

# On The Mark

March 6, 2011  
The Last Sunday  
after the Epiphany

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, March 6, 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
- 6:30 First Sunday

### Monday, March 7, 2011

- 6:15 Alpha

### Tuesday, March 8, 2011

- 9:30 MOPS Steering
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service
- 11:30 Art Group
- 12:15 Agape Luncheon
- 5:30 Band Rehearsal
- 6:30 St. Paul's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show

### Wednesday, March 9

#### Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 Holy Eucharist & Imposition Of Ashes
- 9:30 MOPS Study
- 7:30 Holy Eucharist & Imposition Of Ashes; guest speaker: Rt Rev Martyn Minns
- 10:00 Prayer Vigil begins

### Thursday, March 10, 2011

- 9:00 Community Bible Study
- 7:00 Prayer - prayer room
- 7:30 Discernment Comm. Living room
- 10:00 Prayer Vigil ends

### Friday, March 11, 2011

- 12:00 Way of the Cross
- 1:00 Prayer & Sharing Group fellowship room

### Saturday, March 12, 2011

- 7:30 Men's CBS
- 9:00-2:00 Holy Spirit retreat

### Sunday, March 13, 2011

#### Daylight Saving Time begins

- 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
- 4:00 Generational Healing class
- 5:30 Youth Group

#### THIS 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

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 (p. 2)  
Romans 5:12-21 (p. 1094)  
Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 935)

#### Children's Lesson

The Wedding Banquet  
Matthew 22:1-14

## Please Pray

This coming Thursday, March 10, at 10:00 a.m., I will be meeting with the Episcopal Bishop of Connecticut, Ian Douglas, at his request, at the Diocesan offices.

St. Paul's has been given a deadline to report what we have discerned to be our relationship to the diocese and the Episcopal Church. Over the past years, we have struggled on this very issue as the Episcopal Church, the diocese and the Bishop have departed from the catholic faith. We continue to uphold our commitment to Jesus as Lord and the Head of the Church. We continue to insist on the teaching of the Bible and the ancient tradition of the church as being clear and forthright about morality, including sexual ethics. [It is interesting that Rowan Williams, the current Archbishop of Canterbury, has declared unequivocally this week that although the United Kingdom has provided for the legality of same sex unions, there will be no such ceremonies taking place in any Anglican church].

Please keep this meeting in prayer. Please pray for the lay and clergy leadership of St. Paul's. We depend on you to hold us up – we are united and we will obey what the Lord declares. Thank you.

Your brother in Christ,

**Christopher**

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton  
Rector

## Prayer Coverage

While Fr. Christopher is meeting with the bishop on Thursday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, we want to cover him with prayer. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex. Our hope is that each and every member of the St. Paul's family will pick a time slot and pray for this meeting.

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. If you prefer, you can pray at home. We want to have 24 hour prayer coverage for this important time.

## Second Annual SPSTPSTS

March 8, 2011

It's 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...e-mail Meg Newton at [megetha@gmail.com](mailto:megetha@gmail.com). "Talent" is not actually necessary...just chutzpah!

## ASH WEDNESDAY

On Ash Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, we will hold two services with Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes at both. The first will be at 7:00 a.m. for those who would like to begin their observance of a holy Lent together in this fashion.

The second service will be 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.

## First Sunday

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.

Praise & Worship • Healing Prayer • Holy Eucharist

## How to Read 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."

There are five sections in this book, with six chapters per section. So during our first five weeks of Lent (beginning March 13) we will be reading one chapter each day. 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](mailto:stumpfk@optonline.net)*

**OR...**Beginning next week, a new cell will gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. to study The Jesus Creed. Adelaide Waring is the contact for this group, which will meet in the "Living Room" (a/k/a Room 5) downstairs. You will be able to attend the 8:45 service, enjoy the Fellowship time, and transition downstairs for the cell group!

## Holy Spirit Saturday

Those attending the current *Alpha* course will be holding "Holy Spirit Saturday" this week, on March 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome to learn about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Lunch will be provided. Please call the church office 203 655-8773 if you plan to attend.

## Way of the Cross

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

## Thinking About Baptism?

Then mark your calendar for Saturday night, April 23, the eve of Easter. This year our children, youth, and adult laity will be leading us in worship in **The Great Vigil of Easter**. Like a Christmas Eve pageant, this service is a fun chance for our kids (and adults) to re-enact the great events of salvation history – like the Creation Story, the Flood, and the Crossing of the Red Sea. This is 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 if you would like to participate.

## Generational Healing Class

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

**Through April 10**

Offered by Lisa Leach, courtesy of SageFire Ministries, this class will culminate in a Generational Healing Eucharist on April 10<sup>th</sup>. The class started last week, but you might still be able to join. Contact Lisa today!

## "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!

## 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. [Pivot can also use 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.

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

This April our youth will go without food for 30 hours. They will experience what hunger feels like. They will learn what hunger looks like globally. They will serve the hungry locally at Pivot. And they will raise money to stop global hunger. Start thinking and praying about supporting one (or more) of our students for the **30 Hour Famine**. \$30 feeds one hungry child for one month. (For more details visit [www.30HourFamine.org](http://www.30HourFamine.org)).

## Weekly Youth Group

In the weeks leading up to the 30 Hour Famine, our youth group will 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. Youth Group will meet each Sunday evening beginning March 13, 5:30-7:30 pm at the Easley home.

## 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 through St. Paul's. call 203 655-8773.



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*To Know Christ  
And to Make Him Known*