

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church Natick, Massachusetts

*"Welcome in Love, Worship with Joy, Grow in Faith, Seek and Serve Christ in All Persons"*

**Holy Eucharist Rite II**  
**June 18, 2017**

**Pentecost 2**  
**9:00am**

We welcome you to St. Paul's as one of God's beloved wherever you are on your spiritual journey, in faith, doubt, despair, or enthusiasm. St. Paul's is an expansive congregation willing to be changed through the ministries God calls forth from each of us. Do you have an idea or a dream for ministry? If you do, gather some folks around you and let the Spirit work. We live out the open table fellowship of Jesus. All are welcome at the communion table regardless of religious background. If you are visiting or new to St. Paul's, please help us get to know you by filling out a "Blue Card" available in the pews and place it in the collection plate. Coffee hour follows the services downstairs in Sherrill Hall. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available in the undercroft.

## The Word of God

### **Prelude: Voluntary**

### **Processional Hymn 401: "The God of Abraham Praise" *Leoni***

### **Opening Acclamation**

*Priest:* Welcome in the name of Christ. God's grace, mercy and peace be with you!

*People:* And also with you

### **Song of Praise**



John Rutter

Glo-ry to you Lord God our Cre - a - tor; you are wor-thy of  
praise; glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you for the ra - di-ance  
of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for  
ev - er. Glo-ry to you in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the

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 throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_

40  
  
 seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u - bim; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and high - ly ex -

47  
  
 alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_ Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ be - hold - ing the

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 depths; \_\_\_\_\_ in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. \_\_\_\_\_

62  
  
 Glo - ry to you, Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_

68  
  
 we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

## Collect Of The Day

*Priest:* God dwells in you

***People:* And also in you**

*Priest:*

Let us pray.

Keep, most gracious God, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading: Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7

The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said,

“My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, “Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes.” Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is your wife Sarah?” And he said, “There, in the tent.” Then one said, “I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?” The Lord said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh, and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied, saying, “I did not laugh”; for she was afraid. He said, “Oh yes, you did laugh.”

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him. Now Sarah said, “God has brought laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh with me.” And she said, “Who would ever have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age.”

*Reader:* This is the word of God

*People:* **Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm 116:1, 10-17** *Dilexi, quoniam*

*Antiphon*

*after John Rutter*



- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 10 How shall I repay the LORD \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people.

*Antiphon*

- 13 Precious in the sight of the LORD \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O LORD, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the LORD.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the LORD \*  
in the presence of all his people,
- 17 In the courts of the LORD's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
Hallelujah!

*Antiphon*

## **Second Reading: Romans 5:1-8**

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

## **Sequence Hymn 660: "O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"**

*Maryton*

*Sing Verses 1-2 before Gospel and Verse 3-4 after the Gospel*

*Leader:* The Good News of Jesus as written in Matthew  
*People:* **Glory to you, O Christ.**

## **The Gospel Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

*Leader:* The Gospel of the Good News

*People:* Praise to you, O Christ.

*(Verses 3-4 of Hymn 660)*

**Sermon**

**The Rev. Jon C. Strand**

**Affirmation Of Faith**

*Steve Garnaas-Holmes*

**We believe in God, maker of all things,  
provider of all things, who loves all people.**

**We follow Jesus, in whom salvation has come to us:  
he sees us for who we are,  
heals the wounds of our hearts, and makes us new.  
In his death and resurrection we see the deepest truth of life.**

**We live by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
which empowers us for self-giving love.**

**We give thanks for the Church, the Body of Christ,  
and for the gift of forgiveness,  
the power of resurrection  
and the mystery of eternal life. Amen.**

## Prayers Of The People

*Leader:* We remember those who have asked for our prayers and those who offer Thanksgivings. We pray for healing, support and compassion for Edwin; Stanley; Margery; Betty; Rachel; Donna; Eileen; Mysore; Susan; Nancy; Lance; Adrienne; Devin; Dustin; Barb; Mark; Jean; Judy; David and for the seeking of the common good for all.

*Leader:* God in Your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our planet. Where it is bruised, may it be healed. Where we endanger it, change our ways that we might be agents of its healing. Where we forsake our responsibility to one another, especially those who are or will suffer from climate change, transform us.

*Leader:* God in Your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

We pray for our sister parish in Haiti; and for the Queen Esther School in Tanzania. We pray for victims of violence everywhere, for healing; for victims of terrorism and for those who commit acts of terror. We pray for those under siege, especially the people of Syria. We pray for those who are starving and suffering malnutrition and abuse. In our abundance, God, open our hearts.

