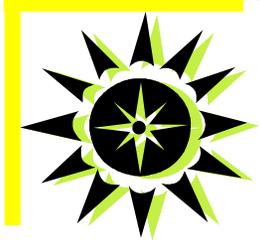


# THE SUN



# MARCH 2017

## From the Rector

With March 1 and Ash Wednesday comes a change to the new season of Lent, our time to go deeper with Jesus into the wilderness of his 40 day journey, and our own six-week discovery of God's nearness to us. At St. Paul's we are moving into many things as a parish, and so Lent is as meaningful as ever. What is God calling us to be and become?

As I begin preparations for retirement at the end of June, a new adventure for me after 49 years of work for the church (yes, that's right. I started teaching Sunday School at 17 and have worked for the church one way or another ever since), the question of what happens next for me comes up often. My husband, Ed, and I have a condo near the Common in South Hadley that we are fixing up with plans that we will be moving there, so we are definitely staying in the area because we love it here in West Mass.

Naturally, we will need to find another church at which to worship, and that will be Ed's decision. After 31 years of attending the church where I'm working, now it's his turn to make that call and for us and to have the opportunity to sit together in the pews, a new experience for us.

As we think about this change coming at the end of June, we hope you will understand our need to establish some very clear boundaries and to steer clear of St. Paul's for some time, probably a year, after our departure. Your new priest-in-charge will need and deserve the space in which to minister to you and the community, and to develop relationships with you in his or her own particular way. Our being around only clouds things and inhibits that process, and my experience tells me it's best that we all give our support to your new clergyperson and that we allow the Holy Spirit to do her work.

You and I have exciting times coming and I'm rejoicing in the process the vestry is undertaking to see that God will continue to provide for St. Paul's in the way that God has always done. Please know that while you will be in our prayers and in our hearts, I will not and cannot be functioning in any capacity at St. Paul's after July 1. Believe me, this is for the best all the way around.

Lent is about to begin. May we go together into this new season, seeking God's blessing on what we do for Him and for one another, knowing that when Lent draws to its conclusion, there is always an Easter, the promise of new life.

- *Rev. Barbara*

## Soup & Chowder Supper *Ash Wednesday, March 1*



Barbara and Carl LeGrand are inviting their St. Paul's family to the *Ash Wednesday Soup & Chowder Supper* to be held in the auditorium immediately following the 5:30 p.m. service. Come and join us for a bowl of hot clam chowder or cream of tomato soup, fresh green salad, bread and one of Barbara's special desserts. A freewill offering will be taken and you will be welcome.

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## Lent at St. Paul's

**Ash Wednesday** – March 1

Services at noon and 5:30 p.m. in the church.

**Lent with Episcopal Relief and Development**—booklets of daily meditations have been made available thanks to Ina Stockton. Please take one and make it part of your Lenten devotions.

**Morning Prayer** – Every Tuesday at 9 a.m., in the library, focusing on the lessons for the saints.

**Lenten Study Series** – Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 5, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the library and auditorium. Each evening, a light supper is served at 6 p.m. followed by a program. Free!

March 8 – Episcopal Relief and Development – our gift to the world. What are they doing, what can we do? Come and learn more.

March 15 – Film - *The Queen of Katwe*, based on the true story of an illiterate Ugandan girl whose life is changed by the game of chess. What happens when someone believes in you?

March 22 – A visit with our friend, Naz Mohamed, who will show a video and talk with us about Islam and her commitment to our common path here in the Pioneer Valley.

March 29 – An opportunity for a different worship experience, Evening Prayer from the Irish Book of Common Prayer, candlelit, in the church.

April 5 – Film – *The African Queen* (yes, really), a story of how two people change through adversity

and opportunity. What is God wanting to do with us?

You will be welcome!



## Church School

During the season of Lent, the children of St. Paul's church school will once again be participating in a project through Heifer International to help families in need. A collection jar and information can be found at the back of the church. Your donations will be most appreciated. Thank you.

*The Church School Students and Staff*

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## Celebration – Sunday, April 2

On Sunday, April 2, we will have a special 10:00 Service and Coffee Hour Reception to congratulate the students who have completed the First Communion Class.



We hope you will join us on this special occasion.

