



THE COURIER

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What I Found and What I Leave Behind

Calendar

February 1, 8,
15, 22 & 29 -
Eucharist &
Bible Study

February 4-
St. Luke's /
San Lucas
Soup Kitchen

February 14-
Vestry Meeting

February 19-
Father Mike's
Last Sunday
Service @ 3pm
Dinner @ 4 pm

February 28-
Outreach Meeting

Honest. That's the first word I used to describe St. Paul's to a friend as I came to the end of my interview process with the search committee. Honest.

What you see is what you get. Unlike many bedroom communities of Boston, Lynnfield occupies a strange middle class middle road that I didn't know eastern Massachusetts

Episcopalianism had. I experienced eastern Massachusetts Episcopalianism in Hamilton first with its horses and history. In Hull, I found a blue collar neighborhood with the remarkable natural beauty outdone only by its civic dysfunction. I'd seen the South End with its urban money and Wellesley which looked like Hamilton with more homes and coffee shops. Lynnfield was different, and the congregation matched.

When Bishop Bud Cederholm told me that St. Paul's was a "sleeping giant" of a parish I believed him. I looked at

the demography, extrapolated out population and annual incomes, and saw a town waiting for a vibrant and gigantic Episcopal parish. That vision resonated with the brash exuberance of a cocky and ambitious first time rector. We'd grow into a suburban program parish, build a gigantic sanctuary and push out the borders of God's Kingdom like some band of medieval crusaders looking to make their second-son marks on the world.

That was all on paper mind you, a piece of paper that literally got pitched into the Boston curbside recycling bin the moment John Mason and his van arrived on Clarendon Street that February morning. Eleven inches of snow had fallen the night before, and this exceedingly tall and kind man was trying to get me to ride north with him in his beat-up non-descript van. Needless to say, I was unsure if that van was my carriage to an interview or a

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hostage situation waiting to happen. The windows were tinted and the three masked men in the back were all imagined.

That drive made up my mind. Sure there were a few questions and conditions to be asked and met, but that drive wiped away many of the preconceived notions of St. Paul's and Lynnfield that I had built. John's vocation and his honesty were just the beginning. Every single interviewer and member of the search committee was honest; honest about the parish, the town and their own fears about a place that was on the brink of closing. They were honest about the kind of rector they wanted, the kind of parish they had, and the kind of parish they might like to be.



St. Paul's was not an Episcopal parish with all the baggage of bankers and lawyers, doctors and judges working out their career issues through parish leadership. It was a group of retired engineers, teachers, pilots, housewives, retired executives, artists, small business owners, fishmongers, nurses and only the occasional doctor and lawyer. It was a community honestly looking for a future in worship and service in God's name. St. Paul's was a community honest about its finances, honest about its fear, and honest about its hope. I hope you never stop being honest. It's always been the thing I loved the most.

~ Fr. Mike

Celebration for Father Mike—Sunday, February 19th

Father Mike's last service at St. Paul's will be on Sunday, February 19th. The schedule for the day is as follows:

9:00 a.m. - Said Holy Eucharist - Rite II

3:00 p.m. - Liturgy with The Rt. Rev. Gayle Harris

A going away gathering will be held immediately following the 3:00 p.m. service. Planning of a buffet dinner is in the works. It will start at 4:00 pm and continue until the food and beverages are gone. Please join us to celebrate our ministries, and what we have accomplished.

Please RSVP to either Lauren at office@stpaulslynnfield.org or Abbe at seniorwarden@stpaulslynnfield.org.



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Getting to Know the Parish: Frank & Nancy Anderson



Both Frank and Nancy Anderson were raised Episcopalian, and both grew up at St. John's Episcopal Church in Winthrop. But that's not where they got together. Back then, said Nancy, "Frank was into motorcycles while I was still selling Girl Scout cookies."

They kicked off their romance 43 years ago when they both were working in Boston at Mohawk Airlines, a small regional airline eventually absorbed by US Air. Frank was an aircraft mechanic and Nancy worked at the ticket counter. They married a year later.

