

# 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.



*O Lord our God, who by your Son Jesus Christ called your apostles  
and sent them forth to preach the Gospel to the nations:*

*We bless your holy name for your servant Augustine, first Archbishop  
of Canterbury, whose labors in propagating your Church among the  
English people we commemorate today; and we pray that all whom you  
call and send may do your will, and bide your time, and see your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.*

***Prayer from the Lectionary - May 27th is celebration of Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop and Missionary***

***5th century Britain***

## From the Interim Rector

Dear Friends,

**Alleluia! Christ is Risen!**

**The Lord is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

I trust that you are continuing the celebration as we travel the great 50 days of Easter, with our journey culminating in Pentecost June 12<sup>th</sup>. I pray that you may know the presence of the risen Christ in your lives, so that we may celebrate with joy together Christ's gift of the Holy Spirit by which we are directed and empowered to do God's will.

As we celebrate the resurrected life of Christ we continue to plan for the call of the next rector of St. Paul's Church. The Self Study Committee plans to have a draft profile for review by the entire parish in early May. I ask you to commit time to reviewing and responding to that document, and to participate in assuring it is a fair representation of who we are, where we have been, and where we hope to be. It will be your "calling card" as you go out into the wider church advertising your call for a new rector.

The Vestry has solicited names from all of you as they sought to identify the members of the Search Committee. All the names offered were organized by groups with which the candidates were identified: 5:15 liturgy, 7:30 liturgy, 9:30 liturgy, choir, children/youth, self-study committee and vestry. This list was submitted to each member of the Vestry with the request that they select one candidate in each group to best represent that group on the search committee. Those being called to serve on the search committee are those that were selected by the vestry to represent them and this parish in the search process.

Please pray for the Search Committee and for the next rector who is already known to God but not yet known to us. Pray that all our hearts would be readied, and that by the guidance of the Holy Spirit we would know God's blessing in welcoming the next rector to St. Paul's Church. May we one and all know the freedom and peace of the resurrected life.

Peace. *David+*

*From the  
Assistant Rector*



Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As of writing this I've been back in the United States for just over two weeks. I had an amazing trip and I

promise that at some time

soon I will have a forum during the coffee hour to let you all know about my trip. Things are a bit too busy right now with Easter approaching to make any firm plans, but it will happen soon. Know that I had a great trip and I'm very glad to be back home with you all.

On May 15th we'll be celebrating our youth in the parish with our Youth Day service. In the weeks leading up to this event myself and the Youth Advisory Team will produce and distribute surveys to youth in the parish who are in the youth group age range (sixth grade and up) as well as those in the fifth grade Emmaus Class who will be old enough to join the youth group next year. This survey will ask about past experiences of youth group as well as look forward to what our youth would like to see happen. After the Youth Day service we invite all youth in the parish (fifth grade and up) to join us to quickly report on what we learned in these surveys and to have some fun and play some games. We will also be making available a similar survey for parents of youth to fill out and return as well.

Through May the youth group will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings for evening prayer, dinner, and some time to just hang out together. I'm planning to put together a trip to play laser tag sometime in June; if there are any adults who would like to serve as chaperones or drivers for that please let me know.

Have a joyful and blessed Easter Season!

*Patrick*



## from the Dir. of Music and Liturgy:

Easter and Holy Week special Music at St. Paul's is not possible without the generosity of the many talented volunteers at St. Paul's.

The Palm Sunday procession was heralded by the triumphant trombone tones of Richard Whaley and Kyle Johnson and dazzling drumming of Jesse-Ray Leich. Thank you for the joyous voices lifted high at the Old Narragansett Church Easter Day: Ray Jorgensen and friends at the Easter sunrise service; St. Paul's Children's Choir with Rozanne Fuller directing: Pauline Chang, Caleb Cranston, Riley Cavaleri, Mia Panarelli, Grace Rumowicz, and Siân Morgan; St. Paul's Youth Choir with Maria Hyde directing Christine Szrom, Sarah Cavaleri, Sophie Brown, Sophia Fusco, Sophie Chang, Elizabeth Fusco, Madison Murdock, Chelsea Kuiper, and Lydia Rumowicz.

