

ST. PAUL'S REPORTER

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

May, 2011

From The Rector

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

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

*We reach beyond our-
selves, 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.*

My favorite Easter letter this year came from our bishop this past Saturday...please enjoy....

An Easter message from

The Rt. Rev. M. Thomas Shaw, SSJE

Holy Saturday, April 23, 2011

I didn't keep a very good Lent. There was just too much travel, the demands of work, small emergencies that got in the way of the spiritual reading I intended to do, the extra prayer I hoped to offer, and the more ascetic discipline I hoped to keep. It's too bad because Lent is perhaps my favorite season of the church year. The focus and discipline of this season always seems to draw me into a deeper intimacy with our Lord. But not this year.

Nevermind, says St. John Chrysostom, one of the greatest preachers in the history of the church. It doesn't matter, he declares in one of his Easter sermons, what kind of Lent you have kept. All of us, from those of us who have kept the most rigorous Lent to those of us who have kept the most lax Lent, are invited to the fullness of the Easter feast. That's what he says.

So this is what I'm going to do: I'm going to indulge myself in the richness of the Easter feast. I'm going to keep a great Easter. You know what that will mean? It means that every day in my prayer I am going to ask the Holy Spirit to show me, in every event in my life, in everything that is happening in my community, the diocese, in the world, the power of Christ's resurrection. I'm going to ask God not to let hopelessness or sadness or despair cloud the new life that Christ's victory over death tells us we can find even in the darkest places. And then I'm going to ask God for the freedom of those earliest disciples, when they encountered the risen Christ, to tell everyone that Christ lives.

Won't you join me in the Easter feast?

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Will you ask the Holy Spirit to show you in every event of your life the power of Christ's resurrection?
Will you go let the change take place in you that comes when you dare to open yourself to the truth that Christ is alive?

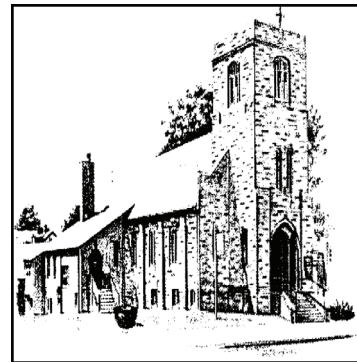
These truths work on us and change us over time. The truth of Easter makes us more serene and allows us to put things into perspective. We live no longer live for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Alleluia!

In Christ,

Jon+

Budget Update

The Vestry met this week and established a balanced budget, without any cuts to programs or staffing. We are grateful for the work of many to get us to this point, and to all parishioners who responded to our requests for pledge income.



One of the recommendations the Vestry made to balance the budget is to implement a program / supply fee for participants in the Christian Formation and SPY programs. The suggested contribution will be \$50 per student with a maximum of \$75 per family. Our intention is that this nominal amount will not be a hardship for any family and it will raise funds (\$5,000) that can be put towards the salaries and supplies that are needed to provide these programs. More information will follow as the details are worked out.

Another decision that the Vestry made is to keep a line item for \$5000 of additional pledge income in the budget. This is based on our hope that new and existing parishioners will continue to pledge or increase their pledge, as they are able.

A third item is to apply for a grant to fund Youth Ministry position from the Home Church Society (\$5,000). The application is in progress, although a decision won't be made until August. The Vestry also decided to delay the annual audit and perform it with the 2012 audit, reduce our expenses by \$3,500.

We continue to be transparent with our finances. Please feel free to speak with anyone on the Vestry or Finance Committee if you would like further information.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

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

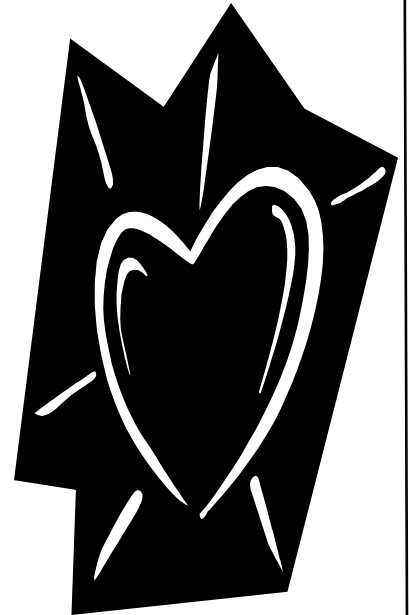
Please share their joy by congratulating them in person, by telephone or card, and by praying for them on their special day.