For a while, Nancy attended Center Congregational Church while Frank worked on Sundays. Eventually, they

decided to "go back to our own church," and in 1983 came to St. Paul's. They kept coming back because "at St. Paul's, you always feel welcome," said Frank. He and Nancy agree that the best part of St. Paul's is the community. Nancy calls it "unconditional love or acceptance – no matter where you are spiritually or how long you've been away." Frank says, "It's like family."

They describe themselves as a "land and sea" couple.

After retiring from US Air, Frank got his boat captain's license and began serving as crew on sailboats going to and from Bermuda, the Caribbean, and the Bahamas – not to mention sailing his own 30' sailboat along the East Coast. (He recently sold the boat, trading it in for a Harley Davidson, which he loves and is a lot less work.)

Nancy worked as a real estate agent for many years at Northup Realtors. After a serious traffic accident and near-death experience, Nancy began immersing herself in all things holistic. She's now certified in yoga dance and children's yoga, she's a Reiki master, soul coach, and a Holistic Lifestyle Educator. She loves trees, loves to walk in them, loves to dance and write poetry.

While they find spirituality in nature, "Church is where we can 'be there' for people," said Nancy. (And at St. Paul's, they've "been there" in many ways: Frank was a long-time junior warden, Nancy served on the vestry, and they both worked at My Brother's Table in Lynn for many years.)

Frank and Nancy have two children: Carrie, who lives in Wenham, and Jamie, who lives in Lynnfield. They also have five grandchildren who they enjoy "in moderation."

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A Very Special Thank You

It's always hard for me to fully express my gratitude to the people of St. Paul's Parish, for the over abundance of gifts and prayers given to the very special children of the Murphy School and the Murphy Satellite School. This year I find it particularly difficult because the generosity shown to the children and families of both schools was overwhelming.

As some of you might know, the Murphy School, which is a highly regarded school in the City of Boston, has expanded. The school now has a satellite school, in South Boston, which holds 27 students who are faced with the most difficult educational challenges that any school district has to face. In this school, 27 of God's most cherished children attend classes, live, learn and laugh each day. Many of these students have global difficulties, are tube fed, non-verbal and many have difficulty moving at all. Yet, they all have very different personalities, smile when they are enjoying the moment, enjoy T.V. shows like Law and Order, and appreciate any and all attention given. I personally find it amazing how a middle school child being so limited in their worldview is able to show appreciation in their own way!

This year was different for them. For the first time, each of the children received a warm blanket, a sweatshirt that was delivered in their own school colors, and a soft toy they could cling to. All this was done through the generosity of St. Paul's. These students have never met you, never shared their personal experiences or exchanged a warm smile, yet you rose to the occasion and provided these children with much more than a simple physical gift, you brought to them, and the adults who work with them, the Christmas spirit.

This year, St Paul's supported over 150 needy families with gift cards, presents, warm coats, hats, mittens and, in most cases, a very special Christmas dinner. Over \$1000.00 in Stop and Shop gift cards were given to families who were homeless, lost their jobs and had more than their share of heartaches throughout 2011.

Without this parish, Christmas would not have been filled with the love and hope that we sometimes take for granted. It would have been just another day where children felt that the commercials they watched, dinners they heard about, and graciousness shown to others was not now and would ever be an option for them. Though the efforts of our parish, especially the efforts of Tricia May who coordinated the giving, this Christmas was truly different for our most needy children. It was a day of celebration in the birth of Jesus Christ and the joy and peace that His birth brings. It was a day that we all will remember for a very long time.

In closing, I'd like to share one story with all of the parishioners who supported this effort.

The day before the Christmas school break I approached a student who was sitting on the bench outside my office at the Murphy School. She had been sitting there for a great deal of time, and, as usual, the rest of the staff and I were quite busy. Her persistence and patience went un-noticed for some time. After a lengthy amount of time, I asked her if I could help in any way. She replied, "I am waiting to talk with Ms. Casey." I replied, "I am Ms. Casey." She promptly got up from the bench and although tears were filling her eyes, she said, "I just came to thank you for the best Christmas my family will ever have." There was nothing more to be said....

