

## Wednesday Night Live at St. Paul's



**When?** Every Wednesday Evening –  
January 28th – April 1st

**Where?** St. Paul's Parish Hall

**Who's it for?** Everyone

### **What's going to happen?**

*Naturally parishioners will come and go as they need, and you don't have to take part in all the events to take part in some of them.*

**What'll it cost?** Voluntary donations are gratefully received for dinner. Food will be provided by Gregg's Restaurant.

5:00 – Eucharist with Healing Prayer

5:45 – Dinner

6:15 – Sing and a Prayer

6:30 – Discussion Groups

- **The Beatitudes facilitated by Ninni Jacob**
- **Yoga with Suzie Lahey**
- **Comparing the Christian Denominations w/ Fred Nestrock**
- **Financial Peace w/ Dave Ramsey**
- **The Bible and the Daily News w/ Phil Tierney**

7:30 – Home Again

## 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 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 with us and in this world.





## **R e c t o r ' s** **Reflections**

We were standing in the Belden Room after the Epiphany Evensong, last night, and somehow the conversation drifted to expressing thanks. Oh, I remember now. I had thanked the choir and Mark for the exquisite music, and Ann, Jackie and Barbara for the sumptuous snacks when I turned to John Hall and asked, “Do you suppose there’s someone else I need to thank?” He replied, “You know the vestry at Trinity, Newport, was discussing who in that parish could be thanked for doing various things, and it was all I could do to get them to stop. They went on for 10 minutes or so.”

I’ve often felt quite a bit of ambivalence about thanking people for their devoted hard work in various forms of lay ministry. “How could you possibly have a problem with that?” you might wonder. Well, it’s like this. Jesus was reported to have said that people ought to beware of doing what they do to be recognized by others because if they do they’ll already have received their rewards from people rather than God. On the one hand, I’ve always wanted to thank folks for all they do, while, on the other hand, I’ve never wanted to encourage people to do what they do for recognition instead of purely for the love of God. Therein lies my ambivalence.

Having said all that, for people of faith, it is so important to cultivate what some have called an attitude of gratitude. Especially in sparse economic times it is very important for people of faith to develop a threefold discipline – developing eyes to see what God has given, developing minds to thank God for everything that He has provided, directly and through others, and then mouths to express our thanks.

I’ve often noticed and marveled that during the Prayers of the People there are far more prayers for help, which is necessary, but so few prayers of thanksgiving for what God has done. Perhaps it’s just a habit, or perhaps God has underachieved and there’s nothing to thank Him for, or perhaps we feel it’s inappropriate to offer personal thanks in public services. But then again our normal service of public worship is called Eucharist, and that does mean thanksgiving, so it can’t be inappropriate.

I have a suggestion. People often call the parish office with prayer requests for folks who are ill or in special need. That’s where the names we read during the Prayers of the People come from. My suggestion is that people call the office with thanksgivings for our Sunday prayers as well. For example, it might be that instead of calling the parish office simply to “take someone off the prayer list” we add them to the thanksgiving list because they’re better.

Whether we do it publicly (during the Eucharist) or privately let’s look to thank God for what gifts God has provided -- things and people. To prime the pump I’d like to thank God for the generosity of the people of St. Paul’s – for outdoing yourselves in giving your time, your talents and your money in God’s service through this parish. Thank God and thank you!

Affectionately in Christ, Phil

## Take Something On for Lent

Wednesday Night Live offers 5 different classes/discussion groups each and every Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm at the Parish House, immediately following dinner in the Parish Hall. Naturally, you don't have to come to the Eucharist at 5 pm or the dinner at 5:45 to participate in any of these classes, and you need not have attended to date to attend now and benefit from one of these fine classes:

## Ash Wednesday



February 25th is Ash Wednesday this year, and we will offer the following services:

- 8:00 am – Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes
- 9:30 am – Preschool Chapel (Chapel)
- Noon --Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (Church)
- 4:00 pm – Children's Service (Chapel)
- 5:00 pm – Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (Church)
- 7:30 pm – Choral Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes (Church)



## X = Kiss

During the Middle Ages, when few people were able to write, many documents were signed with an X. Signers kissed the letter to affirm their sincerity in the same way they kissed the Bible when taking an oath.

The letter X wasn't selected at random. It was the sign of St. Andrew, who was crucified on an X-shaped cross. The X implied a sacred promise to fulfill one's obligation in the saint's name.

