

# ST. PAUL'S REPORTER

*Deepening our relationship with God, in Christ, through prayer, worship and loving servanthood.*

February, 2011

## **From The Rector**

*We are a welcoming congregation witnessing God's justice, mercy, and reconciling love.*

*We seek a deeper communion with God, with each other and the rest of God's creation.*

*We reach beyond ourselves, both in our shared spiritual journeys and in our service to our neighbors, near and far.*

*We meet God together in our shared worship, prayer, study, service, and fellowship. We love and serve the Christ we find in each other.*

I am intrigued by recent studies about meditation that clearly cause changes in the brain after just 8 weeks of practice. ([Psychiatry Research: Neuroimaging](#), 30 January 2011, Pages 36-43 and a from a brief abstract in the New York Times, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, "How Meditation May Change the Brain") Those who practice mindfulness meditation became less anxious and became better able to keep focused. This bears out in my own experience, when I spent a half-hour a day for several months doing centering prayer in my early 30s when I was experiencing a lot of anxiety. During that period, I would use a line from the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm or use the Jesus Prayer "Jesus, son of the living God, have mercy upon me, a sinner" and repeat these slowly in my mind, gently returning to the phrase, noticing when my attention was bouncing around, doing "monkey mind" as the Buddhists describe it. These prayers have deep Christian roots, articulated in the writings of the Desert Fathers and Mothers.

After about two months of daily 30-minute practice, I felt as though a permanent change had taken place. No longer would I get caught up in anxiety, but I could find a more serene place within myself out of which to live. I still practice meditation and prayer, but I don't feel the need to do so as often. I have the same experience of serenity often, more readily available when I am running, or sitting quietly, or even at times when I am at my busiest. There is an undercurrent of a conversation of the heart with God, which I would say is prayer. This prayer was going on all the time already, but after practicing meditation, I could listen to it more easily rather than brush past it.

One of the great themes of scripture, a theme that moves through the Old Testament and into the New Testament is the theme of hesed, the steadfast love of God. It is summarized in David's exuberant refrains in the psalms "His mercy endures forever!" (Psalm 118) Again and again the witness of scripture is that God gets upset with God's people for living selfishly and calls them to account; and when God is particularly frustrated, God realizes God can do little about it, short of complete destruction, which God gave up entirely after the flood and the story of Noah's ark. God vows never to destroy again. God then again and again decides to love God's people which calls out the best in them. Hesed becomes this slow, deep river that moves through the whole story of the bible.

For Christians, this steadfast love is fulfilled in Jesus, our unequivocal sign that God is for us, completely for us as human beings. This scriptural story, from its beginning to its end has a total quality of moving from anxiety and alienation back to reunion again and again. The effect of scripture and reading scripture in church Sunday after Sunday is ultimately a macro-story of meditation. Come back to what matters, and

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walk with God. Do this and be saved, experience life at human pace, regroup, come home, join with God.

For the people of God, however, this experience of returning cannot solely be just about “feeling” less anxious. The feeling of peace and wholeness comes fully when we join with the pattern of God’s steadfast love for us and for all creation, when we become a part of heseed ourselves. As Micah summarized it beautifully: “What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with your God?”

At St. Paul’s I pray this “deep river” will become more and more our quality of living. May we do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. Give some daily time this February for meditation as I’ve suggested above. Come, hear scripture in church. See where it leads you—to salvation—a experience of life that is roomy, even mansion-like, and freeing, with the companionship of the Christ.

In Christ,

Jon+

P.S. Reminder Annual Meeting, 11-12:15pm, Sunday, February 13<sup>th</sup> after one Service at 10am. Come hear about our Long-Range planning process. All are welcome to attend, newcomers, long-time attenders. Learn more about our parish and shared life.

