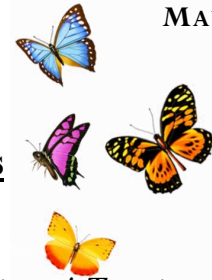




# THE VENITE

**Life at St. Paul's "Explodes" with Opportunities**

By Rev. Kathy Thomas



*Craft and Hobby Sale! Forums and Workshops! Graduations and Baptisms! Turning Point! And a visit from the Presiding Bishop. Oh My!*

Hold onto your hats! Just as we see "new life" exploding around us as trees blossom and flowers bloom, opportunities for renewed parish life are exploding at St. Paul's.

Read below (and inside the Venite) to find out what's happening

- **Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup>** (1:00 p.m.) A Service of Remembrance for Rebecca Fenske will take place in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.
- **Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>** (morning) St. Paul's work day at Turning Point. Watch your bulletins for more information.
- **Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** (10a.m-4pm.) Parish Life is hosting a Craft and Hobby Sale. Come one, come all! (see page 2 for details)
- **Sunday, May 15** (11:30 am) Rev. Kathy will present a Forum on "7 Habits of Healthy Congregations." Rev. Kathy will share what she learned from a webinar sponsored by the Center for Congregations and also talk about some of the resources for congregational development that are available. This Forum is for EVERYONE!
- **Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>** (10:15) Honoring our graduates. During worship we will offer special prayers for the graduates. Following the Eucharist, we will have a reception in the Parish Hall.
- **June 4-5** Presiding Bishop Michael Curry will be in Indianapolis, and celebrations will be held in both Bloomington and Indianapolis. Details of his visit can be found at [indydio.org](http://indydio.org) and in upcoming bulletins.

**In addition to the Forum on May 15<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Kathy will offer two workshops. Planning and Leading Worship and The Ministry of Welcome and Incorporation. Tentative dates are May 29, and June 12. Times to be determined by those attending. If you are interested, please email Rev. Kathy directly.**



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## Parish Life

### Parish Life updates:

Parishioners enjoyed coffee hour on Easter Sunday morning. It was pleasant to be able to fellowship with so many. Our next opportunity for fellowship after worship will be on May 22nd at the Graduation Celebration.

We are still seeking sellers and helpers for the Craft, Hobby and Bake Sale on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4:00pm. See the flyer included in this Venite for more details. You are encouraged to take the flyer and share with friends or post somewhere if possible.

### 2022 Graduates

We will be hosting a Graduation Celebration on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> after worship to celebrate the graduates in our parish family. This year we extend hearty congratulations to three graduates:

Sam Settle, son of John and Rosie Settle, will be graduating from Columbus North High School. He was recently named 6th in his class, Congratulations Sam!!

Drew Thompson, son of Dave and Kelli Thompson, will be graduating from Indiana University with a degree in English and a minor in Business.

Ben Thompson, son of Dave and Kelli Thompson will be graduating from the University of Waterloo in Waterloo, Ontario with his Master's Degree in Exercise Science.

## Worship

This year, our Easter Celebration included the addition of chimes on the organ. These were recently installed and Easter Morning was the first time they rang out. Each chime was dedicated in memory or honor of a loved one and these dedications will be framed and displayed. Below is a picture of our church sanctuary in all it's Easter morning glory!



## Search Committee

### May 2022 Update

The Search Committee members continue to be hard at work discerning God's Will in finding the next priest for St. Paul's. We have refreshed and reposted our job listing on the Episcopal News Service. We have posted our opening on St. Paul's Facebook page AND other members of the Indianapolis Diocese "shared" our post on THEIR Facebook page...including Bishop Jennifer. Currently, we are working at updating our website as we know that will be one of the first places a potential candidate will go to find out more about St. Paul's.

Jen Phelps, Transition Minister for the Diocese, recently reported that at the Diocesan Transition Ministry meeting at Camp Allen, **19 dioceses presented openings for 61 full-time priests and 77 part-time priests. However, only 21 priests were presented as candidates.**

As we've said before: Like the housing market and used car markets, there is a huge demand for priests to fill these vacancies, and a short supply.

We will not lose hope though! Somewhere out there is a priest waiting to answer our call. We need your continued prayers for patience and perseverance as we connect with that person, in God's time. AND...if you are on Social Media PLEASE share our Facebook posts regarding our opening for a priest...and ask your Facebook friends to share. That networking might be just what it takes to make the right contact.

