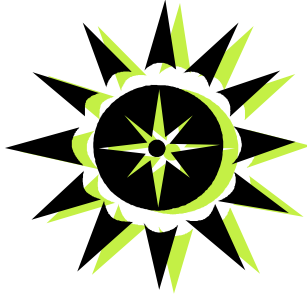


# THE SUN



## January 2012

### From the Rector

A new year, and with it once again a prayer as we begin:

I wish to have  
strength enough  
to battle with difficulties and overcome them;  
love enough  
to move me to be useful and helpful to others;  
faith enough  
to make real the things of God;  
and hope enough  
to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

(Johann Wolfgang Von Goethe)

May our new year shine with the light of Christ and the love of God as we seek to do his will and work. Blessings to you,

*Rev. Barbara*



### Thanks

- ❖ To all who donated warm clothing and toiletries to homeless men through Providence Ministries – we had a strong, wonderful response because of your generosity.
- ❖ The service, preaching, music, decorations, social hour refreshments, cake, flowers, gifts and good wishes are all most appreciated by the rector on the occasion of her celebration of 25 years as a priest. Many thanks to all who offered their efforts so generously! -  
*Rev. Barbara*
- ❖ To the choir for their lovely singing on Christmas eve, along with members of the choir from Christ Church Cathedral, Springfield, and to José Reyes for his guitar leadership on Christmas Day. The music was truly wonderful!
- ❖ To the Youth Group, Nicole Denette, Deb Sexton and Joan Daly for their guidance with the Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 18.
- ❖ To Liz Rego and her two friends, Cheryl and Carmen, for the Birthday Cake for the Christ Child on Dec. 18, and to Nancy Romeo for the larger cakes, the LeGrands and their family and friends for kitchen assistance, and to Marilyn and Ray Nadeau for the punch.
- ❖ To all who donated toward the Christmas flowers and greens this year, and to Ina Stockton and her crew of flower delivery people at Christmastime.
- ❖ To the Sunday School children for their Christmas offering of \$62.30 that will be going to the Red Cross.
- ❖ To all those who have stepped up for the Capital Campaign. We have received several new pledges for which we are most grateful.

## Bishop's Visitation and Confirmation

*Sunday, January 8, 2012*

Because he is retiring at the end of this year, Bishop Scruton will be making his final visit to St. Paul's on January 8 and we hope you will come out to wish him well. In addition to his visit, he will be confirming Donna Sroka, Katelynn Leclerc, Nick Harris, Joey Harris, Zoe Frye, Alex Durchanek, receiving Mary D'Alessandro and baptizing Ava Johanna Vallas at the 10:00 service. Congratulations to them and to their families!



### Annual Meeting

*Sunday, January 22, 2012*

When we come together for the Annual Meeting, a gathering of the vestry and people of our Episcopal churches set for each January, we will take up two big items - the budget for the coming year and the election of candidates for leadership positions. In addition, we will hear reports about the ministries with which we have been involved, and reports about ministries and priorities for the coming year.

This year both the budget and nominations are presenting challenges, as we struggle with a deficit and a shift in pledges, and are having a hard time finding people who will assume positions of leadership. Please pray for St. Paul's as we move into 2012. We need your support, help, commitment, and prayers in order to do the work Jesus has given us to do. We are really looking forward to seeing you on January 22 following the 10:00 service. A light luncheon will be served by the youth group.



### January Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 2 Brian Robinson
- 3 Joyce Desorcy
- 4 Kelly Leclerc, Art O'Donnell,  
*Mike & Mary D'Alessandro*
- 9 Marge Ott
- 13 Jacquelyn Thompson
- 15 Bill Rice
- 17 Edna Barker
- 20 Enid Clark
- 23 Amadeus Durchanek
- 25 Shirley Gero
- 29 Ed Moriarty
- 30 Jessica Nelson, Ed Daly, Alexis Durchanek

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### A Special Thank You



Once again, the wonderful members of St. Paul's Church have given generously to help others. On Sunday, Dec. 11, many of you helped us collect and wrap over 100 wonderful gifts for the homeless men in our community.

