



# THE COURIER

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## Kalendar

*Monday, September 14th*  
Holy Cross Day

*Monday, September 21st*  
St. Matthew

*Friday, September 18th*  
Edward Bouverie  
Pusey

*Sunday, September 29th*  
St. Michael & All  
Angels

## Is God at Work at Saint Paul's?

How do you know when God is working? It sure would be nice if it was obvious to the average Christian. Perhaps an ethereal hand would break through the clouds or a particularly nice piece of landscaping would burst into flames. Other than the utterly dramatic it's hard for most of us to know how or when God is at work. For most of us the working of God is only seen from hindsight; rearview mirror theology. We only know that God was at work when we look behind us and think about the past tense.

### The Rector's Corner

Saint Paul's finds itself in a remarkable place. Sunday worship is filled with eager worshippers, the Sunday school is growing like a weed, and despite a crummy economy in the world our financial picture is starting to look very positive. As good as all of that is it's **all rearview mirror stuff**. Is it great? Definitely. Is it exciting? Without a doubt. Is it evidence that God is at work? Absolutely! Is it all God has for Saint Paul's? Not on your life.

Balanced budgets, painted cupolas and full worship services are wonderful things, but they aren't the full call of the Christian church. They are the starting point for greater things. They are the first fruits of God's undeniable hand in the life

of a parish. They are great to stand back and look at, but they aren't the reason we gather week in and week out. They are images in the rearview window.

Over the last weeks of the summer I've become quite convinced that God is at work in clear and open view of our life together at Saint Paul's. With the last year clearly in the rearview mirror, our collective windshield is filled with the work of God directly ahead of us. And what's ahead of us is a place that very few parishes ever see. It's a place where faith is deepened as lay people share their faith journeys with one another in story and fellowship. It's a place where people ask the truly difficult questions about faith, family and the world. It's a place where every child, woman and man begins to understand that they are unconditionally loved by God and that their lives matter to God. That is a place where the work of God is real, clear, and life-changing – and it's right in front of us. It's the place where God invites us to travel. It's the place we're called to be.

*-Fr. Mike*

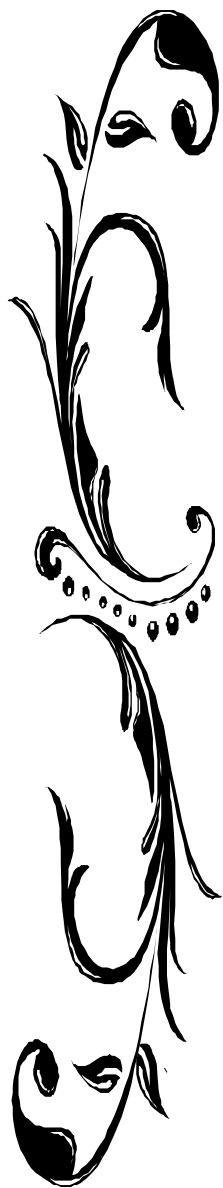
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# THE JOURNEY INWARD

## Reflections for September



How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord Almighty.

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young—a place near your altar, O Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you. *Selah*

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.

As they pass through the Valley of Baca, they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Hear my prayer, O Lord God Almighty; listen to me, O God of Jacob. *Selah*

Look upon our shield, O God; look with favor on your anointed one.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

O Lord Almighty, blessed is the man who trusts in you.

~Psalm 84

**Autumn is a  
second spring when every  
leaf is a flower.  
~Albert Camus**



This is, indeed, then, “a day which the LORD hath made,” in which we should rejoice and be glad: it is a day of joy to all, since the SON of GOD came to free all who were bound, and we were all the servants of sin; HE came to give life to the dead, and we were all “dead in trespasses and sins:” it is a day of joy to the sinner, because it proclaims pardon and peace to him; to the sanctified, because it is the source of his holiness; to us all, because it tells that we shall be judged by HIM, Who knows our infirmities, and stooped to our weaknesses. Such is its joy, that the Church has appointed that it should change even our weekly fast, in memory of our SAVIOUR’S sufferings, into a feast and day of joy. The day of His bitter agony becomes a day of child-like joy.... we bear witness to ourselves (would that it might not be against ourselves!) that we should “rejoice and be glad.”

~Edward Bouverie Pusey,  
Sermon XC, Christian Joy

**Practice in life whatever you pray for  
and God will give it to you more abundantly.**

~ Edward Bouverie Pusey

# THE JOURNEY OUTWARD

## St. Luke's Soup Kitchen and Pantry

St. Paul's continues to support these growing ministries taking place at St. Luke's Episcopal Parish. To date, over 25 of us have volunteered at the Soup Kitchen. It's been rewarding to see an increase in the number of guests and to serve such an appreciative and kind group of people. In addition to the actual cooking, there are a variety of other roles — preparing the dining area, serving, conversation with guests, or even simply providing a dessert that can be brought down to share that morning. If you would like to participate in this ministry, sign-up sheets for the fall months are located in the New Room.

