



THE COURIER

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Calendar

March 1, 8, 15, 22

& 29 - Prayer
Shawl Ministry
@ 7-8 p.m.

March 2, 9, 16
& 23 - Eucharist
& Bible Study
@ 9:30 a.m.

March 5-
St. Luke's Soup
Kitchen

March 8-
Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper
@ 7:15 p.m.

March 9-
Ash Wednesday
@ 12 & 7 p.m.

March 22-
Outreach Meeting
@ 6:30 p.m.

Wait for It

Wait for it...wait for it...NOW!!!
WOOHOO!!! WE DID IT! Now
quiet down...it's Lent.

**The
Rector's
Corner**

What an amazing thing
it was today to watch as
the final paper work for
our new organ was
completed and hands
were shaken! This Easter
will be an amazing
celebration of music
and joy the likes of

which our parish has never heard.
Thank you to the Organ Committee
for its hard work and dedication!
Thank you to Kathy Surette for her
musical leadership! Thank you to all
the donors who have made our new
organ possible! Thank you St. Paul's!

But, I am left with one really
important question. How in the world
will we possibly hold back our joy and
excitement for the whole season of
Lent? I'm not sure if I'm going to be
able to control myself. Kathy is going
to have to finally use the tranquilizer
gun that the Bishop entrusted her with

when it was announced that you
were calling me to be your rector!
How can we possibly get through
Lent?!?!?

Lent is a season of quiet
preparation that we take on every
year to get ready for the joy of
Easter. But here's where I get
snagged in my excitement over
the new organ. How can I be more
excited about the organ than about
our celebration of Easter? I can't
or better yet I, I better not be! The
organ, for all of its awesomeness,
is not the object of Christian
worship. The organ is a tool like
our prayer books and hymnals; a
tool that points us to the true
object of worship; our loving and
living God. It's hard sometimes to
separate the object of worship
from the implements of worship if
we're honest with ourselves.

We all have aesthetic sensibilities
about Sunday worship. We love
certain hymns, and new hymns
sometimes get in the way of how

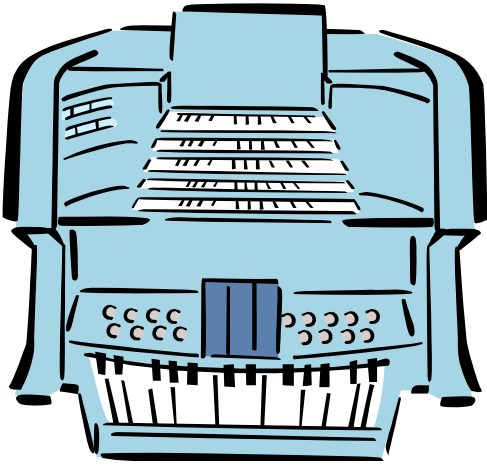
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THE JOURNEY INWARD

Wait for It... (cont.)



“into” worship we can be. We love the hymns we know. We love the tunes we can sing. We sing the ones we know with just a little bit more gusto and reckless abandon. Old hymns are comfortable and familiar, but it’s possible that the familiar can get in the way of worship too. Familiar tunes that we lean on too much can keep us from broadening our notions of God. Hymns are filled with theological language and metaphor about God. If we get trapped in the same metaphors and language for too long, we can unknowingly limit our understanding of God. We start to worship the tool and not the God the tool is trying to point us to.

New organs, old hymns and all the excitement that go with both can both be challenges to holy worship if they take our focus off Christ. I guess that means Lent is coming just in time; just in time to make me settle down on the organ excitement and just in time to bring in a substantial change to hymns and prayers. Thank God that Sundays in Lent are still feast days! (Gotta let some of this excitement out sometime!)

-Fr. Mike

Preparing for Sunday



No more searching through different scripture passages to track down readings. St. Paul’s subscribes to ‘Preparing for Sunday’.

By clicking on the Preparing for Sunday icon on the homepage of the St. Paul’s website, you can view and print the current Sunday’s readings as well as the previous Sunday’s and next Sunday’s. Readings automatically update each Monday morning.