Children’s programming (with pizza) will happen in the undercroft during the meeting. Following the Annual Meeting on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>, St. Paul’s will celebrate its own Souperbowl. The menu will include a variety of soups, salads, and desserts, accompanied by fabulous fellowship. Please use the sign-up sheet in Sherrill Hall to indicate what you will bring to share and how many will be attending with you. If you have any questions or forget to sign-up, but want to attend, please call Edla McKertich



### SAVE THE DATE

**6th annual WOMENS LENTEN RETREAT APRIL 1ST- APRIL 3rd**

at the Barbara C Harris Retreat Center, Greenfield, New Hampshire.

All women welcome.

Anyone interested in being part of the planning team please contact: Norma Jaynes ,  
Susan Baraclough , or Beth Strand.

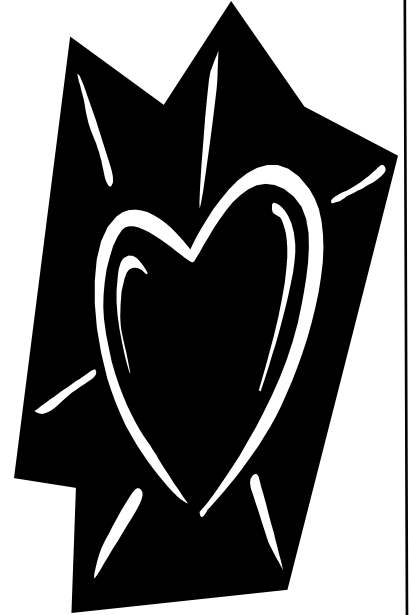
## FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS

*The following is the list of parishioners with birthdays and anniversaries during February.*

*Please share their joy by congratulating them in person, by telephone or card, and by praying for them on their special day.*

### **BIRTHDAYS:**

Jeff Lerminiaux, Judy Allen-Shaw  
Audrey O'Brien  
Mia McCue, Paul Babson,  
Ralph Schinzel  
Rebecca McCue  
Kathleen Walz  
Urs Berger  
Peter Ryan, Bob Ritchie, Luke Byrnes,  
Dustin Connors, Alexander Barnes  
Caroline McCue, Kathryn Killam  
Mark Strand  
Shannon Giordano, Lena Skatrud,  
Elizabeth Lehnertz  
Cullen Franz  
Louise Hale, Anna Cowen  
Annaliese Llewellyn Edman  
Robert Bettuelli, Alice Elliott  
Dorothy Yancey  
Sean Fagan,  
Valerie Brewster, Sean Fagan  
Matthew Williams  
Ryan Lucenta  
Amy Enright  
Leslie Loughlin  
George Witzell  
Stella Green



*Watch over thy children,  
O Lord,  
as their days increase;  
bless and guide them  
wherever they may be. Strengthen them  
where they stand;  
comfort them  
when discouraged or sorrowful; raise  
them up  
if they fall  
and in their hearts  
may your peace which  
passes understanding  
abide  
all the days of their lives through Jesus  
Christ our Lord.*



## PARISH NOTES

### Annual Meeting - Save the Date

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be on February 13. There will be one service at 10:00 am . The annual meeting will immediately follow this service. A community meal will follow the Annual Meeting.

### ST. PAUL'S SUPERBOWL, FEBRUARY 13

Following the Annual Meeting on Sunday the 13th, St. Paul's will celebrate its own Souperbowl. The menu will include a variety of soups, salads, and desserts, accompanied by fabulous fellowship. Please use the sign-up sheet in Sherrill Hall to indicate what you will bring to share and how many will be attending with you. If you have any questions or forget to sign-up, but want to attend, please contact Edla McKertich.



### Prayer Shawl Group

We will be meeting on the second Wednesday of each month  
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Please feel free to drop in any time during that time. We look forward to seeing you. We will work on prayer shawls at home during the month and meet for conversation and work on shawls together. Please join us if you knit or crochet.

Our meeting in February will be Wednesday .February 9 7:00 to 8:30 pm in Gale House

Please contact Gail Inferrere.

### Hello Friend of MIHN,

I hope everyone has been safe and warm during what has been an extremely cold and snowy season. On the bitter cold nights, I often worry about and wonder how many people will be out on the streets with little to no protection from the brutal New England elements. It is these moments that I am most thankful that my family and I have a home to keep us safe and warm, and so very grateful for the congregations and volunteers who are providing a safe, warm home for our families. I cannot imagine the terror a parent must feel not knowing whether or not they will have shelter for their children on these literally freezing nights.



