

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, February 27, 2011

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 First Service & Nursery
- 9:30 Confirmation Class
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Second Service & Sunday School
- 12:15 Prophetic Team
- 12:15 God's Calling
- 4:00 Generational Healing Seminar

Monday, February 28, 2011

- 9:30 Moms Next
- 6:15 Alpha

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

- 9:30 Art Group
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
- 12:15 Agape Luncheon
- 5:00 Band Rehearsal
- 7:00 Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, March 2

- 9:30 MOPS

Thursday, March 3, 2011

- 9:00 Community Bible Study
- 7:00 Prayer - prayer room
- 7:30 Discernment Comm. Living room

Friday, March 4, 2011

- 1:00 Prayer Group fellowship room

Saturday, March 5, 2011

- 7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, March 6, 2011

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 First Service & Nursery
- 9:30 Confirmation Class
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THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 49:8-18 (p. 712)

I Corinthians 4:1-5,8-13
(p. 1107)

Matthew 6:24-34 (p. 938)

Children's Lesson

Jesus Heals Two Blind Men
Matthew 20:29-34

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Exodus 24:12, 15-18 (p. 78)

Philippians 3:7-14 (p. 1140)

Matthew 17:1-9 (p. 951)

Children's Lesson

The Sower
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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.

The Altar

Today the global Anglican Church celebrates George Herbert, a pastor of souls, a poet, and priest in God's temple. Herbert was no stranger to sacrifice, so it is fitting to remember his life as we approach the season of Lent. Herbert was born into a wealthy and artistic family, and he received a good education which led to a prominent position as orator of Cambridge University. He even served two years in Parliament – all by the age of 35.

Yet Herbert abandoned his sky-rocketing political career to become the rector of an obscure little parish in rural England. He was noted for providing unfailing care for his parishioners, bringing the sacraments to them when they were ill, and giving food and clothing to those in need. Meanwhile, he composed some of the most beautiful poetry in the English language. Take a moment to consider a few fragments from one such poem:

A broken ALTAR, Lord, thy servant rears,
Made of a heart, and cemented with tears...
A HEART alone
Is such a stone,
As nothing but
Thy power can cut...
O let thy blessed SACRIFICE be mine,
And sanctify this ALTAR to be thine.

This Lenten season our St. Paul's family will be learning how to conform the altar of our hearts to an even more beautiful statement: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is One. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. AND you shall love your neighbor as yourself." As we learn to shape our lives in the words of the *Jesus Creed*, ask yourself not just how you should *sacrifice* ("What should I *give up* for Lent?"). But also ask yourself how you can be an *altar* ("What should I *take up* for Lent?").

God is moving at St. Paul's, and I'm excited to see what He does in this next season as we move together with Him.

Jordan

The Rev. Jordan Easley
Assistant

The Jesus Creed

This Lenten season our St. Paul's family will be studying *The Jesus Creed* by Scot McKnight together. Our goal with this book is Christian formation, to be formed in the words of Jesus' greatest commandments, summed up: "Love God and love others." On Sunday mornings Fr. Christopher and Fr. Jordan will be preaching from scriptures connected to the book. During the week we will be reading one (short) chapter each day. And cell groups will be discussing the book, with a companion video, whenever they meet. Invite neighbors, friends, and family to join your cell for this experience! Copies of *The Jesus Creed* are available in the narthex for \$10. *If you are not currently part of a cell group and would like to be, then please e-mail Kim Stumpf at stumpfk@optonline.net.*

Generational Healing Class

Sunday afternoons, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Today through April 10

Lisa Leach will be offering (courtesy of SageFire Ministries) an updated version of the Generational Healing series – a seven week class culminating in the Generational Healing Eucharist on April 10th. The cost is \$50 (payable to SageFire) for the entire series. See Lisa today!

Ice Skating

The Youth Group is Ice Skating today from 2:00 to 3:40 at the Terry Connors Rink, in Stamford. If you want a ride, meet at the church at 1:45. Otherwise, meet at the rink at 2:00.

Second Annual SPSTPSTS March 8, 2011

If you attended last year's SPSTPSTS, you know how much fun we had! Now it is time for the Second Annual **St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Talent Show** ? [Tuesday, March 8; dinner at 6:30; talent at 7:30.] There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex – **we need to know you are coming.**

If you would like to be part of the "talent" – singers, joke tellers, skit actors, accordion players, ventriloquists...all "talent" welcome! E-mail Meg Newton at megetha@gmail.com . "Talent" is not actually necessary...just chutzpah!

And on Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, March 9th, we will hold two services with Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes, the first at 7:00 a.m.; the second at 7:30 p.m. Our special guest at the evening service will be Bishop **Martyn Minns**. Please come, and bring a friend, to hear this faithful bishop proclaim the Word of God.

Prayer Coverage

Fr. Christopher has a meeting with the bishop on Thursday, March 10th, and, while we will be soaking him in prayer before he leaves, we want to cover him with prayer during the entire period.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. We would like each and every member of the St. Paul's family to take a time slot and pray specifically for our Rector (and his family) as he stands firmly on the Word of God and represents this congregation.

Following the Ash Wednesday evening service, the church will remain open for those who want to pray at the church, either in the sanctuary or in the prayer room.

Stations of the Cross

At noon each Friday in Lent, Fr. Jordan will lead the Stations of the Cross in the nave.

Food for Pivot

We will be holding a food drive for our brothers at Pivot Ministries during Lent, so when you are shopping, think of them. Canned goods, soups, cereal, rice – any non-perishable food items – are always needed. So are paper goods, cleaning supplies, soap, toothpaste. Think about gift cards from a major supermarket chain so they can buy fresh veggies and fruit, or meat. There will be a box in the narthex for your contributions.

"Understanding Dreams & Visions"

Jim Leach will be teaching this Streams 201 course, which presents a Biblical framework for understanding dreams and visions, May 12 to May 14 (Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday). Information regarding registration will be available shortly!

Weekly Youth Group Starts

Worship, study the Word, and pray – no frills! That's what the youth will do every Sunday evening, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Easley home, beginning March 13. There will be separate small groups for Middle School and High School students. (Social events, and Outreach events will still happen every other weekend...stay tuned.)

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine April 8-9, 2011

Each year, hundreds of thousands of students go without food for 30 hours. They learn what it takes to stop hunger in its tracks. They raise funds to help feed and care for kids all over the world. They experience hunger first hand to help feed and care for hungry kids. They grow closer to God and each other while they change the world.

In our youth group in the weeks leading up to the 30 Hour Famine, we'll be studying what the Bible has to say about fasting, prayer, hunger, and justice. We'll also plan one or two events to feed the hungry locally, along with fund-raising for World Vision.

Good Friday Prayer Breakfast

The Norwalk Y will hold their Good Friday Prayer Breakfast, April 22 at 7:30 a.m. at the Continental Manor, 112 Main Street, Norwalk. The keynote speaker this year will be **Paul Michalski**, a leader of the New Canaan Society "and recovering Wall Street lawyer". The Pivot choir will be singing. You can get tickets through St. Paul's. call 203 655-8773.



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And to Make Him Known**