Stewardship

These have been stressful days throughout the world around us, at home and abroad, with much uncertainty still ahead. In this season, St. Paul’s offers us, as parishioners, support in our faith, while it serves as a spiritual beacon to others coping with the anxieties of difficult times. Through our contributions as stewards of St. Paul’s, we find reassurance in knowing that our actions are a helpful and steadying influence in the midst of turmoil.

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THE JOURNEY OUTWARD

Getting to Know the Parish: Carole and John Mason



We have attended St Paul's since March of 1980. We were looking to have our son christened and decided to compromise on our Catholic (John) and Presbyterian (Carole) backgrounds and meet in the middle. St. Paul's drew us in by the welcoming spirit of Fr. Robin Murray and the fellowship of the parishioners. Over the years we've been involved with countless fairs, vestry, altar guild, quilting and John has held every position in the vestry except for Clerk!

I manage a 60 person office for a software company in Burlington and John has owned a temporary labor service in Boston since 1973 – neither of us want to quit working! Our son Greg lives in the North End and works in Boston at Brown Brothers Harriman.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

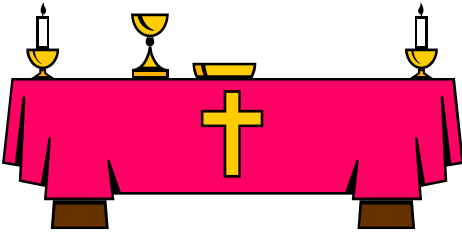


On Tuesday, March 8, Saint Paul's will celebrate Shrove Tuesday with a parish supper of pancakes and pork products served by your Vestry

Bring your kids, neighbors, friends and celebrate the last day of feasting before Lent begins.

THE JOURNEY INWARD

Our "Common Cathedral" Experience



On February 6th, a warm, sunny Sunday, several

members of St Paul's Church traveled into Boston Common to serve homemade soup, sandwiches and dessert to approximately 60 of Boston's homeless residents. We had already enjoyed the preparation phase in St. Paul's kitchen and our own homes. At the Common, we were joined by several members of the Youth Group at Trinity Church Concord along with their minister, for a total of about 20 servers.

The altar first was used to serve a nutritionally sustaining lunch and then used to distribute the spiritual food of the blessed sacrament in a moving service led by Rev. Kathy. Parishioners from the homeless community offered praise and prayers for loved ones. They also expressed thanks and encouragement for their homeless family, as well as our presence among them. You could tell how deeply they cared for one another. Two of Trinity's youth prayed for a classmate whose grandfather had just died. We also sang to those celebrating birthdays including Rebecca Sacca from St. Paul's. It was wonderful seeing all the young people from both churches mingling comfortably with those we served.

All the recipients were so appreciative. But the servers felt blessed, too.

I feel I speak for all of us when I say we all rejoiced in this opportunity. As Jim Rosato said,

"Listening to them, and getting a chance to chat with them, I learned the homeless are not very different from you or me; they have hopes, dreams, and a void to be filled by God like all of us. "

"This was the most amazing experience that my family and I have ever had," said Caroline Sacca. "Makes me want to go every Sunday. "

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and talents. I hope as more opportunities arise to serve in this wonderful ministry more of you will get a chance to experience the joy of giving and sharing yourself with others.

-Susan Mandeville



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THE JOURNEY INWARD

Meet the New Vestry Members

What better way to get to know our new Vestry members than to ask what they like? Here are some fun snippets that we hope will tell you a bit about them:



Katie Ahearn

Favorite Food

Thanksgiving dinner and the whole meaning around it.

Favorite Book

Ken Follet's *Pillars of the Earth*

Hobbies

Walking – on the beach or anywhere, reading, “fanatical” knitting, and taking care of her Manx ragdoll cat Max, who thinks he's a dog and follows her everywhere



