Lou Gennaro
Peter Greenhalgh
Ruthie Klinck
Josie Martin
Steve Paradis
Sheri Perelman
Patsy Wright



A Word from the Wardens

Lucy Leske & Liz Bristow

The Oxford Dictionary defines a volunteer as “a person who voluntarily offers their services in any capacity.” No matter how great or small their contribution, each volunteer at St. Paul’s Church matters, for it is the sum of all their efforts that makes our church such a vibrant, thriving community. From serving on a committee to picking up discarded programs after each service, every volunteer act is an act of love. As the poet Robert Browning wrote, “All service ranks the same with God...there is no last or first.” As wardens, we are deeply grateful for our volunteers, their good will and collaborative spirit, their talent and creativity, their resilience and patience and seemingly bottomless supply of energy. As we continue to grow our Outreach ministries, we look forward to seeing all our volunteers on campus and off this year, and to welcoming new ones who are interested in serving St. Paul’s and our community.

† PARISH COMMITTEES †

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| Altar Guild
Ann Oliver and Karen Bloomfield,
co-chairs | Outreach Committee
Dorothy Baker and Liz Bristow,
co-chairs |
| Campus Oversight Committee
Steve Paradis, chair | Stewardship Committee
Patsy Wright and Sandy Keys, co-chairs |
| “Call to Community”
Campaign Committee
Peter Barnes and Bob Felch, co-chairs | Music Committee
Joe Hammer, chair |
| Communications Committee
Patsy Wright and Peter Barnes, co-chairs | Campus Interiors Committee
Cece Fowler and Patsy Wright, co-chairs |
| Finance Committee
Kirk Baker, chair | Tidings
Patsy Wright and Peter Barnes, editors |
| Hospitality Committee
Olly Wolf, chair | |

TIME—TALENT— TREASURE

Meet Sheri and Jim Perelman. Their quiet generosity and steady service are woven into the life of St. Paul's.



By Patsy Wright

PW: Sheri and Jim, can you share a bit about your path to Nantucket and how St. Paul's became a part of your lives?

Sheri: St. Paul's was a part of my life in 1979 when Rev. Stevens was the priest; I was married to my first husband at St Paul's. After some time away from the church, I signed my three children up for Sunday school and later the children's choir with Joannie Kitchner. During Doug Tompkins time as priest here, I guided the youth group, even though my children were too young to join. I continued attending after the children graduated from school and went off to college. Later I became a Eucharistic minister and have enjoyed serving at the altar and in people's homes.

JP: St. Paul's became a part of my life through Sheri. I have enjoyed helping with many of the food-related fundraisers and church gatherings. Although being Jewish, I am very welcomed by everyone at St Paul's...Our paths to Nantucket are a much longer story. Here is the short version. We both came here because of our grandparents—Sheri's as islanders and mine as summer people. Sheri spent one week each year here while growing up, and I spent summers on the island. Eventually, Sheri found her way back, while I never left.

PW: Sheri, you serve as a Eucharist minister and a member of the Vestry. Many people experience your presence as calm and steady. Where does that sense of peace in you come from?

SP: To be honest, it is a work in progress. Jim always likes to joke with me when I say I'm going down to my studio to practice yoga, meditation and

Ji Shin. He says, "Haven't you got it right yet?" Like anything in life—prayer, meditation, eating healthy, exercising—it is all an ongoing practice. I have found that St. Paul's is a place where I can sit alone or with others and feel the presence of God. The chapel was a place I would sit quietly when I lived in town while raising my children. It was halfway between where we lived and where I worked. It was a great gift to have even when I thought my life was falling apart.

PW: Jim, as Nantucket's Sheriff, you serve our community in countless ways. At St. Paul's, your service often happens quietly, especially delivering St. Paul's Suppers to A Safe Place for families affected by domestic abuse. What does this cross-over work mean for you?

JP: In my line of work, I am privy to many of the struggles that people experience. By delivering Meals-on-Wheels through my office and Wednesdays St. Paul's Suppers, I feel I am doing a small part to lessen those struggles.

