

May 1, 2015

UPCOMING MUSIC EVENTS

CHORAL EVENSONG AND ORGAN RECITAL ✠ SUNDAY, 3 MAY, 4:00 PM

The St. Paul's Choir sings music of Ayleward, Parry, Hogan and Åhlén
Music Assistant Karl Robson plays Louis Vierne's complete *Symphonie III, Op. 28*

"...If Music Be the Food..."

A CONCERT TO BENEFIT ROCHESTER'S FOODLINK ✠ FRIDAY, 8 MAY, 7:30 PM

J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerto No. 4

Bonita Boyd, Anne Harrow, Renée Jolles, and Eastman Students

Selected Duos by Béla Bartók, arranged for viola

Kim Kashkashian and Eastman students

Johannes Brahms: String Sextet in G Major, Op. 36

The Ying Quartet, with Carol Rodland and Keiko Ying



Easter Thanks

A grateful thank you to all who participated in decorating our church for Easter and for faithfully watering the plants Easter week: Dean Arvan, Jennifer Bleecker, Heidi Brodwin and daughter, Tim Dewart, Alice Eldredge, Mary Gulick, Janet Juneau, Pat Moran, Gail Pearson, Gail Snelling, Andy Stewart, and Emily Wood. Also thanks to Rob Picken for his input and support, Susan Hyde for passing on her expertise from prior years, Bob Potter, Sexton and Dave McIntee, Maintenance Assistant. Please consider volunteering next Easter to create a new Easter vision for your church. "It takes a village!"
Nancy Andrus



Dear Friends in Christ,

Happy Easter!

Thank you to all who made our Holy Week commemorations and Easter celebrations a great success. It takes many people working together as a team to make it all possible -- our Altar Guild, Decorators, Acolytes, Readers, Ushers, Greeters, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Office Volunteers and all who stepped up and pitched in to make it a joyful and holy time.

April has been a season of new life in our congregation as well. We have bid Jennifer farewell after many years of faithful ministry amongst our congregation and welcomed back Bill Petersen as Priest Associate. I am in the midst of working with an Advisory Committee, the Wardens and Vestry, the Diocesan offices, and multiple contacts from throughout the Episcopal Church to put together a slate of candidates for the position of Assistant Rector. Phone and SKYPE interviews are underway and it is my hope to have the position filled before the beginning of the next program year.

As we conclude our program year, there is much to note in this month's newsletter about upcoming events and programs. I would also point out a wonderful opportunity in May 2016 for study, pilgrimage and fellowship in England. If you are interested in participating in the England Pilgrimage, I hope you will attend a brief information session on Sunday, May 17th at 11:15am in the Vestry Room. More information is available throughout the church, or you may call the parish office.

With my prayers for a Blessed Easter Season, I remain,

Your friend and Rector,

(The Rev'd) Robert A. Picken



Lent Madness 2015 – We Have a Winner!

Maundy Thursday dawned to the announcement of two winners in 2015's Lent Madness competition. St. Francis of Assisi took home the Golden Halo in voting on the national Lent Madness website, edging out Brigid of Kildare in the final round by only 177 votes out of the over 8,000 which were cast.

The winner of our Lent Madness competition at St. Paul's is our rector, Rob Picken! Rob fell behind in the early rounds, but chose wisely and benefitted from our weighted voting system which awarded more points for each correct pick in later rounds. Upon learning that he had won the competition at St. Paul's, Rob's reaction was "Wait? What???? How???"

For his astute choices, Rob receives bragging rights as our Lent Madness champion, a \$25 gift certificate to Forward Movement, and the right to designate the outreach program to receive the \$305 in entry donations which we collected. Rob has chosen to direct our donations to St. Joseph's House of Hospitality.

Well done Rob, and well done St. Paul's for your support.

Prayer – 9AM Adult Formation Program Continues

What is prayer?

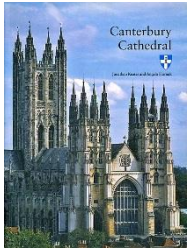
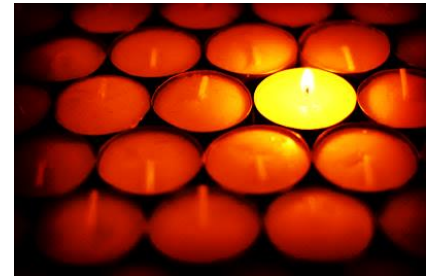
This year in the 9AM series, we have prayed with spiritual/religious writers, we have prayed with those called by God, and we have prayed to discern where we have sinned and asked for forgiveness.

