



The Mission Bell



January 2015

Christmas 2014

This year's 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service was attended by almost seventy people and featured a variety of Christmas music performed by our Guitar Choir and from our electronic organ. The Guitar Choir led us in "Angels we have heard on high", "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear", "O Holy Night", "Mary's Boy Child", "Silent Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing".



Our Altar on Christmas Eve



St Paul's Crèche before the start of Christmas Eve service

Our Christmas celebration continued on Christmas morning with a celebration of the Holy Eucharist at 9:30 a.m. The celebration continued on Sunday, December 28th with a

"Service of Lessons and Carols" at our 9:30 a.m. worship service.

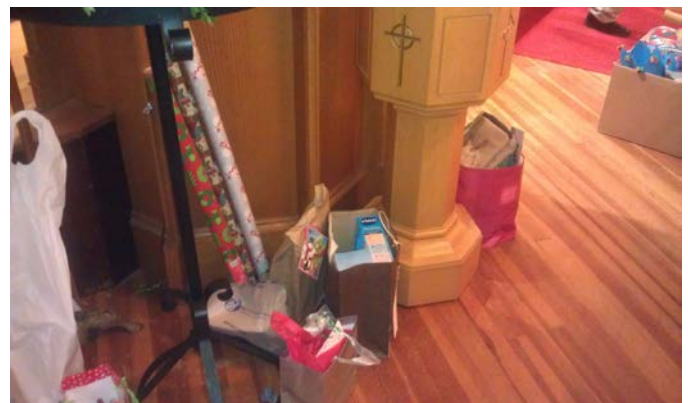
The Giving Tree

The Giving Tree graced our Narthex on the first Sunday of Advent, November 30th, with branches laden with name tags for the women and children at the Domestic Violence Shelter. This reminded us that our giving to others always gladdens the heart of God and lifts our spirits to the realm of His Kingdom.

Gifts were returned by the fourth Sunday in Advent, December 21st, and placed unwrapped with the name tag under the tree. Many thanks to all who took name tags to brighten a Christmas for people in need.



Some of the gifts for the Domestic Violence Shelter



More gifts from our Giving Tree

Prayer List For January

Denise Bennett
Henry & Priscilla Bennett
Andre, Juanita, Brianicka & Lelani Benoit

Greg & Brenda Berndt
Tina Blair
Bruce, Sharon, Delia & Tyler Bousquet

Glenn Bouthillier
Maurice & Joyce Bouthillier
Joyce Britland

Marilyn Brown
Barbara, Charlie, Patrick & Trinity Carpenter
Cliff & Mary Jane Chapin

**O GOD, BY THE LEADING OF A STAR YOU
MANIFESTED YOUR ONLY SON TO THE PEOPLES OF
THE EARTH: LEAD US, WHO KNOW YOU NOW BY
FAITH, TO YOUR PRESENCE, WHERE WE MAY SEE
YOUR GLORY FACE TO FACE; THROUGH JESUS
CHRIST OUR LORD, WHO LIVES AND REIGNS WITH
YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, ONE GOD, NOW AND
FOR EVER. AMEN+**



THE COMING OF THE THREE KINGS

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2015
11:00 A.M.**

Celebration of the Feast of Epiphany will be on Sunday, January 11, 2015 with a Potluck Luncheon as well as a visit from the Three Kings following our 9:30 a.m. worship service will embellish St. Paul's celebration of Epiphany.

Pledge Update

Treasurer David Hoffman mailed a Stewardship Letter in November to all St. Paul's parishioners. Thanks to all who have returned pledge cards and have made pledges to St. Paul's for 2015.

Over the next several weeks, we will begin putting together our final 2015 budget based on our pledges received. If you have not yet turned in a pledge card, please consider doing so soon to help with the budget process. Pledge cards are available in the back of the church or you can speak to David Hoffman.

If you wish to receive envelopes but cannot make a pledge, write "Unpledged but would like envelopes" on your pledge card. You can also speak with David about this or with any questions. Thank you.



Bad Weather Cancellations



If events are cancelled because of weather, the information will be posted on our website, on the church's answering machine and broadcast on WFSB (Channel 3). Every effort to decide by the previous evening but at the latest 7:30 services will be cancelled by 6:00 a.m. and 9:30 services by 8:00 a.m. When in doubt, check!

"Faith In Action Team"

The next meeting of the "Faith In Action Team" will be on **Sunday, January 4th** following the 9:30 worship service. For more information, please speak to Deacon Scott.

