



St. Paul's Epistle



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SEPTEMBER 2011

Vergennes, Vermont
Saturday, August 20, 2011
Feast Day of Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153

Dear Members and friends of St. Paul's,

In the church calendar, today we commemorate Bernard of Clairvaux who lived in the 12th century. St Bernard led a remarkable life and is particularly known for having been a persuasive preacher. One way his legacy is known to us is in the singing of "O sacred head sore wounded." Coupled with the music of J.S. Bach, this has become one of the most beloved pieces of Holy Week.

The Psalm appointed for today's feast includes the first 9 verses of Psalm 139. These words speak of the extreme intimacy a person of deep faith might share with God, the one who is always immediately present. In times of uncertainty, consider the great comfort there is in a God who will "lay your hand upon me." [v 4] And further:

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;	You trace my journeys and my resting-places
You know my sitting down and my rising up;	and are acquainted with all my ways.
you discern my thoughts from afar.	[vv 1 – 2]

Bernard is known as a burning and shining light in the Church. Today's collect asks God "that we also may be aflame with the spirit of love and discipline, and walk before you as children of light." Many have walked this path before us as part of the St. Paul's community. It was our privilege to have Bishop Ely here at the end of July as we recalled the roots of our local parish going back 200 years. Thank you to all who partook in the celebration. May we be blessed as we now enter the third century at St. Paul's Church.

In honor of the 10th anniversary of 9/11, Jews, Christians, and Muslims will gather for an interfaith service in Burlington. It will be held at 8 pm on Saturday, September 10, at the Ohavi Zedek Synagogue.

Finally, just a few highlights of what's coming up this month.

Del Guilmette and Rorrie Jay will be baptized on September 11.

Choir rehearsals resume at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13.

Sunday School resumes at 10 a.m. on September 18, and that evening at 7 p.m. there will be a service of Evensong sung in the Taizé style.

Also, the month contains two red letter days. Eucharist will be celebrated at 12 noon on two successive Wednesdays, September 14 being Holy Cross Day and September 21 being St. Matthew's Day.

Your servant in Christ,

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SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Anne Sevee
 4 Diane Rooney
 8 Megan Seymour
 11 Marcia Dunne
 14 Nick Jennings
 15 Barbara Fitzgerald
 16 Elayna Rose Jennings
 17 Jona Tierney
 17 Aaron Seymour
 18 Diane Merrill
 21 Dave Merrill
 19 Pete McAllister
 20 Betty Bristol
 24 Tim Jennings
 24 Todd Jennings
 28 Sarah Cowan
 28 Pam Macauley
 30 Justin Huizenga



CHOIR THE choir starts a

new year with practice at 7pm on Tuesday, September 13th in the Parish Hall. Judy and the choir usually practice about one and a half hours and would love to have new members even if you can't sing every single Sunday. Please talk with Judy.

PRAYER AND HEALING GROUP

The Prayer and Healing Group met on Saturday August 20th. After sharing Morning Prayer together, we continued our discussion of Phillip Newell's book on Celtic Spirituality. We have greatly enjoyed our time reflecting on this book and we will be completing our discussion at the next meeting in October. We are exploring what we might read next, one possibility is "The Wisdom Jesus" by Cynthia Bourgeault. We also discussed activities we might include in our time together such as the making of prayer beads that we completed this summer. The topic of prayer shawls was introduced along with

using illuminated manuscript in the Celtic style. We would welcome new members to our group and if there are questions, please speak with Diane Rooney.

TAIZÉ EVENING PRAYER

Please join us for Taizé Evening Prayer on September 18th at 7PM.

On September 18th at 7PM, St. Paul's will be having the first of our two special music events in celebration of St. Paul's bicentennial. Our first event will be an ecumenical service, in the manner of the Taizé community in France. The service includes quiet chant, readings from Scripture, and periods of meditative silence. The chants will be led and accompanied by musicians, on both harp and guitar. We hope you can come!

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Using just a few words they express a basic reality of faith, quickly grasped by the mind. As the words are sung over many times, this reality gradually penetrates the whole being. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God, without having to fix the length of time too exactly. To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song. This beauty can give us a glimpse of "heaven's joy on earth," as Eastern Christians put it. And an inner life begins to blossom within us.