Thank you for sharing your time and treasure to help our less fortunate brothers during this Christmas season. May we also remember them throughout the coming year.

With great appreciation,

*The Spirit of St. Paul's*



### Concert at St. Paul's

Sunday, January 29 at 3 p.m. the Pioneer Valley Capella, a 35 voice group of singers, will present a recital at St. Paul's to benefit the Holyoke Public Library. A donation of \$10/adult is requested. This is an opening event for the new Holyoke Winter Carnival and we are proud to be part of that exciting set of activities.

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### News about people



Dorothy Stewart died peacefully at the Holyoke Health Care Center on Sunday, December 18, just as we were finishing our Christmas Pageant here at church. Her memorial service was held at St. Paul's on Sunday, Dec. 31. May she rest in peace, as she most certainly has risen in glory.

Franklin Taplin is at home following a 7 week convalescence at Loomis House in Holyoke. His foot is much better and he retains his cheery disposition.

Congratulations to Natalie, Lauren and Corey Harris on the birth December 15 of their little son and brother, Mason John Harris.

Congratulations to David Morf and his family on the arrival December 18 of granddaughter, Asha Morbryne.

Please keep José Reyes in your prayers on January 7 as he takes the Graduate Record Exam, a requirement for his application to seminary in the fall. José and his family recently moved to a new home in Springfield, making for an interesting Christmas and New Year's. Congratulations to them!

### Men Cooking - January Breakfast - All Invited



The St. Paul's Men's Group present the

#### *Second Annual January Breakfast Sunday, January 15 at 9 a.m. in the auditorium*

featuring master chef Tim Champagne and well-known foodophile Ed Farrell among many other handsome and handy male cooks, bakers, coffee brewers, servers, and dishwashers. Come enjoy breakfast with us!

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### Little Bits. . .



Our next **potluck supper and Eucharist in Spanish** will take place on Saturday, January 28 at 6 p.m. at the rectory. Everyone is invited to bring something to eat for sharing, to sing and pray in English and Spanish and to be together in a festive way.

**The Centering Prayer Group** will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, in the church.

**First Communion Class** meets at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, January 8 in Room 1 of the Sunday School.

**Kate's Kitchen** casseroles are due at St. Paul's on Thursday, January 19 at 9:30 a.m. The need is great - we have been asked to send 15 casseroles each month.

**St. Paul's Supper Club** will meet Monday, January 16 at 6:30 p.m. at The Munich Haus in Chicopee. All are welcome for good food and great company. Please contact Kathy or Tim Champagne at 533-5345 or [kachampagne@lycos.com](mailto:kachampagne@lycos.com) if you plan to attend.

## Christmas Parties at the Women's Correctional Facility

Thanks to the generosity of the people at St. Paul's, about thirty incarcerated moms were able to see the joy in their children's eyes as they opened Christmas presents. The facility hosted three Christmas parties for the women, two on December 17 and one on Christmas Eve. The children ranged in age from 3 months to 16 years old. Activities included cookie decorating, arts and crafts, pizza for lunch and, of course, a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. What a joy to see the delight in the faces of both the moms and the children!

Mary D'Alessandro

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## Sunday Nursery



Several folks have stepped up to provide crib room service on Sundays at the 10 a.m. service and we are grateful to them for their assistance to our young families. This nursery service will begin in January in the nursery room downstairs, near the Sunday School rooms.



## Kate's Kitchen

### Recipe of the Month

Due at the church by Thursday, January 19th  
@ 9:30 a.m.



### One Pan Lasagna

- 1 48 oz. jar of prepared spaghetti sauce with meat or equivalent
- 2 lb. container cottage cheese (or ricotta cheese)
- 1 lb. mozzarella cheese
- 1 box uncooked lasagna noodles
- Grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
- 2 eggs slightly beaten
- Small dash of nutmeg

Grate mozzarella cheese. Mix  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the mozzarella together with the cottage cheese, eggs and nutmeg.

