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

From the Rector _____

There's an old saying that, "it takes a village to raise a child." I found myself thinking as the Triduum and Easter Day came to a close that it also takes a village to celebrate Holy Week and Easter. This is true in terms of the seemingly endless details and plans and preparations that are part of those great events. What a job was done by our choirs, the altar guild, all those who read, the ushers, acolytes... Special thanks have to go to Robin Higbie our deacon and Director of Music Patrick Campbell for their invaluable ministry.

However, needing the whole village to keep Holy Week and Easter is also true in a spiritual sense. This is an act of the community, an offering of ourselves in time and energy, prayer and worship, as well as an opening of ourselves to the renewed presence of God in our midst. It really cannot be done without one another. It takes all of us to grasp (and even then not fully) the power and hope of Jesus' resurrection. It takes the whole community to pray and sing and celebrate and be the Body of Christ. Is that not at least partly why Easter morning was so glorious? The community was gathered, we were together – and it felt wonderful.

It takes a village to be a parish church Sunday by Sunday, week by week. When someone is missing, we are diminished. In this season of Easter, be part of the Body, part of the village. Be present yourself; notice who is missing and be in touch with them. Let us claim the new life of resurrection and allow it to transform us, individually and collectively. The Lord is risen indeed, alleluia!

Peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Locke +".

The Rev'd William Locke

From the Director of Music ---

St. Paul's Church has for several years been affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM). The goal of the RSCM (an international organization) is to uplift the spiritual life of communities through high quality choral music. Through the *Voice for Life* curriculum choristers experience high quality instruction in the mechanics of singing and music theory. (The St. Nicholas Choir uses this training course). Every three years the RSCM offers a week-long training course for musicians from throughout the world.

One chief way folks in the US know the RSCM is through Summer Training Courses. The courses last a week, are held in various parts of the country and offer an intensive experience of choral singing and training for youth. Last summer the first course in Newport was held and three of our choristers attended. This year, more hope to attend.

At the course, choristers live in a dorm on the campus on Salve Regina University. They rehearse daily for three hours, receive instruction in music theory and voice lessons, and attend liturgy class (one of their favorites—seriously, just ask them!). Each day begins with sung Morning Prayer and ends with the singing of Compline, both in the chapel. During the week the choristers sing two Evensongs and the Sunday Eucharist.

In order to send our choristers to this important event money needs to be raised. On Friday, May 20, beginning at 6 pm the choristers are hosting a spaghetti supper, silent auction and hymn sing (where you request the hymns that are sung). All proceeds will be used to pay the tuition costs (over \$3000) for the Newport Course. I hope you will attend this event that promises to be delicious, fun and for a good cause.

The RSCM also sponsors a Music Sunday each year. This day celebrates the vast contributions to the life of parishes made by the local musicians. This year the celebration is on May 15. In celebration the St. Paul and St. Nicholas Choirs are singing Evensong at 5 pm. The free will offering will be taken for the Newport Course tuition. It is, as always, followed by one of our parish's great receptions. I hope you will attend and invite others to join you for an afternoon of worship and music and to support our choristers.

We are blessed at St. Paul's in having a group of youth who love the liturgy of the church, like to sing and are very committed to the parish. I hope you will show your support of them in attending these two events.

Please know this comes with all my best wishes for a blessed Eastertide.

Patrick

A Word from our Patron Saint ---

Now, let me ask you something profound yet troubling. If you became believers because you trusted the proclamation that Christ is alive, risen from the dead, how can you let people say that there is no such thing as a resurrection? If there's no resurrection, there's no living Christ. And face it—if there's no resurrection for Christ, everything we've told you is smoke and mirrors, and everything you've staked your life on is smoke and mirrors. Not only that, but we would be guilty of telling a string of barefaced lies about God, all these affidavits we passed on to you verifying that God raised up Christ—sheer fabrications, if there's no resurrection.

If corpses can't be raised, then Christ wasn't, because he was indeed dead. And if Christ wasn't raised, then all you're doing is wandering about in the dark, as lost as ever. It's even worse for those who died hoping in Christ and resurrection, because they're already in their graves. If all we get out of Christ is a little inspiration for a few short years, we're a pretty sorry lot. But the truth is that Christ *has* been raised up, the first in a long legacy of those who are going to leave the cemeteries.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20





Sing with your Supper



Friday May 20, 2011
Spaghetti Supper,
Silent Auction & Hymn Sing
St. Paul's Church
50 Park Place, Pawtucket
6:00 pm

Proceeds go to the St. Nicholas Choir members to
attend the Royal School of Church Music Newport Course
in August

Ticket: \$10, Children 5 and under \$5

Thank You!