I think it is fitting that our Walkathon is held in the winter; providing us an opportunity to come together, in from the cold and spite of it, to walk so that we may continue to provide the safety and warmth of a home for our families.

Please join us on Saturday, February 5th at Wellesley College, to Walk Away Homelessness. I am happy to say that former families will be attending the walkathon, so please, even if you are not registered to walk, stop by and say hello to old friends.

The link to our January 2011 newsletter is below with more Walkathon details.

<http://www.metrowestihn.org/Newsletter%20January%202011.pdf>

See you on February 5th

## Deacon-In-Training Update

Greetings to my home parish family at St. Paul's. It seems like such a long time since we've worshipped together, or even seen each other. When I am not accompanying the Bishops on their parish visitations, spending a monthly weekend in the deacon training program, or assisting the Diocese in missional or program work, I'm serving as an intern at the Church of Our Savior, in Milton. I'm doing a lot of the things I used to do at St. Paul's; attending vestry meetings, visiting parishioners in hospital or at home, serving at the altar, etc. I'm also preaching once a month, and discovering that I love it!

There is a lot of work, many commitments, and little free time. It is interesting to me that, as the work load increases, I find my prayer life also growing. Daily prayer and reflection is becoming an important, necessary and welcome part of my life. I find I am changing from one who is learning how to be a deacon into one who IS a deacon. This has truly been, and continues to be, a life-changing experience.

My full-time studies towards an MDiv degree at Andover Newton Theology School are continuing, and I'm halfway through the program. I'm also at the halfway point of my deacon training program. On February 26, Audrey O'Brien and I will be meeting and interviewing with teams from the Commission on Ministry and the Standing Committee at the Cathedral in Boston. With God's good help, and if we successfully complete these interviews, we will become candidates for ordination; Audrey for the priesthood, me for the Diaconate.

I miss being with you, and I think of you often. St. Paul's will always be my home, and you will always be in my heart and in my prayers. Please keep me in your prayers. May God's Peace be with you.

Sincerely,

Ken Schmidt

Please keep us in your prayers



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## 2010 Year End Financial Results

Based on the results as of the January Vestry meeting, St. Paul's completed the year within 3% of the annual budget. Total income was \$420,998 and total expenses were \$436,346, with a deficit of \$15,386. On the income side pledges paid were \$322,166, just 3.1% below plan. Other collection receipts were \$25,699, 19.2% below plan. Income produced by our investments was \$43,535, down 9.0% from plan. The loss in income was partially offset by reduced expenses.

Expenses were 1.8% below plan. Overall, St. Paul's ministries succeeded in operating the parish within a planned level of expense, and the parishioners generated funds to come extremely close to plan.

## **St. Paul's Annual Meeting**

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be on **Sunday, February 13th**, after the 10:00 am service.

Please plan to join us to review the life of our parish over the past year and vote for officers.

### **AGENDA**

Call to order

Opening prayer

Updates

Rector's report

Vestry update

Senior Warden's report

Budget and stewardship

Elections

    Sr. Warden (1 year term)

    Jr. Warden (1 year term)

    Treasurer (1 year term)

    Clerk (1 year term)

    Five (5) Vestrypersons (3 year term)

    Two (2) delegates to the Diocesan Convention (1 year term)

Questions/comments

Rector's Award

Popcorn prayers

### **Call for Elected Positions 2011**

For our annual meeting the Rector and Wardens call for individuals interested in serving St. Paul's in the elected position of Vestry (5 openings), Junior Warden, Treasurer, and one Convention Delegate.

Interested individuals should contact

The Rector, Jon Strand

Senior Warden, Bud Killam

Junior Warden, Joan Dedian

There is also a call at the annual meeting to affirm those elected leaders that have chosen to renew their commitment to St. Paul's for one more year. The leadership positions include Sr. Warden, Clerk, one Convention Delegate, and 4 Vestrypersons.

