



The Mission Bell



February 2015

Feast of Epiphany

Following the 9:30 a.m. worship service on January 11th, the festivities celebrating the Feast of Epiphany continued downstairs with a visit from the Three Kings bearing gifts for the children during our Potluck Luncheon.



Good food at the Potluck Luncheon



Our Three Kings (L to R), Ed Godaire, Glenn and Miranda Johnson, pass out gifts to the children

Surprise!

During our Announcement time, our Sunday School children came forward and began sticking cutout paper fish on Deacon Scott. They then brought forward a net as a symbol in which to catch the fish. To Deacon Scott's surprise, his wife Jodi announced that Saturday was his 60th birthday to which the children and congregation serenaded him with "Happy Birthday" to much laughter and applause.



Singing "Happy Birthday" to Deacon Scott



Deacon Scott gets caught!

Prayer List For February

Mike Collelo
Marilyn Crocker
Audrey Curry

Dorothy Dapsis-Frechette
Leon & Deborah Devillez
Krista, Benjamin, Eleanor & Sadie Dodge

Dennis & Annett Drisco
Louise Drisco
Kathy Dubois

Eleanor Emmerthal
Gloria Fish
Barbara & Roger Gagnon

O GOD, WHO BEFORE THE PASSION OF YOUR ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON REVEALED HIS GLORY UPON THE HOLY MOUNTAIN; GRANT TO US THAT WE, BEHOLDING BY FAITH THE LIGHT OF HIS COUNTENANCE, MAY BE STRENGTHENED TO BEAR OUR CROSS, AND BE CHANGED INTO HIS LIKENESS FROM GLORY TO GLORY; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER. AMEN+

Bad Weather Cancellations



If events are cancelled because of weather, the information will be posted on our website, on the church's answering machine and broadcast on WFSB (Channel 3). Every effort to decide by the previous evening but at the latest 7:30 services will be cancelled by 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 services by 8:00 a.m. When in doubt, check!

“Faith In Action Team”

The next meeting of the “**Faith In Action Team**” will be on **Sunday, February 8th** following the 9:30 worship service. For more information, please speak to Deacon Scott.

Wednesday Eucharist

Our regular **Wednesday Eucharist** will resume on **Wednesday, February 4th** at 6:00 p.m. Beginning in February and continuing through Lent, we will be studying the Passion Narratives in all four gospels. All are welcome. For more information, please speak to Mother Vicki.

Lent Begins with Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday marks the first day or the start of the season of Lent which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Sundays are not included in the count). Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Ash Wednesday derives its name from the practice of placing ashes on the foreheads of adherents as a celebration and reminder of human mortality, and as a sign of mourning and repentance. The ashes used are typically gathered from the burning of the palms from the previous year's Palm Sunday. The bible does not mention Ash Wednesday or the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3 and Matthew 11:21.

Proper Liturgy for **Ash Wednesday** with Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes will be on **Wednesday, February 18th** and will begin at **7:30 p.m.**

Sermons on the Web

Starting the first Sunday in Advent, Sunday November 30th, we have added audio versions of recent sermons to our website. Our webmaster Deacon Scott and Mother Vicki have worked hard to get all the “bugs” worked out but it appears it is now working fine.

Go to our website, <http://stpaulplainfield.org>, click on “Worship & Prayer” tab on the left side menu then the “Recent Sermons” tab. The recent sermons will be listed.

Annual Parish Meeting

Saint Paul's Annual Parish Meeting was held on Sunday, January 25, 2015 following the 9:30 a.m. service.

Highlights of the meeting include:

- Mother Vicki opened the Annual Meeting with a prayer.
- Mother Vicki led the attendees in a bible study exercise.
- Voting List for 2015 was reviewed. Alisha pointed out that her name was listed as "Provencher" and needed to be changed to "Knox". A motion by Ernie Provencher, seconded by Nora Walden to accept the amended list passed unanimously.
- The minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting were read. It was pointed out that Greg's name needed to be corrected and the word "ware" needed to be replaced with "were" under item number 4. The amended minutes were unanimously approved.
- Mother Vicki summarized the Rector's report for 2014. She also discussed the 2014 Church Register.



