

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

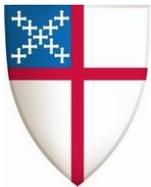
## The EPISTLE

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## FROM THE WARDENS

Hello,

I want to say thank you to everyone in the St. Paul's family. Yes, it's the month leading up to our big official "Thanks Giving" holiday, but we've had so much activity here this fall, I just can't wait. Thanks to Bishop Chilton Knudson's insights during her visit here for a lovely confirmation and reception. Thanks to Mother Dresser for her spiritual guidance and leadership in our worship for the past months.

THANKS to all who make Sunday services possible! To Eucharistic ministers/ lay readers, for their inspirational readings and for bringing comfort to shut-ins. To acolytes and crucifers, who lead us so beautifully through worship. To our organist, for letting us sing His praises. To the altar guild, who make our church look beautiful in each season (and sparkling clean). To the Sunday school teachers and child care providers for inspiring our youth. To our hospitality teams, serving up delicious coffee hours. To the newsletter and website team for improving our communications. To the search committee, who're working hard to make sure we call the right Rector to lead our special parish. To those leading our rectory restoration, for substantially improving our buildings and grounds. To the Vestry for their leadership, inspiration and dedication.

I also need to thank all those who work to make St. Paul's thrive in order to conduct outreach and other branches of our ministries. Thanks to the dedicated staff of the Thrift Shop; this is St. Paul's largest fundraiser. Thanks to all the others who organize and work at our many fundraisers; three that happened this fall – Chicken BBQ, Pleasant Valley Days & the Pork Dinner – and two coming soon – Pampered Chef party and the Craft Fair. Also to the gardeners and our new Indaba team! How can I possibly give thanks for all of these great gifts that you give to me and to each other?

As role models we tell children to say "thank you!" when they get a gift! But a real thank you is not because we're taught to say it, but because our gratitude comes from our heart. My thanks are based on a real feeling of appreciation, knowing "I couldn't have done it without you," a sense of my relationship to you "givers". "Thanks" comes from the word "to think." We give thanks not because it's polite, but to express true appreciation for the relationship we have with the person who's very kindly thought of us. We give thanks because we want to nurture our relationships to each other. We give thanks because we value that we were thought about.

Sometimes we think we can do everything by ourselves. But soon we realize we can't live alone. We're knit together; we're here because of others. So my deepest thanks to all of you for your many gifts to me, and to each other. We all thrive in relationship; to each other, as families, friends, and in our Pleasant Valley and St. Paul's communities. We all receive many gifts, day after day, week after week, Sunday after Sunday. Let's pause, think, and thank. I'm lucky because of those gifts. Saying thank you is the realization I'm part of something bigger. I'm not alone. For that, I'm truly thankful to God!

*Nancy Lutz*

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## FELLOWSHIP, LEARNING, AND WORSHIP

**Adult Christian Education** Tuesdays 12:30-2PM. Together we are reading and discussing some of the shorter chapters in the New Testament. You can join us at anytime.

**Evening Prayer** We have established a very meaningful service of Evening Prayer at 6 PM Friday evenings at the church. We are considering starting our worship at 5PM for the winter months. Please give us your input. Our little group is growing and we welcome anyone who wishes to take about 45 minutes at the end of a busy week to thank God for all the blessings given to us. **On November 1st, at 6PM**, Father Shafer will join us to celebrate an All Saints Day Holy Eucharist.

**Forward Day by Day and Sunday Reading** Discussion group continues from 11:30 until Noon following the 11 AM service. That gives time to visit with friends at coffee hour prior to the meeting.

**Church School** began September 22nd with a new and exciting program for the children called "Sunday Stories". We are hoping the children, with the help of their teachers Amanda and Lesley, will write an article for the December Epistle to share some of their experiences with this program. Remember Church School begins promptly at 9:45 in the parish hall.

**Teen Program** will commence October 20th. For further information contact Nancy Adams at 635-1448.

### *Sunday Services*

*Holy  
Eucharist*

*8AM- Rite I*

*10AM- Rite II  
with music*

*9:45AM- Sunday  
School/Infant  
and child care*

*Coffee hour  
follows the  
10AM service*

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## OUTREACH

**Food Pantry** Please continue to bring non perishable goods to the Sunday services. Are you able to volunteer on the first Wednesday of the month from 7 to 8PM? For information on volunteering contact Liz Whitman 845-464-3903.

