

THE SUN



MAY 2017

From the Rector

For their April meeting the vestry took the first hour to have their conversations and make their decisions without the Rector being present. When I got there at the appointed hour, 7 p.m., they had already been through the financial reports and there was very little left on the agenda to do. It was a strange feeling for me, to have almost everything already accomplished and it occurred to me that it was a metaphor for what is happening among us.

In John's gospel, chapter 3, John the Baptist says about Jesus, "He must increase, but I must decrease." While I am very resistant to comparing myself in any way to John the Baptist or Jesus, this phrase applies to the situation at St. Paul's. You have a very capable vestry that is bright, responsive and responsible. They know what they need to do, and they are doing it. They are aware of circumstances and are addressing them. We left that meeting ahead of schedule and I left that meeting with a smile of gratitude to God for the people the Spirit has given us to serve St. Paul's. Good things are coming, and are already here in the people who have chosen to be your leadership team.

This month I will be attending the clergy conference in Greenfield, NH on May 1-3 and I will

give corporate thanks for you and for all that God is doing in and through St. Paul's. I can feel it and I suspect you can, too – this is something of an emotional time and yet, we are in the hands of a loving God. May this month be a time of new awakenings and repositioning for all of us, coming in the light of Christ's resurrection goodness.

-Rev. Barbara

Thanks

- ❖ To Gina Nelson for her wonderful sermon on Maundy Thursday.
- ❖ For Megan Shafer for her volunteer service with the Church School.
- ❖ For Alison Giuliano and her family for the Easter Eggs, the Easter Egg Hunt and the social hour on Easter – all lovely gifts to everyone.
- ❖ To George Brooks and the Lodge of Masons for a tapestry of the Last Supper.



- ❖ To the Choir and Seth Clark for their musical gifts during Holy Week and Easter.
- ❖ To Robert Bischoff and the Trinity Church, Hampden, NH food pantry for the gift of sunflower seed butter for our PB&J ministry.
- ❖ To Gina Nelson for bringing back the acolytes, and for the kids themselves who were willing to serve for the first time on Easter (no small feat) – Felix Rivera, Jr., Giovanni Sharlow, Bella Sharlow, Hunter Ashwell and Daisha Ramos. Thanks too, to their parents, for their support and encouragement. Well done!
- ❖ To all those who contributed to the Church School's Heifer project. Their goal was reached and they will be able to purchase a llama for a family who is struggling and in need.
- ❖ To Jasmine Ortiz-Ramos for her help with Spanish at a recent baptism, making a certain Godmother feel very happy and included.



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

IT'S ALMOST HERE! We're looking for gently used clothing and footwear for everyone, small, clean electric appliances in good working condition, household items, bedding, towels and small decorations, books and good used children's toys. **No electronics, exercise equipment or furniture, please.** You may begin bringing your items to the church on Sunday, April 30 and during the week Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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. - 7:00 p.m. We also need volunteers on Saturday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please use the sign-up sheets in the church or auditorium. Should you have any questions, please contact Trudy Monson at 536-5921.

You're invited. . . .

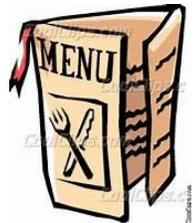
Holocaust Commemoration Program

sponsored by the
Council for Human Understanding
of Greater Holyoke,

Thursday, May 4th at 6:45pm,
at the Holyoke Senior Center.

Free and open to the public,
this event reminds us our need always to be
vigilant in our care for one another.

St. Paul's Supper Club



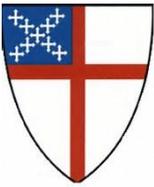
The May gathering of the St. Paul's Supper Club will be held at [Johnny's Bar & Grille](#) in South Hadley on Wednesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome at this gathering (it's not really a "club" at all)! It's simply a Dutch-treat dinner at which we enjoy good food and good company.

We need to provide a head count in advance, so if you plan to attend, please contact Kathy Champagne at 531-0273 or at kachampagne67@gmail.com, and let her know how many will be in your party. We'll need a final count by Tuesday, May 16.

We hope to see you there!



Wow! Your change received at St. Paul's during Lent for the Veterans Lunches amounted to \$523.18, almost enough to fund a month of lunches for our guests. Thank you everyone for your generosity and support! This is so appreciated.



Installation of the 8th Dean of Christ Church Cathedral

You are invited to attend the joyful celebration of New Ministry with the Very Rev. Tom Callard and the people of Christ Church Cathedral, on Friday, May 19 at 6:30 p.m. at Christ Church Cathedral, 35 Chestnut Street in Springfield. A reception will follow with live music and dancing and you will be welcome. The Cathedral, as the liturgical focal point of the diocese, is your church, too, and Tom will be your Dean.

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 will be sold for this event and reservations will be necessary. More information about this celebration will be available shortly. Please contact Joyce Desorcy (413-536-0410) to make your reservation.

