



# The Courier

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## CALENDAR

*August 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31*  
Wednesday Service  
9:00 am  
Book /Bible Study  
9:30-11:00am

*August 6*  
St. Luke's/San Lucas  
Community Dining

*August 23*  
Outreach Meeting  
6:30 pm

*August 28*  
Back to "Sundae"  
School Meeting  
6:00 pm

**Got news?** Have a news item that you'd like to have communicated throughout the parish? Please email [news@stpaulslynnfield.org](mailto:news@stpaulslynnfield.org) or call the church office, and let us know who to contact for more information. *Thank you!*

## Ask. Seek. Knock.

### The Rector's Corner

When St. Luke teaches us the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-13) he also includes a story about the person who gave his neighbor three loaves of bread in the middle of the night because of the neighbor's persistence in asking. And then Luke quotes Jesus as saying, "So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened... If you then know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Ask. Seek. Knock. Jesus is teaching us the value of importunateness, about being troublesomely urgent and overly persistent in asking God for the gift of his Holy Spirit. Jesus

is teaching us about trusting perseverance in cultivating our relationship with God. We don't pray occasionally; we pray *always*, so that we are always plugged in to God.

Ask. Seek. Knock. For what? That our will may be done? That we may receive the gifts and results that we may favor? Perhaps. But much more than hoping that our will may be done, we are praying "Thy will be done." So when we ask, seek and knock I believe that our primary goal is to pray only for the knowledge of God's will, and the power to carry it out - "Thy will be done." I believe that we are meant to follow Jesus' example of being in a constant state of prayer with his heavenly Father so that we may experience the union and confidence that Jesus experiences when he prays. In so doing we remain connected (plugged in) to God throughout whatever may come our way. We might start by getting on our knees and saying, "God, I offer myself to you, to do with me whatever you wish. May



## Ask. Seek. Knock. (cont.)

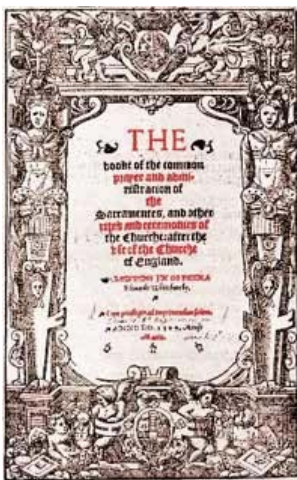
your will be done. May I be faithful and loving in all that I do.”

*Ask, seek, knock* takes on a completely different twist when we offer ourselves to God’s will instead of grinding our way towards trying to bring about our own. It leaves us in a much better position to experience, give and receive the supernatural gifts of grace, mercy, forgiveness, acceptance, peace, hope and love. May God’s will be done.

Peace & Blessings,  
Rob+



## Wednesday Morning Eucharist—August 3



One of St. Paul’s traditions is the Wednesday Morning Eucharist and Bible Study. Typically we celebrate the Eucharist with the familiar Rite II Prayer found in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer. Over the past several weeks, we have been looking at more modern versions from *Enriching our Worship*.

On Wednesday, August 3 at 9:00 a.m., we will celebrate using liturgy from the 1549 Book of Common Prayer, the first English language version. If you are able, please join us for what promises to be a unique experience. You will be surprised to learn what has changed over the last 467 years...and what is still very familiar!



## Back to “Sundae” School

Please join the Sunday School teachers for an Ice Cream Social on Sunday August 28 at 6:00 p.m. in the coffee hour room.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet with your friends before the program year begins.

Parents: We will use this time to register for class, share a Godly Play story and of course eat ice cream sundaes!

Please RSVP to the church office, 781-334-4594, or to Sheila Callaghan, [callaghan.sheila@gmail.com](mailto:callaghan.sheila@gmail.com), if family will be attending. We hope to see you there.



## Blessing of the Backpacks / First Day of Sunday School



Sunday School will begin on Sunday, September 11.

The Godly Play group will kick off the year with the “Blessing of the Backpacks” and the Story of Second Creation.



## Giv2 Youth Group

*“Youth and adults giving back to our communities in response to the gifts of God. Together, we explore our faith through service and fellowship.” ~Giv2*

Giv2, an ecumenical youth group for middle and high school youth in Lynnfield, will have its kick off meeting on October 2 at 6:00 p.m. (location TBD).

Here is the service project schedule put together for the 2016-17 program year.

- **November 11 or 12:** Gleaning with the Boston Area Gleaners
- **December:** Caroling at Sunrise Lynnfield
- **January** (tentative 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday): Mission of Deeds
- **February:** Bowl painting for Empty Bowl Project
- **March** (tentative 1<sup>st</sup> weekend): City Reach Boston
- **April:** Empty Bowls dinner, Lake Quannapowitt clean-up
- **May:** The Food Project (Beverly)

# YOUTH GROUP

## Congratulations Graduates

St. Paul's congratulates our students who have completed their diplomas and degrees. Well done!