*Leader:* God in Your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who serve in the armed forces. May they become agents of true peace.

*Leader:* God in Your mercy

***People:* Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died: Liza; Bill; Carol; Kathleen; Katherine; and Jonathan. We pray for those who mourn: the Erickson family; the Swanson/Van Voorhis family; the Edgar/Reed family; and the Loja family.

*Here petitions for specific needs may be offered ending with "God in your mercy": and we will respond "Hear our prayer."*

*Leader:* Creator God who gives us life and breath,

*People:* **We praise your name today and forever.**

*Leader:* Unstop our ears, that we may hear the cries of your people who are suffering.

*People:* **Help us hear.**

*Leader:* Open our eyes to see the face of Christ in everyone we meet.

*People:* **Help us see.**

*Leader:* Loosen our tongues to challenge the systems which bruise your people.

*People:* **Help us to speak.**

*Leader:* Dissolve the barriers of suspicion that divide us one from another, and fill us with your love that casts our fear.

*People:* **Help us to respect each other.**

*Leader:* Fill our leaders with wisdom, generosity and compassion.

*People:* **Help us to encourage their efforts.**

*Leader:* Amen.

*silence is kept*

THE PEACE *Please stand as you are able.*

*Leader:* The Peace of Christ be always with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Greet each other in the name of Christ.*

## **Greetings and Announcements**

### **Holy Communion**

**Offertory 686: “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

*Nettleton*

### **Presentation of the Gifts**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

*Priest:* God dwells in you.

*People:* **And also in you**

*Priest:* Come to the table with thankful hearts

*People:* **We open our hearts to God and to one another.**

*Priest:* Creator God, source of all life and ground of our being, you are the vibrant energy dancing at the center of the universe! Through us you move, and through us you are made known to the world. Co-creators with you, we are emboldened to move beyond ourselves, to find the courage to let go of old ways and welcome new life.

And so, in concert with those of every generation who have been touched by your redeeming love, we lift our praise to you:

## Sanctus *Remain Standing; everyone sings.*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.  
Bles'd is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

—Setting: *Asibhatali*, South Africa

## Consecration

*Priest:* Holy God, known and beyond all knowing, in your image you created us, giving the earth into our care. In our arrogance, we lost touch with the breath of God within us, with the divinity of the creation, growing blind to its beauty and deaf to its harmonies. But through Christ, born of a woman, your deep abiding love reclaimed us and realigned us with the grain of the universe.

On that evening in the upper room, with his friends around him, our brother Jesus blessed the bread, broke it, and shared it with all who were gathered. This bread is my body, an offering of God's love for all. When you eat it remember me. Taking the cup of wine, he blessed it and shared it with all who were gathered: This wine is my blood, God's promise of new life for all. When you drink it, remember me.

God, in the memory of Jesus who healed people and washed his disciples' feet, who loved children and honored outcasts, who fed people and who turned water into wine, who died and rose to new and unending life, we ask that you breathe on this bread and this wine, filling them with the transforming power of the cosmic Christ.

*Priest and People:*

**Breathe through us, God, that our bodies, minds, and spirits may be filled with your life-giving presence. Make us again a holy people, strongly bound to you, firmly rooted in the earth, with eyes to see all life is sacred. Empower us to spread the light of Christ in our wondrous and confusing world. Amen**

*Priest:* And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**Our Father who art in Heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil,  
For thine is the kingdom and the power  
and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### **Breaking Of The Bread**

*Priest:* We are one bread, one body.

*People:* **We will love one another as Christ loves us.**

### **Invitation**

*In the spirit of Christ's open table fellowship, all are welcome to receive communion.*

*Priest:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are invited to come forward and receive communion.*

**Communion Hymn WLP (Green Hymnal) 810: "You Who Dwell"** Michael Joncas

### **Post Communion Prayer**

*Priest:* Let us pray:

*Priest and People:*

**Eternal God, great Creator,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your son our Savior Jesus Christ  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Blessing

Closing Hymn WLP 782 (*Green Hymnal*): “Gracious Spirit Give Your Servants” *Abbot’s Leigh*

