

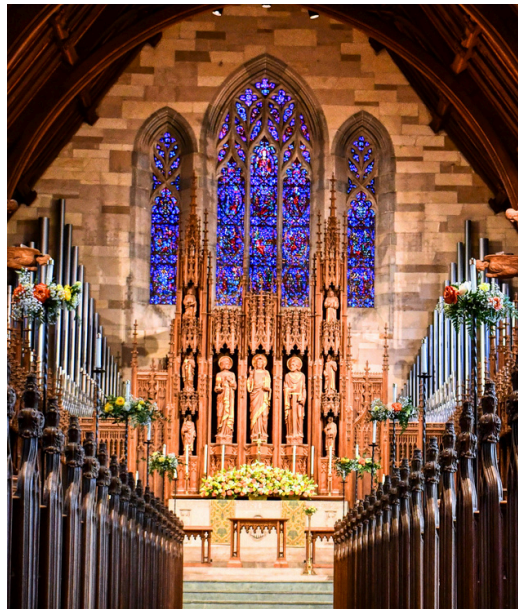
Answering the Call

If you have not yet considered a bequest to St. Paul's, we invite you to please do so now. Your generosity and forward planning will help to secure the future of ministries at St. Paul's that change lives – not just within the current community but significantly beyond it. Every bequest, however modest, will have a profound impact.



*"Jesus shows us that there is something we can do in our lives to make the lives of others better in the future and that may be our **biggest calling as Christians**. Supporting the Church, not only today, but in the future ... **is a worthy mission** for all of us. That's why I've remembered St. Paul's in my will, and why I hope other people will do that. One way to do that is to remember St. Paul's when you die by including St. Paul's in your will."*

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Join The Company of Angels

Since our founding in 1856, many faithful church members have left legacies to St. Paul's, which have supported the congregation's expanding ministries by building the parish endowment. In the depths of the Great Depression, church leadership had the foresight to create a legacy society that would encourage parishioners to remember St. Paul's in their wills. This group is now called *The Company of Angels*.



The Company of Angels LEGACY SOCIETY

*Securing the Future of
St. Paul's Church
at Chestnut Hill*



What is a Bequest?

A bequest is a gift that is specified in a person's will. Many people feel drawn not only to provide for their family and friends, but also to contribute to an organization that has been important in their lives. Their bequest becomes a legacy and sends a message of faith to future generations.

Do You Have a Will?

If you die without a will, the state in effect will make decisions about distributing your assets. To ensure that your values are honored and your wishes carried out, it is important to create a will and review it regularly. To update an existing will you may attach a codicil, a legally binding instruction that changes your will without redrafting it entirely.

Ways to Leave a Legacy

There are several ways to include St. Paul's in your estate plans. Consult your legal or financial advisor to determine which option is most advisable for you.

- ✦ Bequest in Your Will
- ✦ Beneficiary designation in your retirement account, life insurance policy, bank or savings account, or donor-advised fund
- ✦ Trust Fund or Family Foundation
- ✦ Charitable Gift Annuity

Did you know ...?

Bequests made by parishioners in earlier generations now account for **more than 20%** of the parish's annual operating revenue.



Bequest Intention

I/We truly care about the present and future ministry of St. Paul's Church at Chestnut Hill. I/We would like more information on how to make provisions for St. Paul's in my/our estate plans.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please tear off this portion of the brochure and return it to the church office. Or, call or email the office with your request. Parish staff will be glad to speak with you and send you more information on planned giving.

If you have already made provisions in your will for St. Paul's Church and have not yet been recognized, please let us know so that we may include you in *The Company of Angels*.

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