

THE SUN



JUNE 2017

From the Rector

There's an old saying, "There really are only 13 Episcopalians and we keep moving around and running into each other in the funniest places." As I prepare to depart from St. Paul's after 10 years as your rector, and to retire and step back from active ministry after 31 years as an ordained person, this truth feels right: I'd rather not say, "Good-bye," just "See you later." We never know when we will run into one another again – at Stop & Shop or Big Y, at the gym or the airport, at the mall, or in church somewhere. Ed and I are staying in the area, having bought a condo in South Hadley, so it's more than likely that we will bump into some of you here and there. We hope you will understand our need to keep a respectful distance from St. Paul's for some time, which is in everyone's best interests. Still, it will be hard to leave all of you and we will miss you and our connections to this great congregation and wonderful city.

Our venture to Holyoke began as Our Great Adventure, a move from a small mountain town in NH to the city again (we were in Manhattan for 10 years in the 1980s). In 2006, we were looking for 5 things: a community with more racial and ethnic diversity, a church and area with more young people, a church/home that was closer than 2 hours to an airport, a church that was nearer than 1.5 hours from the diocesan offices, a church that was

closer than 1.5 hours in the other direction to the large teaching hospital (are you picking up a theme here? I was spending a lot of time in the car in those days). Yes, Holyoke fit the bill on all 5 subjects, and then, hey, it was Holyoke with all its beauty and history and challenges and opportunities.

We have loved being here, living in a beautiful home and serving a busy congregation, and while the convenience of having things be closer is nice, the people in this area have always been the biggest draw for us. And then, as you know, Holyoke has made a few changes in the last 10 years, with some wonderful new developments and more in the works. Yes, this has been a wonderful adventure and will continue to be, God willing, a series of discoveries that we all make about the world in which God has placed us, and about ourselves.

You have been a great part of our discoveries and so for both Ed and me, the overarching sentiment is gratitude. Thank you for all you have done, all you are doing, all you have been and all you are and will be. God has always been good to St. Paul's and that will not change. Always know that you will be remembered by us with fondness and genuine affection.

Blessings, *Rev. Barbara*



Thanks

- ❖ To everyone who contributed and worked on the Rummage Sale in any way— especially Trudy Monson, Marilyn Nadeau and Barbara LeGrand. It was a mighty effort and the women made \$920 for their efforts.
- ❖ To the May 14 Children’s Sunday participants: Hunter Ashwell, Bella Sharlow, Felix Rivera, Daisha Ramos, Elijah Koppi, Reese MacKenzie and to their teachers and helpers, Joan Daly, Alison Giuliano, Tammy Shafer, Felix Rivera, Sr.
- ❖ To Joan Daly for the gift of carnations for the ladies on Mother’s Day, May 14.
- ❖ To Alison Giuliano, Joan Daly, Tammy Shafer, Dexter Gess and everyone who helped make the Parish Picnic on Sunday, May 28, such a good time. Thanks too, to the Church School teachers and students for a good year together.
- ❖ To Gina Nelson for the gift of many bottles of altar wine.

Graduation Congratulations



Matthew Giuliano, from South Hadley High School, going to Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY.

Drew Geneczko, from South Hadley HS, enlisting in the US Army.

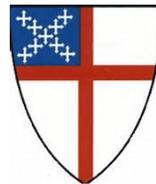
Madeline Morin, our nursery care helper, from South Hadley HS, to Westfield State.

Justine Sabbs, MA from Westfield State.

Monica Czausz, Rice University, MA and BA in organ.

United Thank Offerings

Thanks to all who contributed to the May 2017 collection for UTO. At this writing, we are still receiving some late donations so we will report a final total in next month's newsletter. Isn't it good to have something to be thankful for, and to have a way to convey those thanks and help others at the same time? That's what the UTO is all about. Bravo St. Paul's!



Connecticut River Pilgrimage

The Episcopal Bishops of New England will be on their Connecticut River Pilgrimage in late June, early July. They will be on the Holyoke part of the river on **Friday, June 30** and you are invited to join them. You can follow their activities and learn more on the diocese's website, "Episcopal Diocese of WMA, River Pilgrimage."

Sunday, June 4, is Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church. Wear red (Rev. Barbara and the church will be), the color of the Holy Spirit's fiery energy!



Breakfast To Honor Ed Farrell

You are invited to join us for a Parish Breakfast to honor Ed Farrell for all he has done for St. Paul's Church over the past 10 years. It will be in the auditorium on **Sunday, June 18 at 9:00 a.m.**, following the 8 o'clock service. The breakfast will be coordinated by the Men's Group. Please contact Carl LeGrand at clegrand@juno.com or 413-533-3550 if you would like to help in some way. There might even be bacon!

Come Celebrate with Rev. Barbara as she retires



There will be 2 opportunities for parishioners and friends to gather and celebrate with Rev. Barbara as she retires after 10 years of service at St. Paul's Church.

On Friday evening, June 23, there will be a catered event in our auditorium. Tickets are being sold for this event and reservations are necessary. Please contact Joyce Desorcy (413-536-0410) to make your reservation. Tickets must be purchased by June 7.

On Sunday morning, June 25, there will be a special reception in the auditorium after the 10:00 Service. All are welcome to join us for Rev. Barbara's final sermon and the special celebration that follows. Please contact Diane Lessard (413-593-1187) for more information.

