

Calendar

April 2-
St. Luke's Soup
Kitchen

April 3 & 10-
Lenten Series
following 10 am
service

April 5, 12, 19
& 26 - Prayer
Shawl Ministry
@ 7-8 p.m.

April 6, 13, 20
& 27 - Eucharist
& Bible Study
@ 9:30 a.m.

April 12-
Vestry Meeting
@ 7:15 p.m.

April 26-
Outreach Meeting
@ 6:30 p.m.

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Holy Week & Easter
Service Schedule)

Prayer and Work

Prayer takes many forms. We have already experienced some new prayers on Sundays this Lent, as well as old prayers made new. We tend to think

about prayer as the thing we do in Church every week, or the thing we do when looking for a parking spot at Market Basket. Prayer has defined contexts within which it makes sense; church, stress, or joy.

But why don't we tend to think of the mundane day-to-day as a place for refreshing prayer?

One of the great traditions of Christian discipleship has been the monastic vocation. Monks, leave the world and live in closed communities, gathering in monasteries to dedicate themselves to the work of prayer. From the outside a life spent in prayer may seem either luxurious to some or frivolous for others. But one must look more deeply at the lives of the monastic in order to understand a deeper truth that waits behind the walls.

Monks work. The monastic life is not a life of ecstatic prayer removed from the day to day concern of regular mortals. Though the monastic life is gathered around the regimented hours of prayer, the monk finds himself about the business of daily living. There are meals to cook, dishes to wash, fields to tend and repairs to be made. In order to keep the community vibrant and alive, monks engage in all sorts of diverse work from care-taking to income creating. Those monks who I admire most, the brewer monks, worked hard to sell their beer to area taverns as a way to provide their brothers with income for food and study. Monks, from the least to the greatest, work within the context of their monastic community.

What monks do with that work, however, is quite remarkable. For the monk, work becomes prayer. In the making, tilling, washing, drying, fixing and brewing, the monk finds a rhythm that allows



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Prayer and Work... (cont.)

him time to consider God. Every action of work becomes service and that service becomes an offering of praise to God. Every detail, no matter how mundane and rote, becomes an offering to the work of God in the world. The monk's work becomes God's work, and God's work brings the Kingdom into being. The monk transforms the world through prayerful work, and the monk is in turn transformed. Work becomes prayer, and prayer brings the monk closer to God's refreshing presence.

While few are called into the cloister of monastic life, we are all called to pray. We often feel weighed down by the work we do in the world whether it's teaching, selling, planning, building, forecasting or engineering. We come to church on Sunday to leave our work behind and pray for refreshment. Like the monk though, every form of work can become a vehicle of refreshing prayer. Every patient you talk to, every student you guide, or every nail you hammer can become a prayerful offering to God that brings the soul into a better and deeper understanding of God. As you continue in your Lenten journey and prepare for the coming of Easter may your work become a prayerful offering to God for the world He loves and for which He died.

-Fr. Mike

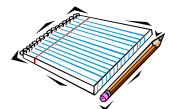
Outreach Committee Update

The Outreach Committee unanimously voted to send \$500, on behalf of St. Paul's, to The Episcopal Relief and Development Fund to help the victims of Japan.



The Bethlehem School recently completed a drive for gently used clothing, books and other items for Saint Luke's/San Lucas in Chelsea.

In the New Room, there is a board with sticky notes listing items on Esperanza Academy's Wish List. During coffee hour, please pick one of the sticky notes and return with the item the following Sunday. There are two blue plastic tubs provided for the items.



Walk a Mile in My Shoes! It has come to our attention that shoes are needed in the Dominican Republic. People walk everywhere and shoes wear out quickly. The Outreach Committee is collecting used shoes (& new ones too!). There is a cardboard box for them in the new room.



Outreach will meet again on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. Please come to share your thoughts and ideas or speak to Carl Ogren, Jen Vath, Jim Rosato, Judi Ryan, Katie Ahearn or Miriam Shafner.

THE JOURNEY OUTWARD

Getting to Know the Parish: John, Sarah & Elizabeth Old



John and Sarah Old have attended St. Paul's for six years. Their early hunt for a church took them to a few parishes with interim priests, so they kept "going down the list." Many churches on their list were Episcopalian: Sarah was raised in the Congregational Church; John was raised Episcopalian. When they came to St. Paul's, they were struck by the number of Sunday school kids and thought, "Any place that could get that many kids to church has got to be good."