## 2011 Financial Update

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

We are blessed with a life of abundance at St. Paul's. We have a pastor who leads by example demonstrating how to live a life of service to God and one another. We are nourished by the Eucharist, the sermons, and the voice of the choir on Sunday mornings. We have a Christian formation program providing our youth with a strong spiritual foundation. We are a community that puts a priority on outreach and community service. We have a part-time associate rector who brings depth to our parish and an office manager who cheerfully keeps things running smoothly.

These are the reasons I am glad to provide financial support to St. Paul's through my annual pledge.

Have you thought about how much St. Paul's means to you and your family? St. Paul's runs on our pledges. They represent 75% of our income. Our programs and staff depend upon us. I ask you to consider this question in the context of our 2011 budget. I am writing to let you know we have not YET achieved a balanced budget for 2011. We need \$70,000 in pledge income to balance the budget. The intention of this letter is to communicate the gap, and request additional pledges so that we will not have to resort to budget cuts. We need your help to raise pledge income in the following ways:

Repeat Pledge Income of \$40K (ie, 20 pledges at \$167/month) – This category represents parishioners who have pledged in the past, but have not yet made a pledge for 2011. If you are in this group please prayerfully consider renewing your pledge. If you are not able to make a pledge this year, please notify the office so we can update our pledge records.

New Pledge Income of \$20K (ie, 16 pledges at \$104/month) - This category represents parishioners who have not pledged at St. Paul's before. If you are in this group please prayerfully consider making your first pledge.

Additional Pledge Income \$10K (ie 5% -10% of pledged income) - This category represents parishioners who have already pledged for 2011. If you are in this group, thank you for your financial support and please prayerfully consider increasing your pledge.

Here are some relevant 2011 financial statistics. With the current version of the budget the cost of operating St. Paul's is \$486,131. With 180 pledging units, the per pledge cost of funding St. Paul's is \$2,327; or \$193 monthly. Our proposed budget does not include any additional hours for staff or programming and remains consistent with what we had in our 2010 budget. An update on the 2011 budget will be given at the annual meeting in February. If by March we are not able to close the gap by increasing pledges then we will need to cut expenses in order to achieve a balanced budget.

Please use the website at [www.stpaulsnatick.org](http://www.stpaulsnatick.org) and select the option under 2011 Pledging, or notify Pat in the office at [info@stpaulsnatick.org](mailto:info@stpaulsnatick.org) to make a pledge or to increase your pledge.

Thank you for your generous financial support that allows St. Paul's to be the vibrant community we call home. May God continue to bless our shared life together.

Sincerely,

Joan Dedian

Jr. Warden



# CAMINO GROUPS

listening • learning • praying • reflecting

Winter/Spring 2011 Registration

To register for any of these groups, please email Courtney Edman at [theedmans5@yahoo.com](mailto:theedmans5@yahoo.com) or complete this form and put it into the collection plate, mail it to the church, or bring it to Gale House (the office) by February 20th.

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## **Food for your Body, Food for your Soul**

You can have homemade dinner 5 times per week! Putting a healthy nutritious meal on the table every night can be difficult, but it's possible with a little knowledge and practice. Join us for 5 classes where you'll learn awesome recipes, prepare them together, and then eat the delicious food that you have made while sharing time with each other. All recipes will have a vegetarian option.

**Facilitator:** Dayanna Moreno

**Day and Time:** Friday nights, weekly for 5 weeks beginning at the end of February,

**Location :** Sherrill Hall, St. Paul's Church, Natick

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## **Blessings**

This Camino group is offered during Lent for parents in hopes of creating a community in which to share parenting wisdom and challenges. Lent invites us to reflect, turn, start new, and live with deeper intention. Parenting, as one of our primary vocations, provides constant opportunities for this Lenten work. We will explore a variety of topics and look for practical wisdom in our foundational scriptural stories. Our discussions will be guided by two books by Wendy Mogul: The Blessing of a Skinned Knee and The Blessing of a B Minus. You can choose one of these two books according to your interest. On occasion we will divide up according to ages of children.

