



*St. Paul's Epistle*  
*The Newsletter of*  
*St. Paul's & Trinity Parish*  
*Tivoli, New York*  
*February 2019*

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Our annual meeting was held on January 27<sup>th</sup> after church. A delicious luncheon was served. Annual reports were distributed. Summaries from various committees were presented. Our annual elections were held. Gere Hegeman has stepped down as warden. Many thanks to Gere for her years of dedicated service in this role. Jim Crane puts on a warden's hat to finish out Gere's term. Audrey Smith's and Leigh Knickerbocker's vestry terms have expired. Michelle Hoffman, and Jack Willoughby have stepped down from the vestry for personal reasons. Incoming vestry

members are Mary Cody, Cathy Briggs, and Larry Hough.

Of great importance, a resolution was read by Jim Crane that, with prior approval from the vestry, and ratification by the Annual Meeting, the vestry make a request of Bishop Dietsche to extend Father Masud's Letter of Agreement for an additional three years, to begin October 1 of this year. A vote was taken on the resolution and joyfully approved.

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### **Help Needed in the Carousel Community Outreach Thrift Shop:**

Much has been done in the last few weeks to make our Carousel thrift shop cleaner and user friendly. This not only benefits the Carousel but creates a welcoming venue for Sunday School and other church events. The Carousel generates about one third of our annual income to the church's budget. It clearly plays a very vital role in our outreach programs, and also brings good quality clothing at an affordable price to folks in our community. It is an extension of who we are!

There is a group of church ladies who meet on Wednesday mornings from 9-12 to sort and clean. If you work during the day, other sorting is done on Tuesday afternoon / evening. If you're into technology and would like to learn to become a cashier, training is available.

If you would like to help please speak to Audrey Smith. You can call her at 845-464-5045.



**Sunday School to begin** February 17, 2019, for children 5–10 years of age.

A space has been established in the undercroft of the church. This space has been created through the efforts of many dedicated members of our church. The program we will be using is a collection of videos depicting various Bible lessons. These are the same videos Mother Sharon purchased years ago and has gifted them to our church.

The time line for Sunday School is as follows: Starts at 10am with a meet and greet session with parents on February 17<sup>th</sup>.

On the February 24<sup>th</sup> we will be starting Sunday School at 9:50 am.

Children will join the congregation during the service for the passing of the peace. Father Masud will do a children's sermon for the young and young at heart. Following the children's sermon, the children will then sit with their parents. They may then come forward with their parents to receive commune if baptized, or may receive a blessing if not baptized. Then it's on to fellowship in Memorial Hall.

Currently we have three congregants who have volunteered to be teachers and one to be an assistant. Ideally, it would be great to have two more assistants as we need to have two adults with the children at all times. This is a vital program, not only for the youth in our community, but for the sustainability of our church's future. If you are able to help, please speak to Leigh Knickerbocker.

You need not be concerned about missing any of Father Masud's sermons, as they are now being recorded and put on our church's web site.

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If you missed last Sunday's Sermon or want to hear it again, you can find it on our church website. Many thanks to Paul & Melissa Bowen for providing a wireless recorder for this purpose. We will be making an effort to post recent sermons as often as possible. Just go to <http://stpaulstivoli.org/> and click on the link at the bottom of the "Welcome" page. It works on your phone or tablet too.

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**St. Paul's & Trinity Parish Events:**

- 2/17/2019 Sunday School begins at 10am.
- 2/25/2019 Vestry meeting at 6pm.
- 3/5/2019 Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper  
5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public.  
(free will donations accepted)
- 3/6/2019 Ash Wednesday Services with Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes  
Noon and 7:00 p.m.
- 3/24/2019 Recovery Ministry Event after coffee hour. Mary E. Cody, Ph.D.  
will present a talk on how nutrition affects your ability to recover and prevent  
addictions. Q&A follows.



**On-Going:**

- Prayer & Healing Service 1st Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.
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***WE WELCOME ARTICLES  
FOR OUR UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS:***

If you have something that might be of interest to your fellow parishioners, please send them on to Barry Knickerbocker at [bknickerbocker2@hvc.rr.com](mailto:bknickerbocker2@hvc.rr.com). Hand delivered paper copy is welcome as well.