

# 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.

## Faith



*I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea  
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails  
I will believe the hand which never fails,  
From seeming evil worketh good to me.  
And, though I weep because those sails are battered,  
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,  
"I trust in Thee."*

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox

**From the Interim Rector**

*Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN*

Dear Friends,

The month of September we will celebrate many journeys. In our worship we will recall the deliverance of the people of Israel from their servitude in Egypt, through the Red Sea, to their life in the promised land. Concurrent with the retelling of the story, some of us will make the journey from Old Narragansett Church where we have been camping out for the summer and, by way of the Parish Day on September 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall, and be once again under the same roof with those who endured the summer heat at St. Paul’s (our friends who worship on Sundays at 7:30) on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Other journeys begin or continue in September: Sunday School registration, together with enrolling parishioners in ministry teams, on September 11<sup>th</sup> sets the stage for our individual and collective journeys of faith and service. The Search for the next Rector of St. Paul’s moves forward with regular meetings of the Search Committee beginning on September 7<sup>th</sup> under the leadership of Junior Warden Kathy Bellows and our Search Consultant (and Deacon-to-the-Interim) Jan Grinnell.

All the journeys of a community of faith have to do with our increasing ability to discover and treasure those things that shall endure as distinct from that which will pass away. The prayer that leads this column—to be offered as the Collect in our worship on September 18—invites us to be discerning in this way. In our daily lives and in the midst of our activities we need wisdom to “see” those things that

occupy our attention and energies and to wonder about their relative importance. By God’s grace this perspective, this discerning eye, will cause us naturally and easily to occupy ourselves more fully with that which will endure, that which we will carry to the “promised land”. The short distilled list is love, joy, and peace—these will endure. These we can embody forever.

May all our journeys this September be graced by the presence of the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth.

Peace.

*David+*

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**LITURGY MINISTRY**

Our liturgy is a wonderful gift that has been handed down to us through our tradition. It is deep and rich in meaning and as many of you can attest, it has the ability to change our lives. I urge you all to consider coming to experience our liturgy in a different way by taking a more active role in it. Currently we are looking for readers, intercessors to lead the prayers of the people and acolytes. If you think you feel called to one of these ministries, please be in touch with me either by e-mail at [assistant@stpaulswickford.org](mailto:assistant@stpaulswickford.org) or by phone at 294-4357 x105 and plan on being with us after the 9:30 service on September 18<sup>th</sup> for a training day for all these different roles.

Yours in Christ,

Patrick+



*Liturgy  
Ministry*

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*From the  
Assistant Rector*



Friends,  
I am writing this on my first anniversary with you all at St. Paul's. I have to say that it has been an amazing, wonderful, spirit-filled year, and I am so thankful

for the opportunity to serve with such a great community of people. I'm very excited for the year to come; I've got a bunch of things planned for both youth and adults in our parish.

This communicant includes a calendar of Youth events through June (you can also get them from me by e-mail or asking me in person for one). The general pattern is: one Sunday meeting for high school youth a month, one Sunday movie night for middle school youth a month, and a joint event each month. This changes a little bit from time to time and meeting times change as well, but just pay attention to this schedule and you'll be fine (also pay attention to the Communicant each month, e-mail and announcements during church for any changes). In addition both the Middle School Youth and the High School Youth will continue to meet on Wednesday nights from 5:30-7:00 for evening prayer, dinner and time to just relax and hang out with each other. If there are any adults who feel called to help with any of these events, please be in touch and we can discuss your involvement with our youth group; chaperones are always welcome.

Beginning Sunday, September 18 through Sunday, November 20, I will be offering a bible study looking at St. Paul's Letter to the Romans from 8:30-9:00, meeting in either the library in the office wing of the church or the Guild Room in the parish hall depending on how many people attend (I challenge you all to make this have to meet in the Guild Room!). If you are interested in participating, you can just show up having read at least the first chapter of this letter, or be in touch with me beforehand for more information. Martin Luther wrote, "This letter is truly the most important piece in the New testament. It is purest Gospel... The more one deals with it the more precious it becomes

and the better it tastes." He had a pretty good head on his shoulders, so I encourage you all to come out and see exactly what he meant.

Also starting in September, on Wednesday's I will be at the Starbucks in North Kingstown Crossings on Ten Rod Road from two to four in the afternoon. This time will be for anyone to just drop by and chat about anything going on, ask questions you might have about our faith or anything else you might want. So please, stop by, grab a drink and spend a little time with me sometime this upcoming fall. I plan on being there every Wednesday; any planned absences will be announced in the Communicant and during the Eucharist, but as we all know sometimes things come up and plans don't work out, so if it does happen that you show up and I'm not there, I apologize, and urge you to try again the next week.

