

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



St. Paul's Church Statement of Mission and Ministry

St. Paul's Church, Wickford, is a loving community of Christians seeking to be faithful to God and renewed through the Gospel.

We of St. Paul's aim to love God through:

- The sharing of the sacraments, worship and prayer,
- Ministering to people and spreading God's word,
- Seeking to become better stewards of God's gifts,
- Working toward the Kingdom of God within us and in the world.

On the paten we place the gifts of our suffering, loves, sins, joys, doubts, praise, completeness, dreams - indeed our crucifixions. And they are lifted up with Christ's brokenness into God, there redeemed and made eternal in the Divine memory, reoffered to us as possibilities through the Divine imagination.

The Eucharist is the Easter breakfast of resurrected Presence, bonding us in a re-enactment of the promise of a new heaven and earth where, in making "all things new, God will wipe away every tear from our eyes and earth shall be no more." (Rev. 21:4-5, RSV)

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*Easter Message
From the Rector*



MEMORIES

Whenever Sandra and her sisters get together (there are four of them) they practice a certain ritual. No sooner do they meet and find themselves even remotely close to some flat surface (usually a kitchen table) it begins. They drag out their various albums and review their respective collections of photographs -- old and new. Initially, years ago, I found this practice odd and wondered if they always packed albums to take with them wherever they went. I suspected that if ever a stranger might find himself sitting with one of my sisters-in-law, oh say during a lengthy flight, that person would likely be regaled for hours with stories about people never to be met. I have been assured that never happens -- often, at least.

Over the years I've grown to appreciate their tradition -- not enough to remain a party to it, mind you. I do see the benefits though. It's more than a way of sharing. I've come to understand that it's a way of reconnecting. The sisters reconnect with one another as a family by recalling shared relationships, experiences, and events -- those of which they were all part in the distant past and those in which only one or other was able to be involved. As they recount the stories captured in the snapshots, those moments become present to each person. As they reminisce, together, they become present to those memories. The people, places and experiences come alive again. They laugh and cry and the closeness among them deepens. Their relationships are strengthened and their individual lives enriched. They even feel close to those long gone away.

That ritual -- the process of *remembering* -- is the basis of faith and of faith community. It has been central to Judeo-Christian tradition from the beginning. That's why the Bible exists. It is a vast collection of stories about God and what God has done throughout the generations -- an album of word pictures, which portrays people, places,

events and experiences when God was noticeably present. That's why the biblical writings are full of injunctions to remember. That's also why Jewish and Christian faith communities alike have designated special holidays to remember significant events -- like Passover or Christmas -- and routine rituals -- like the Eucharist -- to remember what God has done in the past. We even have a technical term for it: *anamnesis*. Anamnesis is the process whereby we, as a community, remember back to what God has done in the past. When we do, those past people and events become present to us here and now -- they come alive to us and we to them. The process is a spiritual one that involves our intellects and our emotions. It is the basis of sacramental theology and of our liturgical worship as a church, of our reconnection with God and each other as His extended family.

Holy Week is the most dramatic example of remembering the past as a community. On Palm Sunday we will recall Jesus' arrival in Jerusalem and the people's welcome of Him as their messianic king. On Maundy Thursday we will recall Jesus' Last Supper with His friends, His institution of the Lord's Supper and His washing of the disciples' feet -- exemplifying servanthood. On Good Friday we will recall Jesus' passion, crucifixion and death. At the Great Easter Vigil we will wait for Christ as the first disciples did and reminisce about the great redemptive acts of God throughout history. On Easter Day we will remember and celebrate together the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us take every opportunity to gather around the table, open the album and remember, together, all that God has done in Christ. As we do, He will become more present to us.

Palm Sunday -- We reenact Jesus' arrival at the religious and political center of Israel at the height both of his popularity and his unpopularity. Many thought He was God's Messiah and wanted to make him king of Israel, and many others thought that he was a threat to Israel and so wanted to see him dead. We recall the drama of his triumphal entry and his tragic passion.

Passover Seder – Many believe that the Last Supper was, in fact, a Seder, which is the most sacred of Jewish meals. This year there will be a full-fledged, albeit abbreviated, Seder expressly for youth. It is the single-most meaningful experience that kids can have linking our Christian faith with its Jewish roots.

