

St. Paul's Episcopal Church



MAY GRACE AND PEACE
BE YOURS IN ABUNDANCE.

2 PETER 1:2, NRSV

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.



God of Mercy, God of grace, show the brightness of thy face.
Shine upon us, Savior, shine. Fill thy Church with light divine,
And thy saving health extend unto earth's remotest end.

Let thy people praise thee, Lord; be by all that live adored.
Let the nations shout and sing glory to their Savior King;
Let all be, below, above, one in joy, and light, and love.

Hymn #538

Episcopal Hymnal 1982

Words by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)



A Message from The Rev. Deacon Jan Grinnell and The Rev. David Dobbins Ministers for the Interim

Dear People of St. Paul's,

We invite you to join us for informal gatherings that we will host periodically through out this interim time. The main purpose of these gatherings is to get to know one another better, but these are also opportunities to ask questions you may have about the process of the Interim, or to make observations about our life together at St. Paul's during this Interim time.

Our future gatherings are scheduled as follows:

Sunday September 26th following the **7:30 service with Jan Grinnell**

Sunday October 3rd following the **9:30 service with Jan Grinnell**

Saturday October 9th following the **5:15 service with David Dobbins**

Sunday October 17th following the **7:30 service with David Dobbins**

Sunday October 24th following the **9:30 service with David Dobbins and Jan Grinnell**

Saturday October 30th following the **5:15 service with Jan Grinnell**

Sunday November 7th following the **7:30 service with David Dobbins**

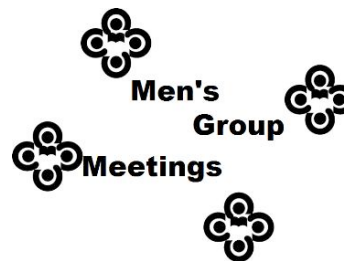
Look to the next publication of the Communicant for further scheduled conversations, and please remember that appointments to meet with David can be arranged by calling the Parish Office and

speaking with Deb (who keeps his calendar) or by leaving David a private message at extension 104.

We look forward to being with you

Peace.

David and Jan



The St. Paul's Men's Support Group has changed its meeting place from the Rector's Office to the Library. We continue to meet

weekly on Thursday nights from 7:00PM to 8:30PM, although we do tend to run over from time to time. All men over the age of 18, who are parishioners of St. Paul's are welcome. Our discussions tend to be pretty free-ranging, from the serious to the less serious, depending on the individual needs of the group members. This is not a clinical or "therapy" group, rather we are a group of men with issues in common, who enjoy the experience of interacting with other St. Paul's men experiencing similar issues, one night per week. There is nothing really heavy duty about it, and a strong sense of appropriate humor is often a common thread throughout our talks. We invite any and all to join us, maybe just to check it out any Thursday evening. We'd really enjoy meeting you. No invitation necessary!"

I hope this works for you, if not, let me know. If anyone ever contacts you with questions feel free to give them my e-mail or cell at 401-486-9866. James Carleton



**from the Dir. of Music
and Liturgy:**

“My soul, bear thou thy part. Triumph in God above: and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy days till life shall end, whate’er he send, be filled with praise.”

-from Ye Holy Angels bright (Hymn 625)
Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

We welcome Maria Hyde to our music ministry team. “Miss Maria” will be enthusiastically leading St. Paul’s Youth Choir. She has lots of great ideas and energy! Thank you Miss Maria for taking on this awesome group of kids! Please contact her if you are a 4th grader or older and would like to be involved or just come to rehearsal in the chapel immediately following church school. Maria3day@hotmail.com.

All of the choirs of St. Paul’s are affiliated with the Royal School of Church Music. We follow their super curriculum, which teaches the role of music in worship, group participation, music reading, and voice production. It is the best free music education your child will receive!

The talented Rozanne Fuller will be the Director of St. Paul’s Children’s Choir. The Children’s Choir welcomes members 1st-3rd grades and also meets immediately following church school in the Parish Hall. Please contact her to have your child participate in this important ministry. Rozannefuller@cox.net Our heartfelt thanks to Nancy Sherman who has done a great job in this capacity for the past three years and is now moving on to other ministry! Thank you Nancy for your time, talents, and service with the children and to us all! And Rozanne, thank you for your great work with the youth choir these past few years. St. Paul’s is who it is because of you the volunteers!

St. Paul’s Parish Choir has just returned from an invigorating retreat/workshop in Jamestown. Special guest voice teacher Ms. Jean Danton from the New England Conservatory infused us with lots of great new ideas about how we make music. We also enjoyed a delicious lunch together.