BIRTHDAYS:

Megan Lightcap
Lucia Gregory, Cindy Hall Kouré, Diane La Lumiere
Deborah Valle, Susan Lemieux
Kristen Arnold, Zara La Grone
Alan Bayliss, Grace Young
Mardy Wheeler
Mary Erickson, Matthew Stottmann
Thomas Steckbeck, Linda Heyd
Chad Shaw
Midge McCormick, Bob Potter, Sam La Grone
Sascha Steckbeck
Claire Fields, Mark St. Hilaire
William Babson
Stephen Giordano, Amelia York
Grace Loughlin, Victoria Meyer
Andrew Kouré, Eric Loughlin; Matthew McCue
PJ Woodall
Tariq Abu-Jaber, Glenn Meister
William Edman

ANNIVERSARIES

Scott & Karen Van Voorhis
Nancy & Ken Wilson
Mardy & David Wheeler
Chris Visminas & Steve Clark
Gail & John Inferredere
Anne Blanchard & Connie O'Hare
Cary & Jane Holmes
Jeff and Heather Lerminiaux
Tariq & Suzie Abu-Jaber
Chris & Karen Cuddy
Courtney and Eric Edman



*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

The Bereavement Discussion Group As before, it will meet on the 2nd and fourth Monday evening of each month: May 9, and May 23. The meetings will be held in Sherrill Hall, from 5:30 until 7:00 p.m. All who have suffered a loss of any kind (death of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of health, loss of a home) are welcome to attend. Loss of any kind mean sadness and change. Join this group to find support and ways to help yourself and others.

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.

June 8 August 10
October 12 December 14



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

Save the Date!!

Saturday, October 1

- * **9am - 1pm.**
- * **Rummage Sale**

It's never too soon to start putting things away for our annual Rummage Sale!

As you follow through on your resolutions to 'clean up and throw out', save the best 'stuff' for St. Paul's! (No baby furniture or strollers, please.)

Start your donation pile today and mark your calendars for October 1.



Prayer Shawl Group

Many of us have benefited from the beautiful prayer shawls that have been lovingly created by the Prayer Shawl Group at St. Paul's.

We are seeking new members who can join in this spiritual and creative practice under the leadership of Gail Infrere. No prior experience is necessary!

Contact Gail Infrere or Marilyn Lee
Thanks so much!!.

Our meeting in will be
Wednesday .May 11, 7:00 to 8:30 pm in
Gale House

Spring/Summer Wellness with the Rector... Parish Outreach Fundraiser

As Easter people we seek reconciliation and wellness. This "shalom" wholeness is true for our heart, body, mind, soul and community. We strive for a balance in all things.

You may have had some health goals you've been wanting to make but haven't yet done them. Research has shown that putting some money down is a good incentive for making and keeping our goals. To that end I propose the following:

List one to three very realistic goals for yourself from May 10th – July 10th. or two months time. Maybe you need to lose weight, or maybe gain weight. Maybe you need to get on an exercise program. Maybe you need more time for yourself of one hour per week to regroup. Whatever goal you make for deeper reconciliation in heart, body and mind is important.

In this case your rector needs to be attentive to his increasing weight (mainly because of inattention to eating patterns) and I am going to follow the Weight Watchers Program again for two months, using the online tools and attending meetings from time to time. In your case you may need to make some other change that is positive for you, particularly for striving for life-long health.

Detach and send in to "St. Paul's, P.O. Box 238, Natick, MA 01760" or send an email note to me—joncstrand@gmail.com. I will pray for your commitment regularly. And I ask for your prayers.

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During this Easter and Pentecost, I commit myself to change that makes a difference in my life. I will ask for help from God and from my family to support it, trusting in the Holy Spirit to teach me the way of love and care.

I will _____.
I will _____.
I will _____.