Maundy Thursday Foot-washing Ceremony and Lord's Supper – Two of the most powerful things that Jesus ever did was to wash His disciples' feet and institute the Lord's Supper (Eucharist) during His Last Supper with them. We will reenact the foot-washing ceremony at 4 pm (for children) and at 7 pm.

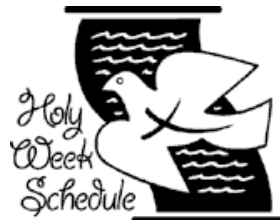
The Stripping of the Sanctuary and All Night Vigil – After the Maundy Thursday Eucharist the Chancel will be stripped of everything to symbolize the way Jesus was stripped of everything during His passion. The Holy Sacrament will be placed in the chapel for all those wanting to participate in the traditional all night prayer vigil.

Good Friday Observances – We will have four services on Good Friday: Stations of the Cross for children, an ecumenical service at noon, the Liturgy for Good Friday with **St. John's Passion** sung by the choir at 2 pm, and *Stations of the Cross* at 7 pm.

The Great Vigil of Easter – From the lighting of the new fire to the reading of God's redemptive acts through history to the dramatic proclamation of Jesus' resurrection, this Easter Eve service is thrilling to behold. It begins at 7:00 pm.

The Feast of the Resurrection – The resurrection of Jesus is the climax of our memories. Our celebration of the resurrection of our Lord will take place in five morning services.

Affectionately in Christ,
Phil



March 28, Palm Sunday, The Passion of our Lord:

7:30 am – The Blessing of Palms, Passion Narrative and Eucharist, Rite 1
8:30 am – The Blessing of Palms, Passion Narrative and Eucharist, Rite 2
10:30 am – The Blessing of Palms, Passion Narrative and Eucharist, Rite 2
5:00 pm – Seder Eucharist for Youth in the Parish Hall

April 1, Maundy Thursday:

4 pm – Service of Foot Washing for Children (Church)
7 pm – Ceremony of Foot Washing and the Lord's Supper

All night vigil in the Chapel

April 2, Good Friday:

10 am – Outdoor Stations of the Cross for Children (ONC)
Noon – Ecumenical Good Friday Service (Begins at St. Paul's)
2 pm – Liturgy for Good Friday with Sung Passion
7 pm – Stations of the Cross

April 3, Holy Saturday, Easter Eve:

4:00 pm – Holy Eucharist with Baptisms
7:00 pm – The Great Vigil of Easter

April 4, Easter Day, The Feast of the Resurrection:

6:00 am – Sunrise Eucharist (outdoors at ONC)
7:00 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite 1 (Church)
8:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Church)
9:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (ONC)
10:30 am – Holy Eucharist, Rite 2 (Church)



Palm Procession

Don't forget to gather in the Parish Hall **before the 8:30 and 10:30 services on Palm**

Sunday where we will begin with the Blessing of the Palms and then process from there to the church.

Maundy Thursday Vigil

Traditionally the all-night Vigil in the Chapel on Maundy Thursday night is divided into half-hour segments. Sign up for the half-hour watch of your choice on the poster in the church narthex.

North Kingstown Ecumenical Good Friday Service

The churches of North Kingstown will offer a service for Good Friday at noon on April 2nd. The service will begin at St. Paul's. From there, weather permitting, there will be a procession patterned after the *Stations of the Cross*, which will follow a route through Wickford to the Town Hall and back to Wickford Baptist Church – stopping at locations along the way that represent aspects of our shared community life. Those unable to follow the more than 2-mile procession may remain at St. Paul's for another form of service for Good Friday.

Holy Baptism

The next service of Holy Baptism for babies and young children will be on **Easter Eve at the 4 pm Eucharist**. Older children and adults may be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter, that same night at 7:00 pm. Please contact the parish office to arrange for baptism. Trinity Sunday, May 30, will be the next occasion for Baptism after Easter.