St. Paul’s Parish Choir will be singing Choral Evensong for Michaelmas, Sunday October 3 at 7:00 pm at St. Paul’s. The music will include The Evening Service in g minor by Henry Purcell (1659-1695), John Tavener’s (b. 1944) Lord’s Prayer and “Duo Seraphim” by Jacob Handl (1550-1591). Please join us for this wonderful opportunity for reflection amidst the onset of autumn. Mark your calendars now for the Annual Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols which will take place December 12 at 4:00pm at St. Paul’s. St. Paul’s Parish Choir is welcoming new members to sing through the Advent and Christmas seasons. We will be singing Mozart’s amazing Spatzenmesse for Christmas Eve services. Please contact me at the church music office at 294-2357, ext. 106 or Mark_Steinbach@verizon.net.

Peace,
Mark

**St. Paul’s Seniors
(Formerly Golden Belles and Beaus)**

Seniors parish members are invited to

**St. Paul’s Parish House
Thursday, October 14, 2010 at 10:00 AM**

The program will include a coffee social and program about the interim period we are experiencing in our parish. Jan Grinnell will be leading the discussion. There will be opportunity for comments and questions.

Seasonal breads, cider and coffee will be served.

Please call the church office ... 294-4357 ... if you plan to attend.



Last night
I was at
one of the
Program
a n d
B u d g e t

Hearings being held throughout the diocese in anticipation of Diocesan Convention happening in October, while there a number of people from around the diocese asked me about how I have been doing at St. Paul's. As you may imagine this meeting wasn't the most exciting and it was held in the evening so I wasn't the most animated person throughout this hearing, but whenever anyone asked me that question I became enlivened and energetic in explaining how wonderful I've found St. Paul's to be and how much I am enjoying my time here so far. The past month that I have been here with you all has truly been fantastic and I am very thankful for the opportunity to serve here with you all.

It's a very exciting time of year with programming beginning to kick back up. September was fairly quiet in regard to youth ministry but that is soon to change. This month we'll have a lot of work to do in planning and putting on Halloween Happenings, being held on October 29th (We'll be meeting on Oct. 17th to do some planning and Dress Rehearsal will be held on Oct. 24th). Also in October we will be hosting the Diocesan Youth Kick Off BBQ, held on October 3rd from 3-6pm. All of these big events in October will be for both middle and high school youth, so I invite and encourage all youth to come on out and have some fun with us.

I will be looking soon to start up a Youth Advisory Board. A small group hopefully consisting of youth and adults who are interested in setting a vision for the youth ministries at St. Paul's and working at making that vision happen. I know this is fairly vague, but if this sounds like something that might be of interest to you please be in touch with me.

I am also looking to add on to the normal monthly meetings that the middle and high school group each have and hold some sort of fun event planned for each month as well. If you have any ideas for things we could do please let me know. If these events are to work I will also need some help with adult chaperones and possibly drivers, so if there are any adults out there who are interested in getting involved with the youth group please be in touch with me as well.

I've created a facebook page for the youth ministries here at St. Paul's as another way that we can stay up to date with programming for the youth and just with each other in general. The address for this page is, <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Wickford-RI/St-Pauls-Wickford-Youth-Ministry/100281800035295>. There's not much on there yet but hopefully soon it will be filled with all sorts of fun and important information.

Once again, I am so very thankful to be serving here with all of you. And I am very much looking forward to continue getting to know all of you.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Oct. 3rd- Diocesan Youth Kickoff BBQ- Here at St. Paul's on the Greene Way from 3-6pm. This event is open to Middle and Senior High Youth groups.

Oct. 29th- Halloween Happenings- Including a planning day on Oct. 17th and a dress rehearsal on Oct. 24th. These events are open to Middle and Senior High Youth groups.

Yours in Christ,
Patrick

Sunday School News



St. Paul's is blessed with an amazing group of teachers again this year. Many are returning from last year and I am so happy to be working with this group of talented and creative individuals. Classroom lesson time is always supplemented with new and exciting activities, crafts, music. Each week brings new ideas which the youth really seem to enjoy. We also will be having some fun group activities during the year to foster community service and individual spiritual growth. I'm really looking forward to this year.

It is my pleasure to introduce the Sunday school teachers for this school year.