**Facilitators:** Beth Strand, Alexy Boudreau, and Cynthia McReynolds

(representing parents of children from infancy through high school)

**Day and Time:** We will meet weekly for 4 weeks beginning the week of March 13th; Depending on the preference of participants, we will meet either on Fridays from 9-11 a.m (childcare will be offered) or Sunday evening from 4-6 p.m.

**Location :** TBD based on the day chosen

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## **Wisdom From the Bible's Most Scandalous Passages**

In the course of ten evenings spread over ten weeks, we will read together some of the most perplexing passages of the Bible and discover insights about ourselves, God, and the world. Highlights will include the questionable morality of the patriarchs in Genesis, Joshua's holy wars, the love poetry of the Song of Songs, and the cryptic book of Revelation. The only preparation required will be for participants to read each story in advance of our gathering and come ready to talk about it.

**Facilitator:** The Rev. Paul Kolbet

**Day and Time:** Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00pm, beginning March 2

**Location:** St. Paul's Church, Natick



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### **Managing Conflict and Difficult Conversations: The Art of Handling Interpersonal Tensions**

Would you like to overcome the barriers that divide us? Would you like to move past difference to embrace the commonalities of our shared humanity? This group will focus on the essential nature of conflict, and techniques for exposing, defusing, and resolving conflicts. We will look at the issues involved in managing the “difficult” conversations that are a necessary part of the conflict resolution process. Our self-discovery goals:

- Recognize and identify the nature, sources, and dynamics of conflict.
- Demonstrate techniques for successfully managing conflict situations
- Identify the strengths and limitations of various conflict management styles.
- Identify our “dominant” conflict management style - and its strengths and weaknesses.

- Practice conflict resolution.

**Facilitator:** Hamish Blackman

**Day and Time:** Tuesday evenings, from 7-9, beginning April 26, May 3, 10, and 24. There is an option to have a 5<sup>th</sup> session on May 31<sup>st</sup>, as needed.

**Location:** St. Paul’s Church, Natick

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### **Inquirers Class**

Any adults who wish to be received or confirmed are welcome to attend this class. Confirmation is scheduled for Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. Ideally, these six sessions would be preceded by Episcopal 101 classes, which were offered last fall. If you haven't taken these it is hoped that you could take these at another session.

**Facilitators:** The Rev. Jon Strand and The Rev. Paul Kolbet

**Day and Time:** 7:30-9:00 for six Mondays: March 7, 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11.

**Location:** St. Paul’s Church, Natick

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### **An Introduction to the Episcopal Church Newcomers 101**

This 4-session course happens every time we have eight or more people sign up. We meet for four consecutive weeks with the rector for no more than an hour and a half. It will briefly review St. Paul's History, the Episcopal Church history and reflect on our shared life in ministry and gifts. It is for newcomers and old-timers alike, for anyone who wishes to renew their vision for ministry at St. Paul's. Great as a prelude to Inquirers.

**Leader:** The Rev. Jon Strand

**Day and Time:** weekly for 4 weeks for 1 ½ hours, day and time to be determined by participants

**Location:** St. Paul’s Church, Room TBD

See page 15 for registration form

# Go Forth for God; Go to the World in Peace

*Litton*

## Hymn of the Month

Our hymn of the month, "Go forth for God; go to the world in peace" amplifies the Eucharistic post-communion prayer "send us now into the world in peace . . . to love and serve you". The text written by British priest and poet John Raphael Peacey is suitable for the commitment to Christian service. The verses direct us to go forth in peace, in love, in strength, and in joy; each incorporating phrases from the Epistle of Paul to the Romans. For example in stanza three we are directed to "go forth to the world in strength," we are reminded to "hold fast to what is good" (Rom. 12:9) and to "repay no one evil for evil" (Rom. 12:17).

The tune *Litton* is one of the last works composed by the late composer, hymnologist, and teacher, the Rev. Dr. Erik Routley. It was commissioned in 1982 by the Choir of Trinity Parish, Princeton, NJ, to honor of Mr. James R. Litton upon the end of his tenure there as organist and choirmaster.