**Thrift Shop** In October, the Thrift Shop Annual Coat Drive begins. Please bring to the Thrift Shop clean, wearable coats. Each year we donate coats to the coat drive at Guardian Self Storage in Pleasant Valley. If you bring coats on Sunday, please hang them in the closet. Do you have 3 hours a month to help us staff the Thrift Shop? We are open 10-1 Wednesdays and Saturdays.

**Crop Walk 2013** took place this year on October 20. St. Paul's had six people/teams collecting pledges: Ellen and Laura Towers, Fred and Debby Glynn, Brianna Harris, Marilyn Kirchner, Nancy and Roger Tumbarello and Gloria Ghedini.

It was a gorgeous day for walking, and along the streets of Poughkeepsie, walkers saw bright fall leaves. I don't know yet the amount of money raised to combat local and world hunger--watch for this information in the next issue. So far, I believe that Brianna Harris (Rick's granddaughter) is our top money raiser. A big thank you to all who walked and to all who contributed.

## Visitation of Bishop Knudson with Confirmation and Reception Pentacost 19—October 6, 2013

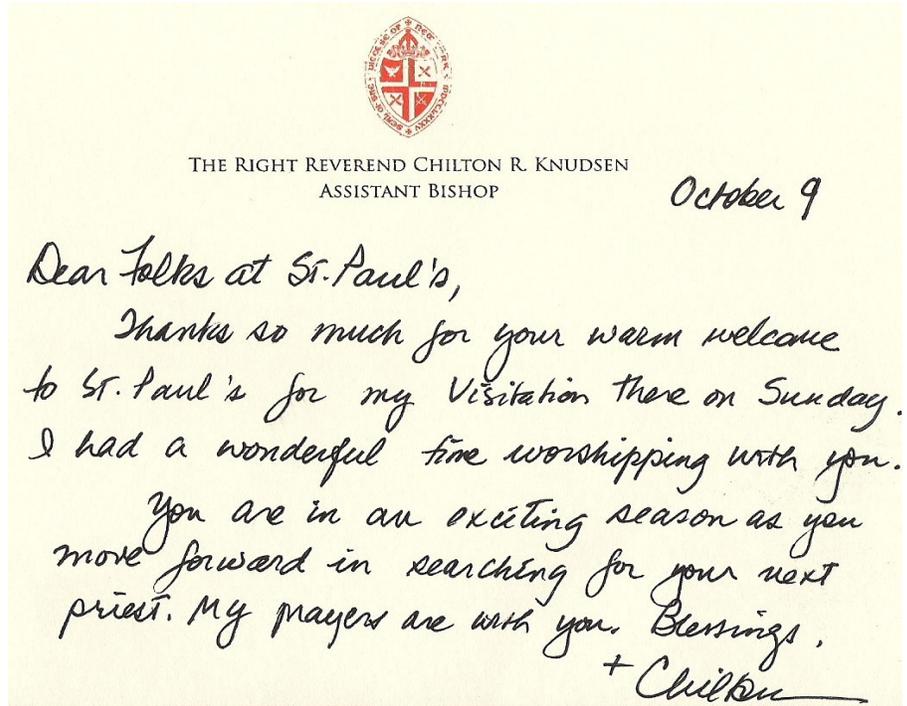


### Confirmation Class

John Borchert, Instructor  
Heather Lynn Adams  
Tara Ellen Tumbarello  
Alexandra Lisa Sprauer  
Bishop Knudson  
Vincent Scott DeMarco  
Christopher James (CJ) Adams

### Reception Class

The Rev. Deborah Dresser, our priest for the past several months.  
Joseph Peter Sebik  
Bishop Knudson  
Nancy Ellen Tumbarello  
Roger James Tumbarello





*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.*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS & PLAN ON PARTICIPATING IN NOVEMBER

**1st.** 6PM– All Saints Day– Holy Eucharist & Evening Prayer.

**2nd. Craft Fair** –9AM-4PM at the Parish Hall

**3rd. Annual Fall Clean Up** will take place following the 10 AM service. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your rakes & brooms. A light lunch to be served.