--- from www.taize.fr

FOOD SHELF

We are seeing increasing numbers of families who need help. In five years we have grown from 0 to 5 families an afternoon to as many as 42 families (112 individuals). Anything you can give is a big help.

Some suggestions:

- Canned carrots or spinach
- Spaghetti sauce
- Soup
- Toilet paper
- Shampoo

And again, thank you!



The St. Paul's garden is bountiful! For those responsible for Sunday flowers, they are abundant and ready to cut at the garden plot. There are plenty for the altar and we'll have them through September. Please talk with Diane Merrill, Sarah Cowan, Madelaine Calise or Lenore Morse if you need more direction or assistance.

We have already donated to the food bank many bags of wax and green string beans, red potatoes, delicious cherry tomatoes and tasty cabbages. The larger tomatoes are getting ripe and will be ready to pick in late August and into September, as will potatoes and more beans! If you would like to help pick or prepare the food offerings, please talk with Sarah C.



St. Paul's children's choir



Potluck picnic

BISHOP'S VISIT FOR THE 200TH
CELEBRATION AT ST. PAUL'S
Bishop Ely and Deacon Lucy



SEPTEMBER 2011 AT ST. PAUL'S, VERGENNES

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2 8pm AA	3
4 Pentecost 12 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 10 am Child Care 7pm AA	5	6	7	8	9 8pm AA	10 10am Diocesan Council, White River Jct. 8pm Interfaith Service(10 years since 9.11)at Ohavi Zedek Synagogue, Burlington
11 Pentecost 13 8am Eucharist 10am Baptism & Family Eucharist 6:30pm ECCRT meeting 7pm AA	12	13 7pm Choir resumes	14 <i>Holy Cross Day</i> 12Noon Holy Eucharist Rite 1	15	16 8pm AA	17 EPISTLE DEADLINE pbarrows@gmavt.net jerm@gmavt.net
18 Pentecost 14 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 10am Sunday school resumes 7pm Taize Evensong 7pm AA	19	20 7pm Choir 7pm Vestry	21 <i>Feast Day of St. Matthew</i> 12 Noon Holy Eucharist, Rite 1	22	23 8pm AA	24
25 Pentecost 15 8am Eucharist 10am Eucharist 10am Sunday school Pastoral Care/Outreach meeting 11:30 Rock Point Fall Open House 1 to 4 pm At Bishop Booth Conference Center 7pm AA	26	27 10am Clergy Day at St. John's, Randolph 7pm Choir	28 10:30 am Morning Prayer, Vergennes Residential Care Home	29	30 8 pm AA	

NOTE: NO PRAYER AND HEALING MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

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

SEPTEMBER 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>
September 4 <i>12 Pentecost</i>	Kim Hatgen-Carrig	<u>Child Care</u> Pam Macauley Sarah Hale	Diane Merrill MaryBeth Hamilton	Nan Guilmette	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Lee Martel Randy Orvis		Cricket Laidman	Ezekiel 33:7--11 Psalm 119:33--40 Romans 13:8--14 Matthew 18:15--20
September 11 <i>13 Pentecost</i>	Carol Knauss	Family Service	Sarah Cowan	Steve Lowe	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Steve Lowe Jim Schuler		Stephen Lowe Nate Guilmette	Genesis 50:15--21 Psalm 103:1--13 Romans 14:1--12 Matthew 18:21--35
September 18 <i>14 Pentecost</i>	Lucille LeBeau	Margaret Lowe Madelaine Calise	Cricket and Bob Laidman	Sarah Stroup	Tim Earle Diane Rooney	Mary Gordon Ann Haigis		Mary Gordon Kim Hatgen-Carrig	Jonah 3:10 --4:11 Psalm 145:1--8 Philippians 1:21--30 Matthew 20:1--16
September 25 <i>15 Pentecost</i>	Diane Merrill	Rebecca Chauvin Bo Price	Pam Macauley	Pam Macauley	Carol Knauss Diane Rooney	Margaret Lowe Lenore Morse		Betty Bristol Carol Knauss	Ezekiel 18:1--4, 25--32 Psalm 25:1--8 Philippians 2:1--13 Matthew 21:23--32

Past and present clergy: Donald Morris, Howard VanDine, Mary Pratt, Lucy Pellegrini, Alan Kittelson,
Bob Macauley