As a way of making this a serious commitment, I am writing a check to my parish or putting cash in a sealed envelope in the amount of \$_____, which I will post somewhere I can see it in my household. At the end of this time, if I have kept my goals, I will decide how best to use the funds, spending half on celebration and half on those in need. If at the end of this time, I have not met my goals, I have learned something and will try again, but I will send the entire money to St. Paul's— with "Outreach Wellness Fundraiser" in the memo, seeking to support those in need. I will be the person who decides whether I have met my goals to my own satisfaction.

Sincerely,

Want to join me in this venture? You can do it! Peace, Jon+

Triathlon Thanks!!



Thanks to Patty Magill (and Maggie Ryan, spreadsheet organizer) and all who organized and supported our triathlon fundraiser to support rebuilding of homes in New Orleans.

Thanks to Longfellow Sports Club in Natick who served as hosts for the event.

Thanks to everyone who either ran, biked, swam, or did yoga during that time for a fun evening and potluck dinner which followed. There was a lovely spirit about the evening as young, not-as-young, and the young-at-heart all made great efforts. Particularly noteworthy was Ralph Schinzel's Bike, Treadmill and Swim at age 76!

The triathlon raised just over \$1500 to support our youth and adults who will be rebuilding homes at the end of June/beginning of July.

150th Anniversary Diocese of Haiti

Dear Partners and Friends,

I would like to personally thank you for all the support you have provided to the Episcopal Diocese of Haiti thus far; and furthermore for your continual support of the Diocese of Haiti. Without committed and generous partners such as yourselves we would not be able to touch as many lives as we currently are.

Because of such help, The Diocese will be celebrating its 150th anniversary of successful operation. We invite all partners and friends to celebrate with us in any manner or location you see fitting.

The 150th anniversary of the diocese will be celebrated in the five archdeaconries on the following dates:

May 8th – Central Plateau Archdeaconry at the church St. Peter in Mirabalais

May 22nd – South Archdeaconry at the church St. Savior in Les Cayes

May 26th – West Archdeaconry at the Holy Trinity Cathedral in Port au Prince

June 12th – North Archdeaconry at the church Holy Spirit in Cap Haitian

September 11th – Leogane Region and Southeast Archdeaconry at the church Holy Cross in Leogane The staff of the Partnership Program, myself and Angela, along with your partner priests will be happy to help you arrange a visit to celebrate with us. ...

Schools in Haiti have just completed their second trimester of the year and will be have a break to celebrate Easter. To all of you who are supporting the reconstruction efforts as well as all who have made plans to do so, I profoundly express my gratitude on behalf of the Partnership Program and encourage your sustained efforts. The needs are enormous.

I wish all of you a wonderful Easter holiday and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

The Rev. Kesner Ajax

“PLEASE PRAY FOR ME” – a Lenten journey reflection

By Courtney Edman

How often do we hear this line, “Please pray for me”, from friends, family, loved ones, acquaintances? How often do we also respond to people’s requests with the line, “I will pray for you.”? And yet, there are people in our lives who need and want our prayers and yet don’t always ask, know that they can ask, or necessarily know how to ask. Who are these people? How do we pray for them? Well, this Lent, I discovered quite accidentally, that some of these people were my very own children! Here’s my Lenten story about how I learned to pray not just for my children, but with and on behalf of my children.....

As we sat around the table for a family dinner on Ash Wednesday evening, I innocently but intentionally asked what everyone thought we should do as a family Lenten practice this year. A number of ideas were suggested - “have no sugar desserts”, “say prayers at bedtime” (I know, we should have been doing this more regularly in the first place), “nightly family worship service”, “write a family prayer book”. After a vote, we decided on saying prayers at bedtime. Little did I know at the time how powerful that simple suggestion and decision would be!

A few hours after that decisive family dinner, each of my children were bathed, brushed, and tucked into bed, and the time came for me to pray with each of them. Now, keep in mind that prior to that Ash Wednesday night, I would always check in with each of my children before bed, but wouldn’t necessarily frame the time spent together in prayer. This night and the next “40” nights, would be different. The “check-in” time would end in prayer, not just a “goodnight” and “I love you.” And so, when it was time to say good night, I said, “Time for prayers,” and asked the question, “What would you like to pray about?”. Of course they each responded with the standard, “I don’t know. You do it for me.”