## Dismissal

## Postlude: Voluntary

### Ministers for Today’s Service

<b>Clergy:</b>	The Rev. Jon Strand, preaching The Rev. Dr. Gale Davis, presiding
<b>Music:</b>	Bobby Butler, organist and choir director
<b>LEMs:</b>	Marybeth Lamb & Sandy Hall
<b>Reader:</b>	Pat Spencer
<b>Ushers:</b>	Rob Young & Judi Kuhn
<b>Altar Guild:</b>	Paula Curtis & Phil Burt

### Prayer List for June 18, 2017

**A Note about Prayer Cycles:** It is a custom in many denominations to have annual “cycles of prayer” for large groups of people or organizations in which each participating body is prayed for by every other body for one week. St. Paul’s follows five prayer cycles which include: 1) all provinces and dioceses in the worldwide Anglican Communion; 2) all diocesan parishes; 3) all churches everywhere in the world; 4) the people of our sister parish in Haiti; 5) parish members and friends.

#### **This week, these Prayer Cycles direct us to pray for:**

In the Anglican Communion pray for: Northern Territory; The - (Queensland, Australia)  
The Rt. Rev. Greg Anderson.

#### **In our Diocese we remember: *Parishes of the Mt. Hope-Buzzards Bay Deanery:***

St. Anne’s Church, (North) Billerica; All Saints’ Church, West Newbury; St. Mark’s Church, Westford; Congregations: Organists, Choirs and other Church Musicians Society for the Relief of Aged or Disabled Episcopal Clergy.

#### **In our ecumenical prayer cycle we pray for: Brazil.**

**We remember our sister parish in Haiti:** St Jacques Mission at Morne Rosette; Lay Readers: Fausner Telcy, David Pierre and Laznique Dorelus.

**In our own parish friends and family: Wade Huber; Chrissa Hunnewell and Paul, Kevin & Lauren Feeney; Kathryn, Joseph & Evie Hyder; Barbara & Bill Idzal; Grace, Tom, Angelina, Francesca & Louisa Idzal.**

**For Our Community:** Natick's Open Door and A Place To Turn.

**We pray for** our whole Anglican communion in listening to the stories of all people, in learning to care even more deeply for those in need, and in journeying forward in the grace of God. For those serving our country at this time in all places of the world, especially Iraq and Afghanistan. For our stewardship of our planet for generations to come, especially in taking actions, small or large, that will diminish the damaging impact of global warming. For peace and stability in all the places of the world that are experiencing conflict. For healing and support for those struggling with depression.

**We pray for all those whose lives are disrupted by violence and famine: For the people of London and Manchester;** for all refugees, especially those who are fearful in this new climate of immigration actions; for those seeking freedom from violence and desperate poverty; especially those in Syria, for the people of Aleppo and Mosul, for our opening of hearts and our churches and homes to those seeking safe shelter.

**We pray for** our planet, where it is bruised, may it be healed. Where we endanger it, change our ways that we might be agents of its healing.

**The flowers on the Altar  
are given  
In loving memory of  
Richard Holloway,  
Audrey McCarty Heyd  
& Clinton Heyd II  
by  
Linda & Clinton Heyd III**

**We pray for healing, support and compassion:** for Edwin Ortiz; Stanley Macomber; Margery S(friend of Gale Davis); Betty Seelbach (mother of Susan Lemieux); for those impacted by the violence of the Assad regime in Syria; for the family of Jonathan Loja; Donna White; Paul Lach; Eileen Fagan; Mysore Ravindra; Susan Etts (godmother of Victoria Bonanni); Nancy Morell (Linda Heyd's sister); Lance Burak (Linda Heyd's brother-in-law); Pix Huber; Adrienne Taylor; Doris Killam; Jacob Oliveria (grandson of Pat Nelson); Devin Suau; Dustin; Susan Barraclough; Barb Subber; Mark Shaffer; Jean Whitney; Judy Shea, (friend of Joanne Murray); David Young (Ruth Young's two year old great-grand son).

**Finally, we pray for those who have died:** Liz Davis (wife of Royal Davis); Liza Meyer; Bill Erickson (Mary Erickson's father); Carol Swanson (Karen Van Voorhis' aunt); Kathleen Reed, (Richard Edgar's Grandmother). We pray for those who mourn: the Davis Family; the Erickson family; the Swanson/VanVoorhis family; the Lashaway/Conlin family; the Loja family; the Diefenderfer/Lundberg family; the Skatrud family, the Heyd family and the Fagan/Roche family in their time of grieving.

