

The St. Paul's Scoop

July 1, 2018

What's happening this week at St. Paul's



Extra! Extra! Read all about it!

Hot off the presses, we are excited to unveil the first edition of "The St. Paul's Scoop!" We hope you will find this informative and fun! Please bare with us as this will be a work in progress and we will continue to make improvements as we go along. We will continue to add more content with regards to things happening within St. Paul's, the Keys Deanery, the Diocese, the larger Episcopal church, as well as within our beautiful island community! We welcome your feedback and if you have any suggestions for content you would like to see in upcoming issues. Thank you for your patience as we continue to grow!

St. Paul's Episcopal Church (Historic Key West's Church)

Will Commemorate the Independence Day Holiday With a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist: Rite II
(Holy Communion with Prayers for our Nation)

at 9:00 a.m. in the Military Chapel inside the Sanctuary



Today is T.R.U.E. Fund Sunday

We are reinstating the traditional first Sunday of the month ingathering into the T.R.U.E. (Toward Relief of Urgent Emergencies) Fund. This has been an ongoing ministry of St. Paul's for decades and has been faithfully administered by Sandy Highsmith and Cissee Losley for several years.

Many lives have been blessed through the generous donations into the T.R.U.E Fund by benevolent members and guests of St. Paul's. Sandy and Cissee have retired from their administrative oversight of the T.R.U.E Fund. I would like to express the church's deep appreciation for their faithful stewardship of these funds. They have spent countless hours helping to relieve the burden of many who find themselves in urgent circumstances that require the helping hand the T.R.U.E Fund has been able to provide.

We are in the process of reconstituting the oversight of the fund so that it may continue in being the godsend that it has been for so many for so long.

—Fr. Hooper+



Weekly Events:

- Today:
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Monday:
7:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Tuesday:
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Wednesday:
9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
(celebrating July 4th., Holy Communion with Prayers for our Nation)
Church Office Closed
- Thursday:
7:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
- Friday:
Church Office Closed

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Have you ever considered joining our Lay Reader Ministry?

Have you ever considered Rendering the "Word of the Lord" as a Lector and Administering the Chalice at Holy Communion? Adults as well as teens are welcome in the lay reader ministry. The basic responsibilities are to read the lessons and lead the congregation in the Prayers of the People. Eucharistic Ministers assist at the altar during worship and help the priest to prepare and to serve Holy Communion during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. To be a Eucharistic Minister carries a great spiritual value to the person involved in this ministry and to those who receive the Sacrament at worship.

This is an invitation to the members of the congregation to consider being involved and assisting in worship with either of these ministries. We welcome a conversation with you, if you are feeling called to these ministries. If interested, please contact Bruce Hagemann at bruce.hagemann@gmail.com or Fr. Hooper at the church office (305) 296-5142 or by email at frhooper@stpaulskeywest.org.

Planned Giving

Planned Giving: Sustaining the Life and Ministry of St. Paul's—It is without a doubt that a large part of the current life and ministry of St. Paul's Church is made possible by people who have remembered the church in their wills. For nearly 190 years St. Paul's has existed as a beacon of hope in Key West with its long and deep history and abiding traditions. As we thankfully stand on the shoulders of faithful parishioners in the past, so too, we have hopes for a long future serving God, Key West, the Lower Keys and the literally millions who have and will walk through our doors.



We know we are stewards of all that with which God has blessed us. Most of us honor this responsibility of stewardship of the mission and ministry of the Church through financial support. Gifts to the church can be made in many ways. Annual pledges generally support the church's daily operations and the money comes from members' income. Planned gifts support the church in the future and mostly result from members designating gifts in their wills, making life income gifts, and through trusts. These planned gifts greatly enhance and ensure the continuation of that work for years to come. The leadership of the parish asks that parishioners consider providing for St. Paul's in your long-range planning.

There are a variety of ways a gift can be made to St. Paul's; these include things such as a simple life insurance policy with St. Paul's named as the beneficiary, bequests from wills, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and other various kinds of trusts. The best plan for you depends upon what you wish to accomplish for yourself, your loved ones, and the institutions and causes you support which many of us support as well. But remember that few bequests come to St. Paul's from people who were not members. Lots of good and worthy causes and institutions serve large sections of society and can easily draw on the larger population. Members of St. Paul's might well consider a larger portion of their planned gifts to go to St. Paul's. Whatever you decide should be what is best for your individual and family circumstances and discussed with your estate planner. Please do remember the church in your will.