*~Church School Staff & Children*



Please mark your calendars and save the week of **July 24 -28** for our summer Vacation Bible School program. Our program activities are for children in preschool through grade 6. Older children and adults are welcome as volunteers! More details to follow.

*~Joan Daly*

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# SAVE THE DATE . . .

Sunday, October 15 in the evening at Christ Church Cathedral in Springfield the Presiding Bishop, the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry, will be present for a service for the entire diocese. The occasion is the celebration of 200 years of an Episcopal presence in Western MA. Further details, such as the time of the service, will be provided closer to that time – just hold the date so that you can hear the best preacher in the Episcopal Church.

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## Thanks

To David Morf for his help as a counter. We have appreciated his service to St. Paul's.

To The Rev. Charles Summers and to Judy Williams for their coverage in the church and in the office when Rev. Barbara and Debra were off.

To Julia, Richard and Alex Durchanek for their part in the South Hadley Lion's Spaghetti Supper to benefit the veterans' lunch program. It was their biggest supper to date thanks to your participation and support. Thank YOU.

To Bob Klopfer who graciously installed some new exit lighting in the church and hall.

## 901 Miles

The folks who did the 40-day Christ Walk in January and February logged a combined 901 miles – enough to walk from here to the Mississippi River or to the border of Florida and Georgia. That's a lot of times around the Mall or spins on the exercise bike. Thanks and blessings to everyone who made the "journey". May our faith and fitness continue as we continue throughout the year.

## Transition Progress

The electronic survey was conducted in February and many people were able to take it. Many thank to you if you took it! The results of the survey act as an essential tool in the recruitment process for priests-in-charge. The vestry will be

working in early March with the survey company to sort through the answers and learn your preferences.

The Profile committee has been actively meeting and working to create a ministry profile of St. Paul's. The profile will be another tool used in the recruitment process when the Rev. Canon Rich Simpson attends the Transition Ministers Conference in Florida in early March. He will present St. Paul's profile to the Episcopal Transition officers from throughout the eastern US, and they will have the opportunity to see if they have someone who would be a good match for this church.

Canon Simpson attended the February vestry meeting and will be returning in March to provide further guidance on our transition process. Questions? Please speak to any of the vestry members.

*-Diane Lessard, Senior Warden*

## Little bits . . . \* \* \*

St. Paul's Vestry meets Tuesday, March 21 at 6 p.m. in the choir room.

The free Veterans' Lunch happens every Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

Kate's Kitchen casseroles are due at St. Paul's on Thursday, March 16 at 9 a.m., to feed the hungry who come to Kate's for a noonday meal 365 days a year.

RALI, our group for retired persons, meets Wednesday, March 15 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring a sandwich and plan to stay for lunch with this group of lovely people.

Spirit of St. Paul's meets on Tuesday, March 28 at Joan Daly's home.

Sunday, March 12 - lots going on – the switch forward to Daylight Savings Time the night before, the parish breakfast between services put on by the men of the church, and at 3 p.m. the South Hadley Chorale presents its concert at the Abbey Chapel at Mt. Holyoke College. More information is on the bulletin boards and you may get tickets from Vicki Wildman or Ed Farrell, two singers in the Chorale.

March 19, Parade Sunday in Holyoke. We WILL be having church school that day for the kids who come. We'll be glad to see them!

## Men's Parish Breakfast

Our all-parish breakfast sponsored by the men of St. Paul's was snowed out in February. It's been rescheduled for Sunday, March 12 from 8:45 to 10 a.m. in the auditorium and you will be welcome. We hope to see you between services.

## St. Paul's Supper Club

The March gathering of the St. Paul's Supper Club will be held at Glendale Grill in Easthampton on Monday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome at this gathering (it's not really a "club" at all)! It's simply a Dutch-treat dinner at which we enjoy good food and good company.

We need to provide a head count in advance, so if you plan to attend, please contact Kathy Champagne at 533-5345 or at [kachampagne67@gmail.com](mailto:kachampagne67@gmail.com), and let her know how many will be in your party. We'll need a final count by Friday, March 10. We hope to see you there!

## Parish Leadership Day at AIC, March 18

The diocese is once again offering a day of worship, networking and insights for parish leaders at American International College, this time on Saturday, March 18. The day is for parish leaders of all kinds – Church School teachers, project leaders, vestry members, you name it. The rector and wardens and several others are going and welcome your participation. The \$15 cost will be paid by St. Paul's, and we need to have you sign up by March 5. If you would like to go, or to know more, please be in touch with the rector.

