



THE COURIER

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January 1
Holy Name

January 6
Epiphany

January 18
Confession of
Saint Peter
the Apostle

January 25
Conversion of
Saint Paul
the Apostle

Now What?

Taking the dogs out this morning for their first walk of the day, I stumbled into a big white object next to the garage. Covered in snow and surrounded in plastic, I looked a little more closely to discover that it was our bagged up Christmas tree. Only a week after we'd taken it down I'd already forgotten that I'd bagged it, tagged it and prepped it for the shredder by putting it in the least obvious place on the property. Man that was fast. If I hadn't walked the dogs around the garage clockwise that poor compost heap-in-waiting would have stayed next to the garage until December. That's when it hit me; Christmas came and went. Along with my poor tree the whole holiday was forgotten and boxed up waiting patiently to be rediscovered by the happenstance of spring cleaning or the necessity of a Christmas Future.

A new season of Epiphany began for the church on January 6th. At the end of the twelve days of Christmas this new season arrived with wise men, the star of Bethlehem, and the message of God's hope for the whole world in the person of Jesus Christ. This new season of the church, while not a sequel to Christmas, is the story of Christmas moving out of Bethlehem and becoming God's gift for the whole world. (What Pentecost is to Easter, Epiphany is to Christmas.) In this season we bring back the color green (just as our lawns and roads are covered with a blanket of white) to symbolize the message of God's love traveling into the darkness of the world bringing new light and new life where we'd least expect it. Epiphany is a season meant to keep the deep message of Christmas out in front of us during the darkest and coldest months of the year.

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Now What? (cont'd)

How will we as a parish continue to bring the message of Christmas out into the cold and dark winter world that surrounds us? Saint Paul's has so many opportunities during these first months of the year to take part in this great Epiphany. Whether it's braving snow storms to gather for worship, serving hot meals to our neighbors in Chelsea, or joining a bible study opportunities to keep the deep message of Christmas alive and real abound. I invite you to take a deeper look at your life of faith this winter. If you've put away the Christmas decorations, stumbled into the bagged Christmas tree next to the garage and found yourself asking the question, "Now what?" I think you're ready to celebrate the season of Epiphany!

-Fr. Mike

Sermons Online

Traveling? Snowed in? Just want to hear Sunday's sermon again?

Sermons can now be found on St. Paul's website to download the latest one today.

<http://www.stpaulslynnfield.org/sermonarchive.html>

Sunday School Schedule

January 3

The Wedding at Cana (John 2:1-12)

Children will be in Sunday school until the time for communion and then they will join the church service upstairs. Children will sit with their Sunday school teachers at the front of the church.

January 10

Nicodemus visits Jesus (John 3:1-21)

January 17

Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4:1-42)

January 24

Loaves and fishes and spiritual food (John 6:1-15, 22-40)

January 31

Children will be in Sunday School until 10:00 a.m. at which time they will proceed upstairs to sit with their parents for the entire church service. Please make sure there is room for them to sit.

February 7^t

Jesus heals blindness (John 9)

Children will be in Sunday school until the time for communion and then they will join the church service upstairs. Children will sit with their Sunday school teachers at the front of the church.

February 14

The Good Shepherd (John 10:1-21)

February 21

The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

February 28

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Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity currently has four projects in progress—three in Peabody and one in Lynn. Many who have worked on the Salem, Lynn and Peabody projects have found it to be a rewarding and fun experience. We are now assembling a work crew for Saturday, January 23 to work at the Lynn location.

If you are interested in volunteering, contact Carl Ogren. Send an e-mail to OgrenC@Earthlink.Net, with your e-mail address and phone number, or contact him by phone, 781-334-6705 (e-mail preferred!!). Please include “Habitat for Humanity” or “St. Paul’s” in the e-mail subject, so he won’t think it’s spam!

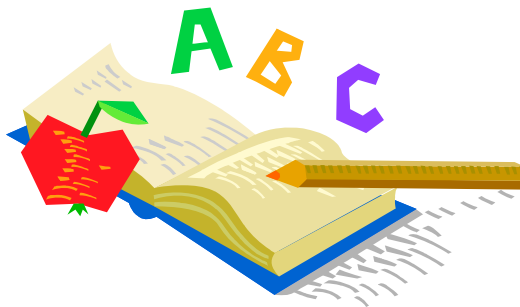
To volunteer, you must be at least 16 years old (16~18 requires parental approval). Neighbors, friends and relatives are also welcome. No special skills are required.



Bethlehem School

Enrollment packets for 2010-2011 school year at The Bethlehem School are now available. The deadline for returning them is January 31, 2010. We anticipate openings in the 3 and 4 year old classrooms.

Contact Jennifer Baez by email director@thebethlehemschool.org or phone 781-334-6436 with any questions.



THE JOURNEY OUTWARD

We Came, We Saw, We Caroled

*Silent night,
holy night*

*All is calm,
all is bright*

*Round yon
Virgin
Mother
and Child*

*Holy Infant
so tender
and mild*

*Sleep in
heavenly peace*

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If your doorbell rang during the deep darkness of a winter's evening, imagine the thoughts that would run through your mind: Pranksters? Fios salesmen? Bad news?

What you probably wouldn't expect is 19 colorfully dressed carolers belting out some Christmas favorites, from "O Come All Ye Faithful" to "Silent Night." But that's what we did throughout greater Lynnfield on the night of December 27th. Four carloads of us St. Paul's parishioners, including kids, friends and extended family members, traveled to homes of shut-ins and others "nominated" by their friends to receive a little Christmas joyful noise. For about two hours, we drove caravan-style to 11 houses, sang a selection of carols, and gave out Christmas cards, holiday door hangers and candy canes.

