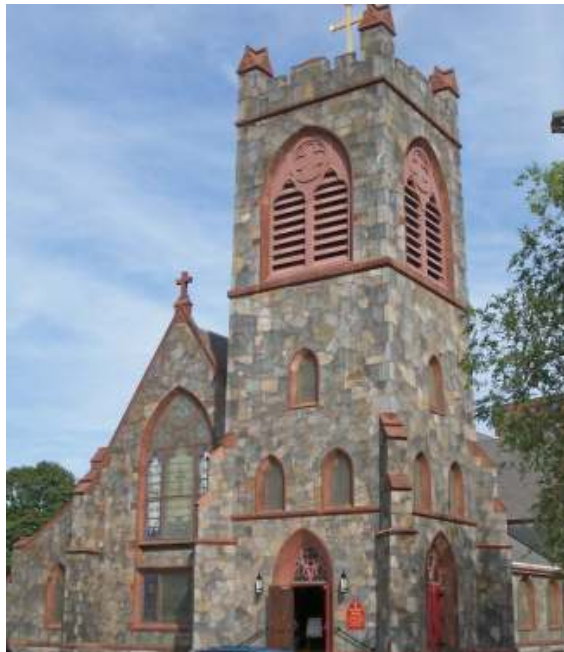


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Prayerfully going forth...
to love
to care
to work
to share
...in Christ's name



From the Rector _____

The first Sunday of April this year is the Fourth Sunday in Lent, also known as "Refreshment Sunday" (if you *really* want to amaze and impress your friends, it's also known as Laetare Sunday). The entrance chant for this Sunday in the traditional liturgy began with "Rejoice, Jerusalem", and indicated a lightening of the solemnity and rigor of the Lenten observance. Coming halfway through Lent, it was a time to be refreshed.

While we may have a more nuanced approach to the multi-layered nature of the season, perhaps this Sunday gives us a chance to pause and take stock of our journey so far. Ash Wednesday called us to the disciplines of prayer, fasting and alms giving. Maybe you decided to have a daily time of prayer, or to give up something. Perhaps you promised yourself that you would attend the Lenten Program or one of the additional opportunities for worship. How's that going so far?

The good news of course is that Lent is only half over, and there is always the opportunity to start again. Our choir offers Evensong at 5:00 pm on Refreshment Sunday. The Lenten Program will have another two sessions on Wednesday evenings. There is still time to make a pledge to Episcopal Charities. The depths and wonders of Holy Week still lie ahead of us.

Be refreshed on April 3, be strengthened by Word and Sacrament, even dare to rejoice. *Buen viaje.*

Peace,



The Rev'd William Locke

From the Director of Music ---

It is a few days after the RSCM Youth Evensong when I write this article. On March 13, the first Sunday in Lent, nearly 50 choristers from several parishes in the diocese, including the choristers of our own St. Nicholas Choir, gathered at St. Peter's by-the sea, Narragansett to sing Evensong.

The choristers sang challenging music very well. They also very capably led those attending in worshipping God. They enjoyed the experience. In the week leading up to the Evensong the choristers were at church on Tuesday evening for Shrove Tuesday festivities, on Wednesday to sing at the Ash Wednesday Liturgy and on Friday for rehearsal. On Saturday they had a two hour rehearsal at St. Peter's, then the Evensong on Sunday. That is a lot of time at church in one week. Yet, they told me how excited they were to have all those church events. Yes, they want to be in church!

The RSCM Evensong was also exciting for the choristers because many of them attended the week long RSCM Summer Course held at Salve Regina University in Newport last August. Spending a week singing together and living together in a dorm, they forged strong bonds of friendship. The Evensong was a chance for the local RI choristers to be reunited. At the reception after the Evensong there was talk of planning more opportunities for the RI choristers to sing together and have social activities.

The youth choristers taking part in RSCM, both at St. Paul's and elsewhere in the diocese, are learning musical skills, taking responsibility for leading worship (and they take this very seriously), building friendships with other youth and finding a place for themselves in the life of the local parish and the wider church. Those who take part in RSCM find it rewarding and life changing.

All of the choristers at St. Paul's hope to attend the RSCM Summer Course in August. The cost of the course, for all to attend, is over \$3000. The parish, through the music budget, will pay a portion. The choristers will raise the balance.