The need for canned and dry goods provided by St. Luke's Food Pantry has grown even more significantly. On a recent Saturday, two of our parishioners distributed 69 bags of food to over 40 people. Due to increasing demand, food donations for the pantry would be very much appreciated. Items of greatest need include: tomato sauce, spaghetti, small packets of rice, and canned goods such as beans, corn, soup, tuna, chicken, and fruit. If you would like to help, food donations can be left near the coat rack in the Narthex or downstairs in the Kitchen. These will be brought down to St. Luke's on a monthly basis beginning Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup>.

## Habitat for Humanity

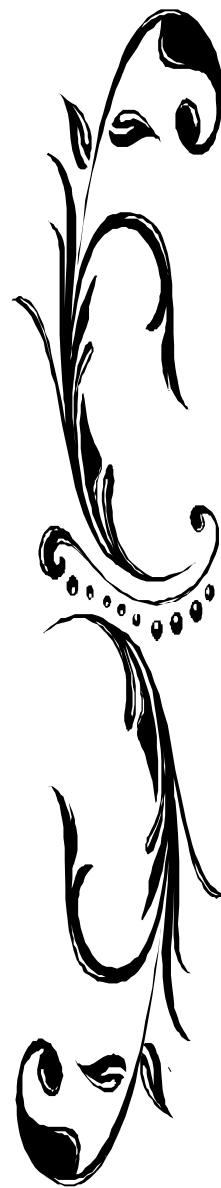
Habitat for Humanity is an international Christian ministry. They team local volunteers with the intended beneficiaries to provide affordable home ownership. On August 15<sup>th</sup> St. Paul's parish fielded a team of volunteers to work on their new project on Camden Street in Lynn.

This project is a single family home, which is being built from the ground up. At present, the house is almost completely framed and sheathed. Our team worked on building the back deck and some of the remaining roof framing.

Thanks go out to Maggie & Kristin Bornstein, Carl Ogren, Jim Rosato, Judi Ryan, Dick Shafner and Bob Sorrentino for their efforts. It was especially pleasing to see one of the families from the Salem project working on this house!

All who have participated in the Habitat for Humanity projects have found it to be very satisfying. It is especially rewarding to contribute some sore muscles and a little sweat to the benefit of others. Some have even learned some new skills!

Stay tuned to this channel...we are already planning another work party, date to be determined. If you weren't able to be with us this time, we hope to see you next time for a little hard work and fellowship.



# THE JOURNEY OUTWARD

## St. Paul's Car Wash

St. Paul's will be hosting a car wash for the community on Monday, September 7th from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. We will wash cars for free (no donations accepted) as a way to show God's love.

If you would like to help out with this event, a sign-up sheet is located in the New Room. A cookout in the church yard will follow the carwash. All are welcome!

## DVDs for Vets

We are asking people when cleaning out, to identify DVDs that are upbeat (not violent) to be sent to returning veterans at VA centers. They can watch them while recovering from trauma, surgery or therapy. Portable DVD players are also desired. You can leave your DVD's in the box located in the new room.

If interested in more information on this program, please go to [www.dvds4vets.org](http://www.dvds4vets.org), or contact: Miriam Shafner at [mshafner@verizon.net](mailto:mshafner@verizon.net).

## Electronic Newsletter & Parish Directory Card

Please remember to turn in your Electronic Newsletter & Parish Directory Cards to the office as soon as possible! By submitting the card, you can submit your preference for delivery of *The Courier* (e-mail or U.S. mail), as well as your address preference for the new Parish Directory.

## Adopt A Window or Door

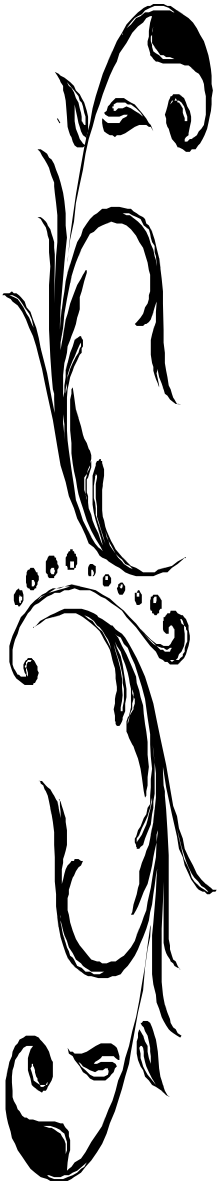
As you walk around our church you will notice a lot of work being done. Most of the work is done by fellow parishioners. We do hire contractors when necessary or when the job requires special skills. However, there are plenty more opportunities for all of us.

This month I am launching a new program called "Adopt a Window or Door". I am hoping that families may adopt a window or two. Adopting a window will allow you to scrape and re-paint them. The church will supply or reimburse you for the supplies if you produce the labor.

So don't be shy! Donate a little time to help with our church upkeep.

Give me a call (781) 334-6478 or drop me an email at [RShafner@verizon.net](mailto:RShafner@verizon.net). Remember: first come, first served. Reserve your window or door today.