### Announcements

**Our St. Paul's Calendar for 2017-2018** is being considered for this upcoming year. Your ideas, thoughts about what you would like our congregation to be doing is really helpful. Please don't hesitate to share your ideas with us: [joncstrand@gmail.com](mailto:joncstrand@gmail.com), [egaledavis@gmail.com](mailto:egaledavis@gmail.com) or [bethfolsom.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:bethfolsom.stpauls@gmail.com). We will be sharing a draft calendar shortly via parish wide email if you'd like to consider it with us.

**Our rector, the Rev. Jon Strand** will be away next Sunday with our confirmation class on a mission trip doing rebuilding work in New Orleans and Baton Rouge. Please keep us in your prayers.

### Upcoming This Month

**Mom's (not) Book Group!:** The Mom's group will meet July 12-- 6:30 for a summer get together—just for fun and to check in about how our summers are going—AND we will have PAIGE as our special guest. We will gather around the pool—bring suits if you want to swim or go in the spa— We have a light supper and spend time catching up—and maybe talking about what we might want to be our focus in the fall. All women are welcome! If you haven't come before, this would be a good time to check it out without making a long term commitment.

Please RSVP to Alexy, ([alex@beaudreau.info](mailto:alex@beaudreau.info)) Alisa ([alisackatrud@gmail.com](mailto:alisackatrud@gmail.com)) or Gale ([egaledavis@gmail.com](mailto:egaledavis@gmail.com)) so we have enough food.

Happy summer—Gale+

**B-SAFE Volunteers Needed (July 24 – 28):** Giving just a few hours of your time will help make a difference for the B-SAFE campers. Volunteer roles include preparing food (at St. Paul's, usually 8AM to 10:15 AM) or serving lunch and reading to campers (in Dorchester – leave 10:30 AM, return 2PM) any day Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> through Thursday July 28<sup>th</sup>, or to joining us for the field trip to **Farrington Nature Linc in Lincoln** to help deliver/serve lunch. We also need help food shopping for anyone who would like to help but can't volunteer during the weekdays.

Link to SignUp Genius for volunteer slots:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4da9aa2aaa8-stpauls2>

If you'd like to contribute towards the cost to the cost of our week, we would love gift cards to local supermarkets (Stop & Shop, Market Basket or Roche Brothers). You can drop it in the collection plate in an envelope marketed 'B-SAFE' or send it to the church office.

For more information about B-SAFE, see: <http://www.ssyphoston.org/bsafe/>

**Ministry Opportunities in Christian Formation!:** St. Paul's has nearly 150 youth involved in our Christian Formation program from preschoolers to high schoolers. The Christian Formation and Steering Team is planning for our 2017-2018 church school program and we are looking for aids and teachers at all levels! Below is a list of ministry opportunities and the time commitments for the next school year. We strive to bring teams of teachers together--and support you all the way through with ideas and curriculum. This a great way to grow in our faith. Please consider the ministry of Christian Formation and invest your time to guide our children's spiritual growth while nurturing your own as well.

- **A.M. Teacher Atrium (Age 3-K) or Teacher Grade 1-2 Class** = 1 hour of preparation + 1.5 hours of teaching, 1-2 Sundays/month (9:00-10:30 a.m. - through Peace of 10:00 service)
- **A.M. Teacher Grade 3-5 Class** = 1 hour of preparation + 1 hour of teaching, 1-2 Sundays/month (9:00-10:00 a.m. - finished in time for 10:00 service)
- **P.M. Teacher Grade 3-5 Class**= 1 hour of preparation + 1.25 hours of teaching, 1-2 Sundays/month (4:00-5:15 p.m. - finished in time for 5:15 service)
- **SPY Teacher** = 1 hour of preparation + 1.25 hours of teaching, 2 Sundays/month (4:00-5:15 p.m. - finished in time for 5:15 service)
- **A.M. Aid in the Atrium or Grade 1-2 Class** = 1.5 hours of aiding, 1-2 Sundays/month (9:00-10:30 a.m. - through Peace of 10:00 service)
- **A.M. Aid in Grade 3-5 Class** = 1 hour of aiding, 1-2 Sundays/month (9:00-10:00 a.m. - finished in time for 10:00 service)
- **P.M. Aid in Grade 3-5 Class** = 1.25 hours of aiding, 1-2 Sundays/month (4:00-5:15 p.m. - finished in time for 5:15 service)
- **SPY Aid** = 1.25 hours of aiding, 2 Sundays/month (4:00-5:15 p.m. - finished in time for 5:15 service)

Still want to get involved but not finding the right fit for you? Only have time for an evening commitment?