Christmas Pageant

This years Christmas Pageant by our Sunday School children was held the 4th Sunday in Advent on December 21st during the 9:30 a.m. worship The children, young adults and their teachers worked hard to put on this pageant and it showed with a wonderful re-enactment of the birth of Jesus.



Nicole narrating a part of the pageant



Our Sunday School Teachers get everyone in position



The younger students with their props



Bree narrates part of the pageant



The younger students reading their parts



Another young adult narrating a part of the pageant



"And a star shall guide the wise men"

Website News

Starting the first Sunday in Advent, Sunday November 30th, we have added audio versions of recent sermons to our website. Our webmaster Deacon Scott and Mother Vicki have worked hard to get all the “bugs” worked out but it appears it is now working fine.

Go to our website, <http://stpaulplainfield.org>, click on “Worship & Prayer” tab on the left side menu then the “Recent Sermons” tab. The recent sermons will be listed.

Any problems in being able to hear the sermons or any suggestions, please speak to Deacon Scott. Your feedback is very important.

Interim Rector Vacation

Mother Vicki will be on **Vacation** until **Thursday, January 8th**. **The Rev. Gary Sturni** will be our preacher and guest celebrant on **Sunday, January 4th** for both services.

During Mother Vicki’s absence, Senior Warden Kathy Dubois (home phone 860-376-2315) and Junior Warden Greg Berndt will be the contact (home phone 860-230-9020) in case of an emergency and Deacon Scott (work phone 564-3015) will be available for any pastoral concerns.

Transition News

The next meeting of the “**Recruitment Team**” will be on **Monday, January 5th** at 6:00 p.m. For more information, please speak to Senior Warden Kathy Dubois.

Thank You!

Those of you who know me well know what a gift I consider it to be that God (and the Bishop!) has allowed me to stay among you for these years. The prayerful spirituality, the warmth to friend and stranger, the joy and laughter that characterizes both our time of

fellowship and our liturgy, the commitment to caring for those in need in the community around us are all features which make this a wonderful parish in which to serve. Add to that the generous Christmas gift you have given me and I feel truly blessed.

There have been a couple of books sitting on my Amazon.com “Wish list” which I expect to order. The nature of these books is such that you may very well hear references to them in future sermons! Thank you for your generous gift, and for all you do to support me and my family throughout the year.

Deacon Scott

Annual Parish Meeting **Sunday, January 25, 2015** **11:00 a.m.**

St. Paul’s Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Sunday, January 25th following the 9:30 a.m. worship service. We will have the usual coffee hour fare and sandwiches during the Annual Meeting. All are welcome to attend.

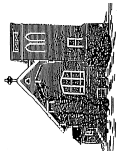
Please refer to voting list posted on the bulletin board in the Church Parish Hall for eligible voters at the Annual Meeting.





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St. Paul's Episcopal Church



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4 2 Christmas 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:00 AM Faith In Action Team Meeting	December 14 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31	February 15 S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28		1 The Holy Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ	2 Rector Vacation	3 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
5 6:00 PM Recruitment Team Meeting		6 The Epiphany of Our Lord Jesus Christ	7	8	9	10 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
11 1 Epiphany The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:00 AM Epiphany Party - Pot Luck Luncheon P.I.N. Sunday	12	13	14	15	16	17 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
18 2 Epiphany 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:00 AM Vestry Meeting	19 The Confession of St. Peter the Apostle	20	21	22	23	24 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting
25 3 Epiphany 7:30 AM H.E. Rite I 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:30 AM H.E. Rite II 11:00 AM Annual Meeting Annual Parish Meeting	26 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle	27	28	29	30	31 7:30 PM AA Open Book Meeting

The Rev. Vicki Baldwin, Interim Rector

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Kathy Dubois
Junior Warden
Greg Berndt
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David Hoffman
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Patricia Phaiah
Editor of The Mission Bell
David & Robin Hoffman

JANUARY 2015 SCHEDULES

ALTAR GUILD:

1/04 DIANNE SIBLEY & ADRIANN SMITH
1/11 BRENDA BERNDT & JUANITA BENOIT
1/18 LINDA STEWART & DEBBI LANGLOIS
1/25 WAYNE & DEBBI LANGLOIS

ACOLYTE:

1/04 STEPHANIE SMITH & LEILANI BENOIT
1/11 KATE STEVENS & ASHLEY LEMIEUX T
1/18 ROXANNE TURENNE & DELIA BOUSQUET
1/25 ANDREW CRUZ & BRIANICKA BENOIT

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