## Baptismal Preparation Classes

Mary D'Alessandro and Ed Farrell will again be offering pre-baptismal classes in the library at St. Paul's following the 10 a.m. service on Sundays, March 5, 12 and 26 (not the 19<sup>th</sup>, Parade Sunday, for obvious reasons). The classes are free and open to those who would like to be baptized or

have their children baptized. If you have questions, please speak to Rev. Barbara, or to Mary or Ed.

## News About People



Susan Brooks, a member of St. Paul's whose daughters attended the St. Paul's Nursery School some years ago, died recently and was memorialized at St. Paul's on February 21. May she rest in peace and know God's abiding comfort.

Giving thanks to God, Seth Clark and Dexter Gess are recovering nicely from their recent surgeries. They are both grateful for your prayers and God's healing.

Please continue to pray for George and Tricia Washington as they navigate the waters of the health care system. George is currently at Mont Marie in Holyoke for therapy following his hip fracture in December and Tricia is working hard to keep it everything going.

## Vestry Notes

The vestry met on Feb. 21 and spent the first hour with the Rev. Canon Rich Simpson, our transitions officer from the diocese who is working with St. Paul's to help us find a new priest-in-charge. The vestry heard from the profile committee about its work framing a profile of St. Paul's to have ready for candidates.

After approval of the minutes and financials from January, the vestry voted to appropriate a total of \$815 for the Holy Cow survey which was recently undertaken by the congregation.

The vestry approved the lay licenses of a number of members who preach, take communion to the homebound, administer the wine at holy communion and lead services of public worship here. We are grateful to those who are so faithful in their ministries for St. Paul's.

The vestry was shown a comparison of the 2015 and 2016 parochial report, a reckoning of all

the people, programs and finances of this parish over the last years. It was noted that pledging and attendance are down slightly from year to year, while actual giving and participation on many levels are up. We keep on going at St. Paul's with God's guidance.

The vestry heard about two things coming up – 1) the 40-Day River Pilgrimage the Bishop and many others (maybe you?) will be making on the Connecticut River from northern NH to the Atlantic Ocean from May 31 to July 7; 2) the Easter Vigil at St. Andrew's, Longmeadow. Our participation is invited and you will hearing more about these two opportunities.

**January 2017**

Income from pledges, invested income, contributions and fees	\$25,107
Expenses for utilities, salaries, supplies, ministries	\$21,292
	\$3,815

**Ever hear of.....**

**Zonta?** It's an international organization with a Northampton and St. Paul's connection through Audrey Millgate. Zonta empowers women through service and advocacy, and is currently accepting nominations until March 10 for their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Girl of the Year Award. Do you know a girl who loves to help those in need? See the bulletin board for information on how to nominate her for this award.

And....there is a similar award for Young Women in Public Affairs. This award recognizes a commitment to the volunteer sector, evidence of volunteer leadership achievements and dedication to empowering women worldwide. Know someone? Again, please see the bulletin board for more information or speak to the rector before March 10.



**Saturday, May 6  
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Mark your calendars!!!** It's that time of year again! Start saving your items to bring to the church during the week preceding the sale. We will be looking for good used clothing and footwear for everyone, small, clean electric appliances in good working condition, household items, bedding, towels and small decorations. We will also have a book and jewelry table and, of course, a table for the children with good used toys, puzzles, books and stuffed animals in very good condition. **No electronics, exercise equipment or furniture, please.**

Help will be needed for set-up on Thursday, May 4 after 7:30 p.m. and on Friday, May 5, 9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. We also need volunteers on Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Sign-up sheets will be in the Church and the Auditorium.

This sale has always been a success due to the parish-wide participation so come over and sell, shop, chat, fold, straighten and encourage. Let's help St. Paul's help the community and make everyone's day. With the efforts of all, we will continue this great tradition.

If you have any questions, you may call the parish office at 532-5060 or Trudy Monson at 536-5921.