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.



Memorials and Legacies Policies

Spring is a good time to remind you about St. Paul's policies about Memorials and Legacies and to spell out the differences. These policies were written and adopted by the vestry in late 2015.

Memorials are monies that are given by families, friends, businesses to the church in memory of someone who has died. Our policy is to gather the money over a reasonable period of time, then to confer with the family about what could be purchased or what could be done that would make a meaningful remembrance of their departed loved one. 10% of the collected monies will be given to Outreach. The rest will be used in accordance with the family's wishes, or if the family is not specific, the money may be spent in ways the vestry deems appropriate, after gathering ideas. A small plaque with the name of the departed person will be put on the larger plaque on the wall in the church.

Legacies are monies or properties that are left to St. Paul's in people's wills and estates. Obviously, this involves a decision *before* someone dies, and so we urge you to remember St. Paul's in your will and estate plans. Legacy gifts that are not restricted in use will be split – 50% will be given to the Trustees to invest in the unrestricted endowment on St. Paul's behalf. The other 50% will be placed in the "Mai Ironside Legacy Fund" for capital projects at St. Paul's. A small plaque with the name of the giver of a legacy gift will be put on a larger plaque on the wall in the church.

We are always grateful to those who leave legacies, and to those who make memorials. Either way, someone at St. Paul's is remembered and St. Paul's benefits. Please consider naming St. Paul's in your will, and as a designee for memorial gifts in your obituary. These gifts really do good for this church.

Rev. Barbara Thrall and Ed Farrell, and others, have included St. Paul's in their wills. Have you?



Graduations?

The time has come for graduations. We know of one. What others are coming? Be sure to let us know!

Congratulations to Megan Shafer who is graduating on May 21 from Western New England College as a Doctor of Pharmacy. Blessings to her and her very supportive family.

Vestry Notes

At its April vestry meeting the group continued its work on matters of the clergy transition, and agreed that we would seek a new company to handle our trash removal.

March income from pledges, contributions, building use, endowment	\$18,041
March expenses for personnel, utilities, supplies, snow removal, etc.	<u>20,380</u>
Revenues less expenses	\$ (2,339)

COMING UP.....



Sunday, May 7

- Our guest, the Rev. José Reyes, will be with us at both services to preach and celebrate. Jose was an intern with us before he was ordained and it will be a pleasure to welcome him back to St. Paul's.
- The River Roll & Stroll on the Viet Nam Veterans Bridge joining Holyoke and South Hadley, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with food,

music, fun. Free admission, and a veteran's tribute on the bridge.

- Dexter Gess invites you to the spring concert of the Southampton Community Chorus, 4 p.m. at the Southampton Congregational Church. Admission is \$8 for adults, refreshments following.

Sunday, May 14th

- Happy Mother's Day
- United Thank Offering, a collection taken to benefit foreign and domestic mission projects.
- Children's Sunday, when the children participate in the 10:00 service.

Sunday, May 21

- United Thank Offering continues
- Rogation Sunday when we plant a rose in the rose garden and celebrate God's gift of Creation.

Sunday, May 28

- As we bring our Church School year to a close, we'll be celebrating the beginning of summer. Following the 10 a.m. service there will be a **Parish Picnic** on the grounds and in the auditorium, with hot dogs and hamburgers on the grill (provided), a **Sundae Sunday** offered by the Spirit of St. Paul's group, a bounce house and activities for the kids and lots of good energy. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share – we trust God will bless us with abundance and good weather!

Little bits . . . * * *

- * Vestry, Tuesday, May 16 at 6 p.m. in the choir room.
- * Kate's Kitchen casseroles are due here at St. Paul's on Thursday, May 18 at 9 a.m.

- * RALI, our group for retirees', meets Wednesday, May 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring a sandwich and stay for lunch and more conversation.
- * Spirit of St. Paul's meets on Tuesday, May 30 at Joan Daly's house.
- * A free Veterans' lunch takes place each Thursday from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the auditorium. If you are a veteran, we will gladly welcome you.
- * Morning Prayer continues each Tuesday morning at 9 a.m. in the library for ½ hour. We will be praying for you!
- * The Rev. Charles Summers will be our guest preacher and celebrant on Sunday, May 21 at both services.
- * St. Paul's will have its annual audit of our financial records on Thursday, May 25. Bruce Rockwell will be conducting the audit with help from our financial folks.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 *Steve Koppi & Marie Troppe, Edwin Velez, Michelle Greaves*
- 2 *Gene & Alison Giuliano, David & Maria Spear*
- 3 *Maria Santana*
- 8 *Daisha Ramos*
- 11 *Lee McGarrigle, Jorie & Gabriel Mares*
- 15 *Alyssa Dominguez Reardon, Emma Padilla*
- 16 *Sue Pelchat, Maggie Philpott, Gary Sroka*
- 20 *Tim & Gina Nelson 1984, Jasmine Ortiz-Ramos, Joel Bandeian*
- 21 *Laurie Messer*
- 22 *Sarah Gaumont*
- 23 *Rev. Barbara Thrall, Nolan Quinn MacTavish, Athaniel Hill, Helene Florio*
- 24 *Isaac Santana*
- 26 *Damian Ramos*
- 27 *Betsy Philpott*
- 29 *Leah Spring*
- 30 *Gina Nelson, Trina House*

News About People



We have received word that

Eleanor Hyde, a longtime member of St. Paul's, has died.

