



THE COURIER

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Giving Thanks

November is a very interesting month in the life of a parish priest. It's a bit of a "No Man's Land" liturgically between the celebration and solemnity of All

The Rector's Corner
Saint's Day and the beginning of the season of anticipation that is Advent. The last weeks of November are a brief sabbath before the onrushing holiday season. These are the latter days of Pentecost; the last days of green vestments and our final Sundays of celebrating the gift of the Holy Spirit. It's a quiet, almost lazy final leg of the Church year that would end with a whimper were it not for Thanksgiving.

It's Thanksgiving that gives these days in November their deep meaning in the American context. In these weeks leading up to it, we're making plans to travel, plans to cook turkey and plans to celebrate that great American holiday with football and after dinner naps at Aunt Beth's

house. Some of us are looking forward to the day after Thanksgiving for the shopping and the sales, while others are dreaming of turkey sandwiches with stuffing and cranberry sauce.

The Book of Common Prayer rides alongside our American Thanksgiving by offering a service of prayer and thanksgiving to God for all of the great blessings we share: home, hearth and kin. It's customary for Episcopal Churches to hold a local morning service of Eucharist on Thanksgiving Day in those quiet hours while the turkey roasts unattended at home. Over the last several years at St. Paul's a small, faithfully dedicated congregation has gathered to offer prayers and thanksgivings in those same early hours. It's a Thanksgiving tradition I've grown to love as an Episcopalian. But this year I'm doing something different. I've laid aside my desire to roast the perfect bird, and I've committed to my friend and

Kalendar

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All Saints Day

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Saint Andrew the
Apostle

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colleague at St. Luke's- San Lucas, Father Edgar in Chelsea, to join his congregation in service, prayer and song. St. Paul's, St. Luke's and Epiphany Winchester (three partner parishes in the Mystic Valley Deanery) will join together for prayer and thanks in Chelsea on Thanksgiving morning. Then we'll roll up our collective sleeves and serve one another a huge thanksgiving dinner as a sign of God's continuing work in and through our parishes and communities (see next column). It's a bit of a departure from the "traditional" quiet thanksgiving morning, but I think this joint service reflects in a powerful way our call to strengthen our respective parish communities.

So I hope that you'll consider some different plans for Thanksgiving this year. I hope you'll set aside naps and fancy napkins and join me for a thanksgiving celebration of a different kind. Thank God for a national holiday that can remind the Church of its work of giving thanks and serving the world in Christ's name.

-Fr. Mike

Thanksgiving Dinner

We are looking for peelers, wheelers, and dealers to help with the joint Thanksgiving dinner at St Luke's for approximately 80-100 parishioners and friends. We need peelers of 25 pounds of potatoes, wheelers to move tables & chairs and dealers to help serve. Volunteers will be needed to provide food: potatoes, cranberry sauce, or canned corn; or, to help at St. Luke's for a 2- or 3-hour shift: on Wednesday from 6-9pm or on Thanksgiving Day from 8am-3:30pm. Please see the sign-up sheet in the "New Room."

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, the beauty of the world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.



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St. Luke's Holiday Fair

St Luke's is holding a holiday fair November 14th, with proceeds to be used to help fund the soup kitchen and food pantry. They are looking for the following gently used/"saleable" items in *good* condition:

- Holiday decorations and "such"
- Toys, books and any other suitable items that could be purchased at the fair and then given as Christmas gifts
- Winter clothing, boots, accessories, etc

Please deposit any items you may have in the designated area in New Room no later than Monday November 9th. That should give us enough time to deliver items to the church.

Thank you so very much for supporting this wonderful place...it does so very much for so many!! Please direct any questions to Suzi Huebschmann 781-334-5979, shuebschmann@verizon.net

Protestant Chaplaincy Council

One of St. Paul's lower profile outreach activities is the Protestant Chaplaincy Council. This is a lay organization formed in 1979 to provide a part-time Protestant chaplain at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital, when it changed its status to no longer be a teaching hospital with a Clinical Pastoral Education program. It is funded by Protestant churches in the hospital's catchment area, including St. Paul's.

The Protestant Chaplaincy Council chaplain's ministry is to anyone in need (patients and hospital staff, and their families—Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, atheist, etc.) at the hospital.

The Council is comprised of delegates appointed by the individual churches. There is currently an opportunity for someone to serve as one of St. Paul's delegates.

For more information, please contact Carl Ogren—current Protestant Chaplaincy Council president, OgrenC@Earthlink.Net.



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Habitat for Humanity

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Matthew 7:24-25

For nearly two years St. Paul's has supported Habitat for Humanity as one of our ongoing outreach projects. The Outreach Committee adopted this project because we perceived that there was a desire in the parish to get more involved with our local community in a hands-on way. Since we undertook this, St. Paul's has fielded work parties supporting projects in Salem, Lynn and Peabody. Not only has this been a rewarding experience reaching out to less-advantaged families in our area, but it has been an opportunity for fellowship within our own parish and with other members of the community. More than that, on occasion, people from outside the parish have joined us...and some of us have even learned new skills.

Habitat for Humanity is a Christian organization whose mission is to provide home ownership to families who might otherwise not be able to afford it. This is not just a give-away program, though. Benefiting families must meet certain requirements and contribute significantly to their project.

First, they must fall within income guidelines; for example, a family of four must have an income between \$36,000 and \$45,100 annually. Their current housing costs must exceed 50% of their income. Their current housing must also be inadequate—due to overcrowding, or being substandard or dangerous. Second, the family must have employment and be able to take out a mortgage to fund building supplies, etc. (The labor is volunteered and some building materials are donated, but many of the materials must be purchased and skilled people need to be hired for things like electrical work, plumbing, etc.) Third, and possibly most important, the family must themselves provide 430 hours of labor on the project.