Your Junior Warden,  
Dick Shafner



# THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

## Notes from Kathy

I hope all of you have enjoyed the summer! I, too, have enjoyed mine, although this summer did have a cool, rainy start. And then, we all got to enjoy (I, personally, ENDURE) the hazy, hot, humid days of August. Thank you God for giving the brains to someone out there to invent the air conditioner!!!!!!

During my summer vacation from Mass General and St. Paul's, I made my annual one day trek to Maine to the Cliff House. My friends and I had lunch on the deck overlooking the beautiful shore. Other days included some day trips to sightsee some of the local spots of interest, catching up on some little projects around the house, and just hanging out! I actually had time to read a short book, which I think you might enjoy. It is called Real Men Don't Rehearse. Justin Locke, a freelance bass player, wrote it. He shares some pretty funny stories/adventures from his experience with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and POPS Orchestra. Hope you don't mind laughing out loud while you read, because some of the things he writes are absolutely hilarious!! Hope you did some fun things, too.

I want to say thank you very much for your hospitality and consideration of those who substituted for me. Yes, I did miss all of your happy faces, including those of the choir. It is a little lonesome up there at the organ during the summer months of July and August without the choir. But, have no fear, the choir returns on Sunday morning, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM, the first Sunday after the Labor Day holiday, refreshed and ready to begin anew our ministry of music for the next liturgical year.



For the coming year, so far, we are looking forward to joining in the annual Choir Festival, on October 24<sup>th</sup>, at Gordon College in Wenham. The choir decided just before we all left for the summer to participate this year. We all hope that you will come and enjoy the wonderful music that will be performed. In addition, I have started working with a couple of my choir director friends to organize a Deanery choir festival for the Spring. It is just in the beginning stages, so I will keep you updated, as things become more evident. How would you all feel about having an Evensong sometime? I would love to hear your thoughts! Your suggestions for music programs are considered carefully and are always appreciated. Please put on your thinking caps!

# THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

## St. Paul's Volunteer Calendar—September 2009

	September 6, 2009 (9:00 a.m.)	September 13, 2009	September 20, 2009	September 27, 2009
Acolytes	Alex Ofori C James Ofori Kristen Scheeler	Alison Council C Sam Huebschmann Nathan Huebschmann	Patrick Scheeler C Emily McKenley Grace Huebschmann	Rebecca Sacca C Joshua Mentzer Tyler Mentzer
Lay Readers 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	LEM Jim Rosato Lector Doreen Hammond	LEM Carl Ogren LEM Carolyn Shea Lector Kevin Scheeler	LEM David Savage LEM Jim Vath Lector Karen McAlmon	LEM Barbara Savage LEM Sue Mentzer Lector Priscilla March
Ushers	John & Carole Mason	Sue Bourdon & Suzi Huebschmann	Russ & Sue Mentzer	David & Kathleen Manoogian
Altar Guild	Team Three	Team Four	Team One	Team Two
Flowers	In memory of the Richard Curtis by the Scheeler Family			
Sanctuary Candle	In memory of Jennie Turner by Susan & Harry Mandeville		In memory of Ted Hansen by Peggy Hansen	
Coffee Hour	Volunteers Needed	Jen Vath Nancy Olsen	Miriam Shafner Marge Cleary	Jill Barrett Pam Simoneau
Anniversaries	David & Barbara Savage Jack & Jane Friedman Ken Rosenthal & Susan Cafazzo		Jen & Jim Vath	Susan and Thomas Bourdon
Birthdays	Leo Barrett Danielle Lee Holly Scopa	Chas Ryan Jack Allan Nancy Anderson Susan Bourdon Doreen Hammond	Jay Kimball Amy Council Nathan Vath	Jason Bornstein Matthew Kimball Jennie Mandeville Ed Kleimola Kathy Surette
Recycling	David Manoogian	Martha & Carl Ogren	Sue Mentzer	Priscilla March

# THE JOURNEY TOGETHER

## Important Dates

Monday, September 7th-Car Wash-10:00 a.m. –1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 8th-Vestry Meeting-7:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 13th-resume two services-8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, September 9th-Mother's Group resumes-10:00 a.m.

Sunday, September 20th-Semi-annual meeting-after the 10:00 a. m. service

Monday, September 21st-Outreach Meeting-7:00 p.m.

## 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
Jessica Faulkner		781-405-6810
Chuck Gilliam		781-342-5101
Susan Mandeville		781-334-2349
Carl Ogren		781-334-6705
Gail Purtz		781-334-6254
Barbara Savage		781-334-4430
Carolyn Shea		978-532-4537
Jim Vath		781-334-6098

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## Save the Date!

### **St. Paul's Car Wash**

**Monday, September 7th**

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

**Cookout to follow**

**Sign up in the New Room!**

### **Blessing of the Backpacks**

**Sunday, September 13th**

**Sunday School Registration & Cookout  
Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. ser-  
vice**

**(Backpacks will be blessed during and fol-  
lowing the 10:00 a.m. service)**