

St. Paul's Newsletter

**May
2017**



MAY AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday Worship - 8:00 & 9:30 AM

Vestry – 2nd Tuesday at 7:00 PM

Adult Forum - 9:00 AM

Church School - 9:15 AM

Wednesday Eucharist - 12:10 PM in the Chapel

Choristers - Thursdays at 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Choir Rehearsals - Thursday at 7:00 PM

RICE & BEANS DINNER & SILENT AUCTION

May 13th at 6:00 PM

MERCY CENTER RETREAT

Final fee due by May 8th

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

Tuesday, May 16 - 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Fun continues through Sunday, May 21

CAMP WASHINGTON OPEN HOUSE & CAMPERSHIP

May 21st at 3 pm - see info in this Newsletter

SACRED TRUST

Requests must be submitted by May 28th

ROGATION SUNDAY

May 28th - Bring impatiens, etc. to plant on church grounds

MEMORIAL DAY

May 29th, Parade Prayer Cards & Pins to distribute

RECITAL FOR THE STUDENTS OF JAY LINDSAY

June 4th at 2:00 PM - Free reception

CHURCH OPEN FOR PRAYER & REFLECTION

Wednesdays and Fridays - 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE NEWSLETTER IS

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2017

Dear Companions in Christ,

Chances are you've heard me say that Easter is not a day, but a season. Easter Day itself may be in the rearview mirror, but the season lasts 50 Great Days until Pentecost. Even then, Easter's not really "over". Every Sunday of the year (Lent, included) is an Easter, an opportunity to celebrate the resurrection.

Even more so, every funeral or memorial service is an opportunity to claim the hope of the resurrection for our selves and our loved ones. That's why I insist on including the below statement from the Prayer Book (page 507) on all funeral bulletins:

"The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised."

Then, to a congregation that might be losing the battle to fight back tears, it audaciously proclaims:

"The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that 'neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.'"

After that beautiful paraphrase of St. Paul's Letter to Romans (8:38-39), it offers this beautiful pastoral conclusion, reminding us that even Jesus wept at the death of Lazarus:

"This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn."

Thus we say every Sunday in Eastertide and always at the

grave:

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Faithfully,
Dee Anne +



Rice & Beans Dinner - to benefit the Nicaragua Service Trip will be held on Saturday, May 13th at 6:00 PM in Wilkinson Hall. Please join us for good food, good entertainment and good company. The fabulous Mariachi Academy of musicians and dancers will be performing! There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the church for people who would like to help with the dinner. Invite lots of friends!

Silent Auction - We are asking for donations for the silent auction that will be held at the Rice and Beans dinner on May 13th. If you would like to donate a basket, gift certificate, artwork, getaway, sports or concert tickets, etc, please see Raneebibisi or email at Raneebibisi@yahoo.com. Thank you!



Vestry Update for April 2017

Due to Holy Week our meeting was postponed till the following week. April's meeting was devoted to continuing discussion on a number of issues we have been addressing since January.

The minutes from March's meeting and the treasurer's report for March were reviewed and approved as submitted. We discussed the action items growing out of our retreat in March regarding research of a number of web sites and further discussion of "The Story."

We discussed the thrift shop situation and the need for additional volunteers as, next to pledging, this is the largest source of income for our church. Volunteers are needed for the work session on Mondays and to staff the thrift shop during the scheduled openings on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 - 1. We would like to extend these hours but additional volunteers are needed to do this. Alesia Manicone is no longer director and has ceased coordinating the thrift shop operation. Jane Smith and Marcia Cutrole have volunteered to take over those duties, but are looking for assistance in communication/advertising and scheduling.

Ralph, Gene, and Stephanie provided a summary of the workshops they attended at the ECCT Spring Training on April 1st. These workshops included Vestry organization and operation, stewardship, dealing with Alzheimer's, and churches becoming sanctuaries for undocumented immigrants.