## Valentines to give your children

- **Acceptance** – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- **Self-confidence** – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- **Life without needless fears** – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- **Appreciation** – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- **Faith** – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.



## **Holy Baptism**

The two next services of Holy Baptism are both scheduled for Easter Eve, Saturday, April 11th. One will be taking place at the 5:15 pm Eucharist at the church. This Baptism will be better suited for the baptism of babies and younger children. The other will be during the Great Vigil of Easter, beginning at 7:30 pm, and will be better suited for the baptism of adults and older children. Please contact the parish office to arrange for baptism (294-4357).

## **Confirmation**

In honor of the 90th anniversary of the designation of St. John's, Providence as the Cathedral of the Diocese, the Eastertide 2009 confirmations will be held there according to the following schedule:

April 25 10:00 am Central and Blackstone deaneries  
April 25 2:00 pm Aquidneck and East Bay deaneries

***May 2 10:00 am Narragansett and West Bay deaneries***

As the date approaches the Bishop will send out more detailed information.

Please contact the Rector to arrange for Confirmation, Reception into the Episcopal Church, or if you wish to Reaffirm your baptismal vows (294-4357).

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

After a much deserved Christmas break, we returned to school on January 5, 2009. Both our 3 year olds and 4 year olds began the New Year with our "Signs of Winter" unit. The children learned about the coldest season by looking at the changes that take place indoors and outdoors during the winter. We focused on winter weather, winter sports, winter clothing and animals that hibernate or migrate in the winter. We also learned about bears, groundhogs and shadows.

Our 3 year olds had a visit from the Audubon Society with a presentation of The Mitten by Jan Brett. We wore our favorite hats to school one day, brought our teddy bears to school for a picnic, and went on a bear hunt. We explored sensory boxes with hidden treasure and matched and sorted mittens. We learned some new directional words through a penguin game, worked with opposites, "ice skated" to classical music and danced with streamers. January was a fun month for our 3's.

Our 4 year olds learned about the traditions and meanings behind the Chinese New Year. We used a variety of media to teach this unit including ink drawings, stories, music and a special movie. We tried eating white rice with chopsticks (messy) and had a small parade upstairs in the Parish Hall. Our bears came to school one day and joined us at Circle Time to help us count, sort, graph, sing, exercise and watch a movie. They sure helped to warm up a traditionally cold month.

**Registrations** are in full swing. Deposits for next September are beginning to come in. We would like to add a 2 day 3 year old class to our morning session for next year. We will be taking names of 3 year olds to fill this class. Children have to be 3 by September 1, 2009 to qualify. Call us @ 295-7320 to schedule a visit and pick up an application.

God Bless,  
Linda Taraborelli, Director



## Youth News

The HSY missionaries whole heartedly appreciate your continued support in their efforts to prepare for St. Paul's mission to the Dominican Republic. I ask that you continue to pray for us – for God's blessings and His grace to guide and strengthen us.

**HSY:** Our next monthly gathering is Monday, February 2nd at 5pm.

**MSY:** Our next monthly gathering is Sunday, February 1st at 5pm.

At our last meeting, the excitement escalated over the mention of "Mardi Gras" & the possibility of forming a band to perform at the Variety show. So, to accommodate those who are going away for school vacation, the date has been changed to Sunday, March 1st at 3:30. We will have a dress rehearsal Saturday, February 28th. Please contact me a.s.a.p. to sign-up, as the show is filling up.

St. Paul's presents... "Mardi Gras" ~A Variety Show~ on Sunday, March 1st @ 3:30. Calling all ages & all talents! If your specialty is behind the scenes (lighting, sound, stage setup or cleanup) we need you as well. Please contact Trish at x105, [youth@stpaulswickford.org](mailto:youth@stpaulswickford.org) or Tina Butler at 294-2711.

~Peace

## Mardi Gras Variety Show

Since February 22nd -- our original date for this year's parish talent show -- falls on the last weekend of the public school vacation, I have asked that **Mardi Gras** be held instead on **Sunday, March 1st**. Admittedly this technically falls within the parameters of Lent, but as we all know, Sundays are weekly oases of celebration amidst the wilderness of solemnity that lent otherwise provides the opportunity for. And so why shouldn't our fellowship be enhanced by the fun and frivolity of our annual talent show? After all it's all in service of a very worthy cause -- to help raise funds for the Youth Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic -- as well as to enjoy good-hearted Christian fellowship. Beyond that we had the variety show during lent last year too. So come and enjoy the fun! And why not sign up to share your talent or just put on a show! Phil

## TV Drawing

Generous parishioners passed on to St. Paul's a still-in-the-box, brand new 32" Samsung high definition LCD TV, which they won at a local raffle. They asked that a drawing be held for it and that proceeds be divided between this year's Dominican Republic Youth Mission and the North Kingstown Food Pantry -- two very worthy outreach opportunities. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased in the Parish Hall between the 8:30 and 10:30 services. The drawing will be held during **Mardi Gras on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**

## From the Director of Music and Liturgy



A warm thank you to all who lent a voice, or helping hand for the Epiphany Evensong at the Old Church.