Layer in a pan:

- $\frac{1}{4}$  sauce
- $\frac{1}{3}$  noodles
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cheese mixture
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- $\frac{1}{4}$  sauce
- $\frac{1}{3}$  noodles
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cheese mixture
- 
- $\frac{1}{4}$  sauce
- $\frac{1}{3}$  noodles
- Remainder of the sauce
- Sprinkle of oregano (optional)
- Remainder of mozzarella cheese
- Grated cheese to cover
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Cover tightly with aluminum foil. Bake at 350 degrees for 55 minutes. Let rest at least 20 minutes before serving.

After baking, when preparing this meal for Kate's Kitchen, place a piece of wax paper between the food and the aluminum foil. This will form a barrier between the tomato sauce and the foil. The acid in the sauce eats through the foil. The wax paper will be removed before reheating at Kate's.

January 1, 2012



Dear Members and Friends of St. Paul's,

Our beautiful church was built in 1904 and in those days Morning Prayer was the chief service on a Sunday, with Holy Communion being offered one Sunday a month. When the church was constructed, it was designed to emulate the gothic churches of England from which many of the parishioners came. As was true almost everywhere, the altar was against the wall and at St. Paul's there was a great deal of woodwork and decoration which darkened over time. By the 1950s, the church interior needed an update.

The Rev. David Evans, a great innovator and constant source of creative energy, undertook a remodeling of the altar area in the late 1950s. He took out most of the woodwork and had the red brickwork plastered over and painted a cream color. He had the Caen marble sculpture of Jesus raised to line up with the two stained glass windows and had a large black cross constructed and installed in front of the sculpture and behind the altar, which was now free standing. Later he took out the choir pews and the organ and had them placed in the crossing of the church, between the congregation and the chancel, and had the church carpeted. All this was considered quite radical and innovative 55 years ago, as the Episcopal Church stood on the brink of the liturgical reforms of the 1960s and 70s. All across America at least, altars came out from the walls, communion became the main service every Sunday, and our understanding of the Eucharist as the sacred meal celebrated by Jesus among his disciples took precedence over the sacrifice at the high altar by our Great High Priest.

All this is to say that in the 100+ years since St. Paul's was built and in the 50+ years since it was remodeled, a lot has changed both in the church and in the world. Our services since the 1960s have by design become more intimate and personal, less remote and austere. Our prayer book is guided by the understanding that we are participants, not spectators in the liturgy. Those participants are not as numerous as they once were, and while we hope to reverse that trend, having the altar at one end of the building and the worshipping community at the other end makes it difficult to see our Eucharistic meal as one that involves a fellowship gathering around a common table.

So it is that in the middle of January you will see some changes in the arrangement of the furniture at St. Paul's. Almost everything we already have will stay in the same places. We will still read from the lectern and preach from the pulpit or the steps. We will still go up to the communion rail for communion. We may try having the choir in the chancel, which was built to conduct the sound out into the room. We will make an addition of an altar table in the area near the choir pews, so that our Eucharist can be celebrated closer to God's people, where we can all see and hear better. That table is portable and can be taken out for weddings and funerals and children's pageants. Rev. Evans, on his last visit to St. Paul's said to me, "Move the altar down. You are too far away." Celebrating the Eucharist from a closer altar will reflect our present understanding of the Eucharist as the gathering of the faithful around the Lord's table.

Efforts have already been made to patch and paint some peeling plaster in the altar area, and more needs to be done there. What color/colors might we apply, what decorations might freshen up the space and make it shine in this new century? As we progress through our Capital Campaign we hope to be able to refurbish the chancel again after 55 years, and to give the members of St. Paul's a renewed sense of God's beauty and goodness in this place.

Together, we continue as a community of God's people in Holyoke, followers of Jesus who go forth from this place sustained by his Holy Meal and by being with one another, wherever we find ourselves. May God bless St. Paul's and all that we are doing in His name. Our mission, our ministries, our worship all center around Him, who was recognized by his disciples in the breaking of the bread.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Barbara