Mission to the Dominican Republic

April 16 through 24 twenty-two missionaries will travel from North Kingstown to Jarabacoa in the Dominican Republic to finish building a dormitory at Campo Transfiguracion. That's the Diocesan Conference Center and Mission to the people of El Pedregal, which is a collection of destitute barrios surrounding the camp. The average daily income per household there is \$3.50. Please keep our 22 youth missionaries in your prayers.

Confirmation

On **Saturday, May 1, at 10 AM in St. John's Cathedral in Providence** the Bishop will confirm those from St. Paul's who want to commit or recommit themselves to Christ through the Episcopal Church. Adults who have either never been confirmed or were confirmed in another denomination may wish to make this step of faith. Please contact the Rector for further information (294-4357).

Looking for New Chalice Bearers

What is a "Chalice Bearer" anyway? A chalice bearer is a parishioner who helps with Communion by offering the cup of consecrated wine to parishioners during the Eucharist. Please contact the Rector if you are interested in participating in this lay ministry (294-4357).

Notes from the Senior Warden

The Vestry held its annual retreat at the Conanicus Center on March 13. The retreat was an opportunity for members to get to know each other better and to welcome new members, Maureen Minarik, Jerome Simmons and Sarah Leblanc. They discussed team assignments and goals for 2010. There will be a brief description of one of the teams in each Communicant issue this year. The February/March Vestry meeting followed the plenary sessions. Vestry minutes and the monthly financial reports are available on the St. Paul's website – stpaulswickford.org.

From the Director of Music and Liturgy



A blessed Easter to all!

Please join us for Holy Week Services! The Brown University Brass Quintet along with Mr. Jesse-Ray Leich on the timpani will be joining us for the Easter Vigil and morning Liturgies Easter Day at St. Paul's. Musicians of Updyke's Rose will join St. Paul's Youth and Children's Choirs for the 9:30 Easter Service at The Old Narragansett Church. Choirs will be singing for the Maundy Thursday service and the Good Friday Service at 2:00pm. And don't forget: Easter lasts 50 days! I'm reminded of the song I learned as a child: "Every morning is Easter morning from now on." Some days are easier to see it that way than others, but one can sing it in any case to lift the cloud.

St. Paul's was treated to a recital of Bach, Mendelssohn, and numerous Italian composers on March 21st, the 325th birthday of Johann Sebastian Bach. Kudos to our guest artist Mario Duella from Portula, Italy! This was his second concert at St. Paul's. Many thanks to Elisa Roe for coordinating the splendid reception following Senor Duella's recital.

Everyone is invited to attend the Diocesan Youth Evensong at St. Martin's Church in Providence Sunday April 25 at 5:00pm. Our youth have been practicing for this event all year, and they sound super! The Royal School of Music summer camp is being held in RI this year the first week of August. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn some great music and meet new friends! Please see me or Rozanne Fuller if you are interested in signing up. St. Paul's Youth Choir and Children's Choir will join forces for our annual concert at St. Elizabeth Home in May. Please contact Nancy Sherman or Alicia Cranston to have your child join the Children's Choir (grades 1-3).

Finally, thank you to all of the choral volunteers of St. Paul's and their families! Thank you for sharing your time and energies, and fine tuning your talents! Also a big thank you to the parish for your support of the music ministries at St. Paul's! Without you, our joyful songs would be diminished. May the song ring in your heart: "Every morning is Easter morning from now on."

Peace,
Mark



Paschal Candle

This large, white candle is an ancient symbol for Christ, the light of the world. The candle contains a cross and/or an Alpha and Omega to symbolize that Jesus is eternal and always present with his people. Also called the Easter candle, it plays a prominent role during Easter vigils and celebrations. Some churches also use the candle during baptisms and funerals.



Sunday School News



It's hard to believe we are already in the home stretch for the Sunday school year. It's been a great year.

Due to the change in service time, our attendance has gone up dramatically. It has been so much fun getting to see all these children each Sunday and welcoming all our new families. We still have some great activities and projects in the works and are looking forward to our celebration of youth and children in the end of May on Youth Sunday.

