



THE COURIER

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Everything, I Mean Everything...

Calendar

October 5, 12,
19 & 26 -
Eucharist &
Bible Study

October 1 -
St. Luke's /
San Lucas
Soup Kitchen

October 2, 16,
23 & 30 -
Adult Forums

October 11 -
Vestry Meeting

October 25 -
Outreach Meeting

...belongs to God.

The Christian faith is founded on a very simple and yet profound premise: we are God's creation, and we belong

The Rector's Corner

to God. We are the beautifully and wonderfully made expression of God's creativity and love brought into the world. And we have been brought into the world for communion; communion with God and one another. And that's where things start to break down. Communion is something that human beings have a really hard time with, and if we have a hard time with communion then the whole endeavor is threatened.

Communion, as God intended it, is built around a proper perspective of creation; we are God's beloved creation. As God's beloved creation we are made for holy communion with God and with one another. But we human beings sometimes are given to strange notions of communion

while growing up. We are told to work hard, and make something of ourselves. When we find success, we take credit for it and that's not a bad thing. What begins to break down communion is the notion that our success is self-derived. We take on the notion that we are the creators of our success, not God, and as such we determine how to use the produce of our success. We lose sight of the fact that God deserves thanks for giving us the skill, reason and ability with which we have been so successful. When we lose sight of the fact that it is God who has made our lives possible, we become isolated.

Communion can also be threatened by failed relationships; the patterns of communion we experience. How we relate to one another can often be how we learn to relate to God. If we come from broken homes or if we have experienced brokenness in our own relationships, finding God's loving communion can be very difficult. We can become isolated

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and protective of ourselves, our families and our material goods. When we have experienced only poor patterns of relationship and communion, is it any wonder that our communion with God can be less than ideal? Is it any wonder that our relationships with others continue to be pale reflections of the Divine intent? We become isolated.

Isolation from God and neighbor are the greatest hurdles between us and truly experiencing God's life-changing love. It's only when we put aside our pride and fear and re-orient ourselves toward God's loving communion that we can truly understand that everything belongs to God. It is only as we re-orient toward this abiding Christian truth that our fear and isolation can slowly begin to melt away. It is only when our isolation (either self-imposed or learned) ends that a proper relationship with our Creator can begin. This basic tenet of the Christian faith is foundational to a godly orientation toward everything that we have and everything that we are.

~ *Father Mike*

Parish Survey

Just a reminder that the responses to our new online parish survey are due by Sunday, October 2.

St. Paul's has changed a great deal in the last three years, but the question of what the next three to five years will look like is ever before us. Over the last several months, a small group of parishioners has been at work as a discernment team. This group built this survey, and will gather the information you offer, and begin a process of listening that we hope will become a longer term ministry plan for St. Paul's. The survey shouldn't take too long. It focuses on Worship, Outreach and Christian Formation. Please answer honestly. Comment areas are provided, and the survey is anonymous. To fill out the survey online, the link to the website is:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/615905/St-Pauls>

If you need a paper copy or have any further questions regarding this survey, please contact the parish office.



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Getting to Know the Parish: The Callaghan-Scheeler Family

Sheila Callaghan and Kevin Scheeler first came to St. Paul's in January 1995. They moved to Wakefield in 1993 from Watertown, Sheila was expecting their first child, Patrick, and they were looking for a church home.

What they wanted was “a church with a large family presence,” and found it at St. Paul's. They remember being warmly welcomed to the parish by Althea Russell. Kevin says, “We enjoy the fellowship of the congregation and take comfort in knowing that, if a crisis in our family were to arise, we'd have the support of our ‘extended family.’” They also like the fact that the Bethlehem School is part of St. Paul's. All three of their kids attended Bethlehem and enjoyed the experience.

In addition to Patrick, who is now 16, the family includes Kristen, 13, and Derrick, who's almost 11. Kevin is the IT Director at the Life is Good Company. Sheila has been a “lunch lady” at the Summer St. School for the past five years. She's also the chauffer for the kids and the family's “keeper of the calendar.”