**10th. Pampered Chef Party**– 11:30AM at the Parish Hall. Hosts-Nancy Lutz & Nancy Adams.

**11th. 7PM Vestry Meeting.**

**28th. Happy Thanksgiving**

**29,30 & Dec. 1st. Bilmar Fundraiser**

**Dec. 7-8, 14-15** Volunteers are needed for staffing the trailer at Bilmar. A wonderful way to get into the Christmas Spirit. Join us for this fellowship.

### NOVEMBER

#### BIRTHDAYS

4 Roberta Weidler  
5 Chris Keenan  
7 Daryl Haight  
9 Alice Cann  
10 Sue Haight  
11 Gerald Haight  
12 Dawn Macak  
13 Caitlin Rouse  
15 Laura Baluzy  
16 Barbara Haight  
23 Jason Caferra  
Barbara Albrecht  
24 Roger Tumbarello  
25 Jonathan Baluzy  
28 Janet McCanlis

#### ANNIVERSARIES

20 Harold and Sandra  
House



### Words of Wisdom

Oh dear Lord,

Please keep your arm around me  
and  
Your hand over my mouth.

From Betty Lorentzen

## Parish News of Interest

**Dutchess County honors Lucille P. Pattison; Dutchess County Office Building Dedicated to First Female County Executive. Mrs. Pattison was the mother of Lesley Sprauer, a member of St.Paul's vestry and grandmother to Alexandra and Steven.**

Dutchess County Executive (DCE) Marcus J. Molinaro recognized the contributions of a former county official whose commitment to public service improved our quality of life. The Dutchess County Office Building was dedicated to former Dutchess County Executive Lucille P. Pattison, mother of our own parishioner Lesley Sprauer.

Dutchess County Legislature (DCL) Chairman Robert Rolison and DCE Marc Molinaro joined with Lucille Pattison's family: husband Ross Pattison, daughters Elise Pattison, Julie Pittenger and Lesley Sprauer, and DCL Minority Leader Barbara Jeter-Jackson, to dedicate the Building in her honor.

DCE Molinaro said, "Lucille Pattison served us with distinction and compassion; strength and grace. She led through challenges, expanded opportunity and responded to the trials of her time. It's an honor for this county government to dedicate the Dutchess County Office Building to her and for the people of Dutchess to always remember the life and service of a remarkable woman."

### **CHEERS TO ONE OF ST. PAUL'S FAMILIES**

Bilmar Nurseries of Pleasant Valley, NY, a family operated business for 3 generations, recently earned the 2013 Grand Champion and Best in Show awards at New York State Fairs. The eight foot tall White Spruce and Fraser fir grown at Fabulous Firs were grown by William 'Bryant' Rawls and son, Scott Case of Bilmar Nurseries. Barbara Rawls is an active member and previous warden of St.Paul's Church in Pleasant Valley, N.Y.

Each year the Rawls family invites volunteers from St.Paul's to sell hot dogs, chili, mulled cider, and other goodies from the St.Paul's trailer, to warm those who have come to cut their own Christmas trees at their nursery on Traver Road in Pleasant Valley, NY. They are open to the public on the Friday following Thanksgiving through Christmas. The food trailer will open Nov.29,30 & Dec.1; Dec.7&8 and 14&15.

Additional information will be forthcoming in the December Epistle.

### **Pampered Chef Party Fundraiser**

Join us for this fun, and oh so tasty fun-draiser after church on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in the parish hall. Everyone will have a great time trying out Pampered Chef's great kitchen tools and sampling some tasty recipes. Tara Miller is our Pampered Chef® Consultant.

Feel free to go to the link below and place an order if you cannot be there; it's such a good cause! Remember, they have great gifts for teachers, bus drivers, mail carriers, your special hair salon person, and anyone else you'd love to give a little something to for the holidays.

When you click the link below to add an order you will help support St. Paul's Episcopal Church, <http://new.pamperedchef.com/pws/taraskitchen13/guest-landing/8842921065627>

### **Stewardship Campaign Reminder**

Please review the card you received in the mail in October. Consider prayerfully what your household can commit to the support of St. Paul's. Is it possible to take a leap of faith and increase your gift?

Each pledge card represents a serious commitment to contribute part of our annual budget. We know that sometimes "life happens, due to circumstances beyond our control", as they say. If you need to adjust your pledge during the year, you can certainly do so. The idea is to do our best with the gifts we have to offer. We do it because we appreciate how much God has showered us with love and other daily blessings.