

July/August 2011

From the Rector

Ed Farrell preached on June 19 and a thread running through his remarks was, "One thing leads to another." There is a lot of truth in that assertion, witnessed by activities in and through St. Paul's. Consider these:

- Ed asked Mary D'Alessandro to coordinate a baby shower on July 10 for a child who will be born to a mother in the Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee. That baby won't be able to stay with his/her mom for long, but will go to caregivers with some clothes and equipment (a car seat would be wonderful) provided by members of St. Paul's. One thing leads to another....
- Halia Pamaylaon, an 11 year-old member of our church, got an idea and with the help of her mother presented *Tunes for Tornadoes*, a fundraiser benefitting the Red Cross, held at the spring concert at E.N. White School. It raised \$424.40. In addition, Zoe Frye was at the concert, lending her cello expertise to that of the elementary school students. One thing leads to another...
- Deb Sexton asked our teenagers to assist her company in serving at a cookout at Ronald MacDonald House in Springfield. There are over 20 families (mostly 1 parent with 1 child) that stay there for months at a time,

while they receive treatment or surgeries at the Shriner's Hospital. Most of the families were Spanish from Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Santo Domingo. One mother and child had just come in from Cyprus. Lindsey Martins and her parents and Alex Durchanek and his mom joined Deb's group from Ahlstrom. They did a fantastic job of helping. One thing leads to another...

- Nicole Denette attended diocesan convention as one of our delegates and heard about a mission trip to the Dominican Republic and Haiti this summer. She and her sister, Chantelle, left on their mission adventure on June 24, to spend 10 days in those poor places that are also full of God's love and creative energy. One thing leads to another...
- Summer has come, and with it some changes in our Sunday liturgies. We will still be worshipping at 8 and 10 a.m., with music at the 10:00 service. We'll begin with a small procession, followed by the opening sentences and a song of praise. Some of our layreaders will be sitting in the congregation and are being invited to come forward at the time of the readings. We plan to alter slightly the way we do the prayers of the people, inviting your participation more than we have previously. You may discover an altar moved forward a bit so that the action there may be seen and heard better. We are having four Sundays of Summer Sunday School this season. All of this is designed to invite more participation by everyone and to make the liturgy more accessible. One thing leads to another....

What has God planned for your summer, and what possibilities might the Holy Spirit have for you and your spirit? May this season of warm weather and relaxation refresh and energize you, and may your steps lead you to St. Paul's often.
Blessings –

Rev. Barbara

Thanks



- ❖ To Vicki Wildman for her cello duet with her cello teacher at St. Paul's in May. Good for you, Vicki.
- ❖ To Ed Farrell for preaching about the ways God gets through to us and makes us see in new ways, on June 19.
- ❖ To Symin Charpentier and Monica Czausz for their gift of "Summer" from Vivaldi's "Four Seasons", a violin and piano duet on June 19.
- ❖ To Halia and Jeannette Pamaylaon for all their efforts in *Tunes for Tornadoes*, and to all who contributed raffle prizes and bought raffle tickets. It was a wonderful event. In addition, others gave pajamas, books and stuffed animals for a project for tornado victims in Wilbraham. Many thanks to them as well.
- ❖ To everyone who contributed to our Parish Picnic – food, fun, games – on June 12. A great time even on a rainy day.
- ❖ To all who have given to St. Paul's during the first half of this year, and to all who will continue to keep their pledges and contributions up during the summer. The Church, as they say, does not take a vacation in our need to pay our bills.
- ❖ To Jim and Marge Shaw for their efforts at a metal drive for St. Paul's. This has resulted in hundreds of dollars for our Capital Campaign. Jim needs help from those with stronger backs. Is anyone interested in assisting him with this effort. Please let us know.
- ❖ To all who were part of our St. Paul's Neighborhood Fiesta on June 26. A wonderful time once again.



Capital Campaign

Since our most recent mailing about \$17,000 additional pledges have been received, which will be matched dollar for dollar by someone who has agreed to match up to \$65,000 in new pledges. Have we heard from you?

As it stands today, we have about \$154,000 in pledges and contributions, and about \$53,000 of that has already been received by our bookkeeper. We still owe about \$35,000 to ourselves to pay back the expenses for the tower and the new roofs. The Building Committee and others will be working this summer to prioritize the things we want to do around St. Paul's and your input is welcome. Please speak to Dexter Gess, Steve Romeo, Carl LeGrand or the rector.



Summer Sunday School

St. Paul's will be offering Summer Sunday School in July and August this year on the following Sundays. Our theme is "God Always Brings New Life."

July 10 – *The Creation Story* – led by Donna Sroka and Jeannette Pamaylaon

July 24 – *Jonah and the Big Fish* – led by Alison Giuliano and Ed Farrell

August 7 – *Ezekiel and the Dry Bones* – led by Robin and Dave Martins

August 21 – *St. Paul Sees the Light* – led by Nicole and Chantelle Denette

The children are invited to join the leaders downstairs in the Sunday School rooms at 10:00 a.m. for a short time of prayers and singing, followed by activities and games in a one-room-schoolhouse setting. They are free to stay downstairs for the entire service time, or to come up at the time of the Peace for communion. Summer Sunday School is designed for children ages 3 to 12 and if there are younger children who'd like to come, they and their parents will be welcome downstairs, too. Teenagers who'd like to assist the leaders are welcome as well.

