

Vestry News

October 12, 2020

Pre-School closed for semester, possibly year. Sexton position eliminated

Because most children in elementary schools are not in full-time in-person instruction, parents are staying home or making other arrangements, and prospective enrollment in the pre-school dropped below financial viability. The hole this made in our budget [We have kept Dawn Viscusi on staff for her administrative and financial skills] has made it necessary to eliminate the position of [Outdoor] Sexton. Rick George is now finished with his duties and will be leaving the sexton's house by October 31.

Upgrading of Audio and Visual Capabilities in Church set for November

By means of a generous grant from the Bishop, Internet connectivity and upgrades to the sound and visual systems in the Church will take place next month. This will allow better livestreaming of our services and avoid lapses because of inadequate Internet connectivity. We hope to have the upgrades done by the start of Advent;

Repairs to steeple area of roof and ceiling in balcony in progress

The collapse of a portion of the ceiling in the balcony section of the Church is connected with problems in the steeple. The Property Committee is receiving professional advice on what needs to be done to deal with the root causes of the problem and also continuing discussions with our property insurer over their coverage for the damages.

Pledge payments and Contributions to Food Pantry still needed

The financial situation of the parish is sound because of your faithful contributions of your pledge payments and other gifts. Thank you for that; when those falter, our ability to carry out our mission to both our own parishioners and our community suffers. Special thanks to those whose extra contributions to the Food Pantry have allowed us to buy over \$7000 worth of food for those who are in need as winter approaches.

Names of the faithful departed being collected for All Saints' Day

The office is collecting names of those who have died for commemoration on All Saints' Day, November 1. Please send them to the office by regular mail or

email to arrive by October 26 (Those attending in-person worship may also place the names in the offering plate).

Forward Day-By-Day Issue to be distributed by mail

The new issue of *Forward Day-By-Day* will soon arrive at the Church Office. Because of pandemic precautions, we will be mailing the issue to parishioners who request one [by mail, email, or phone]. Let us know if you would like a copy, and also if you need one of our limited large-print copies.



Vestry Meeting