Thank you to Father Fred Nestrock who so ably served as officiant. Thank you to each member of the parish choir and the three Kings: Camilla deRochambeau, Norm Poulin, and Fred Scheff. Thank you Altar Guild for providing light to guide our path. Thank you to our sexton(s) who cleared the lovely snow. Finally BRAVO to the hospitality crew Jackie Gildersleeve, Ann Waring, and Barbara Vollmar for preparing such an elegant reception. Thank you also Tina for hosting the pot-luck party afterwards. If you've ever wondered why the choir is such a closely knit group, ask a member about our parties! **Consider joining one of the choirs for a particular season-maybe Easter?** We are already beginning rehearsals for our Easter and Holy Week liturgies. Please see me if you are interested.

The youth choir had a midwinter rehearsal January 31 with 50 other choristers from around the state at St. Luke's East Greenwich to prepare for our April "All-State" Evensong. Please see Rozanne Fuller or myself to signup! Nancy Sherman has great music planned for the Children's Choir for our Easter liturgies. Now is the time to join up!

Thank you for your support of the music ministries at St. Paul's!

Peace



## Providence at work

In 1722, St. Thomas Lutheran Church in Leipzig, Germany, was searching for an organist/choir director. Composer Georg Philipp Telemann was offered the job. He accepted but soon decided he would remain in

Hamburg. Another composer, Christoph Graupner, was then offered the job, but his powerful employer would not release him to take the position.

Finally, a man named Johann Sebastian Bach was chosen for the job.

Bach was extremely productive, often writing an anthem a week. He played the organ, directed the choir and taught music to students. He wrote monumental works such as St. Matthew's Passion, which is still sung by choirs today.

Bach composed more than 300 cantatas, dozens of chorales, preludes, organ compositions and other musical works. More than 250 years after his death, Bach's music still brings inspiration to many.

Bach died at 65, while still composing and serving the church. Bach's legendary service at St. Thomas Church reflects God's providential care at work in him and through him.



## North Kingstown Ecumenical Lenten Luncheon

Each Lent the churches of North Kingstown offer a series of talks with lunch. This year the theme will be Face to Face. Each Wednesday lunch will be provided at one of the local churches. Each week a guest speaker will make a 20-minute presentation as follows:

**February 25:** Christians Face to Face with Violence – N.K. United Methodist Church

**March 4:** Christians Face to Face with Addiction – First Baptist Church of N.K.

**March 11:** Christians Face to Face with Hunger and Poverty – St. Paul's Church

**March 18:** Christians Face to Face with the Environment – St. Bernard's Church

**March 25:** Christians Face to Face with Aging – First Baptist Church in Wickford

**April 1:** Christians Face to Face with Health Care – Seventh Day Adventist Church

## Pledge Update

Thus far more than 250 parish households have pledged just about \$420,000 in support of our shared ministry at St. Paul's. That exceeds the Vestry's initial estimate by approximately \$60,000, and will go a long way in underwriting our programs of ministry for 2009. Thanks to all who pledged generously -- for your good faith put into action! And thanks to the members of the Pledge team for their good-humored and creative work!

## Communicant Update

As reported last month, the Communicant is moving (slowly!) into the electronic age. You may access it on our webpage [stpaulswickford.org](http://stpaulswickford.org), allowing us to save some printing/ mailing costs. The Vestry decided last month to continue paper copies **without** the \$5 subscription charge. Please let the office know if a paper copy is your preference. (If you have provided the office with your email, you may also receive an email version this month. We, with Debbie Mahoney, are experimenting!) Thanks for your patience. We thank you, Debbie!

Jane and Peggy

## FEBRUARY 2009 REQUIEMS

There will be a Requiem Eucharist on Wednesday, February 18, at 5:00 p.m. in the chapel to remember our loved ones who have died. The following people will be remembered on that day. If you have a loved one whose death took place during the month of February and you would like to have their name added to the list of those who will be remembered on the altar that day, please call the Church Office.

