

# 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*** \_\_\_\_\_

Pentecost is not far away, and we will again have the opportunity to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. I think it's fair to say that the Spirit can be an elusive element of our life with God. After all, Jesus himself said that the Spirit is like the wind – "it blows where it wills." This person of the Trinity who is at the same time gentle breath and fearsome wind, burning fire and sustaining presence, is hard to pin down (as if we ever could).

So where and how do we see signs of the Spirit? As I look around our life at St. Paul's, I see several places where the Spirit has been and is present. I think of the spaghetti supper/hymn sing/silent auction the end of May. A full evening – full of good food, full of singing, full of people simply enjoying themselves. The Spirit is manifest in the generosity of parishioners at that event and other fundraisers that has provided basically all we need to send members of our St. Nicholas Choir to the Royal School of Church Music summer course in Newport this August.

The Spirit was present in our lawn covered with pink plastic flamingos – not only in the whimsy of it all, but in the event to which the flamingos are connected. This year the Episcopal Youth Event, a gathering of teenage Episcopalians from around the country, takes place. Two of our own young people, Kailey Southworth and Ivy Swinski, will be attending.

The Spirit made itself known at two different Confirmation services as 9 people from St. Paul's were confirmed or reaffirmed their baptismal vows. Congratulations to Ishmael Asante, Ashley Jackson, Kyle Jackson, Christiana Leger, Ivy Swinski, Kailey Southworth and Zoe Tsangarouli who were confirmed and to Dawn Lord and Dante Tavolaro who reaffirmed baptismal vows.

Finally, of course, the Holy Spirit is in our midst whenever we gather to worship, to pray, to work in Christ's name. Faithful parishioners have embodied the Spirit of God for almost 200 years at St. Paul's, and by God's grace will continue into another century.

Peace,



The Rev'd William Locke

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

On Friday evening, May 20, the St. Nicholas Choir sponsored a spaghetti supper, silent auction and hymn sing. The Great Hall was full. The food was delicious. The items for auction were varied and hotly contested. The singing was quite amazing, with an unaccompanied three part canon (round) the highlight. All who took part had a great time.

My sincere and deep thanks go to all who made this evening possible, especially the choristers, their parents, grandparents and families. Thanks also go to all who provided baskets and items for auction. And great thanks to all in the parish who purchased tickets for this night, bid in the auction and made donations. Over \$2000 was raised, enough to send five of the seven choristers to the annual Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) week long summer training course in Newport.

At this course approximately 50 youth from throughout the country will spend a week at Salve Regina University rehearsing several hours a day, receiving individual vocal instruction, and singing daily Morning Prayer and Compline. They will also enjoy time at the beach, cookouts, a talent show and a dance.

The course is the first week of August. On Wednesday, August 3 and Friday, August 5 the choristers will sing Evensong, to which all are invited. They will also sing the Sunday Eucharist at Emmanuel Church, Newport (accompanied by organ and strings). All are welcome that day, too. For details, watch for announcements at St. Paul's or visit the RSCM Newport Course Website at <http://www.emmanuelnewport.org/rscm-newport-course-2010/>.

One of the guests attending the supper and hymn sing, not a member of St. Paul's, said she had no idea our choristers could sing so well. Several of them were sitting as a group at the hymn sing. She was impressed with their singing.

Imagine 50 of our choristers singing Evensong. It is an amazing sound. I hope you will consider making the trek to Newport in August. You will be richly rewarded and support our own youth musicians.

*Patrick*

## A Word from our Patron Saint ---

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. Romans 8:22-27



## COMMITTEES IN PLACE FOR BISHOP SEARCH ---

The Search & Nomination Committee and Transition Committee now are in place for the process to elect the next bishop of Rhode Island. The committees began their work June 3-4 at a retreat hosted by St. Mary's, Portsmouth.

Lora MacFall, a member of St. Andrews-by-the-Sea in Little Compton, will chair the Search & Nomination Committee, which will develop a profile to describe our diocese, solicit nominations for bishop, screen nominees and then present final names to the electing convention.

Other laypersons serving on the Search & Nomination Committee are Steve Bucci, St. Peters-by-the-Sea, Narragansett; John Gilmartin, Trinity, Newport; Mary Hafey, St. Thomas, Alton; Leon Sibielski, Ascension, Cranston; Ellen Vadney, Emmanuel, Newport; and Bill Warburton, St. Paul's, Wickford. Clergy members of the Search & Nomination Committee are the Rev. John Alexander, St. Stephen's, Providence; the Rev. Robert Brooks, retired; the Rev. Deacon Buck Close, St. George's, Central Falls; the Rev. Canon Jonathan Huyck, Grace Church, Providence; the Rev. Pam Mott, St. Mary's, Portsmouth; the Rev. Sandra Haines-Murdocco, retired; the Rev. Ann Marie Richards, Trinity, Newport; and the Rev. Melody Shobe.

Cathy Iacobucci, a member of Grace Church in Providence, will chair the Transition Committee, which will ensure that we celebrate the ministry of our current bishop, plan our new bishop's ordination celebration and arrange a warm welcome for the new bishop to begin the next chapter of our ministry together.

Other lay members of the Transition Committee are Linda Mendonca, Emmanuel, Cumberland; Bill Plumb, Trinity, Cranston; and Grace Swinski, St. Paul's, Pawtucket. Clergy serving on the Transition Committee are the Rev. Deacon Dorothy (Ricky) Brightman, St. Luke's, East Greenwich; the Rev. James Frink, retired; the Rev. Deacon John Higginbotham, St. Luke's, East Greenwich; the Rev. Casey Shobe, St. Peter's by-the-Sea, Narragansett; and the Rev. Veronica Tierney, St. George's School, Middletown. The committees then will carry out their work with the help of a consultant, Judy Stark. Judy has consulted in three other bishop search processes and co-chaired the Bishop Coadjutor Search Committee for the Diocese of Southwest Florida. She has served three terms on the Diocesan Council and has been elected as a deputy to the 2012 General Convention.

