



"St. Paul's has been a staple of my childhood for as long as I can remember. Whether it was Sunday School, Confirmation Class, or running around frantically at Fish Fries, I have always felt at home here."
-Jack Horrigan

"St. Paul's is Our Community because we all come together to worship and learn about God. However, St. Paul's is My Church, therefore I have a responsibility to be involved and support it in any way I am able through my time, talent and treasure. As a community, we are all involved in St. Paul's but as individuals, we need to support the church."
-Bob Johnston

"St. Paul's welcomed us over 12 years ago. At St. Paul's, we celebrate and enrich our faith by learning and sharing with one another. We cherish that we can worship openly, honestly, and participate in meaningful ministries."
-Jim Morelli



"The joy of practicing and contributing music to our worship is one of my greatest pleasures in life, enhanced thanks to the musical opportunities at St. Paul's."
-Alice Lee



My Church, Our Community



"St. Paul's is my family's HOME. It is a place where we feel very comfortable. Recently my daughter, Glenice, came to St. Paul's with me after many years of not attending, due to school etc. She was welcomed with open arms and lots of smiles. She was invited to participate in many groups formed at St. Paul's in the past couple of years. She came away with saying "Wow, I never realized what I have been missing, St. Paul's was always a part of my life but now I realize what a huge part of our family St. Paul's really is!"
-Carol Delfino



Stewardship 2018

Parish Goals

Last fall, St. Paul's began its preparation to call a new Rector. Through the listening sessions led by the search committee, and affirmed by the Vestry, our parish discerned four goals for our parish over the next few years. Now that we have a Rector in place to help us all to achieve these goals, we are seeking to ensure we have the financial resources to grow in these ways:

- Enhancing our spirituality and responsibility to combat the world's growing secularism
- Working toward meeting the needs of our community
- Connecting with other faith organizations in our area
- Achieving environmental sustainability by enhancing awareness and reducing our carbon footprint

Why Give? To Foster Spiritual Growth.

At church we sometimes hear this prayer during the weekly collection of donations: "All things come of thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee." The meaning is simple: everything we have comes from God – including our talents, jobs and income – and consequently, anything we give to God we're really just giving back. The act of donation thus becomes an act of spiritual recognition and gratitude. And these acts build on themselves: the more we practice generous giving, the more we recognize the great truth of God's bounty – and the more we recognize this bounty and give thanks, the more we are able to give freely from it. When we pledge to make donations over an entire year's time, we make a commitment to sustained giving that can grow, with God's help, into a wonderful and liberating spiritual practice.

"St. Paul's is not just a place you go to for a hour on Sundays: it's so much more than that. It's a place that makes meals for the sick of the parish, welcomes all of God's children (no matter their age, life circumstance, etc.), and works to make our community and world a better place. A place that exemplifies the Golden Rule of treating others as Christ would."

- Rachel Hutchinson

A letter from our Rector, the Rev. Noah H. Evans



Why do I make a pledge each year?

First, in pledging I am supporting the parish community to which I belong, and its mission. St. Paul's is a self-supporting parish; we as a community have to support our shared work. By making a pledge, I am giving the Vestry and parish leadership the ability to plan for the ministry of the parish in the coming year. By making a financial pledge, I am also saying that I support and want to be part of the mission of the parish. I also am coming to more and more deeply believe, that what we are doing together at St. Paul's is the work of God. Part of God's work to care, to worship together, to serve others and to welcome all at God's table. That's something I want to be a part of. So I give.

Second, pledging is a spiritual discipline. Giving is a discipline that people of faith have practiced for millennia. Spiritual disciplines are acts that we choose to do not because we always feel like it or want to, but because they are part of our commitment to God, to each other, and to ourselves. Pledging helps us to know that all that we have, things material and spiritual, is a gift from God. By giving generously, we thank God for God's loving care for our lives, and we dedicate what we have been given to God's purposes. Giving is a practice of thanksgiving that over time makes us even more grateful for the abundance of God's grace in our lives. It opens our hearts to the awareness that all life is a wondrous gift.

Over the last few years, my wife Sara and I have come to learn how we can build our own family budget around our giving. Our goal has always been to tithe, to give 10% of our income away. For the past number of years we have been able to do this. This year, with our move and now with one income, we may not actually be able to do it. And it still continues to be our goal, even though we have not been able to achieve it, and something that we consider in all of the financial decisions we make. The discipline of giving helps to remind us on a daily basis that all that we have and do is truly a gift from God. Our giving helps us to know more deeply to grace God has given us all.

My prayer is that pledging will bring you the joy it brings my family and me. My prayer is that it can bring you a greater awareness of God's grace in your life. And it is my hope that you will join me in supporting the work of this amazing community and church!

Peace,

Please Pledge in Advance.

Sometimes people ask why they should pledge in advance for the year rather than just give the same amount without pledging it. The answer is simple: without advance pledging, the St. Paul's Vestry cannot accurately estimate the church's income for the coming year and cannot properly manage the church's operations. It just makes sense: we need to know how much money St. Paul's will have next year so that we can use our resources in the best possible way.