Worship Opportunities in May at St. Paul's:

Wednesdays Holy Eucharist
7:00 PM
Trinity Chapel

Morning Prayer
Monday - Thursday
9:00 AM
Trinity Chapel

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Monday, May 31st
Holy Eucharist
7 PM
Trinity Chapel


EVENSONG
Sunday, May 15th
5:00 PM

Sung by The St. Nicholas and St. Paul Choirs

This Evensong celebrates the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) annual Music Sunday. This event honors the contributions musicians make in their local parishes and is being observed around the world.

The free will offering at this Evensong will be used to send the choristers to the RSCM Summer Training Course in Newport August 1-7.

A reception will follow in the Great Hall



The logo for RSCM AMERICA features the letters 'RSCM' in a large, blue, serif font above the word 'AMERICA' in a smaller, blue, sans-serif font. To the right of this text is a rectangular graphic with a yellow background and a blue border, containing a map of the United States. To the right of the graphic, the text 'Royal School of Church Music in America' is written in a blue, serif font.

Building & Grounds Update

A physical plant the size of St. Paul's always has something – usually several somethings – in need of repair or updating. The Building and Grounds Committee has been hard at work and several things are currently happening or about to take place. The west (Park Place) side of the building is right now being repointed and sealed, as well as the area between the church and parish house just outside the kitchen. Once that work is done, the water damage in the stairways in the rear of the church can be repaired. Carpeting is coming soon for two rooms in the Roebuck Building and for the hallways in the same building. In addition, the straps that secure the Paul Revere bell in the tower are being worked on and the frame that holds the chimes is being cleaned and repainted.

Vestry Update

You may remember that part of the Rector's address to the Annual Meeting included that this needs to be the year in which we make some basic decisions about the future of St. Paul's and how we are going to move into that future. The Vestry has been at work, holding a Saturday planning day with a facilitator and then breaking into four work groups. The four groups are looking at areas of parish life that the Vestry feels will require special focus and involvement, not just by the Vestry and Rector, but by everyone at St. Paul's. Those four areas are: 1) involving youth of all ages and attracting families; 2) adult spiritual development (especially including knowledge of the Episcopal Church); 3) music, as we anticipate a time of transition; and, 4) involvement of more people. The Vestry is meeting again with our facilitator and is working towards presenting a plan to the entire parish 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. Your continued support through **June 1st** is gratefully accepted!

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.

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.**



THANK YOU FROM THE RITE 13 CLASS!

The Rite 13 class would like to thank everyone who attended the May Breakfast on Sunday, May 1st. Special thanks to Michael Newman and Kerri and Holly Scott for cooking the delicious breakfast.

Happy Mother's Day - Sunday, May 8th!





EPISCOPAL CHARITIES CAMPAIGN CONTINUES

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.

CONFIRMATION DATES:

Saturday, May 14th:

10:00 AM - St. Martin's, Providence
2:00 PM - St. Luke's, East Greenwich

Saturday, May 21st:

10:00 AM - St. James, Woonsocket
2:00 PM - Emmanuel, Newport

THE SEARCH FOR A NEW BISHOP

Bishop Wolf's announcement of her retirement has set in motion the process to elect a new bishop for our diocese. There is now a website in place to provide information and updates about this process; the web address is www.episcopalresearch.org. Now available is information about the **Search Committee** and the **Transition Committee**, both of which will be appointed soon by the Standing Committee and Diocesan Council.

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 JUNE, 2011 CALENDAR:

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

Thursday, June 2nd: Ascension of the Lord - Holy Eucharist 7 PM

Sunday, June 12th: The Day of Pentecost

Monday, June 13th: Vestry, 7 PM

Saturday, June 18th: Memorial Service for Richard Garland, 11 AM

Sunday, June 19th: Trinity Sunday
Father's Day

From the Parish Registers ---

May Birthdays

- 2 Joseph Swinski, Kofi Acheampong, Jeremy Pretto
- 6 Martha Ellicott
- 10 Nicholas Boisvert
- 11 Sally Grey
- 12 Sarah-Jane Riley
- 15 Lindsey Stefanik
- 18 Raymond Porter
- 19 Nancy Caswell
- 20 Peyton Elizabeth Balay
- 21 Daniel Riley
- 22 Peg Sankey, Ellen Colinan
- 23 Betsy Lesieur
- 24 Carol Cardillo, Ryder Gagnan
- 26 Tori McNally, Barbara Bacon
- 27 Mayla Martin
- 30 Matthew Hall
- 31 Tiffany Vacher

Burials

Rae Murdock - April 11th

Baptisms - April 23rd

Marisa Banigan
Braxtyn Sade Craig
Mazie Lynne Shurtleff
Tori Elizabeth Valpey



The deadline for the **June, 2011** issue of the
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May 15th

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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