Pre K/K	Rini GeorgeKutty Linda Kesner Bonnie Smith
First grade	Katherine Bellows Sindy Hempstead Alice Szrom
Second grade	Kelli Gillis Kevin O'Connor
Third grade	Kathy Kuiper Sarah LeBlanc
Fourth grade	Susie Leahy Sheryl MacDougall-Fusco Laura Martorelli
Fifth grade	Lori Lamb Jane-Marie Winter
Middle school	Pete and Beth Bergwall Jayne McBride
Confirmation/HS	Laurie DeRuosi Jean Whatmough

We thank you for all the past support we have received from the parishioners and look forward to working with the youth of St. Paul's. We have another fun year planned. Come join us on Sunday mornings in the Parish Hall. Remember, friends are always welcome.

Important Sunday School Dates

October 3 Regular Sunday school First day of the HS/Confirmation class, 10:15 am in the Belden Room. There will be an important parent/student meeting to follow.

October 10 Community Worship. No SS, families are encouraged to attend services together.

October 17, 24, 31 Regular Sunday school

October 31 First mandatory clergy-led Confirmation class during regular class time

November 7 Regular Sunday school

Lori

Pass on the word of encouragement in an honest compliment

Pass on the look of encouragement in a generous smile

Pass on the touch of encouragement in a hearty handshake

Pass on the kindness of encouragement in a thoughtful deed

*And let the encouragement of Christ
flow through you.*



Nursery School
News

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

On September 13th & 14th St. Paul's Nursery School welcomed 60+ preschoolers and their parents for the 2010-2011 school year. This year we have a total of 7 classes. The halls are filled with the sounds of children singing, playing and learning. Everyone has settled in and is busy getting to know each other.

We are fortunate to have our entire staff return for the 6th consecutive year and are as follows:

Director/Teacher	Linda Taraborelli
Head Teacher	Carla Andronowitz
Teacher	Lisa Carter
Teacher	Margaret Fonseca
Teacher	Laura Factor
Administrative Secretary	Mary-Kate Mulligan
Teacher Assistant	Lynn Varone
Music Teacher	Maria Day Hyde

Besides our preschool programs, there are several **before** and **after school** programs that we are offering again this year. There is something for everyone.

* Early Arrival Child Care option for 3's & 4's – drop off @ 8:30 AM.

* 1 Hour Lunch / Social Development Program; 11:30 – 12:30 (M.T.W.TH.).

* 2.5 Hour Lunch/Extended Day 4's Program with lesson; 11:30 – 2:00 (M. T.W.TH.).

Also with the opening of the new school year we have some new improvements to the building and property. We had a new fire rated door installed going to the boiler room from a classroom. This was necessary to pass the State Fire Marshal inspection. We had our floors stripped and waxed

by a commercial cleaning company "The Cleaning Connection" which was necessary this year due to the March flooding. Thanks to the young people from St. Bernard's Church who, as part of their Confirmation Community Service Hours, helped move the furniture in and out of the class rooms on three separate nights during August, so the floors could get finished in a timely manor. We had the playground cleaned and weeded by Mary-Kate Mulligan's son Thomas who did an outstanding job on our sand area and surrounding space. We also had new sand brought in by Hope Dale Trucking so that our play area would be safe and clean for the children to play in. Thank you to all who helped to get our school ready to open. All of these improvements make our building and grounds more attractive and safe.

FYI we are having a bowling night on October 1st for St Paul's Nursery School at the local bowling alley to raise the needed money for the new sand. Thanks again to Joy Brew, one of our parents, who will be heading this effort.

We are off to a good start! Hopefully 2010-11 will be a good year for all. There are still a few openings in our programs. We still have room for 4 more 3 year olds and 2 more 4 year olds in our classes. Call the school @ 295-7320 to set up a visit.

God Bless,
Linda



"Faith, like light, should always be simple and unbending; while love, like warmth, should beam forth on every side and bend to every necessity of our brethren."

Martin Luther



EPISCOPAL CHARITIES



Dear Friends

2010 is passing very quickly and we hope that you have had a restful and enjoyable summer. Fall is upon us, and as daylight hours grow shorter, so does the time to meet our parish's annual goal for Episcopal Charities. Unfortunately, because Episcopal Charities donations for the diocese are down significantly this year, offsetting adjustments have occurred on the expense side, with elimination of part-time staff for the first time, and delays in awarding of grants.

Thus far, the 2010 parish annual campaign has raised a total of \$27,154 in pledges and gifts from 114 households. This represents 65% of our goal of \$41,768, for which we are grateful. But more participation is needed. ***We need your help*** to meet our goal, and sustain our long record of being one of the leading parishes in the diocese who supports the work of Episcopal charities. Your gift, no matter how large or small, can make a difference. Please consider renewing or increasing your gift to Episcopal Charities, restoring your support if it has lapsed, or become a new supporter. If you are able to help, please make checks payable to "Episcopal Charities Fund" or use a pledge card and envelope from the tract rack in the narthex, and place it in the offering or send to the church office.