This February we encourage you to keep the words of this tune on your coffee table, night stand, or refrigerator and daily engage in the meaning and memory of a line so to learn by heart a verse a week. Sing it with family around table and sing it together as community at our weekly liturgy.

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace

Go forth for God; go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in his kingdom we behold his face.

Go forth for God; go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
richly from above his love supplies the grace and power we seek.

Go forth for God; go to the world in strength;  
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;  
render to no one evil;  
Christ at length shall overcome all darkness with his light.

Go forth for God; go to the world in joy;  
to serve God's people everyday and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.

Musically in Christ,

Monique

## St. Paul's Choir Schedules



February 2011

### Children's Choir

February 6 Rehearsal times 8:00 - 8:45 am, 12:30 - 1:00 pm  
February 13 Rehearsal 9:00 - 9:45 am, 10:00 am service  
February 27 Rehearsal times 8:00 - 8:45 am, 12:30 - 1:00 pm

### Youth Choir

February 6 Rehearsal 10:30 am, 11:10 am service  
February 13 Rehearsal 9:00 am, 10:00 am service  
February 27 Rehearsal 3:00 - 4:00 pm in church

### Family Choir

February 13 Rehearsal 9:00 am, 10:00 am service  
February 20 Rehearsal 10:30 am, 11:10 am service

### Adult Choir

February 3 Rehearsal 7:30 -9:30 pm in chapel  
February 6 Rehearsal 8:30 am, 10:30 am service  
February 10 Rehearsal 7:30 - 9:30 pm in chapel  
February 13 Rehearsal 9:00 am, 10:00 am service



## **SAVE THE DATE APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup> INDOOR TRIATHLON/YOGA EVENT**

On Sat. 4/9/11, from 7-10pm St Paul's Spy will be hosting a fundraiser for the spy mission trip to New Orleans at Longfellow Sport Club in Natick. Swim Bike and Run your way or take a gentle yoga class.

50\$ entry fee: Entitles you to fun filled night of fitness, community, food and entertainment. In addition this year we are offering a series of seminars on fitness and wellness prior to the event throughout the month of March at St Paul's. Topics include: core exercises, yoga, cardio conditioning, and strength training. Classes taught by Patty Magill PT, pilates/yoga instructor, personal trainer and by Mary Ryan Certified Kripalu yoga teacher.

Interested? contact Patty Magill. Registration forms will be available soon in the bulletin and in Sherrill hall.

Individuals and teams welcome. Yoga is for everyone!

### **Dates for 2011 at The Miracle Kitchen, Framingham: A Local Outreach**

The Miracle Kitchen, located in the Salvation Army building in Framingham, has been serving an evening meal to people for nearly 30 years. It is open 5 nights a week and currently serves 80-100 people each night. Volunteer groups provide the main dish, vegetable or salad, and dessert as well as servers.

St. Paul's volunteers are needed to provide the meal and servers at the Miracle Kitchen on the following dates in 2011. You can sign up for one, two or more dates. You don't have to volunteer on all the dates.

**February 9**

**August 10**

**April 13**

**October 12**

**June 8**

**December 14**

#### **There are many ways for you to help.**

- shop for ingredients (St. Paul's reimburses expenses) for 20 people - cook - rice or pasta for 80 people
- chop salad ingredients
- bake lots of cookies or another dessert
- serve at the Miracle Kitchen from 5-7 p.m. (Note: servers must be 18 years or older or accompanied by a parent)
- cook a casserole



If you read the above list of jobs, looked at the dates, and thought, "I can do that then!", then please contact Corinne Daniels . We have a core group of Miracle Kitchen volunteers but would welcome new people. Ask someone who has volunteered at the Miracle Kitchen about the experience and you will discover what a great outreach this is!