Finally, on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 service in the Parish Hall I will be giving a presentation on my trip to Israel this past March. I invite you all to come join me and hear about my experience in the Holy Land. Again, I am very excited about this year to come and can't wait to see what's in store for us!

Yours in Christ,  
Patrick+

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## **WNL Returning for Advent**

For Advent this year we will be revitalizing Wednesday Night Live. We will meet for the four Wednesdays of advent, 11/30, 12/7, 12/14 and 12/21. We will gather at 5:30 to celebrate the Eucharist, share a meal together at 6:00 and break into small groups around 6:30 to 6:45, ending our time together at 7:30. If you have any interest in facilitating a small group, or have an idea for one, please be in touch with either Dave or myself. Otherwise look for more information as we draw closer to Advent!

Yours in Christ,  
Patrick+

## St. Paul's Youth Group Schedule



- 9/11- Parish Day (After Church!)
- 9/18- High School Youth Group (6-7)
- 9/25- Middle School Youth Movie Night (6-8)
- 10/2- Halloween Happenings Planning Meeting (12-1)
- 10/10- Great Day of Service (community service event, contact me for more information)
- 10/16- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 10/23- Halloween Happenings Meeting (TBD at 10/2 meeting)
- 10/28- Halloween Happenings
- 11/13- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 11/20- A Yet to be determined Fall Activity (TBD, feel free to contact me with ideas)
- 11/27- HSY Group (5-6)
- 12/4- Bowling (TBD)
- 12/11- HSY Group (5-6)
- 12/18- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 1/8- Middle School Tubing at Yawgoog (TBD)
- 1/21- High School Ski trip (TBD)
- 1/22- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 1/29- HSY Group (5-6)
- 2/4- Mission Pizza Making Party (TBD)
- 2/12- Tentative Date for St. Paul's Variety Show
- 2/19- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 2/26- HSY Group (5-6)
- 3/4- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 3/17- Lasertag (TBD)
- 3/25- HSY Meeting (6-7)
- 4/1- MSY Movie Night (6-8)
- 4/8- Alleluia! Happy Easter!
- 4/15 or 4/22- Possible Middle School Youth Event (TBD, obviously)
- 4/29- HSY Meeting (6-8)
- 5/6 or 5/13- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 5/20- HSY Meeting (5-6)
- 6/10- MSY Movie Night (5-7)
- 6/24 HSY Meeting (5-6)
- 6/27- Trip to Six Flags (TBD)

\*If an event is not designated as High School or Middle School it is open to all youth.

\*Hopefully everything will run smoothly this year and this won't need to be changed, if anything is changed, however, it will be announced in the Communicant, through e-mail, and in the announcements at the Eucharist.



## from the Dir. of Music and Liturgy:

We have a great season planned for the music ministry at St. Paul's this year. St. Paul's Parish Choir will be singing Michaelmas Evensong Sunday October 2 at 5:00pm at St. Paul's Church. The Festival of Advent Lessons and Carols, December 11 at 4:00pm will include St. Paul's Parish, Children's and Youth Choirs with guest musicians. All of the choirs will be singing services Christmas Eve and the Parish Choir will sing a full choral mass setting. Taking part in worship at St. Paul's through the Choir is a spiritual practice, and a great way of expanding your meditation life, making new friends, and getting to know some great music of the church. If you would like to join the Parish Choir or if you play an instrument, please contact me either at the music office at 294-4357, ext. 106 or by email [Mark.Steinbach@verizon.net](mailto:Mark.Steinbach@verizon.net), and we can schedule an audition. The Parish Choir welcomes high school students, and can count as a Community Service option. The Parish Choir rehearses Sundays at 8:55AM and Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:30pm.

A heartfelt Thank You to Rozanne Fuller who is retiring from the Children's Choir. Rozanne has conducted the youth and/or children's choir for over six years. Thank you Rozanne for sharing your expertise, patience, enthusiasm and talent! Maria Hyde is also retiring from her position as Director of St. Paul's Youth Choir. Thank you Maria for bringing your enthusiasm, talent, and knowledge to this group!

### **VOLUNTEERS WANTED!**

Both St. Paul's Children's and Youth Choirs are re-forming for the fall. If you have musical gifts and are interested in helping out with directing or accompanying, please contact me! The Choirs follow the curriculum of the Royal School of Church Music, which teaches choristers music-

reading skills, good vocal production, team-work, and spiritual formation. Both St. Paul's Children's Choir (1st through 3rd grades) and Youth Choir have rehearsed Sundays after church school and sing periodically throughout the year. Parents—is this the best time for rehearsal, or would you prefer a mid-week rehearsal? Any feedback welcome.