Thank you Joe and Bonnie Smith and Pat Petersen for your joyous musical leadership as well.

Kudos to the ever-faithful St. Paul's Parish Choir who filled the nave of St. Paul's with beautiful tones for two services Easter Day and Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. Thank you Ellen Abell, David Abell, Walter Burrows, Tina Butler, Susan Cerullo, Jill Clement, Troy Crawford, Gail Cyr, Camilla de Rochambeau, Rozanne Fuller, Ted Gale, Marianne Goodrich, Mary B. Hall, Diane Hoffman, Ninni Jacob, Nick Jorgensen, Dora Martorelli, Norman Poulin, Eleanor Ricci, Nancy Shanahan, Diane Slader, June Spink and Tom Spink. A gracious thank you to Eleanore Ricci, St. Paul's Choir hospitality/sunshine chair for organizing our annual Easter brunch extravaganza! It was elegant, delicious and great fun. Also thank you to Tina Butler, our music librarian extraordinaire, who assists in so many organizational details, and to Susan Cerullo who maintains our vestments.

I would also like to thank the generous donors who made the guest Brass Quintet at Easter possible. Jesse-Ray Leich provided amazing accompaniment on the timpani.

And certainly many thanks to Deb Mahoney, our super Parish Administrator, for her magnificent work preparing over eight different service leaflets for Holy Week on top of her many other responsibilities.

St. Paul's Youth Choir, Children's Choir and Church Schoolers will be presenting the musical **"100% Chance of Rain" Sunday May 17 at 11:00 AM** in the Parish Hall. **Don't miss it!** Thank you Rozanne Fuller and Maria Hyde for your extra efforts to turn this wonderful idea into a reality! They will travel to St. Elizabeth's Home the week of May 17 (check your bulletins) for another performance of the musical, followed by our annual Hilltop Creamery ice cream party. Thank you choristers for sharing and developing your many gifts!

Sunday service May 15 we will be featuring some of our talented youth for the annual "Youth Sunday" service. We hope to see you there!

Peace,  
Mark



## **Royal Music Opportunity**

The Royal School of Church Music in America is hosting its second annual New England course in our very own state of RI the first week of August! It is a great opportunity to make beautiful music with other young choristers from across the country in the beautiful setting of Salve Regina University in Newport. The course takes place August 1-7 and is open to youth ages 9-17 and also 15 adult choristers will be accepted. More information can be found at <http://www.EmmanuelNewport.org/rscm-newport-course-2010/>

St. Paul's is offering scholarships to choristers interested in attending; please see Father Patrick or Dobbins for more information.



May is upon us; it is hard to believe that we are finishing another year of Sunday school. What a busy year it has been. We've played with piñatas and toothpaste in order to understand a kinder way to speak with others. Money was raised to help educate girls in Afghanistan to help promote peace in the world. Cards were made, pumpkins were painted, songs were sung and we're not done yet. Please continue to join us on Sunday mornings as we learn about God and His world.

On April 10, we had an important meeting regarding the future of the Sunday school. Thank you to all who attended. I especially want to thank the teachers for sharing their passion for teaching and for these children. Your testimonials were inspiring. As I said at the meeting, I have worked with eight clergy members, since I took over this position. I know the questions that will be coming. As we look forward to a new rector, I feel it is important to determine the needs and wants of the parish regarding the Sunday school. Each member of the clergy asks questions as to why we do things the way we do, and I would like to have clear-cut answers regarding the wishes of the parish. I have made a simple survey that I hope every interested parishioner will fill out prior to the end of the Sunday school year. This will allow me to provide information to the new rector. These surveys will be available on the children's snack table during coffee hour.