Her funeral will be on Saturday, June 3 at 10 a.m. at St. Paul's. Her daughter Barbara and son Billy will be glad to visit with you at a calling hour in the church beginning at 9 a.m.

Drew Geneczko and his South Hadley High School Indoor Percussion team won the championship in their division recently. Congratulations to Drew, his team and to his family!

Blessings on **Persephanie Corrales** who was baptized at St. Paul's on Sunday, April 23, and to her parents, Maria and Cameron.

Who-ee, new jobs for **Tammy Shafer, Barbara Bitgood** and **Seth Clark**! Congratulations and blessings to them for their accomplishments and the encouragement they are receiving.

Congratulations to **Alyssa Reardon** who has been accepted to the nursing program at AIC for the fall. She's excited to be following in the footsteps of her mother, **Lisa Cabibbo**. Good for you, Alyssa.

If we are missing your name for that "special day" and you wish to be included or make a correction, please notify the office @532-5060 or email: office@stpaulsholyoke.org

Kate's Kitchen

*Due at the church by 9 a.m., Thursday, May 18
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.*



Vacation Bible School 2017

July 24 – July 28
(Monday - Friday)
9:00 - 11:30 AM

On July 24-28, we will take an adventure with Bible heroes and discover our strength in God. Our program will included Bible stories, crafts, games, music, and snacks, and is intended for children in grades Pre-K through 6. We hope you and your friends will join us!!

To register, please return this form to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 485 Appleton Street, Holyoke by **June 30**. To help us defray costs, we are asking you to include a **\$6.00 registration fee**. **(Families of three or more pay \$15.00).**

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Vacation Bible School Registration Form

(Registration Deadline: June 30)

PUPIL'S NAME _____

BIRTH DATE _____

PARENTS' NAMES _____

ADDRESS _____ City _____

HOME TELEPHONE _____ Zip Code _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE ATTENDED _____

PARENTS' CHURCH _____

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALSO ATTENDING VBS (NAMES AND AGES)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO STAFF

(i.e. allergies, learning disabilities, physical challenges, medications)

What size T-shirt does your child wear? (Youth Sizes) S M L XL

Parent's Signature _____ Phone# _____

_____ I would like to be a teacher at Vacation Bible School.

_____ I would like to be an assistant at Vacation Bible School.



ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

May 2017							
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
Sunday Eucharist services at 8 & 10 a.m. Church School at 10 a.m.	1 AA 6:30p	2 Morning Prayer 9a/library <hr/> PB&J 9:30a <hr/> CAB 4:30p	3	4 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium <hr/> Set-up for Rummage Sale 7:30p <hr/> AA 6p	5 <small>Cinco De Mayo</small> Set-up for Rummage Sale 9a - 7p <hr/> GS 6-7:30p	6 RUMMAGE SALE 9a - 1p	
7 Rev. José Reyes Celebrant @ both services	8 AA 6:30p	9 Morning Prayer 9a/library <hr/> PB&J 9:30a	10	11 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium <hr/> AA 6p	12	13 Rental	
14 <small>Mother's Day</small> UTO <hr/> Children's Sunday	15 AA 6:30p	16 Morning Prayer 9a/library <hr/> PB&J 9:30a <hr/> Vestry 6p/choir rm	17 Supper Club 6:30p Johnny's Bar & Grille/S. Hadley <hr/> RALI 10:30a/auditorium	18 Kate's Kitchen 9a <hr/> Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium <hr/> AA 6p	19 GS 6-7:30p	20 <small>Armed Forces Day</small> Rental	
21 Rev. Charles Summers/guest Celebrant <hr/> UTO <hr/> Rogation Sunday	22 AA 6:30p	23 Morning Prayer 9a/library <hr/> PB&J 9:30a	24	25 Veterans' Lunch 12-1:30p auditorium <hr/> Annual Audit <hr/> AA 6p	26	27 Rental	
28 Parish Picnic & Sundae Sunday follows 10a service <hr/> Last day of Church School	29 <small>Memorial Day</small> AA 6:30p	30 Morning Prayer 9a/library <hr/> PB&J 9:30a <hr/> Spirit Grp/Joan Daly's home	31	Notes:			