## Outreach

### Book Buddies End of Year Party

**Book Buddies** - While we were prepared to party IN-PERSON with our Schmitt Book Buddies, the Indiana Spring Weather had other ideas. Severe storms were forecast for the day of our End-of-the-year Celebration, so the decision was made to keep the students at school for their safety. They were still able to enjoy pizza and were able to select a book from St. Paul's as our gift to them for a job well done.



### Spring Clean-up at Turning Point

Spring is here and with it comes the opportunity to work in the yard at the **Turning Point Shelter**. If you are available on **Tuesday Morning May 10th** to weed, trim, mulch, and plant flowers, please contact Andrew Goldsmid at 812-390-9588.

Thank you, The Outreach Commission.



**VESTRY****Minutes from April 26, 2022**

Present: Andrew Goldsmid, Vicki Gust, Nancy McKinney, Shelly Bell, Frank Guthrie, Rev. Kathy Thomas.

Zoom: Kelli Thompson, Julie Abedian. Apologies for absence: Barb Parker, Bill Garber.

The meeting began at 6:30 PM with a prayer by Vicki and a Check-In "Ideas to strengthen our church family." Responses included being pleased that men's luncheon has been reinstated and hope that women's luncheon will begin again, changing the time of service to 9 or 9:30 to accommodate coffee hour, specifying different ideas each quarter, planning activities like pickleball, walks such as Diocese Holy Hikes. ACTION: Shelly, Andrew and Kelli will make a survey form for the Venite and bulletin to see preferences from congregation.

**Procedural Business**

We had a quorum. Motion made by Shelly and seconded by Frank to approve the March meeting minutes; approved. A new date, May 17, was set for the next Vestry meeting.

**Finance Report**

Frank presented the financial report for March, noting another good month, with expenses below budget. He reported that our share of the Fenske Trust would be less than \$10,000, and he will look into ideas for its use.

**Old Business**

Andrew celebrated the success of the Chime Project and discussed the gift card and plant for Michelle. Suggestions included an Amazon card or gift card to Whipker's or dinner card. ACTION: Andrew will investigate possibilities and purchase card/plant.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Reports**

**Re-Opening Committee:** Julie reported that the new guidelines are working well and that we will continue to abide by CDC guidelines.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Andrew reported that the new lighting is in place, and Frank added that the lighting in the back of the church is much improved. Andrew further noted that the masonry work was completed and looks good. ACTION: Shelly requested that a report noting materials used be put in the Venite. Andrew said no action has been taken yet on the signage on California Street, but Shelly agreed to check on possibilities. Andrew introduced topic of the Altar Steps and rails, and discussion followed, agreeing that some sort of accommodations need to be put in place (longer or more numerous rails? A ramp?). ACTION: Andrew will form a group and will bring ideas to the next vestry meeting. Andrew reported on cleaning issues, especially that cleaning is being done late at night, cleaners are not signing in, and work is far from complete. ACTION: Kelli will investigate and follow up.

**Marketing**

Julie gave a website update, noting that TD Advertising, a local company that she had contacted, had decided it was no longer interested in bidding. She contacted Square Space, which had been recommended by several people who said they were good on security and maintenance. Julie said she had also looked into three different web designers for custom content but hadn't determined if this service was necessary for us. She recommended buying a subscription to Square Space and not using designers. After much discussion, Shelly moved to contact the Lawrenceburg church and then ask for a quote, Vicki seconded; all approved.

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**Minutes from April 26, 2022**

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**Outreach**

Andrew noted that the Book Buddies party went as scheduled, except that weather did not permit the field trip to the church. Andrew also announced that a date for yardwork at Turning Point needs to be set. ACTION: Notice will be in the bulletin to get feedback for a suitable date.

**Parish Life**

Shelly reported that Easter Sunday Coffee Hour went well. She discussed the upcoming Craft Hobby and Bake Sale set for Saturday, May 14 from 10AM to 4PM at the church. She estimated 20 stalls had been spoken for. ACTION: Shelly and Andrew will put up signage advertising the event. Shelly noted that May 22<sup>nd</sup> was Graduation Celebration for Sam Settle (and others?). Shelly said she will see to coffee hours on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and again on June 5<sup>th</sup> for baptisms.

**Search Update**

Andrew expressed concern that our website needs to be up and running for anyone interested in coming to St. Paul's. Another concern was that candidates be made aware that housing in Columbus is available.

**Worship Committee**

Rev. Kathy thanked all who helped during Holy Week and Easter. She said the May 1<sup>st</sup> Memorial Service for Rebecca Fenske has been set in the Parish Hall. Also, two baptisms are scheduled for Pentecost.