## March Birthdays and *Anniversaries*



- 6 Tiffany Maruca, Darrell Johnston
- 7 Tom Genezko, Andrea Gero  
Ray Buzzee
- 8 Joan Daly, Kathryn Peterson
- 10 *Ray & Gladys Buzzee*
- 12 Amanda Cordero
- 16 Judith Doherty
- 17 Mary Philpott
- 18 David Burchell
- 20 Collin Provost
- 22 John Jacob Bandeian IV
- 23 Devin Ramos
- 26 Dexter Gess, John Messer
- 28 Zach Dupont, Alison Romeo, Megan Shafer,  
Nancy Genezko, Debra Reardon
- 31 Jean Armitage, Isaac Li Santana

## Kate's Kitchen



### SPAGHETTI PIE\*

*Due at the church by Thursday, March 16  
for transport to Kate's Kitchen*

- 1 lb. spaghetti – cooked and drained
- 5 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 5 well-beaten eggs
- 2 cups cottage cheese or ricotta cheese
- 1 lb. ground beef – cooked and drained
- 1 cup chopped onions
- 1 large green pepper, chopped
- 1 28oz. can chopped tomatoes
- 2 tsp. oregano
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Stir butter into the hot spaghetti. Stir in the Parmesan cheese and eggs. Lay spaghetti mixture on the bottom of a buttered pan and spread cottage (or ricotta) cheese on top of the spaghetti.

Cook ground beef, onion, and green peppers till done. Stir in undrained tomatoes, oregano and garlic powder; heat through. Turn meat mixture onto spaghetti and cheese layer. Bake uncovered in 350 oven for 20 minutes.

Sprinkle mozzarella cheese on top. (Kate's Kitchen will complete baking.) When wrapping casserole for transport, use a wax paper barrier to prevent the tomato from coming into contact with the foil.

\*There are 13 x 9 inch disposable pans available in the parish kitchen. 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. Thanks to all who participate in this community service ministry.

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

March 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Sunday Eucharist services at 8 &amp; 10 a.m.</b>  <b>Church School at 10 a.m.</b>			<b>1</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b> <b>services @ noon and 5:30p</b>  <b>Chowder/Tomato Soup Supper follows 5:30p service in the auditorium</b>	<b>2</b> <b>Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium</b>  <b>AA 6p</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>   <b>Rental</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Early Communion rehearsal after the 10 a.m. service</b>  <b>Baptismal Prep, 11:15 a. in the library</b>	<b>6</b>  <b>AA 6:30p</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Morning Prayer 9a/library</b> <hr/> <b>PB&amp;J 9:30a</b>  <b>CAB 4:30p</b>	<b>8</b>  <b>Lenten Series - 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium</b>  <b>AA 6p</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>GS 6-7:30p</b>	<b>11</b>   <b>Rental</b>
<b>12 Daylight Saving Begins</b> <b>Parish Breakfast, 8:45 to 10 a.m.</b>  <b>Baptismal Prep, 11:15 a. in the library</b>  <b>South Hadley Chorale, 3 p.m. at Abbey Chapel</b>	<b>13</b>  <b>AA 6:30p</b>  <b>Supper Club, Glendale Grill, Easthampton, 6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Morning Prayer 9a/library</b> <hr/> <b>PB&amp;J 9:30a</b>	<b>15</b> <b>RALI, 10:30 a.m. in the auditorium</b>  <b>Lenten Series - 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Kate's Kitchen Casseroles, 9 a.m.</b>  <b>Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium</b>  <b>AA 6p</b>	<b>17 Saint Patrick's Day</b>	<b>18</b>   <b>Parish Leadership Day at AIC</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Parade Sunday</b>  <b>Yes, we will have Church School</b>	<b>20 Spring Begins (Northern Hemisphere)</b>  <b>AA 6:30p</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Morning Prayer 9a/library</b> <hr/> <b>PB&amp;J 9:30a</b> <hr/> <b>Vestry 6p/choir room</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>Lenten Series - 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium</b>  <b>AA 6p</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>GS 6-7:30p</b>	<b>25</b>   <b>Rental</b>

**March 2017**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>26</b> <b>Baptismal Prep, 11:15 a. in the library</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>AA 6:30p</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Morning Prayer 9a/library</b> _____ <b>PB&amp;J 9:30a</b> _____ <b>Spirit Grp 5:30p</b>	<b>29</b>  <b>Lenten Series - 6 to 8:30 p.m. in the auditorium</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium</b>  <b>AA 6p</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Notes:</b>