OK, that’s fair. I started this whole idea, I should follow through. And so with each child, I sat next to them as they were lying in bed, gently placed my hand on their head, closed my eyes, and opened the prayer with the standard, “Let us pray.” What followed each night as we prayed, was not a ritual prayer, like the Lord’s prayer or “Now I lay me down to sleep”. Those prayers are beautiful, yet for me, this evening prayer before bed was a chance to connect with my child, to reflect what I had heard them talking about through their day, to reach into their heart, into their mind and into their words from the day, and to reflect back to them what it is that they might be feeling; to let them know that indeed I had heard them, that I am with them, and that I recognize what is going on in their lives. Even more, however, it was a chance to intentionally invite Jesus into their life every night, not necessarily to make them faster runners, or solve their problems, or to improve their test scores, but to be with them on this journey called life.

And so as I prayed with each child, I would recap their day: their triumphs, their struggles, their anxieties of the day and of the near future, things they were grateful for, as well as prayers for others who might have been on our minds as individuals or as a family. These recaps were coupled with a word of thanks to Jesus for the “happy times” and an invitation of Jesus to “be with us” in whatever the opportunity, obstacle, struggle, anxiety, uncertainty, or decision might have been. In sum, I simply gave voice to things that might have been on their mind while simultaneously inviting Jesus to be present to each child and me, their parent, in their/our daily life/lives and in their/our decision making. What seemed to transpire after praying with each child is that they seemed more capable of relaxing. I noticed that once after praying, one child let out a deep sigh. Another time, after

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ending the prayer with “AMEN”, I received one of the grandest and strongest hugs I have ever received, as if I had just set the child free from worry and concern about a future decision hanging in the wings, and relief that I actually understood and recognized what was going on in their mind and heart. On yet another occasion, one child had even fallen asleep at the end of the prayer! And on a number of occasions, they would even offer their own prayer, in their own words, naming their gratitude, their hopes, and their request for Jesus to be with them and with others.

This new experience of shared nighttime prayer that is not written or memorized, but that is spontaneous, individualized, and personal, has been a positive experience for us all. My intention is that this new Lenten practice will continue beyond these 40 days of Lent 2011. My hope is that my children will come to understand that I am here to pray for and with them, but that they can also pray on their own. I also hope that they will understand that prayers do not just come from a prayer book

or a priest or a Sunday School teacher, but that prayer and praying can be initiated by anyone and formed out of your own thoughts, hopes, gratitude, uncertainties, and experiences.

As we have gotten closer to Easter, I have fielded the question from at least 2 of my 3 children, “Is the 40 days over yet?” after prompting them with, “Time for prayers.” And of course, I responded with, “You know, we don’t have to stop praying when Lent ends! We can form a new habit and ritual!” So, we will continue to say our nighttime prayers, reflecting on our day together and inviting Jesus to be a part of our daily lives. And maybe, one of these days, as I get ready to tuck a child into bed, or as one of them gets on the school bus, or goes out on the soccer field, or goes off for a sleepover, or even off to college, at least one of my children will turn to me and say, “Mom, will you pray for me?”

Courtney Edman



Summer Children’s Chapel Storytelling--

Summer Worship begins with one service at 9am on June 5th. During June and July we invite people to sign up to be Gospel storytellers for a children’s/youth chapel during the liturgy of the word, sermons and prayers.

See sign up in Sherrill hall for a story-teller and two adult aides. Everyone

will gather in church, and at the Gloria, before the readings, children are invited to process downstairs to the chapel.

This should be a fun chance to explore storytelling the gospel to our children. Sign up and give it a try. Feel free to pick one of the lessons or the gospel to share for the storytelling for that Sunday. Scripture readings are found at <http://www.io.com/~kellywp/> or also known as The Lectionary Page. Storytelling resources available!

Please contact The Rev. Paul Kolbet if you’d like some support with this.

B-SAFE is back!

Help change a child's life by giving just a few hours of your time this summer.

We need YOU!

Summer is almost here... please consider adding to your summer--and a child's summer--by donating just a few hours to B-SAFE.

