

THE SUN



April 2011

From the Rector

Spring is on its way, and the signs of new life are a welcome change after a winter of cold, snow and ice, now mostly gone. What God does with nature this time of year here in the northern hemisphere is a sign of our continuing care by the One who has given us all we need. With Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday we begin the drama that will result in our Easter celebrations, that time of real joy in proclaiming, He Lives!

And because he lives, so do we. The writer Martin Smith, in his book of Lenten reflections, Seasons of the Spirit, posits that we are, each of us, a microcosm of humanity. There is within each of us, all that humanity possesses, with all its successes and failures, all its happiness and sadness. And because within each of us there is a bit of everyone else, since we are the Body of Christ, within each one of us is a tiny church, a part of the larger collection of God's people throughout the world. In this way we are connected, one to another, and so we feel the pain of those in Japan, and rejoice with the family whose son's team won the championship. And because we are connected through our humanity and through our faith, so Jesus resides in each one of us. St. Paul has written, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of

God, who loved me and gave himself for me." (Galatians 2:20) If Christ lives in us (which he does), then we really do have a blessing within, and a mission to fulfill. In the midst of all this, there is pain, suffering, giving, receiving and also considerable joy, in knowing that because He lives, our lives are forever with Him. That should be an occasion for rejoicing.

So may our Easter celebration reflect the Christ living in us – the one we acknowledge every time we cry, "Alleluia! Hurray for God, Hurray for Life!" A blessed Lent, Holy Week and Easter to you –

Rev. Barbara

Thanks

+ To Barbara, Carl and James LeGrand for the gift of a new wireless microphone for the church. This gives the person celebrating the Eucharist a hands-free opportunity to move about the church, a definite benefit. Many thanks to James of Legrandice Audio for giving the sound system of the church a thorough tune-up.

+ To Barbara and Carl LeGrand and their helpers for putting on a chowder supper on Ash Wednesday, a lovely, delicious thing to do to get our Lent started off in the right direction.

+ A word from Mai Ironside, "Thank you to my St. Paul's family for the lovely flowers you sent." These were from the altar at St. Paul's, brought to Mai by one of her admirers.

+ To Irene Anderson's and David Evans' families for designating St. Paul's Church as recipients of donations made in their memory, and to those who have contributed to St. Paul's in their honor. We are very grateful.

+ To all those who faithfully bring Kate's Kitchen casseroles each month. The hungry people who go to Kate's each day of the year are grateful for your generosity.



First Communion Celebration – April 10

On Sunday, April 10 at 10:00 a.m. we will have a special 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.

Brown Bags Everywhere. . .

The *Brown Bag* Lenten Series continues on Wednesdays, April 6 and 13 at 5:30 p.m. in the auditorium. We'll be taking up the topic of prayer and worship, trying out several different styles on the 6th, and will be asking ourselves, how are we prepared for Easter?, on April 13.

Supper is provided each evening, and you will be welcome.



Little bits...

*Kate's Kitchen casseroles are due at St. Paul's by Thursday, April 21, for transport to Kate's at 9:30 a.m.

*Vestry meets on Tuesday, April 12 and for a retreat at the First Baptist Church, Holyoke, on April 9.

*Following the devastating earthquake, tsunami and nuclear threat in Japan in March, we asked Sue Root, who has worked in Japan and with many Japanese people over the years, what we might do. She offered that prayer is very important, as the Japanese people really do appreciate being remembered by faithful people all over the world in this time of grief and challenge. Donna Sroka made available a form we can use to send money through Episcopal Relief and Development, to assist those people who are hungry and cold. And Sue said it would also be good to befriend anyone you know here in the Pioneer Valley who is Japanese. Talk to them, ask them about their family and their concerns, express your support and care. These people are far from home, and feel so helpless. Just standing by them at this sad time means a great deal, and is something we can do as Christians and as fellow human beings.

*The Spirit of St. Paul's group meets Tuesday, April 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Joan Daly's home.

*The Anglican Communion, a collection of 28 independent Anglican churches throughout the world, has proposed making a covenant that will solidify our ministries together. On Friday, April 15 from 7 – 9 p.m. at St. Mark's Church, East Longmeadow, the Reverend Dr. A. Katherine Grieb will present a talk about the details of this covenant and what it means for us as Episcopalians. Rev. Barbara will be going, and if you would like to join her, you will be welcome.



Holy Week and Easter Events

Palm Sunday, April 17, Holy Eucharist and distribution of palms at both the 8 and 10:00 services. Traditionally, we wear red this day.

Maunder Thursday, April 21, The Last Supper, at 7 p.m.

Good Friday, April 22, an ecumenical service at the Congregational Church on Maple & Appleton Streets in Holyoke at noon, and our own Liturgy of Good Friday at 7 p.m. here at St. Paul's.

Easter Sunday, April 24, Holy Eucharists at 8 and 10 a.m., with the return of Alleluia! and choir at both services, and Aaron Dakota, oboe, at the 10:00 service—please bring a small bell to ring for “Alleluia”. An Easter egg hunt follows the 10:00 service, rain or shine.

Childrens' Sunday, May 1. The children of the parish receive a flower for their springtime gardens.

