

May 2011

From the Rector

New life. We see it all around us in the trees, greening up seemingly before our eyes. The daffodils are going by, and the tulips are coming in right behind them. Azaleas brighten the landscape and the rhododendrons will follow soon. Springtime in Massachusetts, particularly this year, is a welcome guest.

There is also new life for us at church, as we welcome new families and prepare for more baptisms in June. A large class of First Communion children and young people made the day festive on April 10, and our Holy Week and Easter celebrations inspired us, bringing us closer to Jesus in both his suffering and his victory over death. This is what church is supposed to be about – welcoming those who are seekers on this life journey, and worshipping with praise and adoration the Lord of Life.

Still, the road is sometimes difficult. In April we said goodbye to St. Paul's members Frank Cushing and Ruth Daly, and their entry into eternal life, while an opportunity for joy for them, makes for a great deal of sadness for us. We had a card from the Daly family which captured some of what it is to be a community, and it is meant for you:

Dear Friends at St. Paul's,

Thank you for your love and kindness as we deal with the loss of Ruth/Mom. Your care

package, beautiful memorial service and help with the reception are the mirrors of a beautiful community, reflecting the gift that it is to us, especially at this time.

With our deepest gratitude, *The Daly Family*

May St. Paul's, both the buildings and our members, always continue to shine at times like these, and be a community of caring that brings the light of life into the dark places we sometimes experience. May our light so shine before others that they see Jesus reflected in the mirrors of our lives, and be drawn to seek him at St. Paul's. Blessings to you at this beautiful time of year!

-Rev. Barbara

Thanks

+ To all those who contributed toward our Easter flowers. The church looked lovely thanks to you.

+ To everyone who assisted with our Holy Week and Easter events, especially Megan Everett who brought back "Alleluia" on Easter, the choir and Monica Czausz, Aaron Lakota who played the oboe on Easter, Tim Cotz and Candy Johnson, with help from Joan Daly on Altar Guild, to all our passion gospel readers (they were really good), and Debra Plath and Carlos Rivera who kept the office and the buildings humming. It was a busy, meaningful time made possible with lots of help. Thank You!

+ To Gene Giuliano, Dexter Gess, Gina Nelson, Nicole Denette and Steve Hasbrouck as they conduct our annual audit on Saturday, May 7.

+ To Mary Lysakowski, one of our soprano section leaders whose last Sunday with us will be on May 8. Mary's lovely voice has been a good addition to our Sunday anthems.

+ To Gina Nelson who oversaw the Lenten Brown Bag series and welcomed us each week.

+ To Sharon Preston, Karen Everett's mother, for the prayer shawl she knit in March & April.

+ Ed Farrell for leading the vestry retreat in early April.



SATURDAY, MAY 14, 2011

The time is here to volunteer for the Spring Rummage Sale. Help is needed for set-up on Thursday after 7:30 p.m. and all day and evening on Friday. Volunteers are needed for the day of the sale from 8:00 a.m. until around 3:00 p.m. (or whenever we finish with clean-up). Signup sheets are now in the church and parish hall.

We are 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. *Please, no electronics, furniture or exercise equipment.* Your items may be brought to the church the week of May 2nd during office hours (9 a.m.–1 p.m.), Thursday evening, May 12th between 7:30 and 9:00 p.m., or Friday, May 13th until 8:00 p.m. The sale will be held from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 14, 2011.

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

If you have any questions or need items picked up, please call the church office at 532-5060 or Marilyn Nadeau at 534-1047.



I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and good wishes during my recent surgery. The therapy is going well and the knee is feeling better. The cards brightened the day and the visits from Rev. Barbara and Joan Daly were greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the members of the Altar Guild for your get-well wishes and all you do for St. Paul's Church.

Marjorie Shaw



St. Paul's Nursery School Spring Raffle

On May 20, St. Paul's Nursery School will hold its annual spring raffle. Once again, this year's prizes will include a variety of items. Raffle tickets cost \$1.00 each or \$5.00 per book. Tickets will be sold after the 8:00 and 10:00 Services. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the educational needs of St. Paul's Nursery School. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Joan Daly at 533-4118.



Men, men, men, men; men, men, men, men. And bacon. And secret guy things.
Men's Breakfast, **May 22nd at 9 a.m.** in the auditorium.

Ed



Agnes Evans will celebrate her **90th Birthday** on Sat. May 21, 2011. We will be having birthday cake between 2:00 - 3:30 p.m. in the Church Auditorium. If you would like to wish Agnes a Happy Birthday, please join us!

