

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

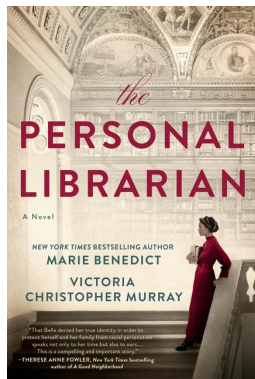
Weekly news & updates

June 16, 2023



Ocean City Pride Parade

Ocean City's First Annual Pride Parade will take place next Saturday, June 24th, 10am-Noon, beginning on the Boardwalk at 1st Street. St. Paul's by-the-Sea will be participating in this event and welcomes everyone to join our presence there. If you cannot be with us in-person that day, we will also be in need of your prayers - prayers for everyone's safety and prayers that our presence provides the welcome and acceptance that the LGBTQ+ community needs to feel from us as God's people.



SPBTS Book Club

Our next book selection is "The Personal Librarian" by Marie Benedict and Victor Christopher Murray. This story is an historical fiction tale of Belle da Costa Greene, an African American woman who served as personal librarian for J.P. Morgan. We will discuss the book on Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to join us. Please let Debbie Shuster know you want to join in the discussion so we can send you the Zoom link.

Goodreads.com gives the following synopsis:

In her twenties, Belle da Costa Greene is hired by J. P. Morgan to curate a collection of rare manuscripts, books, and artwork for his newly built Pierpont Morgan Library. Belle becomes a fixture on the New York society scene and one of the most powerful people in the art and book world, known for her impeccable taste and shrewd

negotiating for critical works as she helps build a world-class collection.

But Belle has a secret, one she must protect at all costs. She was born not Belle da Costa Greene but Belle Marion Greener. She is the daughter of Richard Greener, the first Black graduate of Harvard and a well-known advocate for equality. Belle's complexion isn't dark because of her alleged Portuguese heritage that lets her pass as white—her complexion is dark because she is African American.

The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style, and wit, and shares the lengths to which she must go—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.

Shepherd's Crook Grocery List

Shepherd's Crook Food Pantry distributes food items four mornings a week to the local underserved community, and in the summer, serves a large number of international students working in Ocean City.

We want to continue providing services to all who come to our doors, but our resources are limited, and food costs are rising. We are asking for your help to feed those who need a helping hand. We appreciate any assistance you can give as we approach our busiest season.

Please consider picking up a couple extra cans of food each time you go to the store. Then bring them with you to church and deposit them in the basket just inside the red doors.

The following items are always needed and always welcome:

Canned Tuna & Chicken - packed in water - 5 oz. cans

Vienna Sausage

Canned spinach, collards, pinto beans, kidney beans, black beans, corn

Fruit - cans or plastic one-serve containers of pineapple, peaches, pears, oranges

Soups - anything Progresso, Tomato, Chicken Noodle

Pasta Sauce (in non-glass containers)

Pasta

Peanut Butter

Paper Products - toilet paper, napkins, plates, bowls

If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, checks should be made payable to St. Paul's by-the-Sea, with Shepherd's Crook noted on the memo line.

Thank you!



Highlights from the June Vestry Meeting

- Approved the minutes May 15, 2023
- Pastor Jill thanked Jody, Don & Shirley for their support during the initial phase of her transition and praised them



- for their commitment to the parish.
- Pastor Jill announced her Celebration of New Ministry is scheduled for Saturday, September 9 at 1:00 p.m. at church.
- Pastor Jill reported that she will be using a tutor to help improve her conversational Spanish.
- Tom Shuster gave an update the Vestry Goals and Objectives for 2023-2024.
- Bob Rothermel reported that the Church sign on Baltimore Avenue has been refurbished and reinstalled.
- Bob met with the cleaning contractors to review the scope

of their work. Following discussion, the Vestry authorized Bob to continue using the contractors at a revised hourly rate while he conducts additional research on cleaning options.

- John Knotts presented the Treasurer's report. The Vestry discussed funding for Shepherd's Crook.
- Cheryl Nottingham reported the next Finance Committee meeting is set for Monday, July 24. Cheryl conferred with John Knotts, Tom Shuster & Pastor Jill to discuss the monthly transfers from the ECF accounts to the operating budget.
- The draw from the ECF accounts was increased to \$21,000 per month effective June.
- Amanda Cropper reported that the Altar Guild has purchased a new green chasuble.
- Vestry received written report from Communications and the 2023 Worship Schedule.
- Vestry set the next regular meetings for Monday, July 17 and Monday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. at church.

Tom Shuster, Senior Warden

Diocesan News

156th Diocesan Convention Date & Format Change

Imaginative Leadership & Congregational Vitality in Re-emergence and Resurrection: A Mission and Ministry Imperative for the 21st Century Church.

At its recent May meeting, Diocesan Council approved the following: The 156th Annual Diocesan Convention will be a hybrid format. We will convene via Zoom on the evening of Thursday, March 7th for Business Session One and voting. We will gather together, with those who can join us, for a Friday evening, March 8th Eucharist at Emmanuel Church, Chestertown followed by a reception. On Saturday, March 9th, our in-person only convention will convene at Washington College, Chestertown. **Read more.**



The Rev. Susannah Southern will be ordained to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood in Christ's One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church on Saturday, June 24th 11:00 am at St. Paul's, Berlin. All are welcome.

Retirement Announcement of The Very Rev. Mark Delcuze effective December 31, 2023. Father Mark's last Sunday leading worship will be November 5, 2023. The diocese appreciates his ten years of service at Christ Church, Kent Island and to the wider diocese and we want to congratulate him on his many accomplishments in his 38 years as an ordained priest. Warm wishes and prayers to Mark & Mimi as they set out on their next adventure!!



Click here for a PDF of the 6/18/2023 English bulletin.

Click here for a PDF of the 6/18/2023 Spanish bulletin.

Click Here to watch the 6/11/2023 Holy Eucharist, Rite II service.



**Coffee Hour takes place every Sunday,
immediately following the service, in Dewees Hall.**

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, Letty Trimper Hurst, Fr. Joe Rushton, Connie Mayers, Doug Dryden, Brian Friedman, Grace, Randy Hastings, Frank Candeloro, Jr., John Seward, Stephanie Hill, Douglas Allan, Yvetta Henry Tull, Jean Charles, Jimmy Farley, Alex Hoffman, Jonathan Jones, Larry Lorton, Dee Toms, The Lecates Family, Hunter Berry, The People of Ukraine, Jennings Whittington, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Gordon Clark, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Cathy Wist, Frank Avallone, Rev. Laura Dorsey, Mary Wright, Yipsy Noel, Andy Diaz, Alan Farley, Liana Wallman, Betty O'Key, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Chris Russo, Cami Rogers

Worship Leaders Schedule

This Sunday—June 18, 2023

Celebrant: Pastor Jill Williams

Reader: Dan Harris

Altar Guild: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres

Usher: Amanda Cropper

Next Sunday—June 25, 2023

Celebrant: Pastor Jill Williams

Reader: Nancy Knotts

Altar Guild: Amanda Cropper, Kay Ayres

Usher: John Knotts

Counters: Nancy Knotts, Debbie Shuster



Happy Birthday
Cami Rogers (6/23)

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