Updates were provided from liaisons to the following committees:

Technology/Sound/Communication: Adjustments continue to be made to the system in the church and a piece of equipment to regulate feedback is being purchased. There is a problem with the phone that has been extended to the thrift shop that is being addressed.

Property: We are looking for additional volunteers to assist in checking the church in the evenings to make sure it is secure after parish meetings and community organizations have completed their meetings. If interested, please contact Bob Mansfield or Gene Gervais.

Your wardens,
Chuck Maynard & Gene Gervais

Mercy Center Retreat

Final fee for May 13th retreat at Mercy Center is \$40, due on or before May 8th. Payable in cash or check, made payable to Vivian Horvath. Checks can be mailed to Vivian Horvath.



GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

The St. Paul's Branch of the Girls' Friendly Society meets at the church twice a month and welcomes girls beginning at age 5. Our next meeting is **Tuesday, May 16 from 6:30 - 8:00 PM** in the purple room. See you all soon!!

Karen Rowe, Branch Advisor & Jane Smith, Leader



Church School News:

The Fun Continues through Sunday, May 21 --
Don't miss it!

Camp Washington Open House: Join us at Camp Washington, May 21st at 3:00 PM. Tour camp, meet counselors, learn about activities, stay for the cook-out! RSVP by phone - 860-567-9623 or campwashington.org - 190 Kenyon Road, Lakeside, CT 06758. Also check out our information on the bulletin board and in the tables at front and back in the church!

St. Paul's Sacred Trust Committee

The next meeting of the St. Paul's Sacred Trust Committee will be June 11, 2017. In addition to In-reach and Outreach requests, the Committee will review college student Honorarium Requests. All requests should be submitted to the parish office **no later than May 28, 2017.** If you have any questions please contact the parish office or Carole Ireland.



Rogation Sunday - May 28

A time to savor God's green earth right here! Please bring in red and white impatiens or pine bark chips for a blessing and then stay a little after the 9:30 AM to help brighten up the church grounds -- just in time for the Memorial Day Parade. (Note: Small garden tools and NOT wearing your "Sunday best" also help!) 8:00'ers are invited to come back to help around 10:30 or so. For more information, please see Rob Page or the Rector.

Parish Life

Baptisms

Abigail Elizabeth Haswell, January 8, 2017
Harper Christine Souza, April 15, 2017
Hollis Eleanora Souza, April 15, 2017

Deaths

Lewis Nash Bly, April 2, 2017
William J. Long, Sr., April 20, 2017

A Prayer for Memorial Day

Gracious God, we give thanks for military men and women, both from the past and present, and for their courageous service and sacrifice to our country and its people to secure the blessings of life, liberty, and justice for all.

May our remembrance be a timely reminder that our freedom was purchased at high cost, and should not be taken for granted.

Give us resolve to labor in faithful service to you until all share the benefits of freedom, justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



**Memorial Day
Parade Prayer Cards & Pins**

A group of St. Paul's volunteers will be handing out prayer cards, with patriotic pins attached.

Prior to this year's Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 29 from 8:45 AM - 10:30 AM.

If interested in volunteering please contact Carole Ireland.



Wear RED on Pentecost, Sunday, June 4!

Also, if you can help *read the gospel in a different language* at either service, please contact the Rector.



Recital for the Students of Jay Lindsay

On June 4th at 2 pm St. Paul's will be hosting a recital by students of our music director, Jay Lindsay. The recital will feature performances on organ and piano by students of all ages and skill levels, including three of the choristers of St. Paul's. The recital will be free with a reception to follow.

Chapel on the Green: This year we will participate again in the Chapel on the Green sponsored by Trinity Church in New Haven. We will provide 175 lunches and participate in worship on the afternoon of June 11 (starting at 1:30). If you are interested in participating in any way, please be in touch with Amy Foster.

Camp Washington "Camperships" Available

We're happy to offer financial help to make it possible for children in the parish to attend our Diocesan Summer Camp. If you are interested, please contact the Rector with information regarding the dates of the program which interests your family. All queries must be in by Sunday, June 11. For more information, go to campwashington.org.