PW: On a lighter note, what is your perfect day on Nantucket?

SP: A hot cup of coffee in bed with Jim when I wake up (he brings it to me). A long yoga practice with meditation and prayer included. Teaching a class or two or seeing private clients. When the weather is good, a long walk on the beach followed by a picnic with Jim and friends. Finishing up with time to knit before bed.

JP: In the summer, I love having a picnic on the beach with Sheri. Any time of year having spur of the moment dinners at our home with friends. Generally walking around town greeting and meeting people.



**Thank
YOU!**

By Patsy Wright & Peter Barnes

*for your generosity
and your faithfulness.*

Stewardship Campaign *Update*

We hope you enjoy this special volunteer issue of *Tidings*. Making a pledge is in its own right another opportunity to volunteer—a freely given offering of your support. We welcome you to “be a part of it.” Pledges make it possible for our church to plan for and support the ministries that sustain and grow our life together. Because of this shared commitment, we can look ahead with confidence.

We are also deeply grateful to the volunteers on the Stewardship Committee whose quiet dedication and care help guide this effort each year. Their behind-the-scenes work, thoughtful conversation, outreach, and follow-up play an important role in keeping this campaign grounded in gratitude and community.

As of this writing, we have received 128 pledges totaling \$455,700—an encouraging sign as the campaign continues with its goal of \$575,000. If you have not yet had a chance to pledge, we hope you will consider joining in. Every pledge helps shape the work we share.



At the Island Home on Christmas day, Reggie and Louie share a photo-op with Lucy who was there celebrating Christmas with her mom Elsie.

Liz on the serving line.



Photos: Patsy Wright



The Hospitality Committee brings people together.

**Thank you to all of our
dedicated Volunteers!**

FUNDRAISING



THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The Christmas Market is St. Paul's biggest fundraiser of the year. What began modestly has grown into a much-anticipated island tradition, drawing parishioners, islanders, and those in town for Christmas Stroll. The Market is a rich collection of beautifully curated offerings, generously donated by members of the parish and friends beyond. Thanks to the culinary talents of Vicky Goss and the kitchen team, it has also earned a well-deserved reputation as Nantucket's best Christmas Stroll lunch, an event that brings people back year after year. Under the leadership of co-chairs Olly Wolf and Ruthie Klinck, an impressive roster of volunteers makes it all happen, transforming months of planning into a day that feels effortless and magical.

THE SILENT AUCTION AT THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

This year's Silent Auction took a bold new direction, moving online for the first time and focusing largely on experiences. Donors offered everything from bourbon tastings and vacation homes to photography portrait sessions, rounds of golf at Sankaty and the Nantucket Golf Club, and sailing excursions. The combination proved to be a game changer, energizing participation and transforming the scope of the auction. Thanks to the leadership of co-chairs Ann Smith, Jay Riggs, and Jenny Benzie, the Silent Auction proved remarkably successful and reshaped what the auction could be.

THE CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The annual Christmas Concert at St. Paul's is a cherished highlight of Christmas Stroll weekend, eagerly anticipated by islanders and visitors alike. Under the direction of Music Director Joe Hammer, the evening offers a beautifully curated program of holiday classics and beloved carols, featuring vocal soloists, instrumentalists and a joyful sing-along. Following the concert, all are invited to a festive reception with beverages, bubbly, and an assortment of cookies and cakes lovingly prepared and served by the volunteers of the Hospitality Committee.

THE NEEDLEPOINT RUG RAFFLE

Every year a dedicated group of parishioners creates a needlepoint rug that is raffled at the end of each summer to raise funds for Outreach ministries. Each stitcher completes an individual square, later assembled into a single beautiful rug. This year's rug reflects the skill and artistry of its stitchers: Nancy Bills, Jeanne Boone, Sheila Daume, Lucille Hays, Daphne Mitchell, and Yvette St. Jean. Over time, this effort has become a much anticipated and meaningful source of support for Outreach, as volunteers spend the summer selling raffle tickets on Main Street to neighbors and visitors alike, a familiar Nantucket tradition.



