

# ST. PAUL'S NEWSLETTER

# JUNE 2018

Mark 2:23-28

## Jesus Is Lord of the Sabbath

<sup>23</sup> One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grain-fields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup> The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing

what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

<sup>25</sup> He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup> In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only



for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

<sup>27</sup> Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup> So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

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STAY COOL

From James, the brother of Our Lord, we hear the following: **“Be patient, then, brothers, until the Lord’s coming . . . You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near (James 5:7-8).**

### **“Better, Brighter Days Ahead”**

The weather is a good point of discussion. It is one of the things of which we have no control. We take the good with the bad and the bad with the good. We go about our daily routine despite the fact that clouds cover the sun. So also, many people live out their lives looking for “better, brighter days ahead.”

Things, by no stretch of the imagination, are always the way we would have them. People are directed to hospitals when, all along, they were making plans to visit relatives. People are involved in automobile accidents when, all along, they simply wanted to get from one point to another. People are called upon to perform heroic deeds when, all along, they never planned to be “called up into active duty.” And these are only a few of the uncontrollable things of life we experience while praying for “better, brighter days ahead.”

One truth seems to hold hard and fast: People will experience the frustrations of life for all the days ahead. Consequently, I would suggest that the best thing to do is to “accommodate” the circumstances we face and patiently pray for strength to deal with the world as we prepare for **“the Lord’s coming.”** This means that we should busy ourselves with the good and the bad and the bad and the good in such a way that none of these things distract us from the goal of a better life to come, eternal life with Christ.

James, the brother of our Lord, offers good advice: **“Be patient.”** That’s what we do with New England weather. We patiently wait for better, brighter days. So also, when personal things are a little less than desirable, pray for strength to deal with daily circumstances and pray for an added measure of patience because there ARE “better, brighter days ahead” in the heaven prepared for all believers in Christ Jesus.

Sincerely,

Pastor Schultz



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Annual Walk</i>
3 <i>Bible Class</i> 9:00 <i>Worship</i> 10:00 <i>Comm.</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 <i>Worship</i> 10:00	11	12	13 <i>Gbarnga Mtg.</i> 7:00	14	15	16
17 <i>Happy</i> <i>Worship 10:00</i> <i>FATHERS</i> <i>Communion</i> <i>Day!</i>	18	19	20	21 <i>Council</i> <i>Mtg 7:00</i> <i>Summer</i> <i>Begins</i>	22	23
24 <i>Worship</i> 10:00	25	26	27	28 © Can Stock Photo	29	30

### COUNTING TEAM SCHEDULE

June 3 Pat Martin, David Martin, Kolu Clark, Andrew Mastrostefano  
 June 10 Dawn Seitz, Spencer Seitz, Joan Galloway, Norma Sonstroem  
 June 17 Rick Sinnigen, Kim King, Dawn Nahlik  
 June 24 Linda Foley, Tom Foley, Elaine Slavin, Bob Johnson



### CATRETAKEE TEAM SCHEDULE

Sat. 9:30 June 2 Caretaker Team One: Captain James Woods  
 Sat. 9:30 June 9 Caretaker Team Two: Captain Rose Kolawole  
 Sat. 9:30 June 17 Caretaker Team Three: Captain Rich Norris  
 Sat. 9:30 June 24 Caretaker Team Four: Captain David Martin

### CHURCH EVENTS

Annual walk funds raised for Sunday School furniture  
 African Dinner funds will be used also for Sunday School furniture



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

June 3 Taryn Galloway  
 Helena Makor  
 June 4 Gormah L. Makor  
 Daniel Mastrostefano  
 Michael Mastrostefano  
 June 5 Anthony Miceli  
 June 6 Lois Varfely  
 June 7 Eric Richard  
 June 11 Feta Norris  
 June 14 Frieda Hervey  
 June 15 Patience Freeman



June 16 Sando Ojukwo  
 June 17 William Vadney  
 June 20 Olivia Mulbah  
 June 21 Quoi Livingstone  
 Shadrech Wennie  
 June 22 Joan Hencler  
 Joe Norris  
 June 25 Corvah Baysah  
 June 29 William H. Hervey  
 June 30 Joan Galloway

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES



June 19 Mr. & Mrs. Rolf Kohm (64TH)  
 June 20 Mr. & Mrs. William Mercer (43Rd)  
 June 21 Mr. & Mrs. Nucha Varfley (15th)

