

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The

EPISTLE

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Sunday Worship Services for July and August. There will be one service to celebrate the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m.

Dear St. Paul's Parish Family,
Grace and peace to you!
It is my joy to be writing my first newsletter article as your rector! This past month has been filled with wonderful hospitality on your part and I am grateful for the warm welcome I continue to receive from all of you.
Thank you!

We have a new journey to begin together, a journey you've already started as a parish family and have been on for generations. The ministries at St. Paul's are thriving and the sky is the limit on what more we can be doing together for God's glory. I am beginning with you, and you are already working to glorify God in the ways you faithfully minister here at St. Paul's. Thank you for embracing me as part of your parish family as we work to bring God's reconciling love to the world, one ministry, one act of kindness in the name of Jesus at a time.



When I begin something new I often lean on a prayer by Thomas Merton, A Trappist monk of the Abbey of Gethsemani, Kentucky in the 20th century. He wrote a prayer that can be interpreted for many different needs, and it is as follows:

MY LORD GOD, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. AMEN.

We do not see the road ahead of us. But we are on this road together, and God is faithful and will lead us as we trust in God to be our guide. Let us pray together that we will continue to be faithful stewards of God's gifts to us,

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Sunday Services

*Holy
Eucharist*

8AM-Rite I

*10AM-Rite II
With music*

*9:45AM– Sunday
School*

*Join us for fellow-
ship and refresh-
ments following the
10 AM service*

*Evening Prayer
6 PM Fridays*

individually and corporately, using our gifts to share the good news that God's love is for all and that we are God's beloved children. Please pray Merton's prayer with me as we walk together through life's mysteries. And here's to the joy we can feel with every step of our journey!

In peace,
Mother Megan

The Rector's Discretionary Fund: an explanation.

I would like to bring your attention to a fund of our parish **used specifically for helping those in need in our parish and in the local community.** The Discretionary Fund has been in use within the Episcopal Church for decades if not centuries. The basis for discretionary funds comes from Title III, Canon 14(f) first approved in 1814 which provides for a special offering for the poor to be administered by a member of the clergy as Almoner, the person charged with giving alms to the poor. The Canon further provides for appointment of "a responsible person" if the parish is without a Rector (usually the treasurer or a warden).

The primary use of discretionary funds is to assist those in need in the congregation and the larger community. Wherever possible it is preferable that payments for rent, utilities, medical care and the like be made directly to the provider rather than to the individual or family. We do not currently have a line item in our budget for a Discretionary Fund. Please consider making a donation to the Discretionary Fund and write it in the memo line on your check or on the envelope in which you put your donation. Thank you for holding those in need in your hearts and supporting them with your financial gifts.

I would also like to bring to your attention the outreach arm of our Diocese, **Episcopal Charities.** Episcopal Charities equips parish-affiliated outreach programs to transform the lives of people in need in their diverse communities. In the true spirit of outreach, every program we support is free of religious content, welcoming one and all with open arms. They serve communities in Manhattan, Staten Island and the Bronx, as well as seven counties in the Hudson River Valley: Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, **Dutchess**, Sullivan, Orange and Ulster. For more information, please see their website: <http://episcopalcharities-newyork.org/>

There will be donation envelopes at the entrance of the church if you feel so moved to support the efforts of Episcopal Charities and all that they do for God's glory on behalf of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Thank you!

Mother Megan

Tabs for Shriners

We have been collecting tabs since 2010. I can't believe they are still arriving in such quantity! Thanks to all who continue to donate. The tabs are aluminum and are sold to provide funds to help children at Shriners hospitals. Each tab weighs practically nothing, but over the years we have collected over 83 pounds of tabs!!! So far, just this year we have more than 10 pounds. Keep 'em coming. It is a little thing that grows.

Debby Glynn

COMINGS AND GOINGS AT St. Paul's Church

Our Mother's Day Sale featuring yard sale items, flowers and baked goods was a huge success. Getting a dumpster for the event was nip and tuck for a bit, but thanks to **Rudy Macak**, Mark Figliozzi and Tom Vasti we got one at the last minute. All aspects of the event went well. A big thank you goes to **Ellen Kutner**, **Barb Rawls** and **Terri Ghee** for heading up the different parts of the sale. Also, thanks go to those who helped set up the tag sale Friday, **Barbara Horner**, **Ellen Towers** and **Sheila Melville**, all those who donated baked goods, including **Betty Lorentzen**, and those who helped with the plants. **Bill Kirchner** and **Ken Towers** put up and took down the tent and made many dumpster runs along with **Fred Glynn**. We have a net profit of over \$2,600 and as usual, a good time was had by all!