But what is prayer? Is there more than one way to pray?

May 3rd – Praying with the Book of Common Prayer (Rob)

May 10th – Praying with scripture (Nancy)

May 17th – Other ways to pray (Nancy)



England Pilgrimage Information Session

Sunday, May 17th at 11:15am – Vestry Room

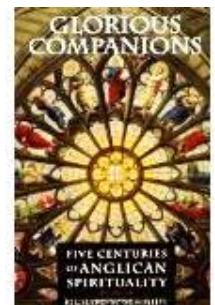
As Episcopalians we share a special connection with English Christianity. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about our Anglican heritage, visit historical cathedrals and churches, and build friendships with your fellow travelers. Join the Rev'd Rob Picken as he shares details about this pilgrimage.

Summer Read at St. Paul's

Join us at 9AM Sunday Mornings from June 14th through August 16th to learn about ten Anglican theologians; using Glorious Companions: Five Centuries of Anglican Spirituality by Richard H. Schmidt. Each Sunday is a stand-alone discussion, so don't worry about missing a week. We will begin with Thomas Cranmer and end with Desmond Tutu.

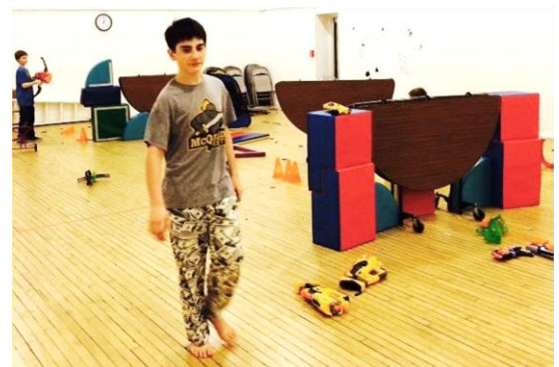
Sessions will be led by: Rob Picken, Bill Petersen or Nancy Grear; a schedule will be provided later.

You may purchase your own copy of the book, or order through the Church. To order a copy, please sign up in the Parish Activities Book in the Parish Hall by June 1st.



SPY Overnight Fun!

Youth from the SPY group (St. Paul's Youth) had an overnight stay during their spring break from school. Some of the kids came early to enjoy the Maundy Thursday service with their families, while others joined for the late night festivities. The kids planned their whole evening, which included food, games, a movie and more food! An impressive arsenal of Nerf toy guns brought out their creativity, and the kids set up an amazing playing field down in the gym. Father Rob stayed safe in neutral territory, viewing the mass chaos from the upper landing. A wise move for sure!



During breaks from their battle, chocolate chip cookies were baked and pizzas were served, then it was onto movie viewing in the Parish Hall.

The kids also participated in the overnight prayer vigil, taking on the 1-2am shift. This was a first time experience for all the youth involved, and they did a wonderful job!

Andrew Welker made delicious blueberry and chocolate chip pancakes for breakfast the next morning to help send the kids back home, tired yet happy. It was a wonderful time of fellowship and fun for the kids (and adults involved, too!). Thanks to all those that participated and helped with the overnight stay.

Sign up now: RAIHN will shelter homeless families in St. Paul's May 29th – June 7th.



We're "RAIHNing" again! May 29th – June 7th. Please sign up through Carol Cunningham 585 747 4526 or at the sign up table in the Parish Hall Coffee hours.

There are many ways you can serve: Sleep overnight, prepare part of a meal, provide hospitality during dinner, enjoy playing games with guest children, read to the children, help set up, help clean up, serve a special Sat am breakfast, do laundry.

Homeless Youths Lead Precarious Childhoods

I'm not a regular reader of Sports Illustrated but a long doctor's office wait and an Oct 20, 2014 article entitled "Young, Gifted & Homeless" caught my eye and heart. It stated that over 100,000 students on U.S. youth, public and college sports teams have no stable place to live. The article described in depth how five athletes and their families coped with the long-term homelessness. Particularly poignant for me was the story of how one family stopped daily at a laundromat for warmth, bathrooms and lighting for the kids to do homework before heading out to spend the night in their car. When they participate in sports the coaches often become mentors or surrogate parents.

By age 12, 83% of homeless students have been exposed to at least one serious violent event (American Journal of Orthopsychiatry). Homeless children go hungry twice as often as other children (Better Homes Fund). Only 51% of homeless high school students tested nationwide met or exceeded state proficiency standards in math in 2012-3. Only 49% met or exceeded proficiency in reading (not footnoted).