We had some wonderful worship moments in the ONC this summer thanks to some of our very talented musicians including Pat Petersen, Rozanne Fuller, and Joe and Bonnie Smith.

Looking forward to a great year!

Peace,  
*Mark*



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### **Summer Thanks**

I want to thank everybody who provided our much appreciated refreshments on Sunday mornings all Summer at the Old Narragansett Church, namely: Mimi Dyer, Helga Pregolato, Jane Tiernan-Reilly, Jane Brockway, Jane Winter, Claire Chatto, Barbara Nicholson, and Cheryl Suglia. Their husbands deserve a big 'thank you' too -- they were really a big help.

Some of the Sundays were truly uncomfortably warm (hot!) and that lemonade-iced tea was really welcomed by all!

Thank you again for contributing to this very special ministry at St. Paul's.

P.S. I am beginning to work on the Greeter schedule for this coming year. We are always happy to add new names to the Greeters' roster. If you would like to join this ministry, please call the office or me at 423-0120. ~ Betty Ann Taylor





Welcome back! Hope everyone had a wonderful relaxing summer. Sunday school registration will begin September 11, following the Parish Day service. Sunday school is open to all children age three and above and toddler care is provided for children 1-3

years of age. Classes will begin on September 18<sup>th</sup>; children will attend the first part of the service with their families. Upon dismissal, the teachers will escort the children to the Parish Hall to attend their classroom instruction. Families may accompany the group and parents are welcome in the classrooms at any time. The high school/confirmation class will begin in October.

If you are interested in helping us out this year, here is a list of various ways you can contribute to the program:

1. Teachers or classroom helpers: we can always use people to help co-teach classes (present opening in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class); extra hands are always needed in the younger classes, or with special projects, such as “pumpkin Sunday”.
2. Snacks: we are always in need of finger foods and juice, preferably with a long shelf-life date. Small cups are also appreciated. Fresh food and special treats can be left on the children’s snack table on Sunday mornings.
3. Craft supplies: colored paper, acrylic paints and brushes, stickers, felt, clay pots, small dowels, poster board, etc.
4. Special projects: we are always open to new ideas. If you have an idea, activity, or community service project that you would like to share with the children, please speak to us. If it fits in with our program, we will try to make it work.

We have lots of fun things planned for the upcoming year, so join us on September 11<sup>th</sup>, on the *Greenway*, behind the Parish Hall. Registration forms will be available, while you enjoy the fun and fellowship, as we kick off another exciting year. Please feel free to contact me at home 294-9908, with any questions or if you would like to help us out. See you in September.

*Lori*

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### **Education for Ministry**

Every baptized Christian is called to ministry. The Education for Ministry (EFM) Program provides persons from all walks of life the education “to be” Christians and carry out their ministry. All Christians need a Christian education that supports their faith and that prepares them to carry out that faith in day-to-day events. EFM emphasizes that the foundation for bringing Christ to the world lies in a church empowered by active, theologically articulate laity.

EFM is a worldwide program developed by the school of theology of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tennessee. Completion of the program takes four years during which participants study the Old and New Testament, Church History, and Theology. Students meet regularly in small groups led by a trained mentor. EFM teaches students how to think theologically, to bring together the events of everyday life, scripture and Christian tradition. It deepens their faith and understanding of their Christian heritage and provides them with a new confidence to be Christ’s minister.

We are thinking about resuming this program in the fall. We need at least six persons. Students may enroll only for one year at a time if they prefer. If you feel ‘nudged’ by the Spirit, or need more information call Ninni Jacob at 401 294 3004, or send an email to [ninnijacob@hotmail.com](mailto:ninnijacob@hotmail.com)

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## St. Paul's Nursery School

In September, St. Paul's "Weekday" Nursery School will begin its 55<sup>th</sup> year teaching children from our community and nearby communities. This year we have over 40 children enrolled in our preschool programs. At present, there are 27 - 4 year olds (16 of which are returning from last years 3 year old program) and 14 - 3 year olds. We are again offering an afternoon class for 4 year olds this year and hope to fill all 10 spots.



