

# The Messenger

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

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## **From the Rector** \_\_\_\_\_

With the lateness of Easter, and therefore of Lent, this year, we get to celebrate all of the Sundays after Epiphany. The Gospel reading from now on for these Sundays (except the Last Sunday after Epiphany, always the story of the Transfiguration) will give us something from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew.

Jesus' words in those chapters (Matthew 5-7) present a kind of alternate reality:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit... Blessed are those who mourn... Blessed are the meek..." "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,...but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven..." "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life..."

These are not exactly the messages that we get from the world around us, and, if we are honest with ourselves, these are often not the messages we get from our own hearts. Jesus calls us into a new reality – the Kingdom of God – where justice and love and righteousness reign. How are we to understand that? Is this a description of life as we know it? We would have to say, "no". Is this a far off dream, something that will happen at the end of time? We probably will just dismiss it as too far away to deal with. Or is Jesus calling us into the tough, challenging life of faith, of increasingly opening ourselves to the presence and power of God, seeking to live out those baptismal promises to seek and serve Christ, to respect the dignity of every human being, to make real what has already been accomplished in Christ? The latter gets my vote.

May these Sundays ahead of us challenge, enlighten and transform us.

Peace,

*Fr. Locke +*

The Rev'd William Locke

### **J2A Class - Trail Mix Project for Our Shelter Guests**

The following donations are needed:

**Assorted Nuts:** cashews, peanuts, almonds, etc.

**M&M's, Pretzels, Raisins, Craisins**

**Dried Fruits:** banana chips, papaya, pineapple, mango, apples, etc.

**Wheat Based Cereals:** Mini-Wheats, Multi-Grain Cheerios, Chex, Total, Fiber-One

Cash donations to purchase other supplies gratefully accepted.

## ***From the Director of Music*** ---

Recently I learned of a study done by Chorus America in 2009 called the *Chorus Impact Study*. This study of youth choirs (including school, church and community) concludes that those who participate in choirs are positively shaped by the experience and see benefits in their lives far beyond the musical experience. In particular, youth who sing in a choir are found to have more self-confidence than non-singers as well as better memory skills, creativity and overall academic performance. They also have better team-building skills and are generally more involved in their communities than those youth who do not sing in a choir. It is also found these benefits carry over into adult life.

To those of us who either direct youth choirs or know youth choristers, this study states what we already know and experience. But it is helpful to have the information in one place with some analysis. This is especially true because in this age of budget shortfalls, despite the great good choral programs do, there are fewer programs now than there were in 2003. (The study can be found at <http://www.providencesingers.org/About06/ImpactStudy09.pdf>.)

At St. Paul's Church we are blessed with a very active music program. Our program includes a serious youth choir, the St. Nicholas Choir, with very dedicated and accomplished choristers. They are not only accomplished musicians, but are also faithful members of this parish. In choir participation alone they offer 1.5 hours of rehearsal each Friday and faithfully sing each Sunday morning. They also participate in more than choir (such as acolytes, readers, etc.) and show real commitment to St. Paul's.

Each year our choristers not only sing here at St. Paul's each week, but also join with other Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) affiliated choirs in the diocese to sing Evensong. This liturgy, bringing together the best youth singers in RI, offers challenging repertoire that is well sung, all in praise of God in that most Anglican of liturgies, Evensong (sung Evening Prayer).

This year's Evensong is on the First Sunday in Lent, March 13 at 5 pm in Narragansett at St. Peter's by-the-Sea. Five churches from the diocese are participating. A reception follows. Please know you are most heartily invited to this Evensong. Attending is a good way to support the choristers from this parish. It is also a fine thing to begin Lent with an evening of fine music made in praise of God. Mark your calendars now!

*Patrick*

## A Word from our Patron Saint ---

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

*Romans 8:35-39*



**Royal School of Church Music  
Annual Youth Evensong  
Sunday, March 13  
at 5 pm  
St. Peter's by-the-Sea  
72 Central Street, Narragansett, RI 02882**

This annual RSCM Evensong is sung by youth choristers from throughout the diocese, including our own St. Nicholas Choir. It includes music of Iain Quinn, David Hogan, Malcolm Archer and David Ashley White, all conducted by Andrew Sheranian, Organist and Master of Choristers at the Parish of All Saints, Ashmont, in Boston.

A reception follows and all are invited.

**Retreat Into Prayer  
March 25th - March 27th**

Join us for the fifth year of this special Lenten retreat and experience quiet, prayer, formation, worship and community.

It takes place at the Episcopal Camp & Conference Center, Pascoag starting Friday, March 25th at 5 pm (with the option of coming Thursday, March 24th at 5 pm) and concludes at 2 pm on Sunday, March 27th. Fees: \$135 per person for Friday-Sunday or \$205 for Thursday—Sunday. All Meals included.

Space is limited — **deadline to register** and pay a \$35 deposit is Sunday, **March 6th!**

See Carey Ruo or Fr. Bill for more information. A Sign up Sheet is in the Great Hall.

