



THE COURIER

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Kalendar

Sunday, October 4
Francis of Assisi

Saturday, October 17
Ignatius, Bishop of
Antioch and Martyr

Sunday, October 18
St. Luke the
Evangelist

Friday, October 23
St. James of
Jerusalem, Brother of
Our Lord Jesus
Christ

Wednesday, October 28
St. Simon and St.
Jude, Apostles

Life is Short, Spend it well

I've made it my custom at the end of every service to pronounce a blessing written by the Swiss Huguenot named Henri Amiel. It goes like this:

"Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind..."

The Rector's Corner

As is true of all preachers, I am offering myself these words every Sunday as much as I am offering them to

you. Every sermon is first the Word of God to the preacher before it is the Word of God to the parish. Another way of putting this is, "make sure you practice what you preach." I believe how we spend our lives in service and ministry to and with one another is extremely important to God. God cares about how we spend our lives and upon what we spend them.

This month Saint Paul's will spend five weeks having a conversation about stewardship unlike any one we've ever had before. This year we will be talking not so much about the money that we spend, but about the lives God has given us and

how we are spending them. I call this notion of stewardship **life-stewardship**. How are you spending the life God has gifted you with? Are you spending your life building your relationship with God and with those whom you love? Are you sharing your life with those who have never experienced the love of God?

These are really hard questions. For many of us we might only stop to ask them on some Sunday morning when a sermon, hymn or sacrament really hits us where we are. Often times these questions don't follow us to the parking lot or into our Monday through Saturday lives. This year our season of stewardship will ask these questions in ways that I hope will follow you out the doors, into the parking lot, and back out into the world.

Life is short! Spend it well.

- Fr. Mike

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THE JOURNEY INWARD

Reflecting on Stewardship, by Jim Vath

Stewardship is not humanity's way of raising money, but rather God's way of raising people into the likeness of His Son.
- Doug Carter

It is that time of year again. The time when we start thinking about budgets and goals and how much money we need or don't have and how we are going to get it. This is the stuff that doesn't normally feel very holy. Why not? Groups and causes bombard us with fundraising. It comes at us from all directions: our alma maters, our diseases, our kids, TV and radio stations. Church gets mixed up in all of that noise. How do we react to this? If you are like me it was with a mixture of annoyance, shame, inadequacy, and confusion. Our faith seems to feed these feelings telling stories about people being struck dead for not giving to the church, or hearing that in order to have eternal life you must sell everything. You want my what, MY LIFE?

I feel a holy moment coming on...

What is my life? Is it money, or a job, our family, relationships, stuff, habits, hobbies, talents and passions? It is all of those things. Precise directions for giving these are not found in the Bible, but in my heart and in my prayers. Some of these things do control me and I put them in a place they don't belong, above God. Perhaps changing that is why I was called to church. Giving my life to Christ also

means sharing my passions and talents with others (remembering that when I see them I see Him). Growing into living this way full time (not just on Sunday morning) and bringing others to this way of life is the mission of the church. Stewardship of my life as a disciple (a.k.a. student of Christ) is as Holy as it gets.



Stewardship is growing, developing, advancing and building the gifts with which God has blessed us.
- Kennon Callahan

THE JOURNEY OUTWARD

Habitat for Humanity

Habitat for Humanity has three projects in progress on Park Street in Peabody. Many of us have worked on other projects and have found it to be a rewarding and fun experience. We are now assembling a work crew for October 10th. If you are interested in volunteering, please send me an e-mail (preferred) to Carl Ogren at **OgrenC@Earthlink.Net** with your e-mail address & phone number, or contact me by phone at 781-334-6705.

To volunteer, you 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.

- Carl Ogren



Esperanza Academy

On September 1st in going support, we delivered 2 large bags of school supplies and school snacks on the wish list for Esperanza Academy in Lawrence, MA. In large part, these were purchased with Outreach budgeted funds, by the Barrett and Simoneau families. Esperanza e-mailed a very warm thank-you. We echo the thanks for their shopping during the summer, to help the disadvantaged girls at Esperanza.

St. Luke's Chelsea

Your Outreach Committee is looking for peelers, wheelers, and dealers. St. Paul's will join with several local churches in response to St. Luke's (Chelsea) request for help serving Thanksgiving dinner to 80-100 parishioners and friends. We need peelers for 25 pounds of potatoes, wheelers to move tables & chairs, 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: Wednesday 6-9pm or Thanksgiving Day, 8am-3:30pm. A sign-up sheet will be in the "New Room" in November.

Thanks, Gayle Richardson

DVD's for Vets

Thanks to all who have brought DVDs in and left them in the collection box at Coffee Hour. We have been blessed with many donations of DVDs for Vets. We expect this to be an ongoing opportunity, so do bring in more, as you have them. And if anyone should have a spare portable DVD player, it would be welcomed. We have made a first donation of 39 DVDs, which veterans at hospitals and medical centers can sign out for use, at no cost. They were enthusiastically received.

Thank you all.



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All Saint's 2009

We will be remembering loved ones who passed away during 2009 on Sunday, November 1st. If you have loved ones you would like remembered please submit their names to the parish office by Monday, October 26th.



Not Just for Choirs

Welcome back, Everyone!