### News

We are fortunate this year to have several of our wonderfully caring staff returning for the 2011-2012 school year. Carla Andronowitz has left to pursue other interests and Margaret Fonseca has retired to care for her own grandchildren (all 5 are under the age of 6). Although they will be missed, I am happy to welcome two new, veteran teachers. Elise Kenyon who taught for Wickford Nursery for over 25 years and Sharon Walsh who taught there for 15 years and is a parishioner at St. Paul's Church, will be joining our staff this year. Our staff is as follows:

Director/Head Teacher	Linda Taraborelli
Teacher, 4 year old	Lisa Carter
Teacher, 4 year olds	Elise Kenyon
Teacher, 3 year old	Sharon Walsh
Administrative Assistant	Mary-Kate Mulligan
Teacher Assistant	Laura Factor
Teacher Assistant	Lynn Varone
Teacher/Music	Maria Day Hyde

During September the focus is on getting the children familiar with the school schedule, easing the transition from home to the classroom, and helping the children to get to know each other. We will work on sharing, taking turns and listening to each other and to their teachers. We will review the number one, the circle shape, and the colors brown and red. Of course what would September be without a unit on apples. We will listen to stories about John Chapman, "Johnny Appleseed". We will

color, cut, paint, paste, count, taste and graph different kinds of apples. Sounds like fun!

Find out more about the school by looking us up on line at: [stpaulswickford.org/nschool](http://stpaulswickford.org/nschool) or call 295-7320 for more information or to set up a visit. We still have a few spots for September. Pass the word along.

God Bless,

*Linda*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



Ice Cream Social

### Save the Date!

One of St. Paul's favorite events is coming up! The Habitat for Humanity fundraiser --Sloppy Joes and Make Your Own Sundaes -- will be held on Sunday, October 16 at 5:30 pm. Sunday school classes will again provide painted pumpkin centerpieces. Please mark your calendars and plan to join the fun.

### Parish Day - September 11

It's that time again...summer is almost gone and fall is around the corner so let's take advantage of the season and join us after the 9:30 service for catching up with our fellow parishioners and enjoy some good eating. We will supply the hotdogs, hamburgers, rolls, condiments, chips, soft drinks and of course the plates, etc. What can you do.....if you can bring a side dish or a dessert it would be appreciated; everyone looks forward to sampling these wonderful dishes.

Look forward to seeing you.

Peace,

Ann Waring & Leslie Kershaw  
Fellowship



## A Gift to Your Loved Ones:

### Legacy Programs begin this month

A truly great gift you can give to your loved ones is to have your personal and financial affairs in order and your wishes for the future understood. To help in this process, St. Paul's is offering a series of one hour sessions, 7:00 to 8:00 pm, on Monday evenings beginning September 19. These are strictly for the purpose of information and education on the selected topics. All are welcome.

*(A useful definition sheet for terms relating to these presentations follows the listings.)*

September 19th.

#### **Long Term Care**

Ray Paola

Raphael Paola, III, LTC, Vice President

Director of Long Term Care Insurance

Ray joined Brokers' Service Marketing Group in June 2000 as Director of Long Term Care Insurance. As Director of Long Term Care, Ray works with brokers providing them with product expertise and support for both the executive and private LTC market. He is a member of the National and Rhode Island Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and is NASD registered.

September 26th

#### **Debt Management**

Joan Gray Anderson, Ph.D. and Sheryle McMillan of Money

Management International

Joan Gray Anderson, a faculty member in the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at the University of Rhode Island since 1984, teaches in the Family Financial Counseling and Planning program, which is offered as part of the Human Development and Family Studies degree.

Sheryle McMillan is Regional Director of Education and Community Relations in the East Hartford, Connecticut office of Money Management International. MMI is a non-profit, full-service credit counseling organization dedicated to providing community education and in-person counseling.

#### Credit conversations

What is credit and how is it different from debt?

When is credit good? When is it bad?

How do lenders decide to give credit and how much?

What is a credit bureau?

What is a credit report and what does it tell creditors?

Your credit score – how is it determined? What is a good score? How can it be improved?

Who should decide how much credit a consumer should get—the lender or the borrower?

How is installment credit different from revolving credit

Laws for protecting consumers:

Credit Card Reform Act of 2009

How do you know when you've used too much credit?

Rules for analysis

Credit counseling

Debt settlement

October 3rd (Part A)

#### **Annuities and 401 Ks**

October 3 (Part B)

#### **Reverse Mortgage**

David F. Reilly

David is a Wickford attorney, practicing in RI for 37 years. He currently specializes in Elder Law, covering such topics as wills, trusts, estates, guardianships, nursing homes, Medicare and elder abuse. He is Counsel for the Alliance for Better Long Term Care.

October 10th (part A) **Five Wishes**

Laurie J. DeRuosi RN, BSN, CPAN, CAPA

Laurie is a registered nurse working in the Post Anesthesia Care Units at Rhode Island Hospital and currently enrolled in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at the University of Rhode Island hoping to specialize in Palliative Care and End of Life Management.