They found the people at St. Paul's very friendly, but "they didn't chase us around asking us to come back," said Sarah. "You knew people wanted to see you, but it was low key." When Sarah was pregnant, people were "very, very nice" when she didn't feel well in church. And, when their daughter Elizabeth was born, the parish was "so supportive," she said. "Fr. Ed visited us, people brought flowers, brought dinner. There's a real sense of generosity and community. And it doesn't come with strings attached."

John, from Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, and Sarah, from Durham, NH, met on a bus ride to Wildcat Ski Area. A few trips later, John asked for Sarah's phone number.

Sarah is a nurse in the cardiology unit at Boston's Brigham & Women's Hospital and John, an engineer, works on communication systems for the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation (think of the lighted "Click It or Ticket" signs over the Interstates).

Sarah enjoys reading mysteries (James Patterson is a favorite), and John's favorite book is *The Endurance*, the account of Shackleton's Antarctic expedition. Elizabeth is now three and a half years old; her favorite TV show is Caillou.

2011 Johnson Scholarship Accepting Applications

The 2011 Johnson Scholarship application is now available. Alice V. Johnson left a portion of her estate in trust to the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts to provide assistance for young Episcopalians to continue their education after high school.

As a member of the Mystic Valley Deanery, parishioners of St. Paul's are eligible to apply. This is a great scholarship that awards young adults involved in the life of the parish. PLEASE APPLY! The scholarships range from \$1000 - \$2000 historically, and you can apply every year of school.

Please contact Lauren in the church office for more information.



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Prayer Shawl Ministers Bring “Mantels of Comfort”

On Sunday, March 7, the congregation at St. Paul’s was greeted by a rainbow of beautifully knitted shawls arrayed along the communion rail. These works of art and comfort being blessed that Sunday were the work of St. Paul’s Prayer Shawl Ministry.

The Prayer Shawl Ministry was conceived in 1998 by two women, Janet Bristow and Victoria Galo, after they had graduated from the Women’s Leadership Institute of Hartford Seminary in Hartford, Conn. Their purpose was to provide comfort to those who received the shawls, or “mantels of comfort.” Their idea has now grown to be a worldwide ministry.

St. Paul’s Prayer Shawl Ministry started last December when parishioner Jackie Jamison spoke to Gail Purtz about a friend who has cancer and who had received a prayer shawl. “The shawl meant a great deal to my friend,” said Jackie. “And it made a great and lasting impression on me.”

Gail, who is an avid knitter, had serendipitously also thought about starting a prayer shawl ministry and shared with Jackie a book about how to get started. They read some online materials, got Fr. Mike’s blessing to begin, and began. “Clearly, this outreach ministry of praying for others while producing a tangible article that might provide comfort, joy, strength and courage resonated with many people,” said Jackie. “Our first get-together included seven people and our second increased to 12, our present number. And more are interested in participating!”

The Prayer Shawl Ministry group currently includes Barbara Belliveau, Sheila Callaghan, Barbara Drozek, Avis Evans, Chris Gehret, Peggy Hansen, Jackie Jamison, Bonnie Lee, Kathleen Manoogian, Carole Mason, Debbie Perkins and Gail Purtz. The group has decided to meet for six months from January through June, on Tuesday nights from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m., in the “old” Common Room. Next year, the group will again start up in January for six months. Each evening of knitting begins and ends in prayer. The Prayer Shawl Ministers work from several prayer shawl patterns. There is no cost for the shawls. All are welcome to participate.

If you know someone who needs a “mantel of comfort,” please call Jackie Jamison, Gail Purtz or Peggy Hansen. The group would like to know who takes a shawl and to whom they are given so they may continue to pray for the receiver.



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Habitat for Humanity

I Corinthians 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. ... 12 For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ.



Do you have a gift of working with your hands? Or perhaps preparing and serving

food is your bag. If so, please consider volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. What better way is there to demonstrate how a variety of gifts can come together as the body of Christ?

Work is continuing on the Park Street, Peabody project. Many of us have worked on this, and the Salem and Lynn projects, and have found it to be a rewarding and fun experience. Our next work crew is planned for **April 9, 2011**.

If you are interested in volunteering in April, please send an e-mail to Carl Ogren (OgrenC@earthlink.net) with your e-mail address and phone number, or contact him by phone (781.334.6705), although e-mail is preferred! Include “Habitat for Humanity” or “St. Paul’s” in the e-mail subject, so I won’t think it’s spam!