B-SAFE (Bishop's Summer Academic and Fun Enrichment Program) provides a safe, enriching summer camp experience at a nominal fee for hundreds of children in Boston. The program depends on support from over 30 partner churches in the Metro Boston area to provide food and field trips to keep the costs low.

We are returning to our partner church, St. Mary's in Dorchester.

During the week of August 1st – August 5th, St. Paul's volunteers will prepare (at St. Paul's), deliver, and serve snack and lunch and read for 30 minutes with campers Monday through Thursday. We will plan and fund a field trip on Friday, August 6th. Parishioners can join the campers on the field trip day for a great day outdoors!

How can YOU help?

Please note that most tasks only involve a commitment of a few hours. And remember we only do this once a year. All of us, working together, can change a child's summer and future, by:

Contacting local businesses for donations

Assist with fundraising for our costs for the week (about \$1,000)

Help organize the Friday field trip

Shop for food at the start of our host week (for perishables, Sunday of our host week, non-perishables can be purchased in advance)

Make baked goods for the lunches (at home, deliver to the church on an assigned day)

Assemble lunch at St. Paul's (8:30 AM -10:30 AM) – children of all ages welcome to join you, any day of our host week Monday - Thursday

Travel to Boston to serve lunch and read with campers (10:30AM – 2:00 PM), any day of our host week Monday-Thursday, school age children and teens welcome

Please sign up in Sherrill Hall during coffee hour May 22, or add your name and e-mail to the sign up sheet at the Outreach bulletin board.

We will circulate a Google doc for sign up for specific roles.

Thank you for your support!

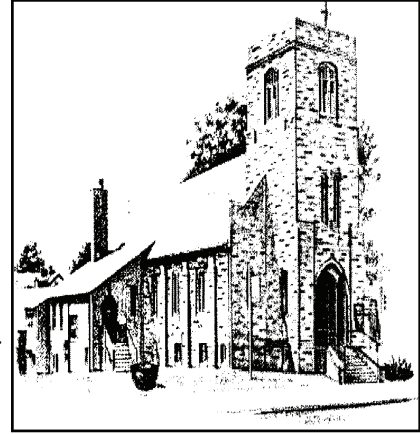
Emily Fagan

Beth Brady

To learn more about B-Safe, visit <http://www.ststephensbos.org/summerprograms.html>

Long Range Planning Update:

The Parish Long Range Planning day was held on Saturday April 30th. It was a day for discerning God's call for St. Paul's. We had thought provoking conversations in small groups as we considered who are we, who is God calling us to be and who is our neighbor? We shared information among the groups. One of the exercises was to write out a question of what is God asking us at St. Paul's. Several themes emerged. Below is a listing of the responses. We are grateful to those who were able to participate.



God Is Asking Us:

Are you happy?
Do you know that you are loved?
Do you really understand the challenges of children and young people?
Who are you missing?
Are you quiet enough to hear my voice in your heart?
How do you see me in the eyes of another?
Is there enough evidence to convict you if you were arrested for being a Christian?

Why are you letting money limit your thinking?
Are you listening?
Is there enough energy for this?
Do you see what is going on around you?
Do you take time to listen?
Why do you do what you are doing?
How do we practice vigilance to nourish ourselves so you can better do my work?
Do you know Me?

Are you taking the time to listen?
Are you doing what I would do?
Why aren't you leading?
Are you at peace?
Are you taking care of my planet?
Do you give from who you are and not just your surplus?

Why are you afraid?
If you were arrested would there be enough evidence to convict?
What did you go out to the desert to find?
Are you quiet enough to hear my voice in your heart
Are you discerning my will for you?
Why are you not keeping the Sabbath better, celebrating my presence?

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What are you doing to care for my gift of the world?

Do you realize the power you have?

Are you doing what I would do?

What are you doing to show people that they have gifts to give and in giving those gifts
bring God into their lives and the lives of others in an even more meaningful way?

What do you need to unload from your past?

How will you be vigilant...?

Are you remembering I love you?

Am I quiet / still enough to hear God?

Are you leaving this place better than when you found it?

How do you see me in the eyes of another?

Why aren't you praying more?

Why not caring better for my planet?

Why not leading?

Who is that standing beside you?

Doesn't my spirit blows where it wills?

What do you need to unload from your pack to openly see, embody and embrace God's
love?

