

# On The Mark

March 27, 2011  
The Third Sunday  
In Lent

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, March 27, 2011

8:30 Cell  
8:45 First Service & Nursery  
9:30 Confirmation Class  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 Second Service & Sunday School  
10:30 Jesus Creed cell – *living rm*  
12:15 Prophetic Team  
1:00 Funeral for Jack Fles –  
S. Salem Pres. Church  
4:00 Generational Healing class  
5:30 Youth Group

### Monday, March 28, 2011

9:30 Moms Next  
6:15 Alpha

### Tuesday, March 29, 2011

9:30 Art Group  
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing  
12:15 Agape Luncheon  
5:30 Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday, March 30

9:15 MOPS

### Thursday, March 31, 2011

9:00 Community Bible Study  
7:00 Prayer - *prayer room*  
7:30 Discernment Meeting  
*Living room*

### Friday, April 1, 2011

12:00 Way of the Cross  
1:00 Prayer & Sharing Group  
*fellowship room*  
7:30 Christian 12 Step

### Saturday, April 2, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS

### Sunday, April 3, 2011

8:30 Cell  
8:45 First Service & Nursery  
9:30 Confirmation Class  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 Second Service & Sunday School  
10:30 Jesus Creed cell – *living rm*  
12:15 Prophetic Team  
4:00 Generational Healing class  
5:30 Youth Group  
6:30 First Sunday

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Exodus 17:1-7 (p. 71)  
Romans 5:1-11 (p. 1093)  
John 4:5-42 (p. 1030)

#### Children's Lesson

The Transfiguration  
Matthew 17:1-13

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Psalm 23 (p. 539)  
Ephesians 5:1-14 (p. 1136)  
John 9:1-41 (p. 1038)

#### Children's Lesson

The Greatest Commandment  
Matthew 22:34-46

## First Sunday

April 3, 2010 \*6:30 pm

Youth-led worship  
Teaching  
Holy Eucharist  
Healing Prayer

## How's the Fast?

Today is the 18<sup>th</sup> day of Lent, so we're nearly halfway through! But if you are like me, there is a good chance that you have already broken your Lenten fast at least once (or more) or have fallen behind in reading the Jesus Creed. If so, don't be discouraged, and don't give up! Instead, take heart from these beautiful words from a great Christian thinker, Alexander Schmemmann:

*"Remember that however limited our fasting, if it is true fasting it will lead to temptation, weakness, doubt, and irritation. In other terms, it will be a real fight and probably we shall fail many times. But the very discovery of Christian life as fight and effort is the essential aspect of fasting. A faith which has not overcome doubts and temptation is seldom a real faith. No progress in Christian life is possible, alas, without the bitter experience of failures.*

*Too many people start fasting with enthusiasm and give up after the first failure. I would say that it is at this first failure that the real test comes. If after having failed and surrendered to our appetites and passions we start all over again and do not give up no matter how many times we fail, sooner or later our fasting will bear its spiritual fruits."*  
[taken from Great Lent: Journey to Pascha.]

This is my prayer for our St. Paul's family in the coming days: Come Holy Spirit and fill us with your fruits and gifts even as we fail. Give us the strength to finish our fast no matter how often we fall, that we may bear fruit that lasts!

### Jordan

The Rev. Jordan Easley  
Assistant

### The Jesus Creed

We have one remaining copy of the Jesus Creed companion DVD if you are interested in using it with your cell group. And there are still a few copies of the book in the narthex for those who haven't gotten one yet. If the \$10 each we are asking for it is a deterrent, please talk to Fr. Jordan. This week we will be reading Part 3. (Don't worry about "being behind"; just start at the beginning and read!)



### Work Day

April 16, 2010

It's been a tough winter and St. Paul's is showing the effects. Come together on Saturday, April 16, to spruce up our building & grounds for Easter. Steve Misericocchi (a/k/a Stevie Miz) is our leader. There is something for EVERYONE to do to help...young, old, amateur or pro. Bring workgloves, and your favorite tools or cleaning supplies. We will give new meaning to "Shine, Jesus, Shine!" (And we will feed you lunch, too.)

### Year to Date

3/20/11	Actual	v. 2010	v. Budget
Revenues	130,255	14,035	(8,207)
Expenses	(117,900)	24,935	20,562
Excess/Shortfall	12,355	38,970	12,355

## Foundations of our Church

Was the Anglican Church founded on divorce? Where did our liturgy come from? Are Anglicans “Junior Varsity Catholics”? During the Easter season, **Leah Easley** will teach an Adult Formation class after the 10:30 service on the history of the English Church. **Lunch and child care will be provided.** *Mark your calendars for May 1<sup>st</sup>.*

### How to Become a Member

If you want to become an “official” part of the Body of Christ at St. Paul’s, or if you have questions that you haven’t asked – or had answered - save **Sunday, April 10.** We will have a luncheon and class and a chance to ask any questions you have. Please speak to Fr. Jordan, call the Parish Office at 203 655-8773 or e-mail [info@stpaulsdarien.org](mailto:info@stpaulsdarien.org) to let us know you are coming.

### Mission Trip

Sign up for the Mission trip to Phillippi, West Virginia starts *now*. The actual trip will take place July 17-23. See **Dick Day** or call him at 203 698-2980!



*Love*

**HUNGRY**

### Food for Pivot

Throughout Lent we will be collecting food for our brothers at Pivot Ministries. As you shop, think outside your own needs and add canned goods, soups, cereal, rice – any non-perishable food items - to give to Pivot. Or think about gift cards from a major supermarket chain so they can purchase other needs. There is a box in the narthex for your contributions.

### 30 Hour Famine/Lock-in April 8-9, 2011

Has one of our students asked you to sponsor him/her for the 30 Hour Famine? This Lent our youth are learning how Jesus hurts for the hungry. They will go without food for 30 hours to raise money to stop global hunger. (\$30 feeds one hungry child for one month.) If a student has not approached you yet, approach one of them!

### Men!

Can YOU help feed the hungry? In this case the “hungry” will be our youth who will be breaking their 30 hour fast on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The men of the parish will have a Men’s In-Gathering at 4:00 p.m. that day, and then plan to prepare and serve that first meal to our students. See Dick Day for further details.

### PREPARATION PRAYER

Plans are underway for this year’s “**Feed My Starving Children**” packing event in the fall – and it all begins with prayer in the community.

The first monthly **Prayer Meeting** of the churches in Darien will be held at St. Paul’s on **Monday, April 4** from 8 to 9 p.m. Please plan to join us in undergirding this opportunity to feed the hungry.

### 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 in Norwalk. The keynote speaker is **Paul Michalski**, a leader of the New Canaan Society and “recovering Wall Street lawyer”. The Pivot choir will sing.

You can get tickets (\$25 each through March 31) through St. Paul’s Parish Office.

### Easter Vigil

This year we will hold **The Great Vigil of Easter** on Holy Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. This powerful service re-enacts the great events of salvation history. It is also a powerful baptismal liturgy, so if you have not been baptized, then consider having yourself or your children baptized at this service. Contact Fr. Jordan if you’d like to be baptized, or Leah Jordan if you would like to participate. (And you will get to say the “A” word before anyone else!)

### “Understanding Dreams & Visions”

Jim Leach will teach this Streams 201 course, which presents a Biblical framework for understanding dreams and visions, on **May 12 to May 14** (Thursday evening, all day Friday and Saturday). Early bird discounts will be gone soon so don’t delay. E-mail [www.streamsministries.com](http://www.streamsministries.com) or talk directly to Jim Leach to learn more.



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