

St. Paul's by-the-Sea

Weekly news & updates

October 27, 2023



This is the time of year when we receive the invitation to decide what our spiritual practice of stewardship will be for the next year.

Stewardship is what we give of ourselves to God's church - what we give of our money, what we give of our time, and what we give of ourselves. However, it is so much more about our spiritual health than only saying - *Well, I give money*. It is more so about a decision to structure our lives in a way that puts God first and puts giving to

God first. To say - when I look at all that I have, material things, and my talents and my blessings, I want to acknowledge that all of it is a gift from God. And therefore I know that all of it is for God's direction and use. And so whatever I have - money, time, energy, -*first* I will give back to God...not the leftovers, not if I have extra time, or extra money, or a day off... but God has asked me to structure my life so that He is first. So, *first* we give to God.

As people of faith, giving to God means giving to God's church. And then the church faithfully utilizes that money and talents that are offered to carry out God's mission. It is an act of great selflessness that is being asked of us. To say.... Here is my money for this month and *first* I think of God and what I will offer toward God moving in the world. Or, when I think of my time for this month, *first* can I commit to offering myself for God's use as God moves in the world. When we begin to think in such a way, something realigns in us. Everything else falls behind God. We show trust in God, that God will guide God's church to use our pledge and to welcome our talents in whatever way God directs. It is not in our control; it is God's.

We need your commitment to carry out the mission of the church.

Click here for a pledge form to print, complete and either put in the offering plate on Sunday or mail to the church office.



Names for Remembrance on All Saints' Day

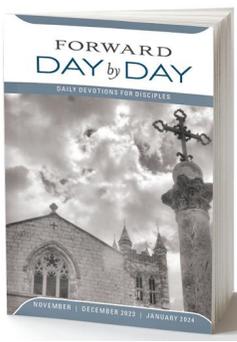
Sunday, November 5th is All Saints Day and we will be remembering loved ones and printing their names in the bulletin. We will be remembering all our departed loved ones, not just those who have died in the past year. **Please submit your names to Jody by Monday, October 30th.** Don't forget to include your name as well.



- October 29 - Lay Leader Sunday
- October 29 - Vestry Meeting after Coffee Hour
- October 29 - Octoberfest at St. Peter's Lutheran in OC
- November 1 - Good, Good, Morning Prayer 10 am
- November 5 - All Saints Day with Baptisms 10 am
- November 8 - Good, Good, Morning Prayer 10 am
- November 10 - Veteran's Day
- November 13 - Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm at SPBTS
- November 15 - Good, Good, Morning Prayer 10 am
- November 16 - Winterfest of Lights Opening Night 5:30
- November 22 - Good, Good, Morning Prayer 10 am
- November 23 - HAPPY THANKSGIVING
- November 23 & 24 - Church Office Closed
- November 29 - Good, Good, Morning Prayer 10 am



Turn your clock back one hour before going the bed on Saturday, November 4th.



church. Please help yourself to a copy and feel free to take one to a friend.

[Click here](#) for a PDF of the 10/29/2023 bulletin in English.

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[Click Here](#) to watch the 10/22/2023 Holy Eucharist, Rite II service.



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, The Lecates Family, The People of Ukraine, Michael Hallett, Hannah Johnson, Hugh Smith, Ralph Hastings, Frank Avallone, Mary Wright, Andy Diaz, Alan Farley, Liana Wallman, Susan Lewis, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Christine Zellner, Brian, Nicoyia, Tom Belle, Aaron Call, Christine Bauerdorf, Victims of the Hawaiian Wildfires, Lynn Anstatt, Jim Burton, Peggy Hartman, Kathy Jersin, Mary Mitchell, Wendy O'Donoghue, Christina Hartman, Patrick O'Malley, Chris Ellis, David Twining, Corey Bowman, Roger Ballard, Beverly Cooper

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