On Friday, May 20 beginning at 6 pm the St. Nicholas Choir is sponsoring a Spaghetti Supper and Hymn Sing with a Silent Auction. Please save the date and plan to attend. You are guaranteed delicious food, a chance to sing your favorite hymn and wonderful items you can place a bid for. Please support the choristers of your parish with your enthusiastic participation

Patrick

A Word from our Patron Saint ---

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20



Holy Week and Easter

Sunday, April 17th: Sunday of The Passion: Palm Sunday
Taizé Prayer 7 PM

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist in Trinity Chapel

Thursday, April 21st: Maundy Thursday 7:30 PM
Holy Eucharist & Footwashing, Procession to the Altar
Of Repose, Stripping of the Altar, All Night Vigil

Friday, April 22nd: Good Friday
Stations of the Cross 12 PM
Good Friday Liturgy 7:30 PM

Saturday, April 23rd: Holy Saturday
Proper Liturgy 9 AM

Great Easter Vigil Holy Eucharist with Baptism 8 PM

Sunday, April 24th: Easter Day 10:30 AM

Worship Opportunities in April at St. Paul's:

**Wednesdays April 20th and 27th
Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM
Trinity Chapel**

**Holy Week
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Holy Eucharist at 12:10 PM
Trinity Chapel**

**Morning Prayer
Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM
Trinity Chapel**

**EVENSONG
For the 4th Sunday in Lent
Sunday, April 3rd
5:00 PM**

Sung by The St. Nicholas and St. Paul
Choirs
A reception follows - All are invited.

**Taizé Prayer
Sunday, April 17th
7:00 PM
Great Hall
A reception will follow**

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS ---

Confirmation Date Set

The Deanery Confirmation service for 2011 will be on **Saturday, May 21st**, 10:00 am, at St. James' Church in Woonsocket. This service provides an opportunity for *Confirmation*, both for young people (10th grade on up) and for adults who have not been confirmed by a bishop.

For those who have been confirmed by a bishop in another church—essentially, those who have come from the Roman Catholic Church—this is a chance for *Reception* into the Episcopal Church. As someone who is already a member of the Holy Catholic Church, one would be welcomed by the Bishop into this branch of the Church.

The third possibility for this date is the *Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows*. This is offered for those who are at a point in their own spiritual lives where it makes sense to reclaim the promises of baptism in the presence of a bishop, a chief pastor of the church.

If you are interested in one of these three possibilities, please speak with the Rector soon.

Wednesdays During Lent (April 6th and 13th)

6:00 PM - Soup and bread supper
Lenten Program

Please join us as we continue exploring the topic:
"Opening the Prayer Book",
a look at this book that is so important to Episcopalians.





SUNDAY CROCK POT CHAIN FOR THE HOMELESS

Many thanks to our cooks who have been providing a crock pot meal for our homeless shelter on Sunday evenings.

Please be sure to check the Sign-up sheet posted in the Great Hall on Sunday for an open Sunday! Your continued support through June 1st is gratefully accepted!

FOOD CLOSET

Non-perishable items for our food cabinet are very much in need, especially soups, sauces, macaroni, rice, peanut butter, etc.

SUTTELL SCHOLARSHIPS - 2011

Please call the church office or email Debbie office@stpaulspawtucket.org for the 2011 Scholarship applications. All applications should be into the church office **on or before May 15th.**



PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE - Rite 13 Class

On Sunday, April 17th the Rite 13 Class will sponsor a bake sale following the 10:30 AM Service in the Great Hall. Donations of home-made goodies would be appreciated. Please see Linda Provost or Joan Pinto for additional information.

MAUNDY THURSDAY NIGHT WATCH -

If you would like to participate in the All Night Vigil from 8:30 pm Thursday, April 21st to 12:30 pm on Friday, April 22nd (Good Friday), please sign up on the sheet in the Great Hall or call Debbie in the Church office.



EPISCOPAL CHARITIES CAMPAIGN BEGINS

Now, more than ever, we need to find ways to assist those most in need, in our own community and around the state. Episcopal Charities gives us the chance to combine our pledges with those of Episcopalians across the diocese to support agencies and organizations that do wonderful work. Our campaign is underway here at St. Paul's.

EASTER FLOWERS

Your church offering envelope box contains an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" on March 27th. Please use that envelope for your memorials and place the name of the departed to be remembered on the back of the envelope (print clearly) and be sure to put your name on the front of the envelope and return it to the Church by **April 10th**. The cost of the lilies is \$20. If you are mailing it, the envelope should be addressed c/o Altar Guild!