Graduation Time is Approaching!

Please send in the names of the graduates in your family
(and dates of graduation, plus any education or work plans)
by Sunday, June 11
so they may be included in our prayers
and be recognized in church on Sunday, June 18.



The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be celebrated on the following Feast Days: Pentecost (June 4, 2017), All Saints (November 5, 2017), and Epiphany (January 7, 2018) . Preparation for this celebration of Christian initiation includes a formal application and participation of parents and godparents in our Baptism Workshop and Rehearsal. Please direct any inquiries to the Rector at 203-269-5050 or rector@stpaulswallingford.org.

Church Open for Prayer & Reflection Wednesdays and Fridays - 10 AM-1 PM - ALL are welcome to come and stay for a little or as much of the time as needed.

St. Paul's Recycles!

You may have noticed more recycling bins with signs on them around the church and parish hall! The agreement with our new trash company, All Waste, comes with single stream recycling. Please help be good stewards of God's earth by placing all recyclable items – **all types of paper, plastic containers #1 – 7, glass, cans, cardboard** – into the containers, making sure to rinse out all containers before recycling. Thank you for helping in this important effort.

St. Paul's Thrift Shop News

We are looking for some volunteers, **male or female**, for the following:

1. A “tech savvy” person to take over publicity via Facebook page and e-mail sale information to the Advisor. These jobs can be done at your leisure at home.

2. Scheduling of those who work in the shop. Again, this can be done at home in your time frame.

3. The **MOST IMPORTANT** job, multiple volunteers, male and/or female, husbands & wives, friends & neighbors to work 3 hour shifts in the shop. Openings available for June 1, June 8, June 9 and June 29.

FYI : The Thrift Shop generates OVER \$10,000.00 in revenue per year for St. Paul’s general fund. If our parishioners do not volunteer to help out, this source of revenue will dry up as the shop will not be able to operate. How will this shortfall be made up?? Let’s all pitch in and keep this wonderful source of community outreach and revenue **OPEN!**

To volunteer for any of these opportunities or more information contact Jane Smith OR the church office.

Thank you in advance.

**Please advise us of - change of address or telephone numbers
- illness, hospitalizations, deaths
- requests for baptisms, weddings, etc.**

Readers – Ushers – Crucifers – Acolytes – Chalice Bearers!

Please check your schedules for services and times you are serving. If you are unable to fulfill your obligation, please obtain a substitute for yourself! If you would also inform the parish office of any changes it would be greatly appreciated!

Thank you.

Wallingford Emergency Shelter –

The shelter opened in mid-Nov. under the new management of “Columbus House” and closed for the season in Mid-April. It was

more challenging this year as with anything new there are changes to adjust to and issues to be worked out. Keeping the lines of communication open was key to smoothing out the transition and the resiliency and creativity of our volunteers was second to none! On the positive side it was good to see the shelter continuously full with established clients who were friendly and appreciative of the service we provide.

With 20 volunteers (6 new), food was picked up from Choate and served on Sunday nights. In addition, meals were prepared by 8 volunteers to cover the 7 Sundays during the season when Choate is shutdown.

Cannot thank those who participated in this outreach enough! For me this is truly a heartwarming community in action experience!

Trudy Guth

Rector's Note: Thanks be to God for Trudy for making sure that this important outreach ministry runs so smoothly!

Times for St. Paul's Sunday Service
Comcast Cable Channel 18
Frontier Channel 99
www.WPAA.TV - WPAA on the Internet
Sunday - 5:00 PM
Monday - 8:00 AM
Wednesday - 2:00 PM
Saturday - 7:00 PM

The parish office is open Tuesday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

The telephone number is (203) 269-5050.

E-mail – stpaulsepiscopal@snet.net

Fax – (203) 269-3813

Web Site – www.stpaulswallingford.org

If we are not in the office, please leave a message.