I just wanted to share with you an upcoming wonderful experience. On Sunday, October 25th at 4 PM, there is going to be a regional 45th annual choir festival at Gordon College, entitled "God's Eternal Song of Love". It is a Service of Ecumenical Song. The program preview I received promises a fabulously varied program with lots of different kinds of music from many different genres and church seasons. And, if you go, you will have the chance to join the chorus (although not required) and sing "Hallelujah Chorus" by G. F. Handel from the Messiah! What a treat is that?!

Our choir is going to participate, and I sincerely hope that you will also go, not just to support St. Paul's Choir, but to sit back, relax, and revel in the musicality and spirituality of the moment. This festival, to quote the brochure, "gives testimony of our faith in 'psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.'" "Perhaps you just might hear one of the selections sometime later at St. Paul's.

The College is located in Wenham, MA, exit 17 off of route 128 North. No tickets required, although there will be a free will offering. Just a thought.....carpool anyone? I sincerely hope that you will clear your calendar for what promises to be an exciting musical opportunity.

Kathy

THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Stewardship Month Events

Each Sunday in October we will be focusing on different topics related to life-stewardship. The Sunday format is as follows:

8:30 am *Said Holy Eucharist Rite I*

9:15 am *Fellowship and information sharing*

10:00 am *Sung Holy Eucharist Rite II*

11:00 am *Fellowship and information sharing*

Topics

October 4 - *God's Life—Your Hands*

Guest preacher Dr. Thomas Nutt-Powell

October 11 — *Planned Giving and Talking About Money*

October 18 - *Global Mission Partnerships*

Guest preacher Reverend Dr. Ted Gaiser

October 25 — *Servant Evangelism and Outreach*

November 1 — All Saints Day In-gathering 8:30 and 10:00 am services 9:15-10 am pancake breakfast celebration

It is hoped that everyone will participate fully in these special programs and use the time to pray and reflect on how our lives are lived out in the Kingdom of God.

Guest Biographies

Dr. Thomas Nutt-Powell

Thomas is founder and president of Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light and a member of All Saints' Parish in Brookline. He has a unique vocation as a Christian to help others learn to live on the earth in sustainable ways. He consults with churches on how to make their buildings more energy efficient. A committed environmental activist he speaks widely on how we all can live as better stewards of the environment.

Reverend Dr. Ted Gaiser

Ted is an entrepreneur, management consultant, online researcher, and part-time faculty member in sociology at Boston College. He has participated in, and co-led, several delegations to Latin America, Africa, and the Middle East, and lived in South America as an exchange student. Ted has been a volunteer for the Center for Development in Central America for many years, coordinating speaking tours for Center staff and supporting sustainable development efforts in Nicaragua. He serves the bishops as the Deacon for Global Partnerships, supporting the development of parish-based global mission programs. When he isn't supporting global mission programs, Ted serves at the Church of Our Redeemer in Lexington.

**I believe with all of my heart that God's people possess God's provision to accomplish and fulfill God's purposes in the world.
- Joel Vestal**

THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—October 2009

	October 4, 2009	October 11, 2009	October 18, 2009	October 25, 2009
Acolytes	Sarah May C Joshua Mentzer Sydney May	Patrick Scheeler C Emily McKenelley Rachel Barrett	Rebecca Sacca C Ben Vath Sydney Johnian	Brianna Goulet C Sam Huebschmann Nathan Huebschmann
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM Jim Rosato LEM Holly Bourdon Lector Michael Bunar	LEM Carolyn Shea LEM Carl Ogren Lector Sam Ogren	LEM David Savage LEM Peggy Hansen Lector Sue Bourdon	LEM Barbara Savage LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Dave Garlow
Ushers	John & Carole Mason	Ken Rosenthal & Susan Cafazzo	David & Jackie Jamison	Michael Bunar & John Sacca
Altar Guild	Team Three	Team Four	Team One	Team Two
Flowers	In memory of Anna & Peter Manoojian by David & Kathleen Manoojian, Benjamin L. & Ester M. Whipple by Marge Cleary and Duncan McInnes by Rob & Lucie McInnes		In memory of Eva Drew White & Sarah J. Drew by Albert White	
Coffee Hour	Carole Mason Tricia May	Lauren Ferrari Jennifer McKenelley	Jill Barrett Pam Simoneau	Erin Matthews Candy McGee
Anniversaries	Tyrone & Doreen Hammond Robert & Bonnie Lee Leo & Jill Barrett	Karen & Steve Johnian		Richard & Rose Keefe
Birthdays	Peggy Hansen Ann Olsen Jason Kimball Gayle Richardson Jeffrey Olsen	Justin Harris Joanne Ripley Michael Parziale	Mary Beth Nolt	George Ripley Faye Dangelo
Recycling	David Manoojian	Carl & Martha Ogren	Priscilla March	Jim Vath

THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

Important Dates

Sunday, October 4th-Guest Preacher-Dr. Thomas Nutt-Powell
Monday, October 5, 12, 19 & 26-7:00-9:00 p.m.-EFM Training
Wednesday, October 7, 14, 21 & 28-10:00 a.m.—Mother's Group
Sunday, October 11—Pet Blessing at noon
Tuesday, October 13th-7:15 p.m.—Vestry Meeting
Sunday, October 18th-Guest Preacher-Rev. Dr. Ted Gaiser
following 10 am service-Parish Forum

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
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Save the Date!

Pet Blessing



**Fr. Mike will Bless Pets on
Sunday, October 11, 2009
At 12:00 noon**