***Worship Opportunities in February at St. Paul's:***

**Wednesday Evenings**  
**7:00 PM**  
Trinity Chapel

**Morning Prayer**

**Monday - Thursday**  
**9:00 AM**

Trinity Chapel

**Taizé Prayer**

**Sunday, February 20th**  
**5:00 PM**  
**Great Hall**

## CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

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### **Adult Formation Classes: FEBRUARY**

Sunday mornings at 9:00 am in the St. Thomas Room

### **February 6th - March 6th: A Video Series on the Apostles:**

February 6th & 13th: The Apostle Paul

February 20 & 27th, March 6th: The Twelve Apostles

### **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.

## **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!

You can bring your crock pot to church with you on Sunday morning or you can make sure it is here by 7 PM when the shelter opens at night. The Shelter is open through the 1st of June.

Please see Kerri Scott if you have any questions or for more information.

**FOOD CLOSET** - Non-perishable food items are always in need, especially this cold, snowy winter: soups, sauces, macaroni, rice, peanut butter, etc.

## **SUTTELL SCHOLARSHIPS - 2011**

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



## **COMMUNITY YOGA CLASSES**

Get fit this winter by joining the Yoga class here at St. Paul's every Monday evening at 7 pm in the Great Hall!

**ZUMBA CLASSES** here at St. Paul's on Tuesday evenings have been cancelled indefinitely.

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

If you weren't able to be with us at the Annual meeting on January 23rd and would like a copy of the Report, please call Debbie in the Church Office at 401-728-4300 or email her [office@stpaulspawtucket.org](mailto:office@stpaulspawtucket.org) and she'll be glad to mail you a copy!

**Diocesan Convocation**  
**Saturday, March 5th**  
**9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**  
**Providence Marriott**

Every year there is an opportunity to gather as a diocese for education and exploration of topics in our common life. This year's Diocesan Convocation will be on Saturday, March 5, from 9-3 at the Providence Marriott.

The speaker will be Diane Butler Bass, an acclaimed author and lecturer whose book *Christianity for the Rest of Us* tells the story of moderate and progressive mainline Protestant congregations - and how they found new vitality through spiritual practices and deeper meaning by pursuing God's hope for transformation in the world.

Registration information will be available when it comes from Diocesan House.

**From the Annual Meeting**  
**St. Paul's Church**

At our Annual Meeting on January 23, the following members were elected to leadership positions:

Kerri Scott – Senior Warden  
Mark Force – Junior Warden  
Sandra Gildea – Clerk  
Jeff Southworth – Vestry member (3 year term)  
Jayne Bellows – Vestry member (3 year term) [volunteered to fill vacancy]  
Pam Doheny – Vestry member (3 year term) [volunteered to fill vacancy]  
Unfilled – Vestry member for a 2 year term  
Margarte Browne – Finance Committee  
Frank Doheny – Finance Committee  
Sandra Gildea – Delegate to Diocesan Convention  
Dante Tavolaro – Delegate to Diocesan Convention  
Carol Varden – Delegate to Diocesan Convention  
Donna Lancaster – Nominating Committee  
Linda Provost – Nominating Committee  
Grace Swinski – Nominating Committee

**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

**From our Friends at the Baldwin Elementary School, Pawtucket**

Dear St. Paul's Church:

Thank you so much for adopting 51 children from our Christmas Basket Program. With your help we provided food, clothes and toys for almost 350 children! We are very grateful for your support each year.

This program would not be as successful if we did not have your support. We hope you realize how important our relationship with you is and how thankful we are.

God bless all of you.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Gonsalves  
Coordinator, Christmas Basket Program and  
Teacher



### OUR MARCH, 2011 CALENDAR:

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

**March 8th:** Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

**March 9th:** Ash Wednesday Holy Eucharist: 7am, Noon and 7pm

**March 13th:** Youth Evensong St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Narragansett 5 pm

**March 14th:** Vestry

**March 20th:** Taizé Prayer

**March 24th - March 26th:** Parish Retreat at ECC



## ***From the Parish Registers*** \_\_\_\_\_

### **February Birthdays**

- 3 Patrick Campbell
- 4 Joseph Pinto
- 6 Betty Grayson, Eleanor Ogden, Alice Quinn
- 7 Benjamin Bellows, Edward Gugel Jr.
- 9 Betty Jean Lees, Sandra Costa, Robert J. Eberts, Perrin Radley
- 10 Ruth Burns
- 11 Trevor Cole, Peter Costa, Seth Force, Susan Howard
- 13 Avis Gravello
- 15 Kyle McMahan
- 17 Joanne McLoughlin, Robert Silvia, Deborah Zakowski, Cory Scott
- 18 Jeffrey Smales, Kerri Noone
- 20 Richard Garland, Susan Monteiro
- 21 Virginia Brown, Ashley Romano
- 22 Kerri McLaughlin
- 23 Helen Bates
- 28 Gregory Nill

### **BAPTISMS**

- January 9th: Norman Washington James, Jr. Born 8/25/10  
Mason Michael Cole Born 10/21/10

### **BURIALS**

- January 18th: Alice Pendlebury
- January 28th: Ione Kinder



The deadline for the **March, 2011** issue of the  
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**Tuesday, February 15th**

Please send your news and announcements via email to Debbie in the  
 Church Office: [office@stpaulspawtucket.org](mailto: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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