



THE COURIER

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For the Least of These...For Me

Calendar

*November 2, 9,
16, 23 & 30 -*
Eucharist &
Bible Study

November 5-
St. Luke's /
San Lucas
Soup Kitchen

November 8-
Vestry Meeting

November 13-
Usher Training &
Combined Choirs
Festival

November 20-
Ecumenical
Thanksgiving
Service

November 24-
Thanksgiving @
St. Luke's

How does our faith inform life beyond Sunday morning? It was one of those casual conversations that quickly becomes one of immense personal and spiritual gravity. Allen, like many, was

The Rector's Corner

facing a question of vocation; a question about his calling as an educator. It wasn't one of those, "Do you think I should find another job?" conversations. It was a, "I've been given something to do, and I'm not sure I can do it." kinds of conversations. Vocation isn't always about finding new or different paths; sometimes its about staying on a path that's getting to hard to travel.

The New York Public school system asked Allen to leave his day-to-day post to establish a special education department unlike anything any of us could possibly imagine. In the basement of a crumbling urban school on a forgotten street in a godforsaken section of Harlem twenty-seven children, who for all intents and purposes would never have lived past their first birthdays one-hundred years

ago, waited. Twenty-seven children so utterly disabled that thesaurus writers consider inventing new words to encapsulate the depth of their collective disabilities. If a safety net has a thread-bare, near broken bottom, then this basement and these children were it.

Now, we can abstract out to try to begin explain the social and governmental failures that lead to places like Allen's school. We can wax politically and philosophically about these places, and read articles in the press that make us feel sad. We can yell along with talk radio or nod in dignified agreement with NPR on how that Harlem basement is a sign of this or a portend of that; this party's fault or that politician's bane. Allen didn't have that luxury. Every day, twelve hours a day, Allen made the journey from Hoboken to Harlem to provide an "education" for twenty-seven children who could not feed themselves, speak, move of their own volition, or see the faces that cared for them. Tiny, hungry hands reached out to feel the

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warmth of any human touch; touch that wouldn't hit them, revile them or ignore them. They were the least, the broken and the forgotten.



When I talked to Allen in my office in Manhattan he was at his end. He was away for a brief long weekend trying to find Sabbath from the soul-rending responsibility of caring for those twenty-seven precious souls. “How do I keep going? How can I go back there with any joy or hopefulness? Can you give me something? Anything? I thought ministry was joy-filled, but I’ve long since lost sight of joy.”

My mind went to this passage from Matthew 25:

31 “But when the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit upon his glorious throne. **32** All the nations will be gathered in his presence, and he will separate the people as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. **33** He will place the sheep at his right hand and the goats at his left.

34 “Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. **35** For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. **36** I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’

37 “Then these righteous ones will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? **38** Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? **39** When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?’

40 “And the King will say, ‘I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, if you were doing it to me!’

41 “Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, ‘Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons. **42** For I was hungry, and you didn’t feed me. I was thirsty, and you didn’t give me a drink. **43** I was a stranger, and you didn’t invite me into your home. I was naked, and you didn’t give me clothing. I was sick and in prison, and you didn’t visit me.’

44 “Then they will reply, ‘Lord, when did we ever see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and not help you?’

45 “And he will answer, ‘I tell you the truth, when you refused to help the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were refusing to help me.’

Please make no mistake, the Christian life (if truly lived) is sacrifice. Allan gave up a well paying executive position in Manhattan to work with special education children. He felt called and heard God’s voice and that made him happy. But in the midst of the suffering he witnessed daily, he was

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Getting to Know the Parish: Gretchen and Dave Garlow

We returned to the Boston area about four years ago and have attended St Paul's since we settled in Lynnfield. We belonged to an Episcopal church when we lived on Long Island and found St Paul's, being literally down the street, a very convenient way to continue our church life. We have enjoyed our time at St Paul's. Perhaps the best attribute of St Paul's is the warm feeling of community, the close-knit church family.

We have become "empty-nesters" over the last two years, with both our boys now attending college. Joe (#1) is attending Stony Brook University, studying Biomedical Engineering. Charlie (#2) is attending Rutgers University and is studying Mechanical Engineering. While the boys are out of the house we still have Molly, our very spoiled black Lab. Molly is very energetic and is pretty convinced that anyone who comes to the house is there to visit her!