If you were arrested for being a Christian would there be enough energy to convict you?

Why don't you keep the Sabbath better?

Do you know Me?

Do we have energy for this?

Are you listening?

You are my voice in the world. What will you say to it?

Do you not see the suffering all around you?

Are you quiet enough to hear my voice?

Are you doing what I would do?

Why aren't you praying more?

Are you remembering that I love you?

Are you taking the time to listen?

Are you discerning my role for you?

How do you honor the Sabbath?

What does it matter? Why does it matter?

Who is that standing beside you?

**Next steps for the Long Range Planning team will be distilling the information heard today,
sending out a survey to solicit additional parishioner feedback, continuing to listen to the
voice of the congregation in small group format.**

Music for Pentecost Sunday

"Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah"

by George Frideric Handel

The Messiah, HWV 56, is a sacred Oratorio by George Frideric Handel. Handel composed the complete work, choral and orchestra parts, in 24 days from August 22- September 14 in the year 1741. It was premiered on April 13, 1742 at the Music Hall in Dublin with Handel conducting from the harpsichord. The libretto by Charles Jennens is taken entirely from the Bible interpreting the Christian doctrine of the *Messiah*. The well-known *Hallelujah Chorus* ends Part II of the Oratorio, the Easter portion. The chorus is often sung during the Christmas season replacing His Yoke is Easy, the ending chorus of Part I. The text for the *Hallelujah Chorus* is drawn from three passages in the *New Testament*, the book of *Revelations*: 19:6, 11:15, and 19:16.

Revelation 19:6 "

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the sound of many waters and like the sound of mighty thunderpeals, crying out,

"Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns."

Revelation 11:15

"Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

"The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign forever and ever."

Revelation 19:16

"On his robe and on his thigh he has a name inscribed, "King of kings and Lord of lords."

On Pentecost Sunday, June 12th, the choirs, clergy, and congregation will sing the "Hallelujah Chorus" for our celebration of Pentecost. We encourage you to listen to your favorite recording of the chorus and join us in the singing of it on Pentecost Sunday.

Hallelujah Chorus lyrics by Handel's Messiah

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings, and Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings, and Lord of lords
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	And Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	And He shall reign,
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.	And He shall reign forever and ever,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	King of kings, forever and ever,
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.	And Lord of lords,
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!	Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
The kingdom of this world	And He shall reign forever and ever,
Is become the kingdom of our Lord,	King of kings! and Lord of lords!
And of His Christ, and of His Christ;	And He shall reign forever and ever,
And He shall reign for ever and ever,	King of kings! and Lord of lords!
For ever and ever, forever and ever,	Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hal-
lallelujah	

Hallelujah!

St. Paul's Choir Schedules



St. Paul's Children's Choir

Sunday, May 1 8:00 - 8:45 am, 12:30 - 1:00 pm rehearsals

Sunday, May 8 No rehearsals

Sunday, May 15 8:00 - 8:45 am, 12:30 - 1:00 pm rehearsals

Sunday, May 22 8:00 - 8:45 am, 12:30 - 1:00 pm rehearsals

Sunday, May 29 No rehearsals

(Choristers may attend either rehearsal on any given week)

St. Paul's Youth Choir

Sunday, May 1 10:30 am rehearsal, 11:10 am service

Sunday, May 8 No rehearsal

Sunday, May 15 3:00 - 4:00 pm rehearsal

Sunday, May 22 3:00 - 4:00 pm rehearsal

Sunday, May 29 No rehearsal

St. Paul's Family Choir

Sunday, May 8 10:30 am rehearsal, 11:10 am service, 12:30 - 1:00 pm rehearsal

Sunday, May 15 10:30 am rehearsal, 11:10 am service

St. Paul's Adult Choir

Sunday, May 1 8:30 am rehearsal, 9:30 am service

Thursday, May 5 7:30 - 9:30 pm rehearsal

Sunday, May 8 8:30 am rehearsal, 9:30 am service

Thursday, May 12 7:30 - 9:30 pm rehearsal

Sunday, May 15 8:30 am rehearsal, 9:30 am service

Thursday, May 19 7:30 - 9:30 pm rehearsal

Sunday, May 22 8:30 am rehearsal, 9:30 am service

Thursday, May 26 7:30 - 9:30 pm rehearsal

Sunday, May 29 8:30 am rehearsal, 9:30 am service

Christian Formation News

Thanks to all of the children and teachers who created beautiful pieces of artwork about the Salvation History stories for our Easter Vigil. It was a beautiful slide show and we will try to find a date to show the slide show again so that the kids can see their work displayed on the screen.