***NOTE: NO 8:00 a.m. service on this day, June 25.**

Vacation Bible School Meeting

On **Sunday, June 11**, after the 10:00 service, we will have a Vacation Bible School planning meeting in Room 6. All VBS teachers and volunteers are encouraged to attend. If you have offered to help and are not able to attend this meeting, please call or e-mail Joan (533-4118, jdal2@verizon.net) Thank you and I look forward to working with everyone on another very special VBS program!

Joan

Little bits . . . * * *

- * Services at 8 & 10 a.m. in the church will continue through June, with one service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, June 25.
- * Vestry meets on Tuesday, June 20 at 6 p.m. in the choir room.
- * Kate's Kitchen casseroles are due at St. Paul's on Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m.
- * RALI, our group for retirees, meets on Wednesday, June 21 (the first day of Summer!) at 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium.
- * Spirit of St. Paul's meets on Tuesday, June 27 at Joan Daly's home.
- * Vets meet for a free lunch each week, Thursdays from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.
- * Morning Prayer will continue in the library at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays through June 13.
- * Our **ONE SUNDAY SERVICE** at 9 a.m. begins on Sunday, July 2 and continues through Labor Day weekend.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

SUNDAY, JUNE 18

In need of a home

Reverend Barbara and Ed Farrell have some furniture they no longer need and you are welcome to come have a look at the rectory and take what you want. Please be in touch with Rev. Barbara and she will make a date to show you what's available.

News About People

Megan Shafer has a new name – **Megan Valentine-Shafer**.

Her moms are pleased to say the least. Congratulations to Megan, Tammy and Cindy on Megan's recent graduation from college.



Cathy Renzulli has moved to the Arbors in Westfield. Blessings to Cathy and to her daughter, **Lisa Cabibbo**, on this transition.

Congratulations to **Gene and Alison Giuliano** who celebrated their #25 wedding anniversary on May 2. Good for you!

Our sympathies go out to **David and Lee McGarrigle** and to their daughter, Kelly and her husband Ed Godek, and their family on the recent death of Jessica Godek, Ed's Cousin. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sunday, May 7 we prayed that **David and Doris Montgomery** might have safe travels and good fortunes as they take their travel trailer south in search of a warmer new place to live. We will miss them at St. Paul's, sitting toward the front at the 8 a.m. service and always offering a helping hand. May God bless them in their own new adventure.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Symin Charpentier
- 2 William Hyry, Kera Nyarko
- 3 Priscilla Frongillo, George Brooks
- 6 Kelsey Goulding, Julian Mares
- 7 Luis Campos
- 8 Jill Raybuck Atkins, Justine Sabbs
- 9 Patricia Gray
Andrea & Dwayne Norman
- 12 Fred Sabbs, Seth Clark
- 13 Joan Steiger, Jan Rosseau
- 14 Steve Koppi
- 17 Jack Greaves
- 15 Joe Niquette
- 18 Claire LeBlanc
- 19 Debbie Sexton
- 20 *Jon & Helene Florio*
The Rev. Mary Sabb's Ordination 1998
- 21 Barbara LeGrand, Michael Jackson
- 22 Cara Morris, Ashley Jackson
- 23 Jomar Campos
- 24 Drew Geneczko
- 25 Catherine Renzulli
Tim Cotz & Ken Moffett
- 28 Ina Stockton, Scot Goulding, Mary Brooks
- 29 *Barbara Thrall & Ed Farrell*
- 30 Chantelle Denette, *George & Mary Brooks*

Kate's Kitchen

*Due at the church by 9 a.m., Thursday, June 15
for transport to Kate's Kitchen*



American Chop Suey*

2 lb. ground beef

3/4 lb. elbow macaroni

2 lbs. canned stewed tomatoes

1 medium onion, chopped

1/2 cup chopped celery

2 Tbs. cooking oil

salt & pepper to taste

Cook the macaroni about 8 minutes and cool. Sauté the celery and onion in the oil. Cook the ground beef, loosely, until the red color disappears. Combine all with the tomatoes, season to taste, and simmer until well-blended.

Place in a 9x13 pan, cover with waxed paper and aluminum foil for transportation.

**There are 13 x 9 disposable pans available in the parish kitchen. Please note that this recipe is only a suggestion. If you have a special casserole of your own you would like to prepare, please feel free to do so. Thank you to all who participate in this ministry.*

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

June 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium AA 6p	2 GS 6:30-7p	3 Rental
4 Pentecost Sunday	5 AA 6:30p	6 Morning Prayer 9a/library PB&J 9:30a CAB 4:30p	7	8 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium AA 6p	9 Set-up for Rental	10 Rental
11 VBS meeting follows 10a service Room 6	12 AA 6:30p	13 Morning Prayer 9a/library PB&J 9:30a	14 Flag Day	15 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium Kate's Kitchen 9a AA 6p	16 GS Awards Nite 6:30-7p/auditorium	17 Rental
18 Father's Day Parish Breakfast honoring Ed Farrell 9a/auditorium	19 AA 6:30p	20 PB&J 9:30a Vestry 6p/choir rm	21 Summer Solstice RALI 10:30a/auditorium	22 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium AA 6p	23 Rev. Barbara's Retirement Dinner 6:30 -9:30p auditorium	24 Rental
25 Rev. Barbara's last sermon 10a NO 8 A.M. SERVICE	26 AA 6:30p	27 PB&J 9:30a Spirit Grp/5:30p Joan Daly's home	28	29 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium AA 6p	30 Connecticu River Pilgrimage	Notes: Beginning Sunday, July 2, one service only at 9 a.m.