



CHURCH
OF THE
ASCENSION

Whether a longtime member, newcomer or guest ...

Please join us for Ascension's Annual Meeting:
Sunday, January 31, 2021, 11:30 a.m., via Zoom

Your prior attention to the materials in this mailing will help.

January 25, 2021

The Conversion of St. Paul

Dear people of Ascension,

Remaining connected has been among our biggest challenges throughout the pandemic. Even so ...

- **Consider our 2020 Annual Report, your copy of which is enclosed.** About half of the contents are included to prepare us for the parish business required of Voting Members at the annual meeting. The rest of the report conveys the remarkable diversity of ways that we have continued to stay in touch, worship, pray and reach out – to one another, to our guests and to our neighbors in need. Please take time to preview the annual report and give thanks.
- **Also enclosed and providing another traditional means of parish connections is our January 2021 parish directory.** Of particular note in it are the numerous young adults not found in our 2020 directory. Many of them had begun to actively participate in our ministries prior to the pandemic. When we re-opened the doors of the church for ten Sundays this past fall, they returned, often making up more than half of those present for our limited-attendance masses. Please join me in praying that their faith may continue to be strengthened here and that positive connections between long-time members and newcomers will abound in 2021.
- **Instructions on connecting via Zoom for the annual meeting** are being separately provided. Good news! We decided to scrap the more complicated Zoom 'webinar' format and instead will use the simpler means of connection with which many of you are already familiar.

Please know of my gratitude for your commitments to Ascension. I now pray that, even if only in some small way, the enclosed tokens of our common life may sustain your faith and your sense of meaningful connections here.

Faithfully,

The Rev. Patrick Raymond+, Rector