Dorothy Barnes	Barbara Kilday
Dorothy Belden	Gordon Kilday
Gordon Berry	Barbara Kinzel
Lillian Cerullo	Edith McCarthy
Robert Chatto	Richard McKenney
Blanche Crosier	Evelyn McWilliams
Elma "Posie" Dollar	Arthur Merz
Elizabeth Forrest	Arthur Newman
Dorothea Fox	Clarence Parker
Grace Fulford	Kenneth Payne
Oscar Gendron	John Peirce
Annie Harris	Freelove Roberts
Margaret Herlitscheck	George Scholl
Evelyn Hetherington	Bessie Smith
Clarice Holland	Matthew Szrom
Bob Holland	Madeline Tvenstrup
Rocky Horan	Nan Wickersheim

## PARISH REGISTER February 2009

### Baptisms

I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit . . .

Aaron Joseph Corbin	January 11, 2009
Ashlyn Ray Corbin	January 11, 2009

### Transfer In

Let each person be received as Christ himself . . .

Kaitlyn Horan	December 2, 2008
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### Marriages

Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder . . .

Cheryl L. Aubin and Michael R. Calise	January 3, 2009
Tiffany L. Semple and Brian M. Muoio	January 10, 2009

## Sunday School News

After the excitement of the Christmas season, we've enjoyed the quietness of January around the Parish House. Classes have been smaller due to a variety of reasons and the teachers have really gotten to sit down and enjoy the students that have attended their class. We spent the month learning about the country of Haiti. Thank you to our two guest speakers, Kaitlyn Lamb and Kim Smith, who came to educate us about this third poorest country in the world. If you are interested in learning about the devastation and suffering that is going on in Haiti, please visit our bulletin board in the Parish Hall or ask the children. The compassion that these children showed was very moving. We explained to the children that there were three ways to support a mission like this and all are just as important:

1. One could go to the country to help out. (Not always possible)
2. Support the mission financially. (Our children's offering for the month will be donated to the mission.)
3. Pray. (We emphasized the power of prayer and said that they are all able to do this part.

Our hope is that, through education, the children will grow to be caring and compassionate adults. These students care so much for the world around them. They wanted to send seeds, water, soda, and even pizza. Explaining world economics to pre-schoolers was a bit of a challenge, but the important part was that they had such great ideas on how they could help and that they cared for people that they had never even heard of before. We should be so proud that these youngsters are the future of St. Paul's.

I would also like to thank Marci O'Connor and her team of LEMS for delivering the Valentine's that the Sunday school made for

homebound parishioners. This is always a favorite project for the kids and we hope everyone who received cards enjoyed them.

Thanks to all the extra hands who helped out during this annual event. The glue and glitter should be dry soon.

Although the year is quickly flying by, we have lots of great ideas for the rest of the year. Registration is always open and friends are always welcome. Just come over to the Parish House during the 8:30 service on Sundays. See you there.

### **Important Sunday School Dates:**

There will be **no Sunday school on February 15** due to school vacation. There will be classes all other Sundays in February.

There will be **mandatory clergy led classes for 5th graders on February 8, and March 1**, during our regularly scheduled time.

**On February 25, there will be a 4 pm Children's Ash Wednesday service.**



*Seniors Luncheon* **Senior Christmas Luncheon**

On Dec. 4 senior members of the parish (we are not talking high school!) held a spirited Christmas luncheon and carol sing, ably organized by Kay Cutting and Anne Bowen. Fr. Fred provided inspiration and enthusiasm, as well as playing the keyboard along with Richard Whaley and Kyle Johnson on their trombones. Guests from private and nursing homes, parishioners and friends shared Holiday fellowship with a delicious lunch, beautiful decorations and favors, and of course, singing! Much thanks to the hardworking committee members and all who donated the edible and decorative goodies. May the joy last till next year's gathering!

Watch the newsletter/bulletin for a May Senior event, or even more fun, volunteer to help plan it!



St. Paul's Episcopal Church  
presents...  
Mardi Gras  
A Variety Show  
Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> @ 3:30  
Calling all acts  
&  
all ages ~1-101+  
Refreshments provided

Free will offering to benefit the youth  
missioners

If you are interested in participating,  
please contact Trish Nugent at  
[youth@stpaulswickford.org](mailto:youth@stpaulswickford.org)