*Wednesday, April 20, THE SUN
newsletter deadline.

*The Weston Rehabilitation Center for Women in Holyoke is having a Garden Party and Book Signing on Saturday, April 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the grounds of Mont Marie. Tickets are \$30 in advance, \$50 at the door, and may be purchased from Mary D'Alessandro, Chair, Board of Directors. Weston Women's Center assists women who have a history of incarceration, inpatient substance abuse or inpatient psychiatric treatment in creating a supportive and realistic environment in which they can gain the skills needed to rebuild their lives. Rev. Barbara and Gina Nelson are going. Would you like to join them? Please contact Mary.

*Sunday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. here at St. Paul's, we have a special treat planned. Nicole and Chantelle Denette and several others who will be going to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip in July will be hosting a dinner here at St. Paul's featuring Spanish food, music and dancing. We will be joined by Jose Reyes and members of our Cathedral's Spanish congregation who are also involved in the mission trip. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the country and culture they will be visiting, and will be a fundraiser for their trip. Everyone is invited to come, learn more, share a great meal and have a great time. For more information, please be in touch with Nicole or Chantelle or the church office.

*Brochures for the Episcopal Camp and Conference Center's Summer 2011 camping season are in the hallway by the offices. This is a wonderful place for kids to experience the out of doors in an atmosphere of Christian care.

*Margaret's Pantry here in Holyoke needs all the donations of nonperishable food that it can get. We have been asked to give canned vegetables and boxed pasta, which will be given away to hungry individuals and families in Holyoke. Margaret's receives donations from the Western Mass food bank, and they are feeling the pinch, too, so our donations are especially needed at this time.



Many thanks to everyone who helped to make the Ash Wednesday Supper such a success-- especially Nancy & Steve Romeo, Nancy & Tom Geneczko, Marilyn & Ray Nadeau, Lee & David McGarrigle and Mary D'Alessandro. The \$120 that was collected in the free-will offering was contributed to the faith line in the 2011 budget.

Barbara & Carl LeGrand



News from St. Paul's Nursery School

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Nursery School has recently announced that they have hired Katherine (Kathy) Eggleston to serve as the new Director, beginning as of August 1, 2011 and also as teacher of one of the five day classes when the school year begins in September. Kathy's daughter and son both attended the Nursery School after which Kathy joined the staff as an assistant teacher for eight years. She left St. Paul's to work full-time in the field of geriatrics, most recently at The Atrium. We, at the Nursery School welcome her back. You will have the opportunity to meet Kathy during Coffee Hour on April 17. The Nursery School's Board of Directors will be providing the refreshments on that day and look forward to introducing Kathy to all who attend.

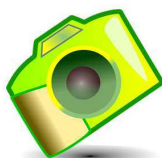


Prayer Shawl Ministry

Lent is a wonderful time to do something for others as a devotional act. If you can knit or crochet, please consider making a prayer shawl. These shawls are based on a very easy pattern and take just a few weeks for most knitters or crocheters to make. They are collected, blessed, and then distributed to parishioners in need of comfort and support.

The pattern (complete with prayers to say while you are stitching) is available at the back of the church. Each shawl takes 3 skeins of Lion Brand Homespun yarn (available at Michael's, Joann's, and AC Moore) or about 500 - 550 yards of any bulky yarn. If you would like to participate but the cost of materials is prohibitive, there are needles and yarn for 4 shawls available near the patterns.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Champagne at kachampagne67@gmail.com or 533-5345.



St. Paul's Committee and Group Photos

We noticed that the recent slide show was missing photos of many groups and committees at St. Paul's. Therefore, we would like to offer to take a photo of your group for our next slide show. Photos can be scheduled before or after the 8:00 or 10:00 Sunday Services during the months of April and May. To insure that we are ready for your group, sign up sheets will be in the back of the church during the month of March.

If you prefer to take your own group photo, please e-mail your photo to St. Paul's e-mail address: stpaulsholyoke@yahoo.com.

Thank you.

The Spirit of St. Paul's



Capital Campaign Update

The Campaign for St. Paul's Future continues as we work to improve St. Paul's buildings for the next generation. Many thanks to those who have made commitments for a total of \$54,000 to date. We are asking for a pledge to the campaign which may be paid over the next three years, or certainly in one or two years, or all at once! You decide.

If you have not already made your pledge or heard about the needs at St. Paul's, you are urged to attend *a wine & cheese gathering on Wednesday, April 27, 5:30 p.m. here in the auditorium*. Come and see what is needed, and what is possible, through the commitment of the members of this wonderful church. And please offer this prayer, for St. Paul's future:

*Almighty God,
bless the
Campaign for St. Paul's Future,
and so draw our hearts to you,
so guide our minds,
so fill our imaginations
and direct our wills,
that we may always use the gifts
you have given us for the good of your
people and for your glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*



St. Paul's Nursery School
April 1, 2011



Second Annual Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
sponsored by St. Paul's Nursery School

Where: St. Paul's Church, Riley Auditorium

When: Friday, April 1st, from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Tickets: AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR

\$5.00 for adults and kids (ages 13 and up)

\$3.00 for kids (up to age 12)

\$15.00 max per family

We hope you will join us for a special evening
and a delicious dinner!