Brian Croxon

Favorite Food

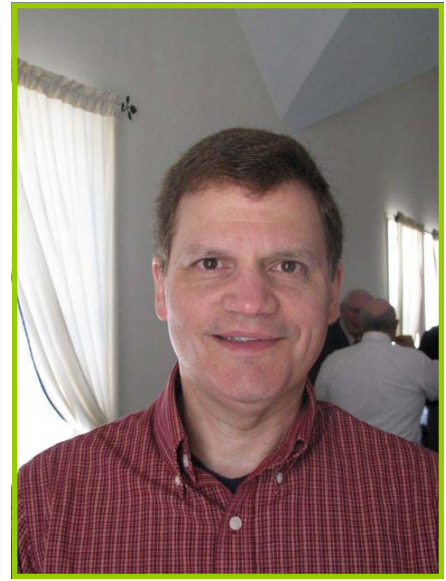
Richardson's Snickers ice cream, chicken or veal scaloppini, poached salmon

Hobbies

Photography and fly fishing

Favorite Movies

BBC's adaptation of John le Carré's *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*; PBS's Masterpiece Theater productions; Clint Eastwood's spaghetti westerns



Jim Rosato

Hobbies

Skiing, biking, hiking, kayaking, cribbage, reading

Favorite Movie

2001: A Space Odyssey

Favorite Book

Ken Follett's *Pillars of the Earth*

Favorite Food

Baked stuffed haddock

THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—March 2011

	March 6	March 13	March 20	March 27
Acolytes	Alison Council Sam Huebschmann	Alex Ofori James Ofori Sydney Johnian	Rebecca Sacca Aaron Sacca Tyler Mentzer	Emily McKenelley Ben Vath Nathan Vath
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM Jim Rosato LEM Jim Rosato Lector Lori DeNisco	LEM Barbara Savage LEM Peggy Hansen Lector Susan Bourdon	LEM Carolyn Shea LEM Sue Mentzer- Lector Priscilla March	LEM Carl Ogren LEM Jim Vath Lector Karen McAlmon
Ushers	David & Gretchen Garlow	Ed & Gail Purtz	David & Kathleen Manoogian	Ken Rosenthal & Susan Cafazzo
Altar Guild	Team Three	Team Four	Team One	Team Two
Flowers		No Flowers-Lent	No Flowers-Lent	No Flowers-Lent
Coffee Hour	Susan Mandeville Lucie McInnes	Jen Vath Nancy Olsen	Patricia May & Family	Michelle Greene Sarah Old
Anniversaries			Kathleen & Brian Palmer	Charlie & Phyllis Porter
Birthdays	Adam Mentzer Miriam Shafner Jessica Faulkner Kayla Faulkner	David Manoogian Sydney Johnian Judi Ryan	Joseph Courtemanche Barbara Savage John Old	Sheila Callaghan Tyler Mentzer
Recycling	Caroline Krikorian	The Ogrens	Caroline Krikorian	Jim Vath

THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Diocesan Camp Info Night

There will be a Diocesan Camp information night for the Mystic Valley and Northshore Deaneries here at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 20th at 5:00 p.m.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

A reminder that the Prayer Shawl group will meet on Tuesday nights from 7-8 p.m.

The group has already produced 8 - 10 shawls which will be blessed on Sunday, March 6th.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Purtz or Jackie Jamison.



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
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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

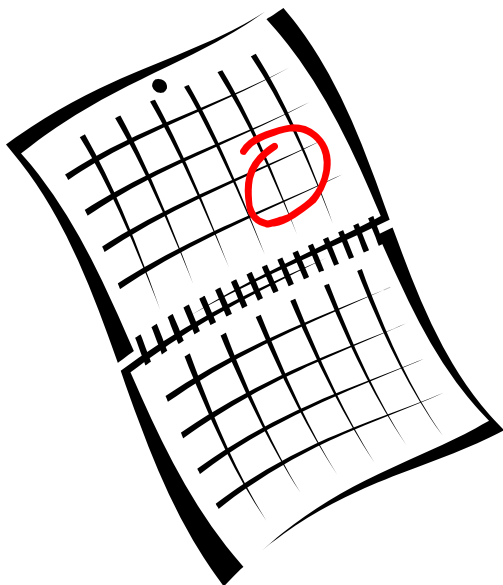
Vestry Members

Katie Ahearn	978-531-0468
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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
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Jim Vath	781-334-6098

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Save the Date!



**Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper**

Tuesday, March 8th

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, March 9th

12:00 & 7:00 p.m.