**Scott Reister** graduated from St. John's Prep and will be attending Babson College in the fall.

**Kristin Scheeler** graduated from Wakefield High School and will be attending Merrimack College in the fall.





## B-SAFE 2016

St. Paul's participated in the B-SAFE program (Bishop's Summer Academic Fun and Enrichment) on July 14, 15 and 18. B-SAFE serves over 600 youth in six Boston-area locations. The goal is for young people to feel safe physically, emotionally, and spiritually, feel big by trying new things and advancing academic skills, and feel connected by building relationships with peers and caring adults.

**Thank you to all of the volunteers from St. Paul's.**





## St. Paul's Calendar—August 2016

	August 7	August 14	August 21	August 28
<b>Acolytes</b>		Natahn Vath		
<b>LEM Lector</b>	James Ofori Carl Ogren	Kevin Scheeler Priscilla March	Marge Cleary Gretchen Garlow	Jim Rosato Jim Rosato
<b>Ushers</b>	Shirley & Evan Colton	Susan Cafazzo & Ken Rosenthal	Sheila & Kevin Scheeler	Katie Ahearn & Jonna Casey
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Team 2	Team 3	Team 4	Team 1
<b>Flowers</b>	For Timmy, Jason & Brendan by The Walsh Family  In thanksgiving by David & Grethcen Garlow	In memory of Warren and Mary Savage by David & Barbara Savage  In thanksgiving of our new grandchild by Carole & John Mason	In memory of The Rev. Richard Stowe by Barbara Stowe  In celebration of Alex & Chris Neuman by Jonna Casey  In memory of William H. Dawe, Jr. by Carol Ann Dawe	In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Riggarr and Mr. & Mrs. Sorrentino by Beverly & Bob Sorrentino
<b>Coffee Hour</b>	Theresa Walsh	Nick & Katie Ward	Abbe Moore, Gretchen Garlow & Jen McKenelley	Katie Ahearn, Carl & Martha Ogren
<b>Anniversaries</b>	Harry & Sue Mandeville	Rob & Lucie McInnes	Russell & Sue Mentzer	Amy & John Wachsmuth  Mark & Erin Matthews  Emmanuel & Judith Cassotis
<b>Birthdays</b>	Rev. Rob Bacon Maggie Bornstein Barbara Drozek Tom Faulkner Carolyn Krikorian Mark Mahnfeltd Harry Mandeville Emily Matthews	Beth Allan Marge Cleary John McGee Candis McGee Abigale McKenelly Susan Cafazzo	Katie Ahearn Bob Barrett	Andrea Mancinelli
<b>Recycling</b>				



## Calling All Graduates



In addition to giving thanks and blessings for our own filled backpacks, we are mindful of the needs of others. Therefore, we are joining with the families of Bethlehem School to collect donations of new school supplies

for students attending Excel Academy.

Excel Academy is a tuition free, public charter school serving students in grades 5-8. The student body is approximately 80% low income, 75% Hispanic and more than half speak a language other than English in their homes.

Donated items should be brought to St. Paul's and left in the bin in the big room. We will bless these items during the Blessing of the backpacks on September 11.

### Items Needed:

- Ballpoint pens, blue or black ink
- #2 pencils
- Yellow highlighter pen, any size tip
- White lined 3" x 5" note cards
- Tissues
- White college-ruled, 3-hole-punched filler paper

## Outreach Volunteer & Community Opportunities

**Mission:** Empower the people of St. Paul's to reflect the light of Christ into our community and the world through active ministry and service.

### Saint Luke's Community Dining:

Saturday, August 6

Saturday, September 3

Saturday, October 1

[www.signupgenius.com/go/monthly60](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/monthly60)

Contact Jen Vath,

[jennifer.vath@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.vath@gmail.com)

### Habitat for Humanity:

Contact Carl Ogren, [ogren.c@verizon.net](mailto:ogren.c@verizon.net)

## Parish Goals

The strongest possible Christian formation with broad involvement across all ages.

A culture of welcoming, inviting, and retaining newcomers.

A greater connection with the community and other churches.

A stronger and more diverse music program.

These goals will continue to guide parish life as we move into the future.



## Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed



There are many free Sunday's in August. If you would like to volunteer to host Coffee Hour, please see the list in The Great Room and pick a date!

Thanks!

## Staff and Vestry

### Clergy and Staff

Rector	The Rev. Rob Bacon	781-999-1142
Music Director	Sam Nelson	617-281-0387
Bethlehem School Director	Carmelina Padovani	781-334-6436
Parish Administrator	Sam Nelson	781-334-4594
Sunday School Director	Sheila Callaghan	781-246-3505
Youth Director	Paul Bowen	617-803-8266

### Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Katie Ahearn	978-531-0468
Junior Warden	Dave Garlow	781-342-5130
Treasurer	Harry Mandeville	781-334-2349
Clerk	Chris Gehret	978-664-2480

### Vestry Members

Sheila Callaghan	781-246-3505
Rebecca Cass	781-587-0232
Brian Croxon	781-334-6518
Jessica Faulkner	781-405-6810
Jen McKennelley	978-304-1037
Sue Mentzer	978-774-0691
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