Farmer's Market



WHAT: Holyoke Saturday Farmers' Market
WHERE: 4 Open Square Way, between Dwight and Lyman Streets, across the street from the Children's Museum
WHEN: Every Saturday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., June – October 2011

Open Square is hosting a Holyoke Saturday Farmer's Market in their main square, June through October. The market offers organic produce, grass-fed beef, local eggs, berries, fresh bread/pastries and more! Visit www.opensquare.com/farmersmarket for further information.

Prayer Shawls

We have 5 prayer shawls available to go to people who are sick or shut-in or in need of encouragement. If you would like to take one for someone or suggest a name, please let the rector know.

Children of Prisoners Project

If you remember one thing from the Trinity Sunday sermon, it might be this: "One thing follows another." If you recall another, it will be that for St. Paul's the thing that follows last Sunday's Fiesta is the launch of our project to help the children of women incarcerated at the Women's Correctional Center in Chicopee.

On Sunday, July 10th we will be collecting new or gently used baby clothes, donations for a car seat (or a gently used car seat if one of us happens to have one) and disposable diapers to aid the family of an incarcerated woman who will be giving birth at the end of July.

A little later in the summer, we will be starting our second initiative for this project: collecting backpacks and back-to-school supplies for approximately thirty school age children whose mothers are inmates. A collection date will be announced later this summer but if you happen to pass them on sale, crayons, pencils, pens, notebooks, and backpacks will all be needed and appreciated.

Contact Mary D'Alessandro or Ed Farrell for more information.

Little bits . . . * * *

- Lynn Schroder has offered to sell books at the Fall Festival in November and she will be glad to take and store your books for you. You may drop them off at the church during the week or on Sundays.
- St. Paul's High School graduates will be honored at our service on Sunday, August 7. Blessings to them as they begin their time in college.
- Vacation Bible School takes place at St. Paul's July 18-22.
- Please save the date – Donna Sroka will be sharing her insights, impressions and experiences on her China trip, Sunday, September 25 after the 10:00 service.



Vestry notes

The vestry met on June 21 and

- Voted to adopt a Personnel Information Security Plan, whereby personnel information is stored in a safe, secure place and monitored.
- Voted on wording to establish a new, parallel non-profit corporation, Community Roots Neighborhood Services. CRNS will be a source for mission-outreach and will be able to apply for grants that cannot be given to churches.
- Agreed to meet with members of the St. Paul's Nursery School board to come up with an understanding of our mutual status.
- Heard that our cash flow has hit a summer slump and that we have borrowed \$10,000 from our savings to pay bills in June.
- Looks forward to hearing from the building committee and the capital campaign committee about the priorities for spending the campaign's money.
- Learned that the Trustees of St. Paul's trust funds have approved the purchase of new handicapped accessible toilets and rails for the men's and women's rest rooms near the offices, from the Bricks Fund. Mr. Bricks left money to St. Paul's to benefit disabled people.

The next full meeting of the vestry will be September 20.

July Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 1 Zoe Frye
- 2 Donna & Gary Sroka
- 3 Alice & Dexter Gess, 1982
- 4 Ben Sabbs, Anne Karkut
- 6 Marilyn Nadeau
- 8 David Martins
- 12 Virginia McGinty, Henry Morris, Joyce Caldwell
- 20 Katelyn Leclerc, Norman Roy
- 21 Jeffrey Leclerc, Marjorie Mitton
- 27 Lisa Cabibbo, Barbara Roy
- 28 Ed Farrell
- 29 Betsy & Bill Philpott
- 30 Greg Sroka

August Birthdays & Anniversaries



- 3 Dwayne Jackson
- 7 Tricia Washington
- 9 Liam Philpott
- 11 Janice Harris, Owen Daniel Pauloo, Deb Plath
- 13 Thomas Spring, Hannah Spring
- 14 Richard Durchanek, Robin & Mike Bineau, Caira Dominguez
- 15 Tim & Kathy Champagne, 1992
- 16 Sadie Brereton
- 17 Corey & Lauren Harris, 2008
- 20 Bill Philpott
- 23 Robert Lussier
- 24 Louise McInerney, Skip & Claire LeBlanc 1974
- 26 Lenny Gero
- 28 Gene Giuliano
- 30 Kenneth & Arline Wilson

Fall Family Festival Up-date

- *Crafts are needed for the Fall Fair. Please let me know if you are making something for donations.
- *Parishioners may rent an 8 ft. table for \$15.00, and donate an item for our Chinese Raffle.
- *Non-parishioner's may rent an 8 ft. table for \$20.00, plus a donated item for the raffle table.
- *Helping hands are always needed to help set up, work at the fair, and clean up.
- *All you bakers.... another bake sale is planned for the fair. Mark it on your calendar!
- *Monetary donations are always welcome!

Thank you to all who have already talked with me about the fair and thanks to everyone!