Other things keeping them very busy as well: They all bowl in various leagues. They are active in Cub Scouts (first Patrick, then Derrick). Patrick plays football and is involved in track in high school. Kristen will be cheering him on in the marching band soon. And Derrick loves playing all sports, especially baseball.

Rounding out the household are two beagles, Sammy and Trooper, and a newly adopted hamster, Eduardo. Sheila's favorite vacation spot is Disney, but the family also loves the beach and spending time with Kevin's family. The Scheelers have an annual reunion in Pawleys Island, SC where you can see they had a great time this past summer.



(The Callaghan-Scheeler family at Patrick's Confirmation)

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Youth Group



We are excited to report a successful kick off to the 2011-12 year. With an exciting month of activities coming up in October, we'd like to ask parents and students for input on the following:



1) The Youth Group from St. Luke's Church in Chelsea has invited the St. Paul's youth group to join them for a youth-led service of worship in Chelsea on Sunday morning, October 2nd, followed by lunch. For those who would like to attend, we will meet in the St. Paul's parking lot at 10am to carpool. We expect to re-

turn to St. Paul's by 2:30. Please let us know if your youth will join us, and if he/she will need a ride. There will be no other youth group meeting on October 2nd.

- 2) There has been much discussion about what day/time is the most convenient for the youth group to meet each week. Some have changed their work schedules on Sunday to be available on Sunday evenings. Others have asked us to please consider other times, such as immediately following coffee hour on Sunday mornings. Therefore, in an attempt to reach a more agreeable meeting time for all, we would like to try this alternative: Is your youth available to meet on October 9th from 11:30 to 1pm at St. Paul's Church (instead of from 5 to 7)? Following the 10 am service and coffee hour, the youth group will gather for our usual fellowship. (Note: This is Columbus Day weekend.)
- 3) The youth groups from St. Paul's and St. Luke's would like to participate in a mission trip to Vermont at the end of October. We have learned from some friends in Ludlow, VT that their parish and rectory were badly damaged in the recent floods. Our high schoolers could be of great help to those in Ludlow who continue to clean up and rebuild after the storms. Our tentative plan for the day is to leave St. Paul's early in the morning for the 3 hour drive to Ludlow. After a day of labor, we'd have an early supper together and then drive back to Lynnfield late that night. If interested, please save Saturday, October 29th for this one-day mission trip to Vermont. Please let us know if your youth plans to join us and we will send additional information as it becomes available. (There will be no youth group meeting on October 30th.)

As always, please feel free to contact Paul Bowen or Pam Simoneau with any questions. We are looking forward to an enriching and fulfilling season for our youth.

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A Different Look at Stewardship

With All That I Am and All That I Have - Being Stewards of Everything
Wondering, Listening, Praising and Remembering

Our stewardship season theme is taken from the rite of Holy Matrimony. “With all that I am, and all that I have, I honor you.” These are the words exchanged by the bride and groom at every Episcopal marriage, but they are really a prayer of stewardship that every Christian can direct toward God. Everything we have is a gift from God that we steward for the short time we are on this planet.

This year we will consider our stewardship of four different critical aspects of parish life; our wondering, our listening, our praising and our remembering. On four Sundays in October (2, 16, 23 and 30) during adult forums after church, we will look at each of these four parts of our common life. We begin on **Sunday, October 2nd** with wondering; a look at our stewardship of our children's' Christian formation. On **Sunday, October 16th** we will look at the discernment process our parish is beginning by focusing on the data from our parish survey. On **Sunday, October 23rd**, we will look at our stewardship of worship through a forum on congregational singing. And on **Sunday, October 30th**, we will look at how we can work to be stewards of our parish for future generations.