Gretchen works at Mass General Hospital as a dietitian in the Pulmonary and Critical Unit for the Cystic Fibrosis and Lung Transplant centers. Dave, a mechanical engineer, works for iWalk which is developing robotic ankles. In their spare time, they enjoy playing cards and spending time with friends.

Since it is now football season, the Garlow household has many favorite teams. Dave, originally from Massachusetts, has realigned with the Patriots. Gretchen, originally from Texas is unfortunately a die-hard Dallas fan. Joe, having grown up essentially on Long Island, will always be a Jets fan. Charlie has become enamored with Rutgers football, he loves attending the games, chanting all the cheers and especially tossing girls in the air to the cumulative score, each time Rutgers scores. The last time we went to see a game with Charlie, Rutgers scored over thirty five points. If nothing else, Charlie will be very fit from bench pressing girls a total of 105 times!



Jojo playing D1 rugby for StonyBrook University



Charlie visiting his long lost parents this summer



And of course the ruler of the roost....

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Godly Play Supplies/Volunteers



For those of you who don't know and also for those who do, St. Paul's has a whole new curriculum for Sunday School this year. It is called Godly Play and it is a Montessori based program.

All is going very well so far, but we are in desperate need of supplies and volunteers.

During coffee hour on Sunday, please browse at the poster board that shows what supplies are needed. You can donate an entire lesson or simply donate towards one. Anything you can contribute is greatly appreciated.

Also, Godly Play requires "doorkeepers" (a classroom helper that has very simple, specific tasks) in addition to teachers each Sunday. We have had wonderful volunteers so far., but the more volunteers we have, the less time each person has to be in the classroom, which means they enjoy the regular service.

We are looking for volunteers on the following dates: December 4th, 11th & 18th and January 8th, 15th & 22nd. Please contact Caroline Sacca (sundayschool@stpaulslynnfield.org) if you would like to volunteer for any of those dates or if you have any questions.

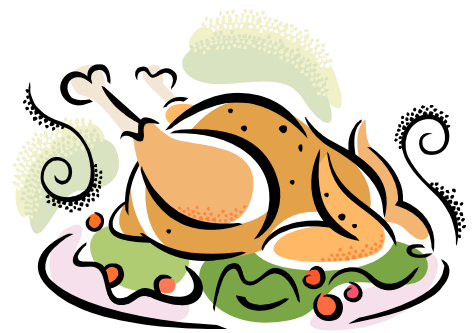
Thanksgiving at St. Luke's

St. Paul's is once again looking for volunteers to help with the annual joint Thanksgiving dinner at St Luke's which will serve approximately 80-100 parishioners and friends.

The **Service** will take place at 11 a.m. on Thanksgiving day (November 24th). It will be a bilingual (English and Spanish) service, with some of the traditional English hymns, and some bilingual ones. The St. Luke's-San Lucas choir & organist will perform.

Volunteers are

needed to provide apple pies, cranberry sauce and potatoes. We will also need help peeling



potatoes and working a 2- or 3-hour shift on Thanksgiving Day at St. Luke's. Please see the sign-up sheet in the New Room or contact Gayle Richardson at nudgewinkx@aol.com or 781-334-2176

Thanksgiving Ecumenical Service

The Lynnfield Ecumenical Thanksgiving Day service will take place on Sunday, November 20th at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of the Assumption located at 17 Grove Street.

Joint choir rehearsal will take place at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16 and again at 5 p.m. on the night of the service.

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Combined Choirs Choral Festival



On Sunday, November 13th, at 4:00 p.m., St. Paul's will be hosting a combined choirs Choral Festival in which our choir will join with the choirs from Trinity Church in Melrose and Emmanuel Church in Wakefield.

The combined choirs will be conducted by guest conductor Sonya Pryor. Ms. Pryor is conductor for the Chorus of the North Shore and Chorus of the North Shore Honors Youth Choir scheduled to perform at the Shalin Liu Performance Center in Rockport in April 2012. She has served as Music Director at Park Street Church in Boston, and as faculty at UNH and Gordon College.

The musical selections will include some well known hymns from the 1982 Hymnal, and anthems sung together and by each individual choir. There will be a free will offering taken to benefit St. Luke's Soup Kitchen in Chelsea. Light refreshments will follow in the New Room after the concert.

We hope that you will mark this date on your calendar and plan to come for an afternoon of great music and fellowship.