As I have frequently said, the Sunday school likes to emphasize the need to help others by giving of ourselves through our time and talents. It is always great to see the youth take this concept to heart. In March, we had two examples of how compassionate our teens have become. The confirmation class teachers developed a program for their students in which they were given money to donate any way they wished, either individually or as small groups. They were to be creative, but they also were to donate to something they felt strongly about; they also needed to report back to the class. The range of donations went from local shelters, such as the pet refuge to global charities such as funds for Haiti, and Nothing but Nets (for anti-malarial nets). While this program was going on, the middle school class was deciding where they wanted the proceeds from the pancake breakfast to be donated. After much classroom discussion, they decided that this year's money will go to Hospice RI in support of Camp Braveheart. This camp is a free two day camp for children who are grieving over a loss of a loved one or friend. It is wonderful to see these teens really think about how they can influence the world around them by helping those in need. Thank you to the teachers for developing these special projects and guiding the students along the way. St. Paul's is blessed to have such great teachers and youth.

Important Sunday School Dates

April 1 Maundy Thursday 4pm Children's Footwashing

April 2 Good Friday 10 am Children's Stations of the Cross

April 4 Easter No Sunday School

April 11 Confirmation Class meets w/Fr. Phil and Regular Sunday School

April 18 School vacation No Sunday School

April 25* School vacation No Sunday School

May 2, 9, 16 Regular Sunday School

May 9 Fifth Grade baking bread 9:30 Parish Hall

May 16 Fifth Grade meet w/ Fr. Phil

May 22 Rehearsal for Youth Sunday

May 23 Youth Sunday



A little girl returning from Sunday school was asked by her grandmother how many had been in her class that day. She replied, "Counting Jesus, there were 15 of us."

—Beatrice Plumb
in Christian Herald

YOUTH NEWS

Thanks So Much for All You Did...

St. Paul's Variety Show 2010: Our annual variety show, *Philanthropic Follies*, was a smash because of all the parishioners who helped in so many different ways! Thank you, Tina Butler, for all your behind the scenes leadership and hard work. Thank you to our dynamic duo June Spink and Norm Poulin for being such fun-loving MCs. Thank you, Tom Spink, for providing and monitoring the sound system. Thank you, Ted Seymour, for building the set. Thank you, Martha Parks and Gerri Smith, for cast management. Thank you, Mimi Dyer, for typesetting the program. Thank you, Betsy Steinman, for delivering sweets. Thanks to all those exceptionally talented performers and members of the cast! Thank you, senior high school youth, for creating the backdrop, setting up staging and chairs, welcoming guests, providing refreshments, and being your wonderful selves. Thanks to all who contributed and joined in the fun, the audience and friends. Over \$1,000 was raised for charities.

Pizza... Pizza... and more Pizza...

How many pizzas can 18 teens make and bag in 3 hours? Almost 400! Wow! Saturday, March 6, the members of the mission team gathered in the parish hall to make the 371 pizzas they sold for their mission to the Dominican Republic. Thanks to all who helped and for the special contributions of Roch's Market, which provided the fixings free of charge, and Dawn Jordan for doing lots of legwork. And thanks for all the parishioners who ordered pizza. Great job! Eat well!

Mission to the Dominican Republic

Well everything's set. Twenty-two of us will be traveling to the Monte de la Transfiguracion Episcopal Camp in the Dominican Republic on April 16 and back again on April 24. While we're there we will work, play, eat, pray, and just sit and talk with our Christian neighbors in

that entirely different culture. As anyone who has ever participated in such a mission to a different culture can tell you, we will receive far more than we give. We will give of our time. We will give of our physical abilities (we don't have much building know-how). We will give of the money we have been given or raised. And we will give ourselves. That's the important thing, and it will be through it that God gives us more than we can imagine. Thank you for all your support! Please pray for us ~ for God's Blessings and His Grace to guide and strengthen us. The eighteen HSY members: Zach Eland, Rachel Izzi, Nicole Jordan, Nick Jorgensen, Paul Knott, Matt Lamb, Dave Mather, Jaclynn Mobley, Andrew Nutt, Sam Palmer, Zach Roch, Rachel Shippee, Neal Simmons, Lindsey Streich, Rachel Tierney, John Tillotson, Dylan Turner, Trefor Woronov and four adult chaperones: Fr. Phil Tierney, Bonnie Brayton-Simmons, Dave Lamb and Trish Nugent.