Trudy Monson

NEW GROUP

St. Paul's Support Group will meet in the church library from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on the following four Wednesdays:

May 11th, June 8th, July 13th and Aug.10th

The only requirements to join are that you be 21 years of age or older and must maintain strict confidentiality (what is said in the group...stays within the group).

Any questions or concerns; please call Claire Leblanc 413-533-1914 or Trudy Monson 413-536-5921

The City of Holyoke is hosting a City Wide Clean Up Day on **Saturday, May 7, 2011** from **10:00am -1:00pm**. This is an excellent and fun opportunity for us to give back to the community. The city will provide pizza and refreshments afterward at Heritage State Park. Anyone interested please contact Gary Sroka.

The ladies of **Helma Court #64 Ladies Oriental Shrine of North America** would like to thank all the members of St. Paul's Church for their contributions of aluminum tabs and aluminum. Since April 1st 2010 thru March 31st 2011, we have collected 30,984 pounds of tabs, 692 pounds of aluminum cans and 282 pounds of aluminum. The money earned thru recycling has been used to purchase equipment for the 22 Shriners Hospitals. Again, thanks to all the members of St. Paul's who have contributed.

Marjorie Shaw
PHP Recorder Helma Court #64

St. Paul's Neighborhood Fiesta (and pig roast #2)

Save the Date-- **Sunday, June 26**. Food, music, things for the kids. Please plan to come and join the fun.



WISH LIST FOR THE FALL FAIR

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

- * 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

Comparative Catholicism

A gathering for those who want to know – how are the Episcopal and Roman Catholic Churches alike and different? The answers might surprise you. Led by the rector and Ed Farrell, this discussion class is open to everyone regardless of age. **Wednesday, May 18**, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the library. You will be welcome.



The Youth Group will be serving hot dogs and refreshments during the Rummage Sale on May 14 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Deb Sexton, the Youth Group leader, is also looking for volunteers to help serve at a cook-out for the families staying at the Ronald McDonald house in Springfield. This will be on Thursday night, May 19. Please let her know if you are interested and wish to help.



Prayer Shawls

Thank you to everyone who has been working on a prayer shawl during Lent. Thank you also to those who donated money for yarn to support this ministry.

We will have a blessing of our first batch of prayer shawls on Sunday, May 22 at both services. If you are nearly done and can get your shawl to the church by that date, we will be thrilled to include it in the blessing.

If you cannot make that date, that is also fine. We would like to make this a year-round ministry, as there is always a need for these shawls. Don't stop working on your shawl! Just bring it in whenever it is done. We'll collect them as they come in and have them blessed when we have a good stack.

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

The Church Periodical Club? Now what is that?

The CPC is an Episcopal institution; its ministry is to supply books, magazines, tapes, videos and computer programs **free** to those who cannot otherwise obtain them and to raise the money to do this.

It was founded in 1888 by Mary Ann Drake Fargo, wife of a member of the Wells-Fargo

Express firm. Mary Ann and her friends in the Church of the Holy Communion, New York, sent their bundles of books and periodicals westward to missionaries and pioneers via stagecoach.

There are two primary granting funds. The National Books Fund grants annually and responds to requests for books and related materials around the world. The Miles of Pennies fund is exclusively used for the book needs of children; grants are made year round.

Funds come from people like us, who do Miles of Pennies efforts, and also take up collections to support the CPC. On **Sunday, May 8**, Mother's Day, we will have a basket out for our CPC collection, which will go toward serving new congregations and seminary students in other parts of the Anglican Church, and ministries in the church which use English, Spanish, French and other languages.

Little bits... * * *

The Vestry meets Tuesday, May 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the choir room.

Kate's Kitchen casseroles are due at St. Paul's on Thursday, May 19th at 9:30 a.m. This last month we only sent 5 casseroles...are there more of us who could contribute? Kate's is routinely serving over 100 people each noon.

Sun Deadline May 20

Sunday, May 29 is **Rogation Sunday**, the original Earth Day celebrated 5 weeks after Easter. We will be processing to the rose garden to dedicate a rose in memory of The Rev. David Evans and everyone will be welcome.

Margaret's Pantry is always in need of nonperishable food for hungry people. Your donations of canned goods, dry pasta, canned meat and peanut butter will be most appreciated, and may be brought to church any time.

