

COMBINED COMMISSION REPORT
RECTOR, SENIOR WARDEN, JUNIOR WARDEN
January - February 2024

Rector - Fr. Joe Hudson

January and February were very busy months in our parish. Along with the run up to our Annual Celebration Meeting and Vestry Retreat, and several funerals, the post-Ian restoration activities ramped up into high gear! Thankfully, due to all this hard work, we now have a new vestry in place, adding Bob Sawyer, Chris Pizer, and Megarie Van Sickel, and our church is almost finished being restored and revitalized. We sadly said goodbye to Christine Puthoff as Sr. Warden after four years of vital intense work. We now welcome Bob Sawyer back as Sr. Warden.

Our church staffing needs are being filled. Instead of a church Sexton (Janitor), we have hired a commercial cleaning crew to keep our facilities spotless. We said goodbye to Sophia Peters as bookkeeper and transition in Rusty Shelly. Welcome Rusty! We warmly welcomed in Fr. John Warfel as an Assistant Priest who will be responsible primarily for pastoral care matters, liturgy support, and the welcoming in and assimilation of those new to our community.

Here are the activities of your Rector over these past two months:

- Monthly meetings with the four other clergy
- Funerals for Ken Burke January 6, Don Harmon January 13, Roger Broadwell February 19, and an internment January 16.
- Weekly Centering Prayer
- Weekly Project Management Team to manage the building restoration and revitalization.
- Monthly Parish Care meetings
- Bi-monthly Fellowship Flock
- One baptism
- Bi-monthly Saturday services
- Weekly Sunday service
- Several meetings with parishioners

- Bi-monthly staff meetings
- Monthly Spiritual Formation meetings
- Attended two Dinners for Six
- One Communication Team meeting
- Annual Church Celebration
- Hospital visits
- Attended Venice Deanery Clericus (the monthly meeting of area clergy)
- Facilitated the annual Vestry Retreat February 8-9
- Attended an Outreach Committee meeting
- Involved in the ramp up to our Capital Campaign to raise the necessary funds to pay for the revitalized items in our church.
- Ash Wednesday service
- Facilitated Stations of the Cross
- Vacation February 21-28
- Attended Cursillo February 29-March 3

As we move towards Holy Week and Easter and its reminder of the Paschal Mystery, where suffering is transformed to resurrection and new life, we see this same mystery, not only in our individual lives, but also in our church facilities. Saturated sheetrock and carpet and ceiling tiles have been transformed into luxury vinyl tile, a revitalized ceiling, restored Nave chairs, railings, lectern platform, tech area, new paint, and a bigger southwest corner room.

Fr. Joe

Senior Warden - Bob Sawyer

The month of February was full of change, as the term of three Vestry members expired and three new members joined the team. Over the last three years, we have been blessed by the outstanding leadership of Christine Puthoff, our outgoing Senior Warden. Thank you, Christine. And thanks also go to Stephanie Kitt and Barbara Rao for their faithful service on the Vestry.

- We had our overnight Vestry Retreat at DaySpring on February 8-9. It was a joyful experience as we all got to know each other a little bit better.

- The Project Management Team continued its weekly meetings as John and Dave whittled down the punch list with our contractors...as we waited for our metal panels for the Nave roof to be delivered and installed.
- Ash Wednesday was early this year and was notable because it shared February 14th with Valentine's Day.
- We were very happy to welcome Fr. John Warfel as a new Assisting Priest.

And sadly, we were grieved to learn that Paul Mueller, an active member of our congregation, passed away on February 24th after a long struggle with a heart condition.

Faithfully submitted,
Bob Sawyer
Senior Warden

Junior Warden - Don McKelvy

Report is for activity during January and February 2024

Dave Beall and I cleaned out our shed behind the church and scheduled Junk King to remove unwanted items and our old gutters. Simply Trees trimmed the large live oak tree near the pergola which will make it easier for MetalMax to access our roof with their construction materials. Bob Clark arranged to have the bronze plaque in the Memorial Garden restored with impressive results. Heights Aluminum installed our new gutters and downspouts on January 29 – 30, 2024. Dave Beall and I visited Lykins Signtek and discussed putting our new aluminum poles in “sleeves” so they can be removed, as necessary. The new signposts for our Church banners are expected to be in place prior to Easter. I met with Bob Clark and Sally Mock on February 1st to discuss several issues relating to the Memorial Garden and the church grounds. We agreed on a strategy to coordinate several tasks which will involve our volunteers and our lawn service. I spoke with Superior Home Services who will pressure wash the walls around the pergola, concrete benches, Celtic cross, and our sign and cross at the Center Road entrance. We have signed a service agreement with JanPro, a professional janitorial company who will clean the interior of our church twice weekly. We

have also identified a handyman who will assist with various projects associated with our ongoing restoration. Aqua Plumbing completed our annual backflow inspection for our drinking water on February 16, 2024. Piper Fire Protection conducted our annual fire suppression (sprinkler heads), fire hydrant, and fire suppression backflow inspection on February 23, 2024. Overall, the inspection went very well, and we are awaiting the written report. We are due for our five-year inspection this spring which I will schedule and monitor.

Thanks to all of our dedicated volunteers who generously give of their time and talents on a daily basis.

God Bless,

Donald A. McKelvy, Jr. Warden