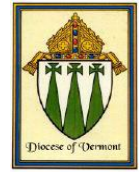


St. Paul's Epistle



MAY 2011

April 16, 2011

Dear People of St. Paul's Church,

I write the day before Palm Sunday, which opens the most sacred and vital week in the Christian calendar. The events commemorated in this span of eight days initiated an entire new movement in history. We in the church are the blessed heirs of and participants in that movement. By the time you receive this newsletter we will have celebrated Easter. It is the primary festival of the church, and among those who practice, marked by the highest joy and an unrivaled sense of liberation. Thanks be to God.

During Lent, 17 people at St. Paul's attended a five-week series, "Embracing an Adult Faith." This study was based on lectures by Marcus Borg on what it means to be Christian. The resulting discussions, I believe, were lively and provocative. I look forward to future educational opportunities at St. Paul's.

On the 1st Sunday in Lent, members of the parish were invited to contribute toward Episcopal Relief and Development. Gifts offered from the congregation totaled \$629. This amount was augmented by \$500 that the Outreach Committee decided to add from its budget. E.R.D. has a well-developed network that can respond quickly to disaster. People of Japan who are enduring the results of the earthquake and tsunami will be among the beneficiaries of E.R.D. funds.

Near the end of March my birthday took place. Though in recent years I've tried to ignore the occasion, I am grateful for the many cards and greetings I received from around the parish. Also, thank you for the enhanced spread at coffee hour (bagels and lox yet) and for the handsome gift certificate. I'll enjoy shopping with it at Hopkins Bookshop. By the way, if you're not acquainted with Hopkins, it is among the better religious book stores and is located in the undercroft of St. Paul's Cathedral.

As plans continue to develop toward celebrating St. Paul's Bicentennial, one new date has been added. On September 18, a Taizé Evensong will be offered. The precise hour is yet to be determined.

This coming month in addition to the regular liturgical schedule, two Holy Day celebrations of Eucharist will be offered at 12 noon:

Tuesday, May 3 – St. Philip & St. James, Apostles (transferred from May 1) and
Tuesday, May 31 – The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

As it happens, the 3rd Sunday of Easter, May 8, is also Mother's Day. Our coffee hour that day will have a table with a plethora of desserts. Do come, and calorically celebrate.

With blessings to all,

Alan +

THE PRAYER AND HEALING GROUP met on Saturday April 9th. We shared a morning prayer service in the Celtic tradition and spent time discussing the gospel lesson for the upcoming Sunday. We also discussed a new book for study in the next several months. Members brought books of interest and after looking everything over, we settled on J. Phillip Newell's book called "Listening for the Heartbeat of God". This is an introduction to Celtic Spirituality and we are hopeful there may be some other members of our community who would be interested in joining our time together each month. Our next meeting will be on Saturday May 14th at 9:30am. For information or questions, please call Diane Rooney at 985-3177.

MAY 2011 AT ST. PAUL'S, VERGENNES

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 2 Easter 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday School 10am Eucharist 10:30 Outreach & Pastoral Care 7pm AA	2	3 <i>Sts. Philip & James</i> Noon Holy Eucharist Rite I 7pm choir	4	5	6	7
8 3 Easter 8am Eucharist 10am Family Eucharist 7pm AA	9	10	11	12	13	14 9:30 Prayer and Healing Group 10am Diocesan Council, Trinity, Rutland
15 4 Easter 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	16	17	18	19	20	21 EPISTLE DEADLINE Submissions to: pbarrows@gmavt.net jerm@gmavt.net
22 5 Easter 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday School 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	23	24	25 10:30 Morning Prayer Vergennes Residential Care Home	26	27	28
29 6 Easter 8am Eucharist 10am Sunday School 10am Eucharist 7pm AA	30	31 <i>The Visitation</i> Noon Holy Eucharist Rite I 7pm choir				

MAY BIRTHDAYS

2 Lux Tierney
 16 Elizabeth Price
 26 Shawn Biegen

6 Ruth Aseltine
 16 Nan Guilmette
 26 Thomas Shahan

13 Brenda Badger
 18 Louisa Guilmette
 26 Randy Orvis

15 Judy Langeway
 22 Will Glassberg

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE ON THE DAY SHOWN PLEASE ARRANGE TO SWITCH SUNDAYS WITH SOMEONE. THANK YOU.

MAY SUNDAY CHART

<u>Date</u>	<u>Flower Guild</u>	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Coffee Hour</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Chalice</u>	<u>Welcome Comm.</u>	<u>Acolyte Crucifer</u>	<u>Counters</u>	<u>Readings</u>
May 1 2 Easter	Lenore Morse	Pam Macauley Lenore Morse	Judy Woods	Steve Lowe	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Randy Orvis Steve Lowe	Fiona Robertson Aaron Robertson	Cricket Laidman	Acts 2:14a, 22-32 Psalm 16 1 Peter 1:3-9 John 20:19-31
May 8 3 Easter	Rebecca Chauvin	Family Service	Mary Cassidy Bonnie Huizenga	Pam Macauley	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Mary Gordon Ann Haigis	Cassidy Jay Carol Knauss	Stephen Lowe Nate Guilmette	Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17 1 Peter 1:17-23 Luke 24:13-35
May 15 4 Easter	Mary Gordon	Margaret Lowe Rachel Robertson	Laurie Earle Tim Earle	Christopher White	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Jim Schuler Steve Lowe	Fiona Robertson Aaron Robertson	Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen-Carrig	Acts 2:42-47 Psalm 23 1 Peter 2:19-25 John 10:1-10
May 22 5 Easter	Diane Merrill	Sarah Stroup Sarah Hale	Madelaine Calise Karen White	Nate Merrill	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Margaret Lowe Lenore Morse	Catie Macauley Carol Knauss	Betty Bristol Carol Knauss	Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 1 Peter 2:2-10 John 14:1-14
May 29 6 Easter	Carol Knauss	Rebecca Chauvin Bo Price	Margaret Lowe	Bob Laidman	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Lee Martel Randy Orvis	Cassidy Jay Carol Knauss	Betty Bristol Carol Knauss	Acts 17:22-31 Psalm 66:7-18 1 Peter 3:13-22 John 14:15-21

Coffee Hour at St. Paul's