Additionally, the Rev. Mary Johnstone and Julia Slayton, Executive Director of Bethany House of Prayer, located in Arlington, Mass, will serve as a chaplain team to help guide the committees through the search, election, and consecration process.

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

**Wednesdays Holy Eucharist**

**7:00 PM**

Trinity Chapel

**Morning Prayer**

**Monday - Thursday**

**9:00 AM**

Trinity Chapel

**Taizé Prayer**

**Sunday, June 19th**

**Trinity Sunday**

**7 PM**

Chant - Prayer - Candles - Silence

Simple reception follows

## **Building & Grounds Update**

Things are looking slightly different around St. Paul's. Carpeting has been installed in two of the classrooms in the Roebuck Building, and soon the hallway will be carpeted as well.

In addition, the lift/cherry picker that has been parked outside the church for several weeks is gone because the repointing of the tower and west face of the church is done. Quotes have now been received for painting the louvers in the tower and dealing with missing mortar elsewhere.



## **Vestry Update**

The Vestry continues to meet regularly with our facilitator to organize a series of meetings to present and get responses to the Vestry plan for the future of St. Paul's. Meetings will be held during the summer, information collected, and then a larger parish meeting will take place in September to offer a more specific vision, including opportunities for us all to be involved. Stay tuned for the invitation to attend one of these important gatherings.



### **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.

Your continued support through **the end of June** would be so appreciated.

The homeless shelter has been extended to stay open through the end of June!

### **FOOD CLOSET**

Our food cupboard is literally just about empty! Please consider donating non-perishable items such as soups, sauces, macaroni, rice, peanut butter, etc.

**CONGRATULATIONS to John Kelley** who was chosen as Employee of the Year at Memorial Hospital in Pawtucket. A well-deserved award.



### **OUR 2011 GRADUATES:**

Olive R. Swinski—graduates from Cranston East High School and will be attending Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Liz Shokunbi - graduates from Bishop Feehan High and will attend the University of Rhode Island in September.

Codie Southworth - graduates from Bishop Feehan High School and will be attending University of New York State.

**Happy Father's Day - Sunday, June 19th**





## **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.

Your pledge slip has been mailed out to you. Please consider a donation this year.

## **HOLIDAY CRAFT AND VENDOR FAIR**

**Saturday, October 22nd**

**Save the Date**



Last year's event was quite successful so we are having the Vendor fair again. We need crafters and vendors. Please see Judy Gugel or email her at [Legug@verizon.net](mailto:Legug@verizon.net).

**Royal School of Church Music  
Summer Course August 1–7  
Newport**

Five choristers from the St. Nicholas Choir are attending the second annual week-long course held at Salve Regina University, Newport sponsored by the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM).

Over 50 choristers from around the country will spend the week worshipping, singing, attending liturgy class, going to the beach, having cookouts and a talent show.

You are invited to experience liturgies led by the choristers on several occasions:

Wednesday, August 3 Evensong at Trinity Church, Newport, 5 pm  
Friday, August 5, Evensong at Emmanuel Church, Newport, 5 pm  
Eucharist, August 7 at Emmanuel Church, Newport, 10 am

For more information visit <http://www.emmanuelnewport.org/rscm-newport-course-2010/>



## **OUR SUMMER, 2011 CALENDAR:**

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

### **JULY**

Monday, July 4th: Independence Day! Office Closed  
Sunday, July 17th: Taizé Prayer, 7 PM

### **AUGUST**

Monday, August 1st to Sunday, August 7th: RSCM Course, Newport  
Saturday, August 6th: Transfiguration of our Lord, Holy Eucharist, 5 PM  
Monday, August 8th: Holiday - Office Closed  
Monday, August 15th: St. Mary the Virgin, Holy Eucharist, 7 PM  
Sunday, August 21st: Taizé Prayer, 7 PM

May you all have a happy, restful and safe summer!



## ***From the Parish Registers*** ---

### **June Birthdays**

2nd Anna Brophy  
4th Edith White  
5th Jonathan Hall, John McLoughlin  
6th Jane Taylor  
7th Anne Shurtleff, Kristin Gagnon  
8th Arthur (Bud) White  
9th Joan Pinto  
10th Jean Marz, Nancy Tasca, Mary Ellen Kerr, Thomas Salois  
11th Beryl Mulcahey  
12th Linda Marcoux  
13th Robert Rounds  
14th Robert Benson  
18th Mark Force  
19th Patricia Armitage, Kevin White, Moriah Stefanik  
21st Kyle Romano  
23rd Allan Bellows, Christopher McLoughlin, Anna Bella Grant  
24th Olive Swinski  
27th Grace Swinski, Adejuwon Aikulola  
28th Ivy Fairweather, Carl Benson, Rita Bentz, Sharon Jermain, Aria Kelley  
29th Carol Greenwood, Katie Abreu  
30th David Shurtleff

### **Burials**

Ralph Greenwood - May 26th

### **Confirmations**

May 14th Kailey Southworth  
Dante Tavolaro (Reaffirmation)  
May 21st Ismael Asante  
Ashley Jackson  
Kyle Jackson  
Christiana Leger  
Dawn Lord (Reaffirmation)  
Ivy Swinski  
Zoë Tsangaroulli



The deadline for the **September, 2011** issue of the  
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**August 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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