Nancy Romeo

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The Prayer Group Needs You

A number of years ago a group of 12 women and men felt the need to pray for fellow parishioners who were ill, dying or in need of encouragement. Through the years, the active members have decreased to the point that we now have only 3 active members who meet once a month and several who help by phone.

We are desperately in need of your help. The members pray daily for those on a monthly list. This is a loving ministry and, once in a while, we receive a "thank you" from someone who has been helped. Libby Waring is our leader and Rev. Barbara advises us.

Would you please consider joining us and helping with this ministry? It is a very rewarding experience, both personally and spiritually. Please call the office (532-5060) or email stpaulsholyoke@yahoo.com to add your name to the members list.

Ginny Benoit

News about people



More on grads – Joshua Cordero, who recently graduated from Holyoke High School, will be attending HCC, studying fashion design. Jeff Leclerc, also a HHS graduate, will be attending HCC as well and we wish both these guys all the best!

Robin Kenney-Bineau received a Harold Grinspoon Charitable Foundation Entrepreneurship Award late in April for her work at Chicopee Comp High School. Bravo Robin!

Congratulations to Barbara and Norman Roy who traveled to Mexico for Norm's son Bill's wedding in early June.

Our friend, the Rev. Liz Tunney, has had successful hip replacement surgery and is looking forward to beginning her new job as priest-in-charge of St. Paul's Church, Patchogue, Long Island, NY. Blessings to her as she makes her transition later this summer.

Our sympathies go to Enid Clark on the death of her sister in Ottawa, Canada in June. May Elaine rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon her.

Welcome Anibal and Rosa Rivera, Felix Rivera's brother and sister-in-law who worshipped with us recently.

Blessings to Nolan MacTavish, Mackensie Provost and Taylor Santos who were baptized at St. Paul's on June 12, and to their families. It was a great occasion, full of the Holy Spirit.

Symin J. Wheatley Charpentier, son of Richard and Kathy, was recently accepted into the Health Services Collegiate Program of the US Navy, and began service on May 10 as an Officer Candidate, First Class. When he graduates from MCPHS in May, 2013, he will be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and work as a pharmacist in a Naval Hospital. Also, he has enjoyed faith-based work while at school in the greater Boston community, working at Trinity Church in Copley Square as a media coordinator for the Hope in Action Campaign of the Diocese of Mass, which

seeks economic justice through direct service in greater Boston.

Our bishop, Gordon Scruton, has announced his plan to retire at the end of 2012. A search committee and transition committee are being formed to seek God's help in finding our next bishop, who will be elected at a special convention in June, 2012, and ordained in December, 2012.

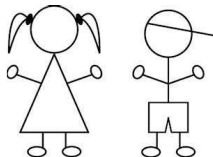
Monica Czausz (who has been at St. Paul's for one year now) has been attending an organ camp at Curtis Institute in Philadelphia, PA. As part of the two weeks, she has been invited to play the world's largest working pipe organ at Wanamaker's Department Store there. A recording will be available.

The rector and her husband will be on vacation from July 4 to July 17. Sunday celebrants will be the Rev. Jane Durning, July 10 and the Rev. Bill Coyne, July 17.

Nicole and Chantelle Denette are traveling in the Dominican Republic and Haiti with 10 others from our diocese on a mission trip to assist with Vacation Bible School in the DR and some rebuilding in Haiti.

We have not heard of anyone from St. Paul's receiving any tornado damage on June 1, though the MacTavish family lost power for some time and Steve LaFever, facilities director for Springfield College, is very busy with 400 downed trees and lots of damage to buildings. Pete Beardsley, Monica Czausz's organ teacher, has the only house on his street in Springfield that was not condemned. We are just glad everyone is all right.

Chloe Sabbs, Gina Nelson and Fred Sabb's niece, was co-valedictorian at South Hadley High School's recent graduation.



Tornado Relief for the kiddies...

At a recent meeting we discovered that many of the children whose families and homes were affected by the recent tornado, were understandably having difficulty sleeping. We had to react very quickly, so St. Paul's joined with

Church of the Epiphany in Wilbraham to put together "pajama kits" that contained a pair of pj's, a book and a stuffed animal for these children. On Monday, June 20, St. Paul's delivered enough kits to line the walls in the Narthex at Epiphany. They were extremely grateful for how quickly this came together and especially for the generosity of the good people of St. Paul's. ***Thank you for doing what you do best...extending a helping hand to those in need!***

Peace, Gina



No, you're probably not thinking winter right now but it will be here before you know it. There is still some sand in the back parking lot of the church building. Bring your pails and a shovel and fill them for your sidewalk and driveway so you'll be prepared when the snowflakes begin to fly.

In the meantime, have a good summer!

Dexter

From the Prayer Group

Seasonal Grace

As springtime turns to Summer,
The days grow long again...
Time for tending flowers
And thanking God for them.
Our Lord has given freely
Seasonal gifts to share...
While Summer holds its magic,
God's presence fills the air.
Who could look at Nature
And not feel God's embrace?
The awesome sense of wonder
That He is in this place.
New growth is all around us,
A time to face the sun
And thank our sole Creator
For the splendid things He's done!

~Jill Lemming