

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

There are a variety of attitudes and beliefs that we are called to as Christians, things that inform and are part of our lives every day, and yet we also have particular opportunities throughout the year to remember and celebrate them. The Resurrection is always with us, but Easter is a time especially to remember. The Holy Spirit guides and accompanies us every day, and on Pentecost we specifically celebrate that. The Incarnation is the basis of our hopeful, daily engagement in the world. Christmas gives us a chance to rejoice in that hope.

So it is with another key Christian attitude – thanksgiving. All of the above call us to a life filled with thankfulness, and November bring us Thanksgiving, a day to consciously, joyfully give thanks. In the face of the temptation to only notice what we think we don't have – greatly encouraged by our commercial culture – for at least one day we pause and notice everything that we do have.

Here at St. Paul's we will be thankful in two very important ways: in worship and in service. On Wednesday, November 23 we will gather for a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, complete with some of our favorite Thanksgiving hymns, at 7:00 pm. On Thanksgiving morning we will once again put on a breakfast for our shelter guests and others. If you would like to be part of the breakfast, please speak with Fr. Locke or our Senior Warden, Kerri Scott.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Fr. Locke +". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

The Rev'd William Locke

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

Each autumn the Diocese of Rhode Island gathers in Convention where decisions for our corporate life are made. An important part of this gathering of clergy and laity is worship, including Convention Eucharist. For the first time this year the music at this Eucharist will be led by the choristers of the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) choirs in the diocese. Choristers from our own St. Nicholas Choir, along with youth singers from St. Luke's, East Greenwich, St. Michael's, Bristol and St. Paul's, Wickford will form a choir of almost 50 voices.

On a late October Saturday afternoon these choristers rehearsed together. They nearly filled the choir room at St. Luke's Church in East Greenwich. Aside from the numbers, there were several other striking things. Most obvious was how seriously these young people take their role in the choir. They arrived on time and were noticeably happy to be together. They had prepared the music in their local choirs and came to the rehearsal already knowing their notes. During the rehearsal they paid close attention to the directors and were eager to do all the conductors asked them.

At the rehearsal I was struck by how extraordinary the scene was. For two hours on a Saturday nearly 50 youth were preparing music for a special liturgy. In this age of worry about the church and the loss of young people, here were actively engaged youth, all of whom are in church weekly. Through RSCM they have found a place in the church and want to be part of its life. And the music they made was beautiful. They sang challenging music and sang it very well. This experience left proud of the choristers, and of St. Paul's, for being a leader in the RSCM program in RI.

So I invite you to be present for Convention Eucharist on Friday, November 11, 6 pm at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich. It is a time for all of us to be together as the Episcopal Church in RI. But it is also a chance to support the youth choristers of this parish and take part in a liturgy where young people offer their gifts in leading us all in the worship of God. I hope you won't miss this exciting liturgy.

*Patrick*

## ***A Word from our Patron Saint*** ---

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. *Philippians 1:3-11*



Dear Friends,

Please accept my deepest thanks for the many kindnesses shown me on the occasion of my ordination to the Diaconate. I am grateful to all who made the ordination liturgy so joyous, especially the acolytes, ushers, choirs, all who attended, filling the Cathedral and all who prepared and served the wonderful reception. I was especially proud that day to be part of this parish.

Thank you to the entire parish for the gift of the red stole and for all who sent notes, cards and gifts. Thanks also to Debbie Smith for her help in preparing the bulletin and to Deacon Robin Higbie for her support and advice. Thank you also to Father Bill Locke for his kind, wise and unwavering support and counsel throughout the ordination process.

As I begin ordained ministry, and prepare to serve the church as clergy, know that I am who I am in part because of you at St. Paul's Church. I give thanks for you all and how you have touched my life. Thank you.

Faithfully,

*Patrick*

***From our Youth Formation Director*** \_\_\_\_\_

**Advent update:** There are still openings available for our Advent project! Help create a St. Paul's-sized Advent calendar. Select a scripture prompt and use your imagination to produce a 6"x6" piece of art for one of our doors. Artwork can be in any form that is easily hangable - from photography to painting to quilting. Artwork and artists' statements corresponding to the first two weeks of Advent will be due by Sunday, November 20th. Please see Heather Annis with questions or to sign up!