On **Sunday, November 6th** we will conclude our stewardship season with a celebration of All Saints, an ingathering of pledges, and a parish pancake breakfast between the 8:30am and 10:00am services.

Recycling Volunteers Needed

Want to help St. Paul's reduce its St. Paul's does its part by collecting recyclable items, but needs help to actually get them recycled.

Volunteers collect the paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and metal cans from the downstairs kitchen (Bethlehem School), and the upstairs hallway, Common Room and New Room and either add it to their own recycling or dispose of it in the appropriate locations. (Cardboard can be left at the Lower Lynnfield Town Hall parking lot bins. Paper can be left in the Center Congregational collection bin in their parking lot off Main Street, behind their Church) You can do it at your convenience, either after Church on Sunday or during the week. The more volunteers we have, the fewer times each will need to do it.



If you'd like to volunteer, have questions or suggestions, contact Miriam Shafner via e-mail, mshafner@verion.net, or phone, 781-334-6478.

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St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—October 2011

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
Acolytes	Alex Ofori Spencer May Stephen May	Patrick Scheeler Derrick Scheeler Kristen Scheeler	Emily McKenelley Ben Vath Nathan Vath	Nathan Huebschmann Sam Huebschmann	Adannia Nwangwu Nnenna Nwangwu Tyler Mentzer
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM Carl Ogren LEM Carl Ogren Lector Doreen Hammond	LEM Jim Rosato LEM Jim Rosato Lector David Gar- low	LEM LEM Jim Vath Lector Michael Bunar	LEM LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Kevin Scheeler	LEM Barbara Sav- age LEM Peggy Han- sen
Ushers	John & Carole Ma- son	David & Jackie Jamison	Evan & Shirley Colton	David & Gretchen Garlow	Ed & Gail Purtz
Altar Guild	Team Three	Team Four	Team One	Team Two	Team Three
Flowers	In memory of Benjamin & Esther Whipple by Marge Cleary		In memory of Anna & Peter Manoogian by David & Kathleen Manoogian		
Coffee Hour	Jonna Casey The Ogren's	Susan Bourdon Sandy Barrett	Susan Cafazzo & Family	Erica Ciolfi & Family	Jen Vath Nancy Olsen
Anniversa- ries	Doreen & Tyrone Hammond Leo & Jill Barrett				Rose & Richard Keefe
Birthdays	Madison Cuthbert Peggy Hansen Ann Olsen	Elizabeth Old Gayle Richardson Jeffrey Olsen Craig Rinaldi Edward Cuthbert		Faye Dangelo Phillip Knox Brenna Matthew Ral Nwangwu Isabel Ho	Karen McAlmon David Garlow Gretchen Garlow Steve Plotner
Recycling	Priscilla March	The Ogren's	Jim Vath	Caroline Krikorian	David Manoogian

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St. Paul's Farmer's Market

If you find yourself in need of some fresh vegetables, come down to St. Paul's parking lot on **Wednesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.** where there will be a small Farmer's Market offering some fresh local produce from Hamilton, Massachusetts.

The vegetables are being made available from First Light Farm, which is the same farm that several fellow parishioners have been enjoying a share of this summer. The produce is usually picked the same day.



Please stop down and check it out and let your friends and neighbors know they are welcome.

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	
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Vestry Officers

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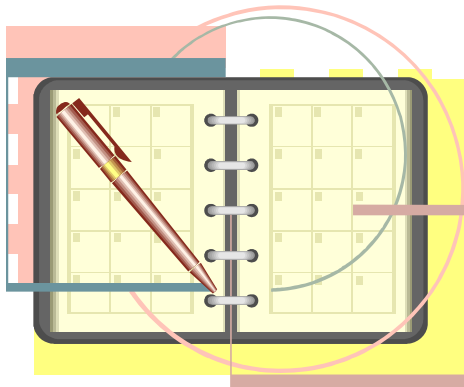
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Don't Forget!



**Adult Forum after Church
on October 2, 16, 23 & 30**