The rector will be attending the **diocese's clergy conference** in CT from noon on Monday, May 9 to mid-afternoon, Wednesday, May 11. If there is an emergency, please call the office and Debra will know how to get in touch with her.



News about people



Congratulations to Patrick Harris, Barbara Harris' grandson and the son of Brian and Sue Harris, on being inducted into the Holyoke Fire Department at the end of March.

The joy of Easter and the resurrection helped ease the sadness of losing Frank Cushing and Ruth Daly in April. Both had services at St. Paul's and their families, Van Cushing and Joan & Ed Daly, Sue Pelchat and Jean Armitage, are grateful for your support and care. Greg Denette's mother, Erline, also passed away in April and our sympathies are extended to Greg, Barbara, Nicole, Chantelle and Teddy Denette. May Frank, Ruth and Erline rest in peace and rise in glory.

Do we have any graduations to announce? Please let the office know and we will list them in the June newsletter.

Congratulations to those who made their First Communion on Sunday, April 10 – Alexis Jimenez, Megan Everett, Ariana Hill, Connor Flannery, Kassadi Liswell, Chelsea Liswell, Dylan LaBonte and Adrian Fuller. Many thanks, too, to their teacher and friend, Miss Joan Daly.

It was a pleasure to welcome Priscilla Carter from Loomis Village, visiting St. Paul's with Franklin Taplin and Libby Waring.

Mai Ironside and Dorothy Chase "graduated" from Renaissance Manor on Cabot St. and went home in time for Easter. It's good to have them feeling better again and to have Mai back in church.

Congratulations and blessings to Paul Dupont on the arrival of Jason Lee Thomas King, grandchild #1. Jason is the son of Paul's daughter, Anne, who lives in Greenfield.

Donna Sroka is back from her 3 week educational exchange venture in China and the LeGrands are home from their almost month-long visit with their daughter, Amy, and her husband, Chris, in Australia. It's good to have them back on this continent!

Congratulations to Candy Johnson, who will be retiring from teaching at HCC at the end of May. She is planning to take a well deserved rest.

May Birthdays & Anniversaries

6. *George & Tricia Washington*
8. Eleanor Gray
9. Alexander Morales
11. Lee McGarrigle
13. Arline Wilson
15. Alyssa Dominguez
16. Sue Pelchat
Maggie Philpott
Gary Sroka
17. Kenneth Wilson
19. Kiana Lussier
20. *Tim & Gina Nelson*
Lukas Vallas
22. Sarah Gaumond
23. Barbara Thrall
25. *(Ed & Ruth Daly – 1951)*
26. Theodore Day
27. Betsy Philpott
Agnes Evans
Karen & Kevin Everett
29. Leah Spring
30. Gina Nelson



From the Prayer Group



A SEASON FOR SINGING

Sing a song of praise to He
Who created every living thing.
Behold, the earth springs back to life;
Now this is the season to sing.

Birds are singing their serenades
While rivers murmur so sweet.
Daffodils and daisies sway
To their melodious and rhythmic beat.

All earth and creatures on it
Sing praises to Him above,
For He is our Lord and our God,
Who created all things out of love.

~Shirley Hile Powell



Kate's Kitchen

Recipe of the month

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



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. Saute 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.



Vacation Bible School 2011

July 18 – July 22

(Monday - Friday)

9:00 - 11:30 A.M.

On July 18th – 22nd we will gather together at the beach and have an adventure. Our program will include Bible stories, crafts, games, music and snacks. It 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 _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT _____

EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

LAST SCHOOL GRADE ATTENDED _____

PARENTS' CHURCH _____

BROTHERS AND SISTERS ALSO ATTENDING VBS (NAMES AND AGES)

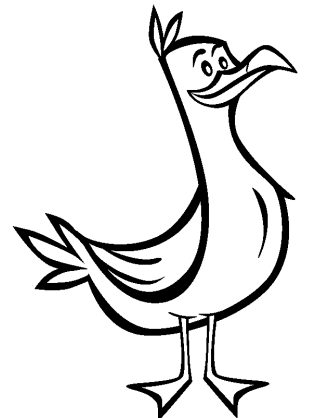
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO STAFF—
(i.e. allergies, learning disabilities, physical challenges, medications)

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

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.





Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed

Our VBS program this year will have a beach theme and will take place during the week of July 18 – 22. In order to run this special program, we need many volunteers.

If you can help us provide this special week for children from local communities, please fill out the following form and return it to Joan Daly or the church office. Thank you.

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

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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.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

T-shirt size _____