Deacon Scott gives an overview of his report

- Deacon Scott discussed and also summarized the Deacon's report for 2014 and also thanking Senior Warden Kathy Dubois for all she has done during 2014 for St. Paul's.



Kathy Dubois talks about the Senior Warden Report

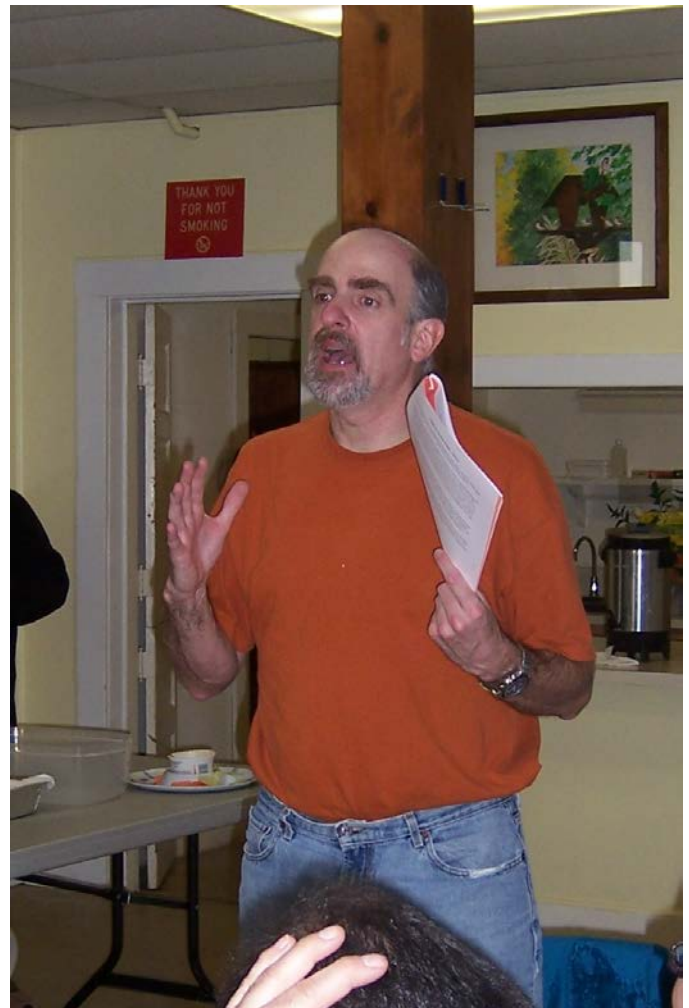
- Each Officer and respective Ministry leader presented their reports for 2014.
- Treasurer David Hoffman gave the Treasurer's Report for 2014. Income for the year 2014 totaled \$75,666.49. Disbursements for 2014 totaled \$79,980.41 for a deficit of \$4,313.92 for the year. David pointed out that the amount pledged to St. Paul's in 2014 was over \$5,000 in arrears due mainly to several members who had pledged having left the church. In addition, over \$4,000 is still owed to the Diocese for unpaid pledge and insurance payments. David reported that this figure has been added to the 2015 budget.
- The Pledge Secretary's report for 2015 showed there are 42 pledging units and 12 non-pledging units. Total pledged for 2015 is \$58,266.00.

- David Hoffman presented the Vestry approved Budget for 2015 which includes total income of \$84,216.00 and disbursements of \$89,678.21 for a projected deficit of \$5,462.21. David reported this includes the \$2,487.00 still owed to the Diocese for our 2014 pledge and \$1,650.00 in insurance payments for 2014 still owed to the Diocese. David reported that the Vestry has been and will continue to work on finding ways to pay what is owed.