Five Wishes is changing the way people talk about and plan for care at the end of life. Currently over 14 million Americans are using Five Wishes to express how they want to be treated if they are unable to speak for themselves. It helps individuals maintain their dignity by addressing their personal, spiritual and medical concerns. The Five Wishes document is distributed by more than 23,000 businesses, hospital, hospices, religious groups, physicians, attorneys, and financial planners. It is a legal document in 42 states including the state of Rhode Island.

Five Wishes addresses:

- The person you want to make care decisions for you when you cannot
- The kind of medical treatment you want or don't want
- How comfortable you want to be
- How you want people to treat you
- What you want your loved ones to know

Complimentary Five Wishes documents will be provide to the first 50 participants.

October 10th (Part B) **Funeral Planning**  
Consumers Alliance of RI

Dana Delbonis and Carol Nahod Board members of the Funeral

The mission of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Rhode Island is to protect the right to choose meaningful and affordable funerals. They educate consumers on available options, provide state-wide price information and give consumers tools and encouragement for pre-planning.

The Alliance is a nonprofit organization staffed by volunteers.

October 17th

**Estate Planning & Power of Attorney**

David Abell

Estate planning is the process of making provisions for the administration of your matters in the event of disability and death. This presentation will focus on the financial and legal aspects. Wills, trusts, financial powers of attorney, beneficiary designations and the forms of property ownership will be discussed. Also included will be discussions of choosing the appropriate agents to be appointed under a power of attorney, the executor of your will and trustee of your trust, asset protection, minimizing federal and state estate and gift taxes and provisions for charitable giving.

Please consider attending any and all sessions of interest to you; they promise to be very helpful and user-friendly. Watch for details in the Sunday bulletins or check with the Church office if you have questions. When you have your affairs in order and your wishes known, you leave a gift of true love and caring to those dear to you and bless them with an important example to follow in their own lives.

## LEGACY TERM DEFINITIONS

**Annuity:** An annuity is a distribution of money earned on an investment on a set schedule such as quarterly, biannually, or annually. Typically, an annuity is used as part of a retirement plan, to ensure a fixed and stable income once the annuitant, or recipient, stops working, and an annuity may be designed to provide income for two.

**401K:** A 401K is a long-term savings plan which is designed to accumulate money towards retirement. It is so-named after the section of the Internal Revenue laws which allow this particular kind of financial planning option typically only available through an employer; the money is generally taken out of the employee's paycheck every week or month and deposited in the account.

**Debt Management:** A definition of debt management could be the routine practice of spending less than one earns. However, for all intents and purposes, debt management is a structured repayment plan set up by a designated third party, either as a result of a court order or as a result of personal initiation.

**Reverse Mortgage:** A reverse mortgage is a term used to describe accessing the equity in your home for cash. It is a finance tool available to seniors in the US, Canada and Europe. This type of mortgages qualification rules are based on the age of the homeowner and assume full ownership of the property.

**Long-Term Care:** Long-term care insurance covers both medical and custodial services. These services can range from at home care, including assisting someone with daily personal and household chores; to day care services at a facility; to assisted living residences; to nursing home care. The degree of care is based upon the current requirements and condition of the person who is in need of long-term care.

**Five Wishes:** Five Wishes is a legal form published by an American nonprofit organization to help people prepare an advance medical directive to address what should happen if they become ill and are no longer able to make decisions for themselves. The Aging With Dignity organization introduced the first version in 1996 and has made several changes to the form to make it usable in as many states as possible as a binding legal document.

**Funeral Planning:** One of the best tips for funeral planning includes preparing a checklist before adding the decided on arrangements to your will. If you're religious, speaking with a leader in your faith who understands the customs and beliefs in regards to funeral planning can be a good idea. Most neighborhood funeral homes offer free service planning worksheets.

**Estate Planning:** Estate planning includes, among other things, writing out one's Last Will and Testament, naming a Power of Attorney and installing trusts. Estate planning isn't only for the wealthy, either. Anyone with assets would be wise to look into it. If you have a home, a car, a retirement fund, stocks, bonds, or any other investments, it would be in the best interests of your family for you to meet with an estate planning professional.

**Power of Attorney:** A power of attorney or POA is a legal document that authorizes someone to act on behalf of someone else. The person granting the power of attorney is known as the principal, granter, or donor, while the person authorized to act is called an agent, attorney-in-fact, or attorney, in some regions of the world. There are many different types of power of attorney, and these documents can be immensely useful and flexible. However, they can also be dangerous, especially for people who do not realize that they are agreeing to when they sign a power of attorney.