Join the Christian Formation or the SPY Steering Team which meet 1 evening a month to discuss issues involved in sustaining and growing our Formation programs. Formation is a ministry that encompasses all facets of the parish community, and we are actively seeking input from a diverse group of parishioners to help shape our ministry.

If you would like to get involved with the ministry work of Christian Formation, or if you have any questions, please contact Beth Folsom ([bethfolsom.stpauls@gmail.com](mailto:bethfolsom.stpauls@gmail.com)) or Linda Tardif ([lindahtardif@gmail.com](mailto:lindahtardif@gmail.com)).

### **Caring For One Another**

**Prayers of the People:** We are honored to pray for people. It is our privilege and part of what we do as Christians for members of our community. We will add names for our prayers

as you request them. We will keep them on “the list” for four weeks (which seems to be the right duration for most prayers.) However, we know that some are dealing with chronic illness or long term challenges and need to be prayed for longer. If you want yourself or someone for whom you have sought prayers to have those prayers continued, simply contact Jeanne and ask. We will gladly continue them.

### **Future Events (More Than A Month Away)**

**Seeing the Face of God in Each Other: Anti-Racism Training Event:** Friday Sept. 22 and Saturday, September 23 in Sherrill Hall. 6-9pm Friday evening and 9-4pm Saturday. This substantial training helps us think through the impact of racism and its influence in our lives, building community through the process. Please contact Kyle Reilly if you would like to sign up: [ksreilly@gmail.com](mailto:ksreilly@gmail.com).

**Save the Date!:** Our annual rummage sale will be held on Saturday, September 16 from 9am - 1pm. Take in day is Friday, September 15 from 9 am - 6pm. Start saving your 'good' stuff for the sale. (No baby items, electronics of any kind, computer screens, stuffed animals, or underwear will be accepted. Children's toys should be in original packaging. ) Helpers are needed both Friday for sorting and setup and Saturday for the sale itself and clean up starting at 1pm. Even an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Mark your calendars now!

**Join Us at Camp!:** The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts runs an annual summer camp at the Barbara C. Harris Camp in Greenfield, New Hampshire. BCH’s program builds upon the opportunities presented by the wonder of God’s creation found in nature and the camper’s distance from the distractions of everyday life. Based on a “small group approach”, BCH is a place where all campers feel accepted, loved and are able to develop authentic friendships. Counselors work closely with campers to support them in their formation of faith and personal journeys. Campers learn important life lessons and gain new perspectives as they live and play in a community centered on Christian beliefs and values.

To view more information about the BCHC programs, and to register your child, go to: [www.bchcenter.org/camp](http://www.bchcenter.org/camp)

### **Ongoing Ministries**



**SUMMER SOLOS at ST. PAUL'S!** Hello Everyone - I'm writing to ask for your help. If you play an instrument or sing and would like to offer a solo during Offertory this summer, please contact me. I will also have a list at coffee hour this week to sign up. It can be something as simple as playing a hymn or favorite song that you enjoy! It doesn't have to be long or complicated. In fact, the simpler the better! We have lots of talented young people around that play instruments too so parents get your money's worth out of those music lessons and encourage your son or daughter to gift us with an offering whatever week you're in town this summer! Stay ☐ cool! Stay safe! And have an awesome summer! ☘

**Centering Prayer:** Centering Prayer will take a hiatus during July and August but there are still a few Monday evenings left in June! Come join us as we practice letting go of the thoughts that fill our conscious minds and allow our attention to settle in that peaceful space where we can rest in God's presence. We meet in the Chapel at 7 pm.

**Coffee Hour Hosts Really Needed:** We are looking for people to cover the next 6 Sundays!!! Please help if you can. Email [maryclareerickson@gmail.com](mailto:maryclareerickson@gmail.com) or 508-397-1247 cell.

**Healing Prayers:** Healing Prayers are offered at St. Paul's every Sunday at the 10 a.m. service. Parishioners are invited to stop at the healing prayer station as they leave the altar following communion. Trained Healing Team members will pray with and for you or for anyone

on your heart, If you are interested in becoming part of this ministry, email Valerie Gaines at [vlgaines1.vg@gmail.com](mailto:vlgaines1.vg@gmail.com) or phone at (508) 881-1250.

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