The Salem project has been completed. It was a side-by-side duplex in a renovated commercial property. The owners were Dominican and Vietnamese families of four each. The Lynn project is a completely new single-family home, built on a parking lot donated by GE. (Actually there will be two sites in Lynn, but the City of Lynn will not allow starting the second one until the first one is completed.) In Peabody there are actually three properties. The one we worked on is a complete interior renovation and will become two side-by-side duplex homes. Habitat for Humanity is currently in the process of selecting families for the Lynn and Peabody projects.

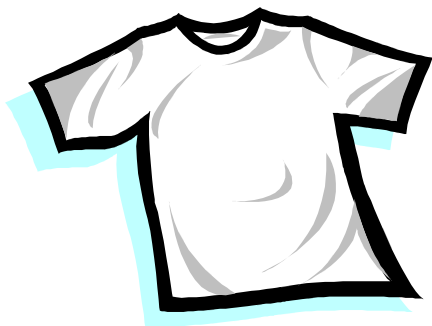
One of the most rewarding experiences our team experienced was when we went to the Lynn project. One of the workers there was one of the owners from Salem. It was great to see this outreach come full circle!

Our outreach to Habitat for Humanity has not ended. We are planning more opportunities to participate in this outreach and fellowship activity. This is open to anyone over 16 years old. 16~18 year olds require parent/guardian consent. Bring your family, friends and neighbors! No special skills are required. The date for the next adventure is expected to be sometime in January. If you are interested or want additional information, please contact Carl Ogren (OgrenC@Earthlink.Net), or any of the Outreach Committee members. What better way can we reflect Christ's light into our community.

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T-shirts for Sale

In case you haven't heard we have St. Paul's t-shirts for sale. They are imprinted with our logo and come in light grey and maroon. If you are interested stop by the office and try one on. The cost is \$12 and there are both child and adult sizes available.



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

Coffee Hour Helpers Needed

I know that you have all heard it before that we need help with coffee hour. Well, now we really do. We currently have 12 teams of parishioners doing coffee hour. It is not enough anymore. Our congregation is growing and we need help. You do not need to be a baker to join. Some people like to go fancy because it is something they enjoy. I myself enjoy baking and if I have the time, I will bake. If the kid's soccer life is crazy that day, it is store bought. It is not what is being served that is important, it is the fact that we are gathered together to be with each other. It is also an opportunity to introduce new members of the church to the congregation. So, I ask you to please consider becoming part of the team. A team is usually on 3 times a year. If that is too much for you, please consider twice a year. I can adjust the schedule as needed. I am in the process of making a new schedule and would love to add you to the list. Please contact me at 978-535-6622. Thanks

– Tricia May



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St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—November 2009

	November 1, 2009	November 8, 2009	November 15, 2009	November 22, 2009	November 29, 2009
Acolytes	Briaann Goulet C Syndey May Stephen May	Alison Council C Rachel Barrett Emily McKenley	Rebecca Sacca C Aaron Sacca James Ofori	Alex Ofori C Grace Huebschmann Ben Vath	Patrick Scheeler C Sam Huebschmann Nathan Huebschmann
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM Holly Bourdon LEM Patricia March	LEM Carl Ogren LEM Jim Rosato Lector Heather DeNisco	LEM David Savage LEM Carolyn Shea Lector Jean Wentzell	LEM Barbara Savage LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Tom Grilk	LEM Peggy Hansen Lector Karen McAlmon
Ushers	Cal & Amy Council	Ed & Gail Purtz	Evan & Shirley Colton	Kevin & Sheila Scheeler	David & Gretchen Garlow
Altar Guild	Team Three	Team Four	Team One	Team Two	Team Three
Flowers	All Saints	In memory of Ernest F. Thayer by Jane Friedman	In memory of Ester Moss by John & Carole Mason		No flowers—Advent
Coffee Hour	Hollie Scopa Mary Ann Goulet	Judi Ryan Barbara Bellucci			
Anniversaries		Sheila & Kevin Scheeler		Evan & Shirley Colton Robert & Sandy Barrett	
Birthdays	Bonnie Lee Karen McAlmon Dave Garlow Gretchen Garlow	Derrick Scheeler Lauren Simoneau Olivia Johnian Renee Lamarche Grace Huebschmann	Sabrina Bunar Kevin Scheeler Andrew Bunar Matthew Lamarche	Ben Vath Olivia Lamarche Alex Casey Lori DeNisco Phyllis Porter Frederick Plante	Sue Mentzer Kwame Ofori-Asante Richard Keefe
Recycling	Sue Mentzer	Carl & Martha Ogren	Priscilla March	David Manoogian	Jim Vath

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Important Dates

Sunday, November 1st—All Saint's Day & Pancake Breakfast
Monday, November 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29-EFM-7:00-9:30 p.m.
Tuesday, November 10th— Vestry Meeting— 7:15 p.m.
Wednesday, November 11th— Holiday—Office Closed
Wednesday, Nov. 4, 18 & 25—Holy Eucharist—9:30 a.m.
Women's Bible Study Group immediately follows service
Tuesday, November 24th—Outreach Meeting—7:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 26th—Joint Thanksgiving Service at St. Luke's Chelsea

Staff and Vestry

Clergy and Staff

Rector	The Rev. Michael B. Dangelo	781-334-4594
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Save the Date!

Sunday, November 22, 2009
Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service



Centre Congregational Church
7:30 p.m.