**Interim Rector's Report**

Rev. Kathy reported attending a webinar on "7 Habits of Healthy Congregants". She noted that the Presiding Bishop will be in Indianapolis June 5<sup>th</sup>. She noted that she is planning a number of workshops in the next two months on various parish concerns. Details will appear in the Venite.

Rev. Kathy then read her letter announcing her leaving St. Paul's at the end of June, specifying that she needs more time with her husband and family and that travel is becoming more problematic. She thanked everyone for their support and friendship during her time of service which was just 3 months shy of 3 years. She noted that Kathi will start lining up supply priests.

Vicki gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McKinney, Clerk



## Employee Schedules

**Interim Rector, The Rev. Kathy Thomas** is available in office by appointment on Sundays, and is available by phone and email during the rest of the week (Ph: 317-670-5960; email: kthomas50mersey@gmail.)

**Kathi Whipker, Parish Administrator**, is in the office and available Monday through Friday from 9am to noon, and off on the first Thursday of each month. She can be reached by cell (812-603-5028) or email (stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com) as well.

**Michelle Farnsworth, Interim Music Director**, is looking for song leaders on Sunday mornings. She can be contacted on her cell: 248-921-5314 if you are interested in volunteering for this.

## Financial Summary

**March 2022:** YTD Actual Revenue is \$39,074 as compared to the budget of \$36,500 for a positive difference of \$2,574. YTD Actual Revenue is \$39,074 as compared to the previous year of \$40,050 for a negative difference of (\$976). YTD Actual Expenditures are \$36,763 as compared to the budget of \$40,375 for a positive difference of \$3,612. Budget and actual do not include investment income or rector search, which have not been used so far in 2022.

# May Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 Dan Vendugo
- 2 Carol Erickson
- 5 Dayla Mueller
- 9 Jennifer Gust
- 10 Sarah Adams
- 13 Axel zur Loye
- 14 Kim Swope
- 15 Victoria Parker
- 17 Julia Abedian  
Drew Thompson
- 18 Katie DeLap
- 25 Sian Goldsmid  
Dave Thomas
- 31 Linda Swonder



May 26 John DeLap & Tracy Hosterman

May 27 Stephen & Julia Abedian



May 29 Randy & Annetia Doll

# May 2022 Service Schedule

*If you are unable to serve as assigned, please find a substitute & let Kathi know.*

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>Lector</b>	<b>Greeter/ Usher</b>	<b>Teller</b>	<b>LEV</b>	<b>Tech Ministry</b>
<b>May 1</b> 10:15 am	John Settle	Chuck Boddie Nick Firestone	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Firestone Andrew Goldsmid	John Settle	TBA
<b>May 8</b> 10:15 am	David Thompson	David Thompson Sian Goldsmid	Andrew & Sian Goldsmid	Andrew Goldsmid Frank Guthrie	Cindy Overmyer	TBA
<b>May 15</b> 10:15 am	Chuck Boddie	Nancy McKinney Chuck Boddie	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Frank Guthrie Dick Weaver	Roxie Garber	TBA
<b>May 22</b> 10:15 am	Nancy Morris	Ken Erickson John Settle	Andrew & Sian Goldsmid	Ken Erickson Andrew Goldsmid	Nancy Morris	TBA
<b>May 29</b> 10:15 am	Frank Guthrie	Nancy Morris Nick Firestone	Chuck & Tina Boddie	Nick Firestone Nancy Morris	John Settle	TBA

# May 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>  1pm Rebecca Fenske Memorial Srvc	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 9am — AA	<b>4</b> 6:30 pm — Finance	<b>5</b> 11 am—Bible Study (Zoom)  1pm—Bridge Group	<b>6</b> 9am — AA	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>9</b> Search Committee	<b>10</b> 9am — AA	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 11am Bible Study (Zoom)  1pm Bridge Group	<b>13</b> 9 am — AA	<b>14</b> Craft & Bake Sale 10 am—4 pm 
<b>15</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>  11:30 am Forum: 7 Habits Healthy Congr.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 9 am — AA 6:30 pm Vestry	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 11 am — Bible Study (Zoom)  1pm—Bridge Group	<b>20</b> 9am — AA	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>  <i>Graduation Celebration</i>	<b>23</b> Search Committee	<b>24</b> 9am — AA	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 11 am—Bible Study (Zoom) Noon—Men's Lunch (Upland Brewery) 1pm—Bridge	<b>27</b> 9am — AA	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> Holy Eucharist 10:15 Rite II <b>In Person &amp; Livestream</b>	<b>30</b> 	<b>31</b> 9am — AA	<b>June 1</b>	<b>2</b> 11 am — Bible Study (Zoom)  1pm—Bridge Group	<b>3</b> 9am — AA	<b>4</b>

Sunday services can be accessed on our website ([stpaulscolumbus.org](http://stpaulscolumbus.org))—click the Facebook icon.