**Older Youth Program**

Our youth program is off to a great start and will continue to meet on Friday evenings from 5:30 to 7:00. Youth are invited to join us as we explore different areas through online videos and interactive exercises. On November 11th and 18th we will create our own JourneyTube videos!

The next segment of our Journey to Adulthood programming will focus on Advent through the collects. We'll experience Godly Play, make some art together, travel to Lasalette, and walk through the Advent exhibit one piece at a time. Stay tuned for more information!

Heather Annis

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

**All Saints' Day: Tuesday, November 1st**  
Holy Eucharist 7 PM

**All Souls' Day: Wednesday, November 2nd**  
Holy Eucharist with Music and Choir  
7 PM

**Holy Eucharist**

**Wednesday Evenings**  
**7:00 PM**

Trinity Chapel

**Morning Prayer**

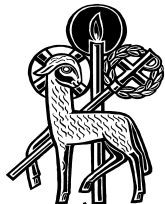
**Monday - Thursday**  
**9:00 AM**

Trinity Chapel

**A Service of  
Evensong**

**All Saints' Sunday**  
**November 6th**

5:00 PM  
A Reception will follow



**Taizé Prayer**  
**Sunday, November 20th**



**5PM**

Chant - Prayer - Candles -  
Silence

Simple reception follows

### **Vendor Fair Wrap Up!**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair, sponsored by the Booster Club, held on October 22, 2011 was a huge success. There was a variety of vendors to shop from and the people who attended the fair did just that. We had Willow House, Pampered Chef, Usborne Books, Mary Kay, Avon, jewelry and more. The vendors gave amazing gifts for the raffles and everyone enjoyed waiting to see if they won. We had a couple of lucky shoppers who won multiple gifts. The vendors were cheerful, the merchandise was varied and impressive, the weather was great and everyone had a wonderful day! The food that was prepared by the boosters was terrific and all enjoyed the coffee and donuts donated to us by Honey Dew. This could not have happened without the hard work of all the volunteers, thank you! We also want to thank the parishioners who were able to give their support by purchasing raffle tickets and/or attending the day of the fair.



Thank you,  
The Holiday Craft & Vendor Fair Committee



### **EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN and UNITED THANK OFFERING GATHERING**

**Saturday, November 5th  
Cathedral of St. John, Providence**

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Barbara Devens, Child Life Specialist at RI & Hasbro Hospitals

Registration at 10 AM and the Meeting begins at 10:30 AM  
Eucharist and Ingathering at 11:30 AM - Bishop Geralyn Wolf

Reservations can made by calling:  
Elaine DaRosa: 401-295-5758 or Linda Guest: 401-781-3538

### ZUMBA CLASSES— Wednesdays at St. Paul's!



Put on your sneakers, dress comfortably and get to St. Paul's every Wednesday **from 5:30 to 6:30pm** for an hour of exercise! It's easy and fun to do. The Cost is \$5 a class: bring a friend with you. For additional information, please see Jeanne or Kailey Southworth.

**Baldwin School Giving Tree** - Once again we will "adopt" up to 50 children for Christmas. Names will be available starting **Sun Nov. 20** after both services. Gifts need to be new and wrapped. With Christmas on a Sunday this year, the deadline to bring your gifts will be Sun Dec 10. If you have any questions, please see Michael Carey Ruo. Thank you for your continued generosity on this mission."



### Annual Coat Drive

We are one of many drop off places receiving good, used and unused warm items like coats, scarves and gloves for our neighbors. Please check your closets and bring your donations to church on or before Tuesday, November 22nd.



### Thanksgiving Breakfast for the Homeless: November 24th

If you are willing to help at the breakfast, cook, serve, etc. please be at the church by 6:45am on Thanksgiving Day. The doors will open between 7 and 7:30 AM. Breakfast will be served at 8 AM. Please see Kerri Scott for more information and to sign up.

If you would like to help set up tables, please join us on Wednesday, November 23rd following the 7 PM Worship Service.

### Toiletry Donations:

Needed are soaps, shampoo, disposable razors, toothpaste/tooth brushes, combs, etc. All donations will go to Access of Pawtucket where the homeless of Pawtucket go to shower. A box will be provided in the Great Hall for your donations.