This year, we have had eleven teachers "retire" for various reasons. When we heard these teachers speak at the meeting, it was obvious they were all still very passionate about the Sunday school and these wonderful children here at St. Paul's. Some teachers are moving, some going to school full-time, others are moving on to other endeavors within the church, such as our new Junior Warden. Each person had an important reason as to why they have to move on, but each person wanted to encourage others to enjoy the joys of teaching. Again and again we heard, "I've learned so much from these children". "I've had so much fun; I'm going to miss this." "I wish I could continue. I didn't think I knew enough to teach, but I've learned so much. It was so easy, but so wonderful."

Five new teachers have stepped up to teach classes next year. Thank you so much to these individuals for caring about these children. We are still in need of five additional teachers. Each class has an experienced teacher in place, but we need 1-2 more teachers for each of the younger grades. If you are interested in helping the children, please come speak with me, or call me at home 294-9908. I've taught here for 14 years and have had so much fun. Most importantly, I have learned so much from these children; they are loving, caring and spiritual. I promise, it's easy, fun and you will grow spiritually, as a person, without even knowing it.

Come join us in many fun activities as we finish out a great year. On May 15<sup>th</sup> join us for a celebration of youth. We will have a wonderful service that showcases the children and teens of St. Paul's. The choirs and children will sing, fifth graders will take part in the service, and the missionaries will share their passion for their work in New Orleans. During the reception afterwards, the Confirmation and Emmaus classes will be honored. It is a fantastic day to celebrate these youth. *Lori*

### **Important Sunday School Dates**

**May 1:** Regular Sunday school The fifth grade Emmaus class will be baking bread at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

**May 8:** Regular Sunday school- Last day of Sunday school classes. The fifth grade will be meeting with Fr. Patrick for our Q/A session, normal classroom time.

**May 14:** Youth Sunday rehearsal for fifth graders, 9 a.m. in the church.

Confirmation: 2 p.m. at St. Luke's, East Greenwich. Confirmands, please arrive 1 hour early.

**May 15:** Youth Sunday service, 9:30 a.m.

Emmaus class, please arrive by 9:15, acolytes and greeters please arrive by 9 a.m. Families may bring refreshments to the Parish Hall prior to the service.

### **Pancakes for "Wheels"**

The middle school Sunday school class would like to thank all the parishioners who came out to the Pancake breakfast this year. Over \$500 was raised to support "Meals On Wheels". Thank you.



## Ministry Team Highlights



### News

**Four Year Old News:** The four year olds continued our Signs of Spring unit and learned about the changes that take place in the springtime. We learned about insects, seeds, plants, and spring animals. You should have seen

our bean plants!

During April, with the help of Father Patrick and Mr. Buddy, we learned about the meaning of Easter through stories and songs. We also made Easter eggs, Easter baskets and Easter bunnies. Before our Spring break, we had an Easter egg hunt on the greenway and an Easter party at snack time.

After our spring break we had a week-long unit on Earth Day. We participated in a number of hands-on activities to promote ways we can help the environment. We talked about recycling and worked on a project that recycled boxes.

Our annual May breakfast is scheduled for Monday May 2, and we have invited the Senior work committee headed by Kay Cutting and Anne Bowen to join us for juice, coffee, Cheerios, milk, bananas and mini muffins with the children. That should be fun!

**Three Year Old News:** Our threes had a busy April as well. They learned about spring, birds, caterpillars, butterflies, April showers and ocean life. They collaged, made rain sticks, drew with wet chalk and water colored. The threes had a presentation from the Audubon Society on "The Very Hungry Caterpillar." They are continuing to work on a very special Mother's Day Surprise and a Mother's Day Tea for May.

**Notice:** We still have several openings for 3's and 4's for September. Give us a call, come and see the school and pick up an application.

