

On the Mark

February 14, 2010
The Last Sunday after the
Epiphany

Get Set....GO!

Sunday, February 14, 2010

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service & Sunday
School
12:15 Prophetic Teams
6:30 First Sunday

Monday, February 15, 2010 President's Day

Church Offices Closed

6:15 *Alpha*

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

Shrove Tuesday

9:00 Art Group.
10:00 Holy Eucharist &
Healing Service *nave*
11:30 Art Group
12:00 Agape Lunch
1:00 Cell
6:30 **SPSTPSTS**

Wednesday, February 17, 2010

Ash Wednesday

7:00 am Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes
6:00 pm Band Rehearsal
7:00 Billy Graham Telephone
Ministry
7:30 Holy Eucharist &
Imposition of Ashes

Thursday, February 18, 2010

Friday, February 19, 2010

7:30 a NCS Cell
7:00 p Christian 12 Step

Saturday, February 20, 2010

7:30 Men's Community Bible

Sunday, February 21, 2010

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service & Sunday
School
12:15 Prophetic Teams
12:15 Short film by D. Leighton

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

Ruth 4:13-22 (p. 260)

I Corinthians 15:12-26 (p. 1116)

Luke 6:17-26 (p. 998)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

The First Sunday in Lent

Deuteronomy 26:1-11 (p. 195)

Romans 10:5-13 (p. 1098)

Luke 4:1-13 (p. 995)

Newcomers & 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.

The Days are Lengthening

The days are lengthening – that is what Lent literally means. As daylight increases, we not only anticipate the coming of Spring, but the season of the church year when we prepare for Holy Week and Earth.

What will you be doing to prepare yourself this year? What will you give, and what will you take on, as part of the self-denial long associated with the season of Lent and with the Christian life?

I am asking that we all join together as a parish community to pray for our neighbors as we use daily the format in the booklet "**Seek God for the City**". It is vital that we pray for and go into the world to share Jesus. Our days are not only lengthening they are being filled fuller!

With love in Christ,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

SPSTPSTS*

St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show is **THIS TUESDAY!** Dinner at 6:30, show at 7:30. Come for pancakes, and all the trimmings (we do ask that you make a donation – if you can – all of which will go to World Vision Haiti). Then plan to be entertained and delighted by the unexpected and inspiring talent of your fellow parishioners. No gongs, no boos, no prizes, just lots of laughter and great fun for all.

Ash Wednesday Services – 7:00 a.m. & 7:30 p.m.
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes

Forty Days to Palm Sunday

February 17 to March 28, 2010

As part of our next study in our cell groups and as a church-wide effort during this Lenten season, we are planning to MAKE A DIFFERENCE through a 40-day prayer discipline **Seek God for the City 2010** as together we lift our prayers to Jesus for our cities (and our nation).

Here is what the publishers of the booklet we will be using (WayMakers) are saying about *why* we should be praying...

- In drastic days, pray great things.
- God is about to do the best things He has ever done in history. That is why we are seeking Him for whole cities.
- Before He acts, He wants to be asked. Pray your way into something great!

We are excited to see how our 40-day prayer vigil will not only change our prayer life in general but our cities and our nation!

God promises us in II Chronicles 7:14: "*If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*"

Let us pray together and believe for this great promise.

Booklets will be available in the Narthex. We are asking that, if possible, you would make a \$2 free will offering to help cover the cost of the books. However, if you are unable to help in this way, please do not let that stop you from picking up a booklet so you can be part of his important time of prayer. Your prayers are what we need the most.

Buy Two – Get 50 Free!

Sign up to host the coffee hour *twice* in the coming year and you're off the hook for the other 50 Sundays! Such a deal! Just set out the Pannera's goodies, bring some cream & milk, keep the coffee pitchers full, and clean up afterward. What could be easier? Call **Pamela** (203 966-5445) or **Adelaide** (203 247-1882) or sign up on the clipboard in the Narthex. Thanks!

First Sunday

Tonight!

Sunday, February 14 at 6:30 p.m.

The theme will be **The Fullness of the Holy Spirit.** Join us for worship, healing, teaching and Holy Eucharist!

ANOTHER CHANCE!

If you missed the chance last fall to see Deborah Leighton's short film on Lazarus, we are offering another opportunity! On Sunday, February 21, immediately following the 10:30 a.m. service, Deborah will be with us for a screening of the film.

Meet, Walk & Talk

Plan to gather together at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday evening during Lent for one hour for a very special series. Pictorial travelogues will take us back to the ancient areas of Rome, Jerusalem, Corinth, Galilee and Mt. Tabor where you will meet well-known personalities of the New Testament. Included will be Bible readings, meditation, prayer, forgiveness and healing.

February 24: Peter in Rome. (Asking forgiveness and rejecting Satan)

March 3: James in Jerusalem. (Forgiving others and asking for self-forgiveness)

March 10: Paul in Corinth. (Healing of the memories)

March 17: John in Galilee. (Physical healing)

March 24: Jesus at Mt. Tabor (Meet Jesus and His healing).

Prophetic Acts with IMPACT

New Beginnings Community Church, 65 Tokeneke Rd., Darien, invites us to join them **February 19** (7 – 9 pm) and **February 20** (9 -5) for a "hands on teaching and training event in which participants are prepared to serve in Prayer Vanguard – beseeching God for the blessing of our communities and churches, projects of targeted prayer for the community, and other prophetic acts of documentable and pragmatic or practical impact."

The Rev. Jim Wilson has a ministry which crosses denominational and cultural barriers as he shares the wonder of God's call to the Body of Christ to become a genuinely cooperative Body! He has ministered and taught God's miracles of healing for more than a quarter century. Yet he gains the greatest joy from seeing people who never thought God would use them in dramatic ways begin to pray for and receive these gifted moments.

There is no charge for this seminar – although a free will offering will be taken. Space is limited so call 203 655-7194 x 121 or e-mail gbeam@nbccsite.org.

Men's Ingathering

The next Men's Ingathering is on **February 27, 2010** at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited for breakfast, fellowship, and solid teaching from the Word.

Speak Softly and Carry a Big Pen (or paintbrush, or banner, or...)

Quiet Morning "Mini-Retreat"

February 27, 2010, 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Do you currently serve on the St. Paul's "Nave-al Base"? Are you interested in learning how you can become involved? If so, please join us for a Lenten "Quiet Morning" on Saturday, February 27.

Beginning with a continental breakfast at 9:00, we will spend the morning in quiet reflection, listening and responding as Elijah did to the "quiet whisper" of God's voice through a short Bible study, creative arts (dance, drawing, writing, art, songwriting), and refresher courses on the various roles in the Nave ministry.

You won't want to miss this special time of contemplation and rejuvenation. Please RSVP by February 19 to Lisa Schell 203 334-8153 or lisa_schell@sbcglobal.net

A **Men's Mission Trip** to West Virginia is scheduled for the first week of May. If you would like to learn more, contact **Dick Day**.

Black Rock Congregational Church will be holding their annual Mission Conference March 6 – 14, 2010. Among their speakers will be Dan Scribner. You can learn more by calling 203 255-3401 or check out www.brcc.org.

Errata: Last week's OTM mentioned that Fr. Christopher "had been ordained in 1979. That means that back in the fall of 2009, he had been a priest over twenty years." This should have read "thirty years".



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