

# St. Paul's by-the-Sea

## *Weekly news & updates*

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July 15, 2022

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### Special Service This Sunday

Rev. Hector Rodriguez will be visiting from his mission church, La Iglesia de la Sagrada Familia de Jesus in Kennedyville, Maryland and celebrating Holy Eucharist. Along with Father Hector, Marcelina Villalta, Senior Warden at La Sagrada Familia de Jesus, and 20 members of their congregation will be traveling to Ocean City to attend the service.

Everyone is encouraged to attend this service, welcome our visitors and join us for the fellowship afterwards.



### Diocese of Easton Deputation Group at the 80th General Convention of the Episcopal Church

Left to right: Rev. Mary Friel, Sandra Bjork, Rev. David Michaud, Charlotte Meyer, Tom Shuster, Bishop San, Rev. Frank St. Amour, Kathleen Wise, Rev. Charlie Osberger and Eddie Vance.

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### The Rev. Dr. Mark Jefferson Reaches Goal In

*Mark Jefferson posted the following on his Facebook page this morning.*

After a harrowing and frustrating journey through London's Heathrow Airport (read the piece in the Wall Street Journal about how terrible the experience was), I landed in Tel Aviv, Israel. Living in the DMV area, imagine the irony of President Biden not only stopping traffic and flying overhead at home, but also now here in Jerusalem, as his lodging is near mine. Although his purpose is expanding the American geopolitical regime, I'm in Jerusalem to preach at St. George's Cathedral on Sunday to preach sermon #200 of the Bicentennial Preaching Celebration. What started as a vision by Dean Markham, our seminary president, became a rallying call to promote and support preachers and preaching all over the world. Number 200 seemed like a desert oasis in October of 2018 and through pandemic, deep personal sacrifice, and the hospitality of so many, we have arrived at our goal.



Over the course of this journey I have met many people from churches from Cape Town to Jerusalem to Honolulu. I preached at the Alexandria Detention Center and at my grandma Pat's funeral. I cried with people who found the isolation of pandemic unbearable and laughed with young people at St. Alban's School in Washington, DC and St. Margaret's School in San Juan Capistrano, CA. I feel richer by teaching many preaching workshops with lay preachers, deacons, and pastors/rectors. They teach me so much! I feel indebted to the many pockets of hospitality that gave me rest, hope, and love.

You would imagine that any great feat is accomplished by the help of so many. I thank my family and friends for lending me to the world so that I can pursue what so relentlessly burns in my heart, to substantially help people and preach. I want to thank my colleagues who believe in this work, support it, and mean me well. My students are the best, and they know how much I love and appreciate them. Coming to Jerusalem and touring Israel is opening my eyes all the more and changing my life with each site visit.

Some people asked me about what's next. The school's 200 anniversary is next year so I think we can get another few sermons in before next October. Also, we may create a cohort or two to bring to Jerusalem in 2024. I'll keep y'all posted.

Shout out to my man Joseph for the great tour through the Old City of Jerusalem. Today's tours of Jericho and Bethany are life-changing. Like when I was in Cape Town, I sense something great afoot and I'm honored to be part of God's plan.

Putting in work on the continents, giving God the glory, and bringing the best students to Virginia Theological Seminary. What's better than that?

Mark

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Gordon Wilkins was laid to rest yesterday from St. Paul's by-the Sea. His body was transported to the church and to Sunset Memorial Park by antique Engine #8 and escort by members of the Ocean City Fire Department. Gordon was baptized at our church and was a beloved and outstanding member of the community. His service was a testament to that with more than 225 in attendance. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers.

Please keep parishioner, Gordon Clark in your prayers. He recently suffered a stroke and is at Tidal Health in Salisbury. In the next couple of days, he will be transferred to a rehabilitation facility around Baltimore so he can be close to family during his recovery. If you would like to send Gordon a card, his contact information is available through the church office.



## AGH Faith Partnership Update

1. **Worcester Goes Purple** is planning an Anti-Bullying Campaign for the Middle School in Worcester County for October. Part of this campaign is promoting the #hatnothate program. They are asking the community to help in knitting, crocheting or looming 600 hats to distribute. **Click here** to learn more or visit their website <https://hatnothate.org/>

2. Worcester Navigation: Allow one of their navigators help you find the support you need to support your family.

Contact Lotoya Jones at 410-641-4598 for more information. **Click here** to see the flyer.

3. Covid Vaccine (Pfizer) Clinics: Click **Adult** or **Pediatric** for dates. All clinics will take place at the Barrett Medical Building, 10231 Old Ocean City Blvd., Berlin. Reservations

are requested but not required.



### Birthdays

Beverly Cooper (7/21)

Ellie Tunis (7/21)

Tim Shuster (7/22)



### Online Services

**Click here** to watch the 7/10/2022 Morning Prayer service.



### July 17th 6th Pentecost

Rite II Holy Eucharist service with music, celebrated by Rev. Hector Rodriguez.

### July 24th 7th Pentecost

Rite II Morning Prayer service with music, officiated by our Lay Worship Leaders.

**Click here** for a PDF of the July 17th bulletin so you can follow along.

*For the time being, Communion will be of one kind.*

*Please remember that wearing masks indoors is strongly encouraged for your health and that of others.*

### Prayer List

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

Robbie Whittington Joyce, Cindy Dreslin, Kyle Harmon, Shirley Connor, Jose Cabrera, Ryan Fischer, Katlyn, David Warren, Letty Trimper Hurst, Rev. Penny Morrow, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Delores Rothermel, Ronnie Skinner, Randy Hastings, Gary Ballard, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Melvin, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Francisco Hector Diaz Diaz, Richard, Brad, Larry Lorton, Betty Merenda, Dee Toms, Bob Rothermel, The Lecates Family, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Lakelyn Draheim, Christopher Riley, Meredith Cobb, Alan Farley, Jennings Whittington, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Gordon Clark

## Worship Leaders Schedule

### **This Week—July 17, 2022**

Celebrant: Rev. Hector Rodriguez

Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Reader: Mark West, Andy Diaz

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Usher: Dan Harris

Counters: Amanda Cropper, Amy Rothermel

### **Next Week—July 24, 2022**

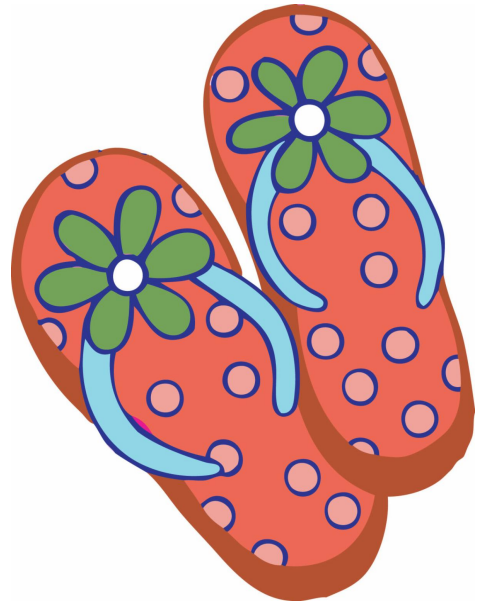
Officiants: Paul & Cami Rogers

Music Director: Shirley Hailey

Altar Guild: Mary Wright

Usher: Amanda Cropper

Counters: Nancy Knotts, Debbie Shuster



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