I later learned that she was an 8th grade student who was new to our school, homeless and living in a shelter with her mom and baby brother. She had more gifts that she has ever had from people she never met in a town that she had never visited. Yet, they were here for her. We were there for her....

As you think about what is important and what is not, think about the lives you have touched and the memories you have created for so many of God's special children and needy families. May God always bless you and keep you through 2012. You have my deepest and sincere gratitude. Please visit and see first hand the lives you have touched with your reflection of the love of Christ.

Respectfully,
Jonna Casey

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Sunday School Donations



Thank you so much for all of your support as we develop this new and wonderful Godly Play Sunday School format for our children.

If you would haven't had a chance to donate or would like to donate additional materials, we are still in need of a few more supplies.

You can put your donation in the collection plate on any Sunday morning. If you are giving a check, please write Sunday School on the memo line. If you are paying with cash, please put in an envelope marked Sunday School.

If there is a particular story in the bible that is dear to your heart and you would like to donate an entire story, please contact Caroline Sacca and we can work on that.

Year End Tax Statements

The 2011 Year End Tax Statements are ready and can be picked up at church.

If you will not be in church over the next couple of weeks to pick up your statement or if you have problems or questions regarding your statement, please contact Lauren in the church office via email, office@stpaulslynnfield.org, or phone, 781-334-4594.



Outreach Volunteer & Community Opportunities

Saint Luke's Soup Kitchen:

Saturday, February 4th

Saturday, March 3rd

Saturday, April 7th

Contact Jen Vath,
jennifer.vath@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity:

Contact Carl Ogren,
ogrenc@earthlink.net

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St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—February 2012

	February 5	February 12	February 19	February 26
Acolytes	Adannia Nwangwu Nnenna Nwangwu Sydney Johnian	Alex Ofori Spencer May Stephen May	Joshua Mentzer (3pm) James Ofori Tyler Mentzer	Nathan Huebschmann Sam Huebschmann Grace Huebschmann
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Jim Rosato	LEM Barbara Savage Lector Doreen Hammond	LEM Carl Ogren Lector David Garlow	LEM Jim Vath Lector Susan Bourdon
Ushers	Gretchen & David Garlow	Nancy & Frank Anderson	Sheila & Kevin Scheeler	Amy & Cal Council
Altar Guild	Team Two	Team Three	Team Four	Team One
Flowers	In memory of Martha Bourdon by Sue, Tom & Holly Bourdon and Frederick Soule by Barbara & David Savage	In memory of Russell Smith by Mary Smith & Family and Eva Drew White, Sarah J. Drew and Gertrude Emery by Albert White		No Flowers—Lent
Coffee Hour	Debbie Kassiotis Gretchen Garlow	Sue Mandeville Lucie McInnes	Jonna Casey The Ogren's	Susan Bourdon Sandy Barrett
Anniversaries		David & Kathleen Manoogian		Jim & Cheryl Rosato
Birthdays	Jane Friedman Stephen May Spencer May Ashley McKenelley Nathan Huebschmann Sam Huebschmann Nnamdi Nwangwu Erin Matthews	Ed Purtz Rebecca Sacca Priscilla Cacciatore	James Ofori Jonna Casey Jennifer McKenelley Sarah May	Hollie Scopa Nnenna Nwangwu Russell Mentzer Chris Gehret David Jamison Aiden Vinceguerra
Recycling	Priscilla March	Carolyn Krikorian	Jim Vath	David Manoogian

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Annual Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5th following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please try to attend this very important meeting.

Father Mike promises not to keep you too long, so you'll be home in plenty of time to watch the Patriots in the Super Bowl!



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	Carmelina Padovani	781-334-6436
Administrative Assistant	Lauren Ferrari	781-334-4594

Vestry Officers

Senior Warden	Abbe Moore	781-334-2377
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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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