The next day, **May 10**, was **Mother Megan Sanders** first services. We are happy to welcome her to St. Paul's and look forward to many years of having her as our rector. She is whipping the rectory into shape and is already very busy with church business. We wish her all the best as she transitions into a new life here in Pleasant Valley.

The following day, **Sunday July 7th** we will have a **baptism** at the 10 a.m. service, welcoming **Payton Tyler White**, Jackie Allerton's great-grandson, into God's one, holy, apostolic Church!

The next **vestry meeting** is on **June 8, 2015**. There will be a vestry meeting August 10, 2015.

No vestry meeting in July unless needed.

For July and August we will go to one Sunday worship service at 9:30 a.m.

And that's all, folks !



LOBSTERFEST

Saturday June 6, 2015- 5 PM to 7PM

Lobster or Steak \$25.00- 1 Doz. Clams \$8.00 Eat in or take out available- Reservations required

Please contact Barbara Rawls for reservations or if you are able to help her with the dinner.

Call 845-635-8517.

Dinner includes cole slaw, corn, rolls, drinks, dessert and an evening of fellowship with friends.

Barbara requests our famous St. Paul's bakers to offer up homemade pies. Thank you in advance.



A Message from Marilyn

Just a reminder-

Summer is here (we hope) and many of you will take much needed vacations. St. Paul's depends on your continued support to pay for the costs of running the Parish and offering church services during the summer.

Semi-annual reports will go out later in July. If you are not able to make an annual pledge of support but would like to use envelopes, please contact Marilyn Kirchner, treasurer. Just a reminder that by using envelopes, especially for cash donations there is a record for you to use as a charitable income tax deduction. You will receive an end-of-the-year statement showing what you have given.

Thanks, Marilyn



**St. Paul's Episcopal
Church is a Christian
family of caring
people who strive to
support and nurture
each other and
their community
through faith and the
grace of God.**

JUNE HAPPENINGS

- June 6 LOBSTERFEST- (see pg. 3)
 June 6 Rural & Migrant MM Walk-a-thon at Vanderbilt loop.
 Registration starts at 10 AM at St. James, Hyde Park
 (\$20 adult/\$10. children) See Poster or speak to Mother
 Megan or Debby G.. Then return here for Lobsterfest.
 June 7 Join us at the 10 a.m. worship service for the
 Baptism of PAYTON TYLER WHITE
 (see pg.2)
 June 8 7p.m. Vestry Meeting; Committees meet 6:30
 June 21 Fathers Day

Congratulations to our graduates.

Jesse Goldberg– Bard College

Joseph DeMarco– Dutchess Community College

If we have missed anyone who graduated recently please contact Kay Mackey and we will place the names in our July/August Epistle.

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES JUNE

1. Howard D. Williamson
- John & Mary Ellen Borchert
4. Madeline McVey
- Michael Cavaliere
5. Nancy Tumbarello
7. Ron & Katherine (Ottaway) Kittredge
8. Joseph Cavaliere
10. Adian Haight
- Timothy Strain
- Michele Cavaliere
16. Emily Wilcox (Babs)
- Shelley Mackey
17. T.C, Hampton
19. Lesley Sprauer
20. Susan Haight
- Stephen & Karen Garrison
21. Melissa Hampton
23. Bradley Haight
25. Karen Garrison
26. Kaiden Lee Thomison
27. Janet Arms
28. Kat Tompkins
- Candace & Daniel Olson
30. Alison Case



LABORS of LOVE

USHERS . . . the first people we see as we enter the church , they greet us with a smile and the service bulletin. One of the ushers rings the bell to indicate the service is beginning. They take up the offering and bring the communities' gifts of money, food bread & wine to the altar at the Offertory. Also, they let the priest know how many people are present so she knows how many people will be taking Communion. At the end of the service, the ushers tidy up the pews & kneelers, make sure the doors & windows are fastened, bring leftover bulletins to the office for sorting. At larger services things may be a bit more complicated, but this is the general idea.

This is a fairly easy— but very important—way to serve our parish family.

If you would like to join this group, please let Kay Mackey or Liz Whitman know .

Fathers Day June 21st.



Almighty God we thank you for the gift of Fatherly Love