Holiday treasurers at the Christmas Market



A beautifully set silent auction table



The church is filled with music and joy.



Vicki Goss feeds the masses at the Christmas Market

Photos: Patsy Wright

WE ♥ OUR VOL



It takes a village!

The work of St. Paul's rests on the backbone of its volunteers. They show up, pitch in, and get things done, often behind the scenes and without fanfare. Each contribution matters, but it's the way those efforts come together that gives our church its strength. Working side by side, we become more than the sum of our parts.

Volunteers

Louisa Affleck
 Trish Anderson
 Kirk Baker
 Sam Baker
 Dorothy Baker
 John Barnes
 Peter Barnes
 Curtis Barnes
 Kate Barney
 Deborah Beale
 Jenny Benzie
 Dave Bernard
 Nancy Beuscher
 Nancy Bills
 Lucy Bixby
 Karen Bloomfield
 Judy Bluie
 Paul Bluie
 Jeanne Boone

Paul Borneman III
 Christine Borneman
 Elizabeth Borneman
 Nicole Bosquet
 Liz Bristow
 Toby Broadus
 Anne Broadus
 Bill Brown
 Whitney Burr
 Betsy Carey
 Peter Carey
 Marion Cephas
 Candace Claster
 William Connell
 Jeffery Cox
 Colby Crenshaw
 Gina Crenshaw
 Charleston Crenshaw
 Mary Virginia Crenshaw

Priscilla Dallmus
 Sheila Daume
 Zoe Di Pinto
 Pat Dick
 Dave Dick
 Diane Dietle
 Adam Dread
 Tweed Eckhard
 Ned Fawcett
 Bob Felch
 Steve Ferguson
 Sr. Suzanna Fronzuto
 Bonnie Ford
 Cece Fowler
 Faith Frable
 Genevieve Frable
 Maria Grace Frable
 Juliet Frable
 Clara Frable

Lillian Frable
 Steve Furguson
 Lou Gennaro
 Dottie Gennaro
 Pam Goddard
 Vicky Goss
 Peter Greenhalgh
 Beverly Hall
 Joe Hammer
 Lucile Hays
 Cassandra Henderson
 Carolyn Hills
 Robert Inglis
 Jan Jacobi
 Bill Jamison
 Eli Jordan
 Steve Kelly
 Sandy Keys
 Marshall Keys

UNTEERS

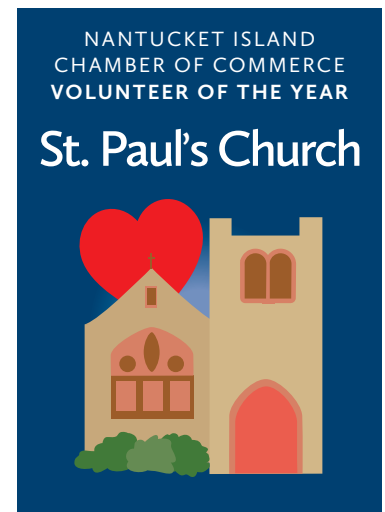


Vivian Kilvert
Ruthie Klinck
Dennis Kozlowski
Kimberly Kozlowski
Marsha Kotalac
Lucy Leske
Wyatt Leske
Kathi Linville
Juliana Mackie
Judy MacLeod
Malcolm MacNab
Karen MacNab
Jill Mansfield
John Mansfield
Evan Marley
Josie Martin
Lindsley Matthews
Alison McKay
Martin McKerrow
Toni McKerrow
Sarah Ann Miller
Daphne Mitchell
Bill Moore
Jeanne Moore
Sheila Morgan
Lucile Morgan
Joyce Morgan
Jim Morgan
Christopher Mundy
Susan Mundy

Deidre O'Mahoney
John O'Mahoney
Siobhan O'Mahoney
John Olsen
Steve Paradis
Jenny Paradis
Sheri Perelmam
Jim Perelmam
Cathy Richen
Jay Riggs
Ian Robertson
Sharon Robinson
Binh Rustad
Serena Schick
Ann Smith
Phil Smith
Suzi Spring
Yvette St. Jean
Stacey Stuart
Sue Storey
Libby Tracey
Susan Whitlock
John Whitlock
Ned Wight
Randy Wight
Olly Wolf
Max Wolf
Patsy Wright
Josie Youngman

Volunteer of the Year!