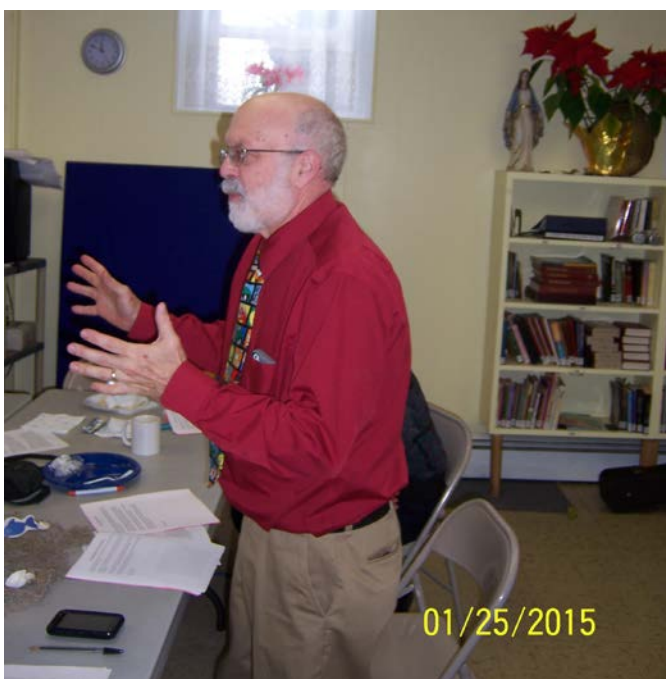
- Nominations for Officers and Vestry members for 2015 were presented. The nominations were; **Senior Warden**, Kathy Dubois; **Junior Warden**, Greg Berndt; **Clerk of the Vestry**, Patricia Phaiah; **Treasurer**, David Hoffman; **Vestry**, Glenn Bouthillier, Deborah Devillez, Elaine Godaire, Alisha Knox and Patricia Phaiah. A motion by Nora Walden, seconded by Robin Hoffman to accept the slate as presented was unanimously accepted.



Greg Berndt gives highlights from the Junior Warden Report



Glenn Bouthillier talks about Project PIN



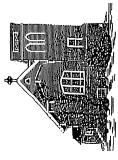
Larry Ouillette discusses St. Paul's Music Ministry

- Mother Vicki presented her list of appointments for 2015.
- The date for next years Annual Meeting was set for Sunday, January 24, 2016.
- Mother Vicki closed the annual meeting with a prayer.
- A motion By Ernest Smith, seconded by Elaine Godaire to adjourn meeting was passed unanimously.



February 2015

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4 Epiphany 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II	2 The Presentation of Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Temple	3	4 6:00 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Bible Study	5	6	7 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
8 5 Epiphany 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:00 AM Faith In Action Team Meeting P.I.N. Sunday	9	10	11 6:00 PM Wednesday Holy Eucharist & Bible Study	12	13	14 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
15 Last Sunday After the Epiphany 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:00 AM Vestry Meeting	16	17 6:00 PM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	18 Ash Wednesday 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes	19	20	21 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
22 1 Lent 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II	23 St. Matthias the Apostle	24	25	26	27	28 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting

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Kathy Dubois
Junior Warden
Greg Berndt
Treasurer
David Hoffman
Clerk
Patricia Phaiah
Editor of The Mission Bell
David & Robin Hoffman

FEBRUARY 2015 SCHEDULES

ALTAR GUILD:

2/01 DIANNE SIBLEY & ADRIANN SMITH
2/08 BRENDA BERNDT & JUANITA BENOIT
2/15 DEBBI LANGLOIS & LINDA STEWART
2/22 WAYNE & DEBBI LANGLOIS

ACOLYTE:

2/01 ALYSSA LANPHEAR & LEILANI BENOIT
2/08 ALISHA KNOX & ASHLEY LEMIEUX
2/15 STEPHANIE SMITH & DELIA BOUSQUET
2/22 KATE STEVENS & BRIANICKA BENOIT

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