God Bless. *Linda*

### Lay Eucharistic Visits

Do you know someone in the Parish who is in a Nursing or Rehab Center? a hospital? homebound due to illness or who is a caregiver for a family member and can't get to church? The Lay Eucharistic Visitors are happy to bring Communion to any who are unable to attend services. Current regulations make it impossible to get information from hospitals so we rely on family and friends to notify the Church when someone is ill or hospitalized. Please call Deb in the office 294-4357 and Marci O'Conner, LEV Coordinator, will be in touch with you.

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### Christian Action Notes

At our April meeting, we decided to contribute \$1,000 to the Episcopal Relief and Development Fund for the Japan Earthquake Response Fund. This vehicle offers efficient and reliable delivery of our contributions.

In addition, \$500 will support the Washington County Coalition for Children. Our own Mike Cerullo introduced us to this passionate group of volunteers working to advocate for the physical and mental health needs of underprivileged children of Washington County. Some of its projects for 2011 include: 1) **a web-based directory** of behavioral health resources, 2) **Collaborative Office Rounds** that seek to train area physicians, mental health providers and school personnel concerning developmental and behavioral health issues. 3) **Feelin' Groovy Emotional Literacy Project**, 4) **Podcasts for parents** on parenting and mental health issues.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Godley

## 2011 Episcopal Charities

**Episcopal Charities** is a diocesan-wide response to the needs of our neighbors throughout RI who struggle daily with access to essentials – food, shelter, health care, education. Heart-filled “**THANK YOUs**” to the **94 households** whose pledges and gifts of **\$23,957 or 60% toward our annual parish goal of \$40,000**. We urge EVERYONE’s support and participation. Show your compassion and love with a generous pledge of support – perhaps a gift to honor someone’s birthday, in memory of a loved one, as a remembrance or in honor of Mom for Mother’s Day! As you are able, please consider an increase of \$50 or \$100 – only one or two dollars per week – to help meet the growing needs among the most vulnerable and needy in our state. You may place your pledge card in the offering, you may bring it to the office, or mail it to St. Paul’s Church this week, so that we can conclude our parish-wide campaign soon. **“Share your food with the hungry... provide the poor wanderer with shelter. When you see the naked, clothe him, ... and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.”** (Isaiah 58). All you need is a caring heart.

Faithfully,  
Thomasine and Jeff Manickas  
Episcopal Co-Chairperson



## Calling All Seniors

All seniors are welcome to a luncheon in the Parish House on Thursday, May 19. Watch the Sunday bulletins for details. Please call the Church office 294-4357 if you plan to attend. Time for Spring fun and fellowship!

## Thoughts to Ponder

The best among us innately accomodate a capacity for the worst, and the reverse is also true: the worst are capable of the best.

In a world without this paradox, there would be no need for a savior.

*Forward - Day by Day: Friday, April 15th, 2011*



**John 8:21-32.** *You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.*

This is an often-quoted but deceptively simple verse. We would do well to ask, as Pilate does ten chapters later in this same gospel, “What is truth?”

We often start in the wrong place as we think about truth, which means we end up in the wrong place as well. As Jesus uses the word, truth is not correct information, and the opposite of truth is not misinformation. Nor is truth correct doctrine or belief. It doesn’t have to do with information or doctrine at all. It’s a matter of knowing who you are and who God is—and, by extension, who Jesus is. In today’s reading, those opposing Jesus defined themselves ethnically or nationally—they were descendants of Abraham. That won’t do, Jesus says. It’s a worldly distinction and it doesn’t mean you know who you are and who God is.

By what worldly standards do you tend to define yourself? If we are to be people of truth, and if the truth is to make us free, how must we rethink who we are and who God is? What will be different in our lives?

*Forward - Day by Day: Thursday, March 31, 2011*

# 100% Chance of Rain



A musical play  
Presented by St. Paul's  
Youth Choirs and Sunday School  
Sunday, May 22 , 11:00 a.m.  
In the Parish House  
All are welcome!

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