Youth Forum

There will be a special Youth Forum for every parishioner who is interested to hear about the Mission to the Dominican Republic, after we return, on Sunday, May 2, at 9:45 am in the parish hall.

With your continued support, encouraging words and spiritual beliefs, the youth programs at St. Paul's will continue to be a meaningful and fun-filled experience. If you are interested in joining us, you can do so at any time during the program year. Upcoming events are posted on our website and in the Narthex, listed in the Communicant and the Sunday Bulletin and announced during the service. Please contact me at 294-4357 x105 or youth@stpaulswickford.org to specify which event(s) you'd like to sign up for. Chaperones are always needed, delightfully welcomed & encouraged to join in.

MSY

Plans are underway for an evening of bowling on Friday, April 9. If you are interested in joining us, please RSVP by Monday, April 5.

~God's Peace *Trish*



Nursery School
News

St. Paul's
"Weekday"
Nursery
School News:

Three Year Old News: For the month of March the color of course was green and the shapes were oval and shamrock. We talked about the Signs of Spring, windy weather and began our planting unit with the planting of our "grass heads". We celebrated St. Patrick's Day with stories about St. Patrick and a party with leprechaun pudding that we made and other green treats. We had some nice, sunny, warm days and we took advantage of the milder weather by going out into our playground for extended play time.

Four Year Old News: March came in like a lion but we experienced many lamb days during the month as well. We continued our weather unit and observed and recorded the weather each day. The fours also began our Healthy Bodies unit and learned about how to take care of our bodies, nutrition and dental health. We performed an "eggs"-periment and observed what happens to teeth that are not cared for and how brushing keeps our teeth clean and healthy. We learned about St. Patrick's Day, began our Signs of Spring unit and learned more about our senses through a variety of activities.

On Thursday, March 11, we had Pajama Day. Our fours wore their pajamas to school and we learned how sleep keeps us healthy. We ended the month with Wacky Wednesday on March 31. This was a fun day when the children use their observation skills to find things that are not what they should be. We dressed wacky and enjoyed a wacky snack.

We invite you to come visit our school and see what we are all about.

God Bless,
Linda

St. Paul's Community Garden

If anyone has any gardening tools and or equipment they would like to loan or donate to the Community Garden Project, please contact StPgarden@yahoo.com or call Ted Seymour 792-0427. Thanks and pray for good weather!



A Prayer for Easter

Lord,
Thank you for spending 33 years with us:
for announcing Love
from the high heavens;
for introducing Love in an
obscure manger setting;
for living Love in a family
framework;
for sharing Love with the poor
and deprived and diseased;
for showing Love to the
unlovable and unloving;
for letting little children
feel Love in your arms;
for suffering on a cross
because of Love;
for loosing Love upon the
world to take up
residence in us;
for your Love that will
not let us go. Amen.
—Forrest Nees



*The Lord lift up
His countenance
upon you
and give you peace.*
—Numbers 32:5



Parish Register

March 2010

Burials

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord ...

Elizabeth "Betsy" Lincoln
Elmer Shippee

February 23, 2010
March 3, 2010

APRIL 2010 REQUIEMS

April Requiems will be included in the service on **Wednesday, April 13, at 8:30 a.m.** The following people will be remembered on that day. If you have a loved one whose death took place during the month of April and you would like to have their name added to the list of those who will be remembered at the altar on that day, please call the Church Office.

Walter Anderson	Henry Kane
Chester Baker	Irene King
Mary Batton	Betty Martin
Michael Cerullo, Sr.	Elizabeth Matthewson
Dorothy Colby	Margaret Merz
Ruth Corkill	Vera Northrop
George Cranston	Alfred Oliver, Sr.
Gerald Davis	Faith Palmer
James Davis	Everett Peckham
Joseph DeCubellis	Russell Petersen
Norman Farnlof	Luella Royle
John Forrest, Sr.	Ann Sammis
Joseph Greene	Virginia Shippee
Raymond Hacking	James Shore
Paul Heidacker	Dee Sims
Edith Iacobucci	Leila Sims
James Igoe	Louis Ward

Brian Winsor