

On The Mark

August 28, 2011
The Tenth Sunday after
Pentecost

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, August 28, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team

Monday, August 29, 2011

7:30 "Luke for Everyone" cell

Tuesday, August 30, 2011

9:30 Art Group
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:15 Agape Luncheon
6:00 Band Rehearsal

Wed., August 31, 2011

Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011

7:00 Prayer

Friday, September 2, 2011

Saturday, Sept. 3, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, Sept. 4, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team

Monday, Sept. 5, 2011

Labor Day Church Offices
closed

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Jeremiah 15:15-21 (p. 749)
Romans 12:1-8 (p.1100)
Matthew 16:21-27 (p. 951)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Ezekiel 33:1-11 (p. 836)
Romans 12:9-21 (p.1101)
Matthew 18:15-20 (p. 952)

Newcomers and guests at St. Paul's are invited to come to the Prayer Room after the service for a personal word of encouragement from the Lord. Our prophetic prayer team is ready to listen to God and ask Him to speak to you.

St. Augustine

Today is the feast day of St. Augustine, who is arguably the most influential Christian thinker (next to Jesus and St. Paul). Augustine was a brilliant teacher and writer long before he converted to Christianity in his early thirties. As he famously put it, *"My heart, O Lord, was restless, till it rested with you."* After he turned to Christ, he had keen sight into his own soul.

One of Augustine's most penetrating thoughts on human nature comes from an episode in his life as a teenager: *"There was a pear tree close to our own vineyard, heavily laden with fruit, which was not tempting either for its color or for its flavor. Late one night – having prolonged our games in the streets until then, as our bad habit was – a group of young scoundrels, and I among them, went to shake and rob this tree. We carried off a huge load of pears, not to eat ourselves, but to dump out to the hogs, after barely tasting some of them ourselves. Doing this pleased us all the more because it was forbidden. Such was my heart, O God, such was my heart – which You pities even in that bottomless pit. Behold, now let my heart confess what it was seeking there, when I was being gratuitously wanton, having no inducement to evil but the evil itself. It was foul, and I loved it. I loved my own undoing. I loved my error – not that for which I erred, but the error itself. A depraved soul, falling away from security in thee to destruction in itself, seeking nothing from the shameful deed but shame itself."*

Some have argued that August was being neurotic to chide himself so harshly for a boyhood prank. But I believe that he has put his finger on the heart of the human condition. Without God, not only do people do evil things, but also we desire those evil things **for themselves**. Augustine understood St. Paul's bitter cry, *"retched person that I am, who will save me from this body of death!"* [Romans 8:24] But he also understood St. Paul's victory cry: *"Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!"* [Romans 8:25]. Today I am profoundly grateful for this St. Augustine, who shows us what a Savior we have in the depths that he stoops to save us!

Your brother,

Jordan

The Rev. Jordan Easley
Rector

First Sunday

September 4, 2011 – 6:30 pm

Psalm Night

Come sing the most ancient songs and pray the most ancient prayers of our faith: The Psalms. Next Sunday evening at 6:30 pm we will have Taize worship, a beautiful modern chant of the psalms, and have a time of intercessory prayer interspersed with more psalms. Join us as we pray for our families, our church, our communities and our world.

Week 34	Actual	v. 2010	v. budget
Revenues	332,115	(25,378)	(60,193)
Expenses	(344,800)	65,500	47,508
Excess/Shortfall	(12,885)	40,122	(12,885)

September 11

Two weeks from today, we will observe the tenth anniversary of the September 11th attack on the World Trade Center. On Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. there will be a brief memorial service at the 9/11 Monument located at the rear of Middlesex Middle School on Hollow Tree Ridge Road in Darien.

Save the Date!

In the evening on Wednesday, October 5, 2011, Bishop Bill Murdoch of the Anglican Diocese of New England will lead a joint healing service for St. Paul Lutheran, Westport, and St. Paul's, Darien.

Let our region be ignited with Holy Spirit power!

Please pray, mark your calendar and bring friends. More details will follow.

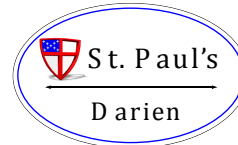
Memorial Service

A service celebrating the life and ministry of The Rev. H. Arthur Lane (who served as the first Rector of St. Paul's) will be held at Grace Episcopal Church, 175 Mathewson St., Providence, RI on Aug. 27 at 11:00 a.m. A reception will follow the service in the Parish Hall. Fr. Lane's family would be "honored and delighted" if his extended family and extensive circle of friends and colleagues would join them for

this service. Directions to Grace may be found at www.gracechurchprovidence.org.

Up Coming Events

Sept. 5	Labor Day
Sept. 7	MOPS returns
Sept. 11	9/11 Memorial service
Sept. 15	CBS returns
Sept. 18	Parish Picnic
Sept. 25	Prophetic Teams meeting



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Steve Miserocchi (*Buildings & Grounds*)
Alberto Daniels (*MIC*)
Josephine Rojas (*Hospitality*)

Our thanks to Judy Robson for agreeing to serve on the Vestry in place of Robin Alves who recently resigned.

To Know Christ &
To Make Him Known