We hope and pray that before the year is done, we will be able to meet our goal. With your help, and through your generous giving by God's grace and blessings, we can provide much needed resources to support so many of our Rhode Island neighbors whose needs exceed our own. Christ has no hands but ours...

"A Bright Future Depends on You."

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is "Jeff" and the second is "Thommie".

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Chairpersons, St. Paul's Episcopal Charities Campaign



Because there is one loaf, we,
who are many, are one body,
for we all partake of the one loaf.

1 Corinthians 10:17

Come for fun & food! Here's the scoop . . .

*Sloppy-Joes Supper and
Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Social*



Make-Your-Own-Sundaes!!!
(for kids of all ages!)

Sunday, October 17
5:30 pm Parish Hall

Enjoy the great food, help a great cause!
Celebrate our covenant with South County Habitat for Humanity

Please let us know you're coming,
so we'll know how many places to set—
and so we'll have plenty of ice cream
and sloppy joes on hand! ☺

*There are sign-up sheets in church
and Parish Hall,
or call the church office (294-4357).*

Suggested donation \$8 adult; \$20 family with children.

Donations (at the door) go to South County Habitat for Humanity.



Dear Friends,

The summer has quickly passed and the fall season is upon us. Along with the changing leaves, this time of year often brings about a change of schedule and a

change to the demands on our time and energy. I know in our home the back to school, back to work energy is both exhausting and invigorating as we settle into our routines and dialogue with how to create balance in our homes and lives. The St. Paul's community is also undergoing a change. We have entered our interim time under the capable leadership of Reverend David Dobbins and his team. It is a time for reflection - where have we been and who are we now? It is also a time for renewal – how do we imagine our future together? The Self-Study team will be taking up these questions in a deeply intentional way and require all of our input to do this effectively.

For the community and for each of us individually, this can be a time of great possibility. It is an opportunity to examine our relationship with St. Paul's and determine how we will participate in that relationship. How will we balance the many demands on our time and resources with the calling of Christ in our hearts? As we move into the pledge season you will be called upon to commit both the gifts of your time and your resources to St. Paul's. Your pledge is an opportunity to serve God in a very tangible manner.

As the pledge campaign progresses you will receive several communications from me detailing our goal, the exciting work underway, and how we are using your financial gifts to further the mission of St. Paul's. We will also be conducting an "every member canvas" to speak with you in detail about these topics. We are the body of Christ. He calls upon each of us to do his work in the world with the gifts we have. Please begin to prayerfully consider your pledge for the upcoming year - it is through your commitment and generosity that St. Paul's is able to be a light for Christ in the world. I look forward to our work together.

Blessings,
Tabitha Jorgensen
Annual Pledge Campaign Chair

It is important to remember that tithing is an attitude of giving. The amount you give or how it compares to the gifts of others doesn't really matter.

What matters is that when you give, you give of yourself, all your loving concern, your affirmation of devotion to God, your good will to humankind, and your service to Christ. When you give with this spirit, then you are giving the fullest capacity of your spiritual, physical and mental resources.

A true gift is a portion of your self. When you give in this manner, you become an instrument of God. It is the gift of love.



October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis was born at Assisi in 1182. After a care free youth, he turned his back on inherited wealth and committed himself to God. Like many early saints, he lived a very simple life of poverty, and in so doing, gained a reputation of being the friend of animals. He established the rule of St Francis, which exists today as the Order of St. Francis, or the Franciscans. He died in 1226, aged 44.

St. Paul's Blessing of the Animals
takes place during the 5:15
Eucharist on Saturday, October 2.

Prayer For Animals

God Our Heavenly Father,
You created the world
to serve humanity's needs
and to lead them to You.
By our own fault
we have lost the beautiful relationship
which we once had with all your creation.
Help us to see
that by restoring our relationship with You
we will also restore it
with all Your creation.

Give us the grace
to see all animals as gifts from You
and to treat them with respect
for they are Your creation.

We pray for all animals
who are suffering as a result of our neglect.
May the order You originally established
be once again restored to the whole world
through the intercession of the Glorious Virgin
Mary,
the prayers of Saint Francis
and the merits of Your Son,
Our Lord Jesus Christ
Who lives and reigns with You
now and forever. Amen.