Zoom meetings use Meeting ID 291 212 0372 Password: church



**Mission, Vision, and Values**

**Mission:**

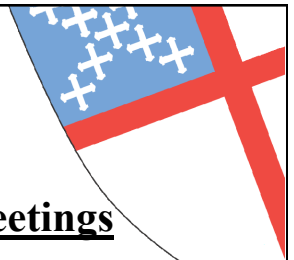
- Proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ.

**Vision:**

- We are first and foremost a worshipping community, participants rather than spectators.
- Hospitality.
- Service to the community (St. Paul's as well as local, national, and international.)

**Values:**

- Anglican traditions (e.g. scripture, tradition, and reason, the via media, unity in diversity.)
- Uphold the traditional orthodox formularies (scriptures, Creeds, sacraments, and the historic episcopate.)
- Recognize and value every person as made in the image of God, welcoming the gifts that diversity affords.
- Seek to equip all the saints in the baptismal ministry to which they are called.



**Meetings**

**Finance Committee**

Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 pm

**Search Committee**

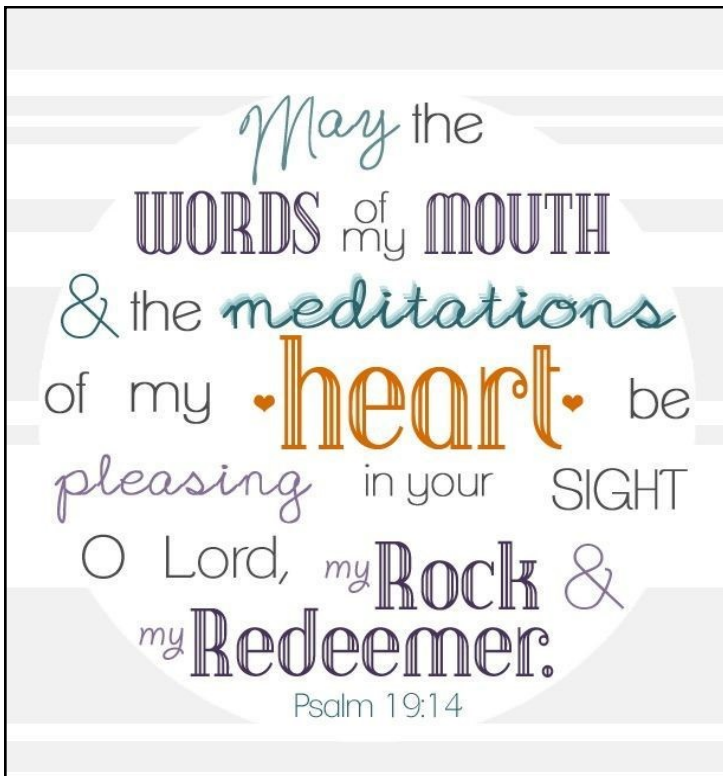
Mondays, May 9 & 16

**Vestry**

Tuesday, May 17, 6:30 pm

**Vestry Officers**

Senior Warden	Andrew Goldsmid
Junior Warden	Shelly Bell
Treasurer	Cindy Overmyer



**Vestry Members**

***Commission Liaison***

Julie Abedian '23	Communications/ Marketing
Shelly Bell '22	Jr. Warden & Parish Life
Bill Garber '22	Buildings & Grounds
Andrew Goldsmid '24	Sr. Warden & Outreach
Vicki Gust '22	Worship & Formation Liaison
Frank Guthrie '24	Finance
Nancy McKinney '24	Clerk & Newcomers
Barb Parker '23	Asst. Treasurer, Out- reach, & Search Comm.
Kelli Thompson '23	Communications/ Marketing

Office Notes: The deadline for Venite information and articles is the 15th of the month. If you wish, you may leave a message concerning schedules to serve, etc. in the gray book outside the office, call the office (812-372-7869), or send an email to: [stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulscolumbusin@gmail.com). Thank you!

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