Upcoming Events

May 8th - No classes - Mother's Day

May 15th - Regular classes

May 21st - Communion Recognition Dinner for 2nd Graders

May 22nd - Last Day of Classes, Communion Recognition for 2nd Graders

We are starting to look for people to help out with teaching/aiding in our classrooms for next year. Please contact me at anne.young.stpauls@gmail.com for more information.

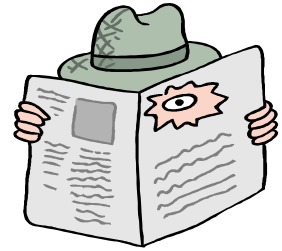


Music Gratitude

Thank you adult, youth, children's choirs, and congregation for your wonderful singing for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter.

Musically,
Monique

SPY News



Dear People of St. Paul's,

Spring is such a busy time of year for families, particularly for those with teenagers involved in sports, music, or really just about any extra-curricular activity! To me it feels sometimes like the school year just builds and builds until it ends in one big, loud crescendo!

St. Paul's Youth (SPY) groups are taking it easy this May. We canceled our meeting on Mother's Day, May 8. Regular youth group meetings are held on May 15 for our Rite-13, J2A, and Senior groups, and then on May 22 we meet one last time for an end of year celebration for all youth in grades 6-12. We have a few additional activities planned this year, with our J2A class of 8th and 9th graders serving at Cathedral on the Common on June 12, and our confirmation class of 10th and 11th graders heading to New Orleans on a mission trip from June 25 – July 2.

Please pray for our 10th and 11th graders: Samantha Cox, Claire Fields, Shannon Lightcap, Caroline McCue, Keileigh McReynolds, Lyman Phillips, Maggie Ryan, and Madeline Schneider, as they anticipate and reflect upon their upcoming confirmation service. Confirmation for our youth will be held at St. Anne's in Lincoln on May 14 at 10:00 a.m. with Bishop Harris.

Please enjoy these words from Heather Lerminiaux, who is just completing her first year as an adult volunteer in youth ministry at St. Paul's:

I have had the opportunity to work with the youth at St. Paul's in a very different way this year. I have been in atrium classrooms with 3-6 year olds for a number of years. This year I have worked with the confirmation class with Rob Young and Jon Strand. There have been many wonderful surprises in my work. First and foremost ~ it isn't work. It has been such an enjoyable experience. From eating meals together, going on retreats (and slipping and sliding ALL over the ice at Barbara C. Harris), listening to painful issues, and collaborating with Rob and Jon, it has been rewarding AND fun. It has been a GREAT year. I have learned many things about myself – and have grown as a person. That has been unexpected. I have enjoyed getting to know a great group of young people. I have seen the inner workings of a well-run, extensive program for our youth. I have seen the gifts that Amy Till has offered our youth and families. Truly a gift from God. I have had the pleasure of working side by side with very dedicated and fun youth ministers. Can you tell that it has been a rich and rewarding and FUN experience? I have loved it!!!

Are you an adult who might consider getting involved in youth ministry at St. Paul's? To keep our program running smoothly, we need several new leaders to join our adult leadership teams for the 2011/2012 school year. Please contact me at amy.till.spy@gmail.com if you would like more information or if you would like to get a sense of youth ministry by joining us at our meetings on May 15.

Peace to all, Amy Till

Youth Ministry Coordinator



Save the Date-- August 26 – 28, 2011

All Parish Retreat at the Barbara C. Harris Camp and Conference Center in Greenfield, NH.

Fun—Faith--Fellowship. All ages welcome!

We want to hear about your wish list for the retreat. **Be on the lookout in your email for a Survey Monkey link or in hard copy in the Sunday bulletins in May.** Or speak to Marilyn Lee or Courtney Edman.



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