St. Paul's was honored to receive the Nantucket Chamber of Commerce's Volunteer of the Year award, a recognition of the many ways our parish serves the Nantucket community. We are a church first, and through healthy meals for people facing hardship, children's reading programs, pastoral care, and many other efforts, St. Paul's volunteers pop up in all sorts of places. They show up with enthusiasm, generosity, and a genuine love of our community—sometimes quietly, with smiles, and always with purpose. We are grateful to the Chamber for this meaningful recognition, which shines a light on the spirit of service that runs through our parish year-round. We are deeply thankful to everyone who gives their time and talents to our church. It's a wonderful moment to pause, celebrate, and say thank you to the volunteers who are reason for this award.



Thank you!

OUTREACH

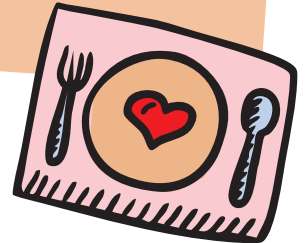
The Nantucket Toy Library at St. Paul's

With great joy, the Nantucket Toy Library at St. Paul's has opened! This is a new ministry created to serve children and families across the island. Volunteer staff open Toy Library sessions, welcome caregivers and children, and help maintain a high-quality collection of toys that families can borrow and enjoy at home. This ministry supports imaginative play, early learning, and community connection.



St. Paul's Suppers

Now in its fifth year, St. Paul's Suppers provides approximately 90 healthy, professionally-prepared dinners each week to neighbors who may be hungry or isolated. Volunteers pack and deliver meals, bringing food, kindness, and connection to neighbors in need and the comfort of knowing that someone cares.



VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION



Ready, Set, Read

Parish volunteers read one-on-one each week to kindergarten students enrolled in the Nantucket Community School extended day program, offering encouragement, caring connections and sharing the simple joy of reading together.

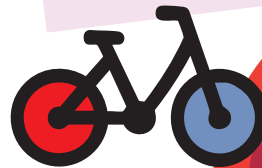


Community School Snacks

What began as a thoughtful response to a few children going without snacks at snack time has grown into a ministry rooted in generosity and inclusion. Parish volunteers provide healthy, delicious snacks for every child so that no child feels different or left out. This ministry is a quiet message that every child matters.

Nantucket Food Pantry Support

St. Paul's supports the Nantucket Food Pantry, an island-wide ministry serving the entire community. Parish volunteers coordinate the regular donation of food and household supplies, helping sustain the Pantry's ongoing work and ensuring neighbors across Nantucket have access to food and essential necessities.



The Bike Library

Powered by just a few volunteers, this ministry helps provide bicycles for international J-1 students working on the island by collecting, maintaining, and distributing bikes—along with helmets, locks, and lights—to ensure safe, reliable transportation.



Volunteers at the Toy Library pose with St. Paul's very own Stephanie Grace.

Twenty degrees doesn't stop this team from delivering meals.



Robert Inglis, the ultimate volunteer—still working when the party is over!



Father Max and Olly read to two new friends.

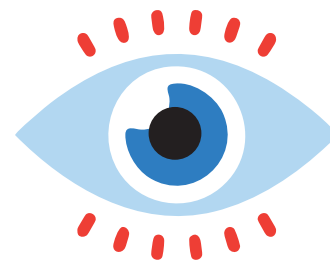


Notes of gratitude overlap on the parish house bulletin board.



Photos: Patsy Wright

Did you Know?



By Peter Greenhalgh

St. Paul's has more than 16 volunteer committees.

Many of these committees include a countless number of parishioners, many of whom are “behind the scenes,” and yet the church would be lost without their diligence, support and loyalty. Our Vestry members and Diocesan Convention delegates are elected positions, as are the Wardens, Treasurer and Clerk, so these other volunteer committees supplement all that our Vestry oversees.