As for those gifted with preparing and serving food, St. Paul’s will also be providing lunch for the workers on that day. To volunteer to

actually work on the house, you must be at least 16 years old, but no special skills are required. There is no age restriction for serving lunch, so this would be an ideal outreach project that involves our younger parishioners.

This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and to extend St. Paul’s outreach into the local community—in a hands-on way.

Special Note: The dedication for the 5 Park Street project will be held Sunday April 3rd at 1:00 P.M. If you are interested in attending, please contact Carl.

Contact: Carl Ogren
OgrenC@Earthlink.Net
(781)334-6705

Stewardship

Jack Benny did a comedy routine on the radio that went something like this. A thief approached him saying “your money or your life”. After a long pause, Benny replied “I’m thinking, I’m thinking”. In this introspective season of lent, as we pray and meditate, break it up with a thought of Jack Benny. Consider stewardship, and it not being just about the money, but your life.

THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—April 2011

	April 3	April 10	April 17	April 24
Acolytes	Alison Council Stephen May Spencer May	Brianna Goulet Joshua Mentzer Tyler Mentzer	9:00 am Rebecca Sacca Aaron Sacca Nhenne Nwangwu 11:00 am Emily McKenelley Ben Vath Nathan Vath	9:00 am Alison Council Nhenne Nwangwu Adannia Nwangwu 11:00 am Nathan Huebschmann Sam Huebschmann Grace Huebschmann
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM Jim Rosato LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Michael Bunar	LEM Carolyn Shea LEM Peggy Hansen Lector Tom Grilk	LEM Barbara Savage LEM Jim Vath Lector Sam Ogren	LEM Carl Ogren LEM Jim Rosato Lector Doreen Hammond
Ushers	Cal & Amy Council	Sue Bourdon Suzi Huebschmann	Ken Rosenthal Susan Cafazzo	
Altar Guild	Team Three	Team Four	Team One & Two	Team Three & Four
Flowers	No Flowers-Lent	No Flowers—Lent	Palms Only	Special Holiday Flowers
Coffee Hour	Hazel Croxon Gail Purtz Shirley Colton	Jennifer McKenelley & Family	Maryann Goulet	No coffee hour
Anniversaries		Bob & Tricia May	Caroline & John Sacca Maryann & Paul Goulet	
Birthdays	Pam Simoneau Judy Plotner Emily McKenelley Joshua Mentzer Kathleen Manoogian	Dick Shafner	Rose Keefe Michael Bunar	Robert Barrett
Recycling	Priscilla March	The Ogrens	Jim Vath	David Manoogian

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Thank You

Thank you to our St. Paul's family for your overwhelming outpouring of love and prayers. You have honored George's legacy more than you can know.

Yours, Gayle Richardson and Family

Passion Readers Needed

Readers of The Passion are needed for Palm Sunday—April 17th. Rehearsals will be held on April 10 after the 10am service, on April 16 from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and at 8:30 a.m. on the April 17. The Passion is read at both the 9:00 & 11:00 a.m. services on the 17th. Please contact Margery Kennelly or the church office if you would like to participate.

Staff and Vestry

Clergy and Staff

Rector	The Rev. Michael B. Dangelo	781-334-4594
	For after hour emergencies only	781-910-6922
Organist	Kathleen Surette	
Bethlehem School Director	Jennifer Baez	781-334-6436
Administrative Assistant	Lauren Ferrari	781-334-4594

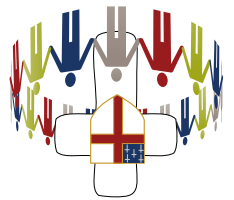
Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Abbe Moore	781-334-2377
Junior Warden	Richard Shafner	781-334-6478
Treasurer	Kwame Ofori-Asante	781-334-7229
Clerk	Carl Ogren	781-334-6705

Vestry Members

Katie Ahearn		978-531-0468
Sue Cafazzo		781-334-0198
Brian Croxon		781-334-6518
Jessica Faulkner		781-405-6810
Gretchen Garlow		781-342-5130
Jim Rosato		781-245-0161
Barbara Savage		781-334-4430
Chris Simoneau		781-334-2194
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Save the Date!



Palm Sunday—April 17

Liturgy of the Palms, Reading of the Passion and Holy Eucharist
9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Maundy Thursday—April 21

Holy Eucharist & Foot Washing 7:00 pm

Good Friday—April 22

Stations of the Cross 12:00 noon
Passion Gospel & Holy Eucharist 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday—April 23

The Great Vigil of Easter & Welcoming of Communicants 7:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday—April 24

Festive Holy Eucharist 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.