SING WITH YOUR SUPPER!

On **Friday May 20, 2011**, the St. Nicholas Choir of St. Paul's invites you to an RSCM spaghetti supper and silent auction fundraiser followed by a Hymn Sing.

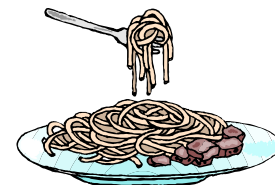


Dinner will be served at 6:00pm, there will be time to view and bid on the silent auction items, and the evening will close with a glorious hymn sing with the choir.

The proceeds from the dinner and auction will help to defray the costs for the St. Nicholas Choir members from St. Paul's to attend the RSCMA Newport Course in August.

Tickets: \$10.00, Children 5 and under \$5.00

See MaryAnn Kolakowski for additional information!



KIDS PAGE _____

Are you ready for summer? Check out the summer camp schedule for 2011.

SUMMER CAMP **Episcopal Camp and Conference Center**

Pascoag, RI
401-568-4055
www.eccri.org



Young Adults Camp (Ages 18-25): June 23rd - 26th
Music and Arts Camp (For 8th - 12th grade): July 3rd - 8th
Teen Camp (For 7th - 9th grade): July 10th - 15th
Older Boys & Girls Camp (For 5th & 6th grade): July 17th - 22nd
Camper's Choice Week (For 2nd - 4th grade): August 1st - 5th
Summer's End Camp (For 7th - 12th grade): August 7th - 12th
Family Camp: August 16th - 19th

The 2011 ECC brochure is available. Please call Debbie in the church office and she'll be glad to send you one.

Camp Scholarships are available — please see Fr. Bill.

ECC OPEN HOUSE - SUNDAY, MAY 22ND

This year Open House is scheduled for Sunday, May 22nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. There will be activities that will give our visitors a taste of camp life including crafts, hikes in the woods, volleyball games and tours of the cabins and various facilities.

We'll have a joyous Eucharist in the barn at 5:00 PM followed by a typical ECC BBQ. If you have never been to camp, are planning on attending camp for the first time this summer or are a returning camper here's your chance to see our beautiful facilities in Pascoag!



OUR MAY, 2011 CALENDAR:

Pencil in these important dates on your calendar — we'll have detailed information as the dates draw closer:

Sunday, May 1st: 8:45 AM May Breakfast

Sunday, May 8th: Mother's Day

Monday, May 9th: 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Sunday, May 15th: 5:00 PM Evensong

Friday, May 20th: 6:00 PM Sing with your Supper!

Saturday, May 21st: Confirmations at St. James' in Woonsocket

Sunday, May 29th: Rogation Sunday

Monday, May 30th: Memorial Day (Office Closed)

Tuesday, May 31st: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:00 PM Holy Eucharist

From the Parish Registers

April Birthdays

- 1 April Kinder
- 3 Susan Findesen, Justin Dalton
- 5 Adam Cardillo
- 6 Jeffrey Traghella
- 7 Harry Gale
- 8 Richard DeBlois
- 12 Mark DeCrescenzo
- 15 Patricia Bliss
- 16 Ann Bejma, Julie Leger, Cindy Edwards
- 17 Edna Dalton
- 18 David Despres, Alan Dunning
- 20 Mary Ann Kolakowski
- 21 Annie Cardillo, Kyle Jackson
- 23 Patricia Hampson
- 24 Kyle Hargreaves
- 26 Maddox Doheny Ronayne
- 27 Florence Wagner, Joseph Kerr
- 28 Doris Slavin, Erin Jackson
- 30 Virginia David

Burials

Mary (Drukas) Roberts, March 3rd
Charlotte H. Tarpy, March 5th
Evelyn R. Hastie, March 18th



The deadline for the **May, 2011** issue of the
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Sunday, April 17th

Please send your news and announcements via email to Debbie in the
 Church Office: office@stpaulspawtucket.org
 Please include a phone number in case we have questions.



Parish Directory – Vestry, Wardens, and Staff___

Q. Who are the ministers of the Church?

A. The ministers of the Church are lay persons, bishops, priests, and deacons.

Q. What is the ministry of the laity?

A. The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

The Catechism

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