The Liturgical ministers are folks most people see on a weekly basis and include Ushers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. The

Altar Guild is also supplied by loyal volunteers who prepare the elements for all services—both in the chapel and church—and see that the altar is properly set.

The Hospitality Committee is filled with friendly parishioners who you see at all our parish events.

The Outreach Committee has grown tremendously over the past few years and continues to play a central role at St. Paul's. Outreach ministries are among the most important ministries of our church, reaching beyond our walls to serve the wider community. Much of our fundraising supports this work and

helps make these ministries possible.

St. Paul's is a well-oiled machine that would not run without the Time, Talent and Treasure of so many volunteers.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord."

Colossians 3:23

TREASURER'S Report

By Kirk Baker

Thanks to the continued financial support of our congregation, friends and Nantucket community, St. Paul's financial position continues to strengthen, as we have seen increased growth in the first eight months of this year.

Over the summer months, generosity has been the evident theme, as every week we get a little closer to hitting our financial goal for the “Call to Community” Capital Campaign. We have also seen a great financial commitment to our Outreach Ministries which will help us continue to focus on our goal of making “God's Love

more widely known” in the Nantucket community.

Although expenses have slightly exceeded projections, pledge contributions have surpassed the budget, balancing out the overall financial outcome. Our long-term assets are currently at an all-time high, as everything financial continues to grow.



The renovation of Gardner Hall is well underway!

Photo: John Barnes

Thanks to all of you! Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated!

The Choir

By Joe Hammer, Music Director



"I once heard of a Christian woman who spent time serving God in South Africa. While visiting a health clinic, she was deeply moved by the sound of the local Zulu women singing. Their harmonies were hauntingly beautiful. With tears in her eyes, she asked a friend if she knew the translation of the words. 'Sure,' her friend replied. 'If you boil the water, you won't get dysentery.'"

—Worship Matters by Bob Kauflin

While the above quote is humorous unto itself, it pointedly illustrates how music has the power to move the souls, regardless of whether expressing the mundane or the sublime. Here at St. Paul's, reaching the soul of parishioners, congregants, visitors and the greater Nantucket community through music has been and remains a primary goal of the music department's ministry. Realizing that goal, however, is dependent upon the participation of the many, many people who have offered their time and talent to making music here at St. Paul's. Thanks to each one of them.



Photos: Patsy Wright



Choir Volunteers

- Bree Ahern
- Ashley Akins
- Emily Bashour
- Deborah Beale
- Normand Berthelette
- Nancy Beuscher
- Benjamin Boskoff
- Whitney Burr
- Andrew Byers
- Masie Cocker
- Marion Cephas
- Ann Colgrove
- Larry Colgrove
- Nick Davies
- Judy Dey
- Wesley Ducote
- Faith Frable
- Genevieve Frable
- Maria Frable
- Juliet Frable
- Clara Frable
- Pam Goddard
- Joey Goe
- Mollie Glazer
- Karin Gockel
- Anthony Healey
- Sharon Henderson
- Brian Hull
- Joan Hull
- Eli Jordan
- Janet Lindgren
- Kathi Linville
- Lucy Leske
- Ann Martindale
- Jennifer Maxwell
- Michelle Murray
- Jenny Paradis
- Laura Roberts
- Ian Robertson
- Serena Schick
- Richard Stewart
- Lauren Swezey
- Libby Tracey
- Candace Tschirki
- Charlotte Weinstein
- Ned Wight
- Margaret Young



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Watch Sunday Eucharist live or taped or recent events on our website at
stpaulschurchnantucket.org

9:30 am*

Sunday Eucharist **8:00 am in the
Memorial Garden May 26 - Sept.1,
Weather permitting*

Noon

Tuesday Lunchbox Series

Noon

Joe Hammer's Music Wednesday
Half-hour concert

11:30 am

Thursday Morning Bible Study
One hour, ends at 12:30 pm

GO IN PEACE TO LOVE AND SERVE THE LORD!