People's smiles when they saw and heard us at their door kept us feeling warm in the cold night air. Some people sang along with us and nearly all applauded and/or gathered their households to witness the show. Either we enthralled them with our singing or we amazed them with the audacity to arrive unannounced and make a spectacle of ourselves ... whatever it was, the effort seemed to be appreciated. And judging by the amount of laughter and the gusto with which we sang, it was fun for us, too!

Afterwards, we gathered at the church to refresh ourselves with hot chocolate and other goodies in traditional St. Paul's style.

While it was all good fun, more important was knowing that we were sharing the joy of Christ's birth with those who either couldn't be with us at church or otherwise might find some comfort in the message of Christmas: God is with us, and not just in St. Paul's sanctuary.

Perhaps we have the makings of a St. Paul's tradition? Hope to see all you carolers (and then some) next Christmas!

-Priscilla March



THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Portraits of Jesus through the Centuries

Sundays, January 17th, 24th,

Led by Faye Dangelo, this four week series of Adult Forums will look at Jesus through three unique periods in the life of the Christian Church; the Patristic period, the Medieval period and the Modern period. The Church's understanding of Jesus of Nazareth has changed at different times and in different contexts. Come learn more about how fellow Christians have understood our Lord in ages past. This forum will take place immediately following the 10:00 a.m. service.

Wednesday Mornings at St. Paul's

9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist Rite II

10:00 a.m.—Women's Bible Study
led by Fr. Mike

Inquirer's Class: Becoming an Episcopalian

*Sundays, February 21st, 28th, May 7th,
14th, 21st and 28th*

Ever wondered what Episcopalians believe about Jesus, the Cross, the nature of God, the Virgin Mary or sin? Ever wanted to be Confirmed as an Episcopalian? Well, whether you want to experience the sacrament of Confirmation or just learn more about the Christian faith in the Episcopal tradition the Inquirer's Class is for you. This six week course, designed by parishioner Paul Bowen, will take you through history, theology and devotional practices aimed at deepening your understanding and faith in Jesus Christ. The class will include a light lunch and begin at 12:30pm. This class is open to those in high school or older.



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St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—January 2010

	January 3, 2010	January 10, 2010	January 17, 2010	January 24, 2010	January 31, 2010
Acolytes	Alison Council C Ben Vath Grace	Alex Ofori C James Ofori Sydney Johnian	Rebecca Sacca C Sam Huebschmann Nathan Huebschmann	Brianna Goulet C Aaron Sacca Rachel Barrett	Patrick Scheeler C Joshua Mentzer Tyler Mentzer
Lay Readers					
8:30 a.m.	LEM David Savage	LEM Barbara Savage	LEM Carolyn Shea	LEM	LEM Jim Vath
10:00 a.m.	LEM Holly Bourdon Lector Sue Bourdon	LEM Jim Rosato Lector Kevin Scheeler	LEM Peggy Hansen Lector Lori DeNisco	LEM Carl Ogren Lector Samantha Ogren	LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Dave Garlow
Ushers	John & Carole Mason	Ken Rosenthal & Susan Cafazzo	David & Jackie Jamison	Mike Bunar & John Sacca	Ed & Gail Purtz
Altar Guild	Team Four	Team One	Team Two	Team Three	Team Four
Flowers		In memory of Betty Purtz & Edward Foley by Gail & Ed Purtz		In memory of Arthur Hurlburt by Jean, Paul & Julie Wentzell & Kevin Ahearn by Katie Ahearn	In memory of Caroline Plaisted by Gail & Ed Purtz
Coffee Hour	Jen Vath Nancy Olsen	Jill Barrett Pam Simoneau	Hazel Croxon Gail Purtz Shirley Colton	Lauren Ferrari Jennifer McKenley	Patricia May Carole Mason
Anniversaries		Ed & Gail Purtz			Nancy & Frank Anderson
Birthdays	Barbara Belliveau Samantha Ogren	Ken Rosenthal Edward Ho Gerry Bornstein	Patrick Barrett Chris Grilk David Grilk Jamie Kassiotis William Rinaldi	Thomas Bourdon Kristen Bornstein Heather DeNisco Nancy Olsen Joseph Garlow	Gail Purtz Caroline Sacca Jake Bellucci Aiden Vinguerra Jane Friedman Stephen May Spencer May Ashley McKenley Luke Kimball
Recycling	Carl & Martha Ogren	Sue Mentzer	David Manoogian	Priscilla March	Jim Vath

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Important Dates

Monday, January 4, 11, 18 & 25 – EFM – 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 12 – Vestry Meeting – 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 – Holy Eucharist – 9:30 a.m.

Women’s Bible Study Group immediately follows service

Tuesday, January 26 – Outreach Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, February 7 – Annual Parish Meeting – after 10 a.m. service

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	Jonna Casey	781-334-5530
Junior Warden	Richard Shafner	781-334-6478
Treasurer	Kwame Ofori-Asante	781-334-7229
Clerk	Abbe Moore	781-334-2377

Vestry Members

Sheila Callaghan		781-246-3505
Jessica Faulkner		781-405-6810
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Susan Mandeville		781-334-2349
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Save the Date!

Sunday, February 7, 2010
Parish Annual Meeting



following the 10 a.m. Service