This Sports Illustrated article describes each athlete's inner strength, drive and eventual success despite years of family homelessness. One athlete said, "I guess you just need to remember, it's temporary. I'm not saying it's easy, but you can overcome it. You can get past being homeless." The athlete stretches out the last word, as if to make sure there's no misunderstanding: Homeless is spelled with an m, not a p (hopeless).

It is that last sentence that I keep thinking about! Homelessness is spelled with an "m" not a "p." Participation in the RAIHN program might have helped the families of those five athletes find permanent shelter, stability, jobs, food, medical care, and other necessities. St. Paul's participation in the RAIHN program for 11 years has helped 325 families without shelter. We will do another rotation May 29th – June 7th. Will you help?

Nancy Frank, Paul's Place/RAIHN Communications.

We receive letters...



From St. Joseph's House of Hospitality thanking us for our donation of \$368 to support their ministry of providing at least one meal a day, the use of a telephone, washer and dryer, and showers. (This donation was from the Loose Plate Collection on February 15 when we had our Outreach Council speaker tell us about St. Joseph's House ministry here at St. Paul's.)

Cross of Flowers

I would like to thank Ann Refermat, and Anne and Dave Vilas who graciously volunteered their time to help prep the flowers for our Cross of Flowers Sunday. Also thanks to Kittelberger Florist who provides the flowers pro bono. Nancy Andrus



Welcome New Members

Through Baptism

April 19, 2015

Austin Christopher Dann and Blake Donald Dann

Sons of Christopher E. and Sarah Anschutz Dann

And brothers to Adelyn Jean Dann

Correction!

Tom McCart's zip code was incorrect in the last issue of the Epistle. Please change your records to:

The Rev. Thomas McCart
1793 Dunaway Ct.
Indianapolis, IN 46228

AA Meetings @ St. Paul's

Tuesday – 6:00pm – The Women's Home Group
Wednesday – 8:15pm – The Young & The Reckless
Thursday – 8:15pm – The Academy Group
Friday – 10:05pm – Heard It Through the Grapevine
Saturday – 10:00pm – Last House on the Block

Al-Anon Meetings @ St. Paul's

Wednesday – 7:00pm – Wednesday Nite Al-Anon Family Group (WNAFG)

Sun—5/3 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
 9:00 AM Forum: What is Prayer?
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:15 AM Youth Community Time
 11:15 AM Moby Dick Book Group
 4:00 PM Evensong with Reception

Tue—5/5 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM Hearing Loss Assc. of America
 5:30 PM Property Committee
 6:00 PM Faith Club

Wed—5/6 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing
 5:30 PM Bereavement Support Group

Thu—5/7 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 4:00 PM Investment Policy Committee
 4:30 PM Holy Eucharist at St. John's Meadows

Fri—5/8 7:30 PM Foodlink Benefit Concert

Sat—5/9 9:00 AM Adult Formation Planning Forum
 10:00 AM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Sun—5/10 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
 9:00 AM Forum: What is Prayer?
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:15 AM Family Spring Brunch
 11:15 AM Moby Dick Book Group

Tue—5/12 5:30 PM Parish Operations Council
 6:00 PM Faith Club

Wed—5/13 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing
 5:30 PM Bereavement Support Group

Thu—5/14 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 Ascension Day 5:30 PM Holy Eucharist

Sun—5/17 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
 9:00 AM Forum: What is Prayer?
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:15 AM Youth Community Time
 11:15 AM Moby Dick Book Group
 11:15 AM Info Session: Pilgrimage to England 2016
 11:30 AM Sunday School Review for Parents

Tue—5/19 6:00 PM Faith Club
 7:00 PM Vestry Meeting

Wed—5/20 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing
 5:30 PM Bereavement Support Group

Thu—5/21 8:00 AM Morning Prayer
 4:00 PM Holy Eucharist at Valley Manor

Sun—5/24 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
Pentecost 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:15 AM Youth Community Time
 11:15 AM Moby Dick Book Group

Mon—5/25 Memorial Day Observed – Church Office Closed

Wed—5/27 12:00 PM Holy Eucharist with Healing

Thu—5/28 8:00 AM Morning Prayer

Sun—5/31 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM Holy Eucharist
 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study - Exploring the Bible
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 11:15 AM Youth Community Time
 11:15 AM Moby Dick Book Group



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We pray that all who enter St. Paul's experience God's presence in this community of faith, a community that through Christ strives to be loving, joyous, inclusive, transforming and filled with God's Grace.

St. Paul's Ministry Staff

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