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS AND READERS

DATE	READER / ACOLYTE	COMM. ASSISTANT	ALTAR GUILD	USHERS
3	TITI ADEKEYE/ SAME	JOE NORRIS RICHARD SINNIGEN	NANCY WATSON DONNA BUCO	LEELA BALLAH SEANIAH BALLAH SOLOMON PAYE HARDLYN DAUDA
10	CHRISTOPHER DAUDA/ DANLETTE NORRIS		NANCY WATSON DONNA BUCO	RICK SINNIGEN MACK MAKOR ONU STEVENS ANDREW MASTROSTEFANO
17	GEORGE ROBERTS/ RICK SINNIGEN	CORVAH AKOIWALA BILL OEHLKERS	NANCY WATSON DONNA BUCO	KIM KING BILL KING DENNIS KOLLIE HELEN MILLER
24	HAWA MULBAH/ ANDREW MASTROSTEFANO		NANCY WATSON DONNA BUCO	KEVIN KEHYEI DANLETTE NORRIS GEORGE DAUDA GRACE DAUDA

**MINUTES OF CHURCH COUNCIL**  
**APRIL 19, 2018**

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Church Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m., on Thursday, April 19, 2018, by President David Ballah. Present were: President Ballah, Vice President Richard Sinnigen, Secretary David Martin, Financial Secretary Donna Buco, Chairperson of the Board of Stewardship Bill Oehlkers, Chairperson of the Board of Social Ministry Danlette Norris, and Pastor Leon Schultz. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Pastor. Treasurer Dan Robinson joined the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes.** A motion was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the Mar. 15, 2018, Church Council meeting as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report.** Dan Robinson presented the Treasurer's Report for the period Jan. 1 through Mar. 31, 2018. Total income during this period was \$56,786.51 and total disbursements were \$44,125.13, resulting in net ordinary income of \$12,661.38. Offerings are running approximately one Sunday ahead of the amount budgeted. The balance of Memorial Funds as of Mar. 31, 2018, is \$251,303.90.

**Pastor's Report.** Pastor reported that he baptized Amira Gormah Cole, the daughter of Audry Bryant and Joseph Cole, on April 8, 2018.

**Trustees.** David Martin reported that the Spring Cleanup will take place on Sat., April 21. Pastor said that Luis Wood of J & A General Contractor had cleaned and polished the parish hall floor. Luis also repaired the parish hall ceiling where it had been damaged by a water leak and fixed similar spots in the room to the left of the stage and along the Carter Street stairwell. Pastor reported that the heavy door between the kitchen and the parish hall had cracked and that it had been removed as a safety precaution

**Stewardship.** Bill Oehlkers reported that going forward the Board of Stewardship will focus on stewardship of our youth. An effort will be made to involve the youth to a greater degree in the life of the church. Among the areas to be looked at are music and youth activities.

**Social Ministry.** Danlette Norris reported that the Board of Social Ministry continues to reach out to sick and shut-in members. Board members take any unclaimed altar flowers to these persons. Danlette noted that the Prayer Breakfast which was held on Saturday, April 14, was very successful. Between 50 and 60 persons attended.

**Old Business. Child Protection Policy.** David Martin reported that Samantha Robinson had agreed to serve as Sunday School Superintendent. David will coordinate with her regarding implementation of the Child Protection Policy.

**Nominating Committee.** David Martin requested that the chairs of all boards advise the

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**Nominating Committee.** David Martin requested that the chairs of all boards advise the Nominating Committee which of their members are willing to continue to serve on their respective boards. David noted that if the election is held on Sunday, May 27, the names of the candidates for officer and board positions must be announced not later than Sunday, May 13.

**Assignment of Alarm Responder.** David Martin said that he would confirm whether Julius Kolawole was interested in being the person who would respond to the church if the burglar alarm goes off after hours. If Julius is not interested, Danlette will take on this responsibility, and Rick Sinnigen will be the backup responder.

**Rental Policy Forum.** Bill Oehlkers reported that the second meeting concerning the church rental policy will be held this Sunday, April 22. The written recommendations concerning the policy that have been submitted will be discussed. Following the meeting, the Deacons will be informed of those recommendations for which there seems to be general support.

**Cost of Trash Collection.** Rick Sinnigen reported that he had contacted Rhode Island Waste Management and Patriot Disposal. Their prices were both in the area of \$375-\$380 per month which is significantly less than what we are presently paying. The Council agreed that Rick should send a letter to R.I. Waste Management to confirm what had been told to him verbally. If the price is confirmed, the Council agreed that we should switch our trash collection to R.I. Waste Management.

**New Business. Parking Lot Problem.** Pastor reported that there continues to be undesirable activity in our parking lot after dark, especially in the area near the dumpsters. It was agreed that David Martin should send a letter to the Providence Police asking them to check our lot during the hours of darkness. In addition, David will investigate two additional possible solutions: 1) erecting a solar floodlight to illuminate the area around the dumpsters, and 2) asking the owner of the parking lot directly opposite the Carter Street door if they would allow us to erect a lightpole on their property, connect it to their electrical supply, and reimburse them for the cost of the electricity.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and passed. The meeting ended at 8:18 p.m. with recitation of The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David L. Martin, Secretary

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