MAY 14, 2011

Mark your calendars and 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 or furniture, please.**

The sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011. Help will be needed for set-up on Thursday after 7:30 p.m. and all day and evening on Friday. We will need volunteers for the day of the fair from 8:00 until around 3:00 or whenever we finish with clean-up. Sign-up sheets for this help will be put up in the church and hall shortly after Easter.

This sale has always been a success due to the parish-wide participation and with all your help this year's sale will continue this great tradition.

If you have any questions you may call the church office at 532-5060 or Marilyn Nadeau at 534-1047.

News about people



Two old friends, Irene Anderson and the Rev. David Evans, departed this life within a half hour of each other on March 2. Irene's service was at St. Paul's on March 7. She was almost 91. David, who was 94 and was rector of St. Paul's from 1956 to 1981, had his service at St. Paul's on March 28. May these two servants of Christ rest in peace and may their families, especially Irene's sister-in-law, Ethel West, know God's comfort and strength.

Congratulations to the Purple Knights Hockey Team, a high school regional team based in Holyoke, on capturing the Division IIIA championship in Worcester on March 14. They did it again! Joey Harris, son of Brian and Sue Harris and grandson of Barbara Harris, is on the team.

Best wishes to Eleanor Gray, who has taken up residence with her daughter, Donna, and Donna's family in The Villages, Florida. Eleanor, a life-long member of St. Paul's, is already missed.

Welcome back to Denise Moore and her daughter, from Springfield. And welcome to Don, Christine and their little son, Nolan McTavish, visiting from Springfield as well. Don works with Tim Champagne at Puffer Printing.

Blessings to Wilmays and Ashley Vasquez, who were baptized at St. Paul's on March 27. The girls are relatives of Felix Rivera, who is on our vestry. Blessings as well to Aidan and Alexis Rentas, whose mother, Omayra, is related to Irbian and Luis Cordero, the children's godparents. They, too, were baptized on March 27. Congratulations to everyone!

Marge Shaw has a new knee and is convalescing well at home. She appreciates your prayers for healing. Frank Cushing, Dorothy Stewart, Dorothy Chase, and Mai Ironside are doing well at various rehab centers around the area and also appreciate your prayers and support.



April Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 Carl LeGrand
- 4 Joe Fontaine
Mai Ironside
- 6 Julia Durchanek
Maureen Niquette
- 7 Felix Rivera, Jr.
- 8 John Cabibbo
- 11 Harold Ratchford
- 17 Fred Sabbs, Jr.
- 21 *Tammy Shafer & Cindy Valentine*
Julian Delvalle
- 22 Tim Nelson
- 23 *Randy & Debbie Sexton*
- 24 George Washington
- 25 Melissa Gero
- 26 Tammy Shafer
- 27 Tyler Leclerc
- 30 Cailey Newton



Fall Family Festival

November 12, 2011

While spring cleaning, please look over the list below to see if there is anything we can take off your hands!

A Wish List for the Fall Fair

***CLEAN , brand-name marshmallow "Fluff" jars with cover**

***Sheet music**

***plain, solid color canvas tote bags, any size (good condition, please)**

***Sturdy decorative paper, such as card stock or heavy wrapping paper.**

****especially Christmas and Fall patterns**

***3" or 4" wire ribbon**

***Full skein of rug yarns or mop-weight yarns (or an unused mop)**

***Canning jars**

***Burlap fabric**

***\$ donations toward lemon curd and strawberry jam**

I will place a box in the back of the church and in the auditorium marked "Fall Fair Stuff"

Thank you to everyone!

Nancy Romeo

FROM THE PRAYER GROUP



God's Springtime Show

Little white butterfly,
Signal of Spring,
Are you aware of the
Joy that you bring?
When all the darkness
Of Winter has gone,
With wings of pure white
You skirt springtime's dawn.
Little white butterfly,
Say, do you know
You play a part
In God's springtime show?

~Loise Pinkerton Fritz

*There is an appointed time for everything,
and a time for every affair under the heavens.
Ecclesiastes 3:1*



Kate's Kitchen
Recipe of the Month

*Due at the church by Thursday, April 21
@ 9:30 a.m.*

Spaghetti Pie

- 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.



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

It's time to consider planning for another Vacation Bible School program.

In order to have a program this summer, we will need teachers, volunteers, a snack coordinator, and classroom assistants.

If you can help us this summer, please fill out the following form and return it to the church office, or to Joan Daly by **April 15**. Vacation Bible School is a wonderful program that is enjoyed by many. Please consider helping us. Our program lasts one week (Mon.– Fri.,) and usually runs from 9-11:30 A.M. Teaching materials and crafts are supplied.

If you have any questions, please call Joan @ 533-4118, or e-mail her at jdal2@verizon.net.

Thank you!

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_____ I can volunteer as a teacher.

_____ I can volunteer as a classroom assistant.

_____ I can volunteer to help with snack and special activities.

_____ I would like to coordinate the program.

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**This year's VBS will be held during the
week of July 18-22.**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

T-shirt size _____