### **Sunday Crock Pot Chain for the Homeless**

The homeless shelter here at St. Paul's opens on Tuesday, November 1st. Once again, we are asking folks to sign up for our Crock Pot Chain to provide a hot meal for the residents of our homeless shelter on Sunday evenings. 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. Please be sure to check the Sign-up sheet posted in the Great Hall! Perhaps you would rather donate a breakfast item for our shelter residents. Donuts, granola bars, pastries are all gratefully accepted and appreciated! The Shelter is open through the 1st of June.



## ***Advent, 2011***

### **Advent Wreath Making: Sunday, November 27th**

A sign up sheet is in the Parish Hall for anyone wishing to order their Advent Wreath. Please bring your own greens to decorate your personal wreath on the 27th.



Also, we are looking for donations of greens to decorate the church for Christmas. Greens for Christmas should be left at the church no later than Wednesday, December 21st

### **Advent Lessons and Carols Sunday, December 4th - 5:00 PM**

This annual liturgy of Scripture readings and carols, hymns and anthems for the season of Advent is offered by the St. Paul, St. Nicholas and Handbell Choirs. It is followed by a festive reception.

All are cordially invited and welcome. Please invite family members and friends to join you and experience this wonderful afternoon of readings, music and prayers for the season.

**221st Annual Diocesan Convention: November 11 - 12, 2011**

The Annual Convention will begin at 6 PM on Friday, November 11th with Holy Eucharist at St. Luke's, East Greenwich, followed by a collation.

The business session will begin at 9 AM (registration opens at 7 AM) on Saturday, November 12th at the Providence Marriott, Orms Street, in Providence. Our Delegates from St. Paul's are: Sandra Gildea, Carol Varden and Dante Tavolaro.

**RSCM CHOIRS OF THE DIOCESE  
WILL SING AT  
CONVENTION EUCHARIST**

Bishop Wolf has invited the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) choirs of the Diocese to lead the music at the annual Convention Eucharist, this year at St. Luke's Church, East Greenwich on Friday, November 11 at the 6 pm Opening Eucharist.

Our own choristers of the St. Nicholas Choir will join with the choristers of St. Luke's, St. Michael's, Bristol and St. Paul's, Wickford to lead the hymns and service music, as well sing two anthems.

All are invited to attend this event in the life of our Diocese. Please come and hear 50 young people eagerly lift their voices in praise of God.

## OUR DECEMBER, 2011 CALENDAR:

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

### December:

Sunday, 4th:	Advent Lessons & Carols, 5 PM
Saturday, 10th:	Advent Quiet Day
Monday, 12th:	Vestry Meeting, 7 PM
Sunday, 18th:	Taizé Prayer, 5 PM
Saturday, 24th:	Christmas Eve: 5 PM and 11 PM Services
Sunday, 25th:	Christmas Day: 10 AM Service Only
Saturday, 31st:	New Year's Eve



**Pencil in and save this date on your 2012 Calendar:**

**Fundraiser Pasta Dinner for ECC**

**Sunday, March 11th from 4 - 7 PM**

St. David's-on-the-Hill, Cranston

Sponsored by:  
Cranston 4 Church Committee to Save ECC

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

### **November Birthdays**

- 1st Janice Hall, Demetrios Tsangarouli, Joan Pfeiffer,  
Christopher Romano
- 2nd Barbara Shaw
- 5th Abby Bellows, Water Gravello
- 6th Braydon Refino
- 7th Christian Asante
- 8th Marion Pappas, Mickey Smales, Jeanne Southworth
- 9th Eric Traghella
- 11th Patricia Fuller, Thomas Newton
- 12th Harold Jackson, Jr., Audrey Schmidt, Lisa Marroquin
- 13th Harry Bishop
- 14th Joseph Hall, Michael McLoughlin
- 15th Annis Prevost
- 19th Aphro McNally, Sadie Mae Holleran
- 20th Nelson Crook, Elsie Masterson
- 21st Lola Ronayne
- 22nd Ruth Johnston
- 24th Christopher Riley
- 26th George Hampson
- 27th Jennifer Howard, Ashley Jackson, Sharon Tsangarouli
- 29th Francis Doheny, Christian Houle
- 30th Penny Fisher



The deadline for the **December, 2011** issue of the  
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**November 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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