Conversations for Caring

The next GLSS Conversations for Caring meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 8th from 9:30-11a.m. at Greater Lynn Senior Services, 8 Silsbee Street in Lynn. (Parking passes available at Reception Desk.) The topic for this meeting is: *No Place Like Home: Elders, Their Homes, & Transitions*. Please contact Miriam Shafner, mshafner@verizon.net, if you have any questions.

Outreach Volunteer and Community Opportunities

Saint Luke's Soup Kitchen:

Saturday, November 5th

Contact Jen Vath at

jennifer.vath@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity

Saturday November 19th,

contact Carl Ogren at

OgrenC@Earthlink.Net

Do you have a gift of working with your hands? If so, then consider volunteering with Habitat for Humanity. Work is continuing on the Park Street, Peabody projects. Many of us have worked on this and the Salem and Lynn projects and have found it to be a rewarding and fun experience. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old, but no special skills are required. This is an excellent opportunity for fellowship and to extend St. Paul's outreach into the local community-in a hands-on way

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details to follow:

Contact Gayle Richardson at

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White Cotton Sock Drive

We are collecting men's and women's socks for Ecclesia Ministries Common Cathedral. There will be a collection box in the narthex on November 6th, 13th & 20th.

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St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—November 2011

	November 6	November 13	November 20	November 27
Acolytes	Joshua Mentzer Stephen May Spencer May	Patrick Scheeler Kristen Scheeler Ben Vath	Adannia Nwangwu Nnenna Nwangwu Sydney Johnian	Nathan Huebschmann Sam Huebschmann Grace Huebschmann
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Lori DeNisco	LEM LEM Jim Rosato Lector Jim Rosato	LEM LEM Barbara Savage Lector Priscilla March	LEM LEM Carl Ogren Lector Sue Bourdon
Ushers	Kathleen & David Manoogian	Sheila & Kevin Scheeler	Sue Bourdon & Suzi Huebschmann	Amy & Cal Council
Altar Guild	Team Four	Team One	Team Two	Team Three
Flowers	In memory of Ernest Thayer by Jane & Jack Friedman and Christopher Purtz by Ed & Gail Purtz	In memory of Eva Drew White & Sarah J. Drew by Albert White	In memory of Gil Rosenthal by Ken Rosenthal	No flowers—Advent
Coffee Hour	Jennifer McKenelley & Family	Michelle Greene Sarah Old	Maryann & Brianna Goulet	Hazel Croxon Gail Purtz Shirley Colton
Anniversaries		Sheila & Kevin Scheeler	Evan & Shirley Colton	Robert & Sandy Barrett
Birthdays	Matthew Lamarche Brian Palmer Derrick Scheeler Lauren Simoneau Olivia Johnian	Renee Lamarche Grace Huebschmann Sabrina Bunar Kevin Scheeler Abbe Moore Debbie Kassiotis Andrew Bunar	Priscilla March Ben Vath Olivia Lamarche Winifred Nwangwu Alex Casey Lori DeNisco Phyllis Porter	Frederick Plante Sue Mentzer Kwame Ofori-Asante
Recycling	The Ogren's	Jim Vath	Miriam Shafner	Priscilla March

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losing sight of the reason why he was doing the work that no one in their right mind would sign up to do. Was there joy? Sometimes. Was it life giving? Sometimes. Was it sacrifice? Always, and sacrifice hurts.

“When you did it to one of the least of these...you were doing it to me.” As Christians, this is why we do Outreach ministry, heck, it’s the reasons you do any ministry. We are (in Jesus’ own words) serving Him when we serve others. The face in front of us is the face of God. The hunger in front of us is the hunger of God. The shivering body in front of us is the body of God. The thirsty mouth in front of us is the mouth of God. The open hands at the communion rail are the open hands of God. Our sacrifice and Allan’s sacrifice are done not for self-actualization or self-satisfaction. We serve, minister, hammer nails, feed the poor, teach the broken, sate the thirst, clean the chalices, vacuum the altar, and all the rest because we are doing it for Jesus. That’s our duty, and that is our call.

~ Fr. Mike

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
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Treasurer	Kwame Ofori-Asante	781-334-7229
Clerk	Carl Ogren	781-334-6705

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Don't Forget!



Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, November 6th
between 8:30-10 a.m. service

Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

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at Our Lady of the Assumption, Lynnfield



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Thursday, November 24th
Service at 11 a.m.