Thank you

## **Christian Formation News**

### **Winter/Spring Calendar**

February 6 - Regular Classes

February 13 - No Classes, Annual Meeting - Children's Programming 11-1

February 20 - No Classes - School Vacation

February 27 - Regular classes

March 6 - Regular Classes

March 13 - Regular Classes

March 20 - Regular Classes

March 27 - Regular Classes

April 3 - No Classes - Women's Retreat

April 10 - Regular Classes

April 17 - No Classes - Palm Sunday/School Vacation

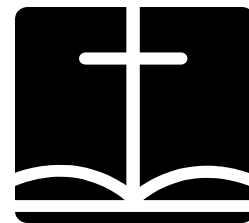
April 24 - No Classes - Easter Sunday

May 1 - Regular Classes

May 8 - No Classes - Mother's Day

May 15 - Regular Classes

May 22 - Regular Classes - Communion Recognition - Last Day of Class



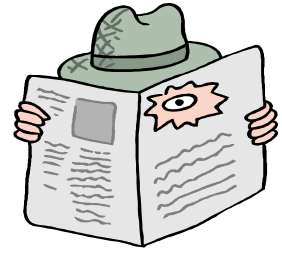
### **Communion Recognition:**

To Parents of 2nd Graders. We will be having our Communion Recognition Ceremony on May 22, 2011. We have a 6 week period of classes that focus on the Eucharist for our 2nd graders which will culminate in a Family Dinner on May 21st in Sherrill Hall and a ceremony in church on May 22. Please contact Anne Young at [anne.young.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:anne.young.stpauls@gmail.com) with any questions or your child's Church School teacher.

### **Vacation Bible School**

We are looking for volunteers to direct and plan our Vacation Bible School this year. If you would like to help our or feel called to direct please contact Anne Young at [anne.young.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:anne.young.stpauls@gmail.com)

## Greetings People of St. Paul's,



January was a busy and fun filled month for St. Paul's Youth (SPY) groups! We started the year off by honoring four of our 7<sup>th</sup> graders with a Rite-13 celebration at our 9:30 church service on January 9, 2011. This event just touches me to the core. I LOVE that St. Paul's takes the time to affirm our newest teens; to recognize, honor, and pledge our support to young people and their parents. It was my joy and pleasure to celebrate with them and hear their parents' letters of reflection and hope during our rehearsal dinner on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Many thanks to the Leavey and Krueger families for hosting our dinner.

On January 30<sup>th</sup>, we had our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual SPY Talent Show Fundraiser at The Center for Arts (TCAN) in Natick. Our youth are so talented! I am so proud of each and every one of our performers for finding the courage to take the stage and let their lights' shine! Along with giving our youth a place to stretch their wings, this event brings generations of our community together for a fun night and raises money for SPY mission work! A joy-event indeed!

I want to offer my sincere gratitude to all who worked on our talent show. A BIG thank you Paula and Matt McCue for championing and coordinating this event, and to Kate Leavey for working with me and our youth, and inspiring us and helping us put the show together. Thank you to Monique Byrnes for your musical direction, collaboration, and accompaniment. I am grateful for the many behind-the-scenes jobs filled by youth, SPY leaders, and parents, and I loved how it all came together! Thank you!

Taking a look ahead:

Please pray for our confirmation class as they go on retreat at Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center on the weekend of February 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. May the youth and their leaders have a fun, relaxing, reflective time together as they take a break from the routines of their busy lives.

In February, youth in grades 8-12 will begin preparing for our 30-hour famine to be held on the first weekend of Lent, March 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. This year World Vision is offering a 6x matching federal government grant, so please give generously.

The Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held on Tuesday March 8<sup>th</sup>, and all proceeds will benefit SPY programming costs.

Peace to all!

Amy Till

Youth Ministry Coordinator



## Camino Group Registration

Winter I 2011

To register for any of these groups, please email Courtney Edman or complete this form and put it into the collection plate, mail it to the church, or bring it to Gale House (the office) by February 20<sup>th</sup>

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

Group(s) Requested with preferred time, if there is a choice for your group:

GROUP NAME  
a choice

Preferred meeting time/frequency if there is  
a choice

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**February 13**  
**One Service**  
**10 AM**  
followed by  
**Annual meeting**



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