

On The Mark

April 17, 2011
The Sunday of the Passion
Palm Sunday

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, April 17, 2011

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

- 8:30 Cell
- 8:45 Liturgy of the Palms
1st Service & Nursery
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Liturgy of the Palms &
Procession, 2nd Service *
- 12:15 Prophetic Team

Monday, April 18, 2011

- 6:30 Confessions
- 7:30 Way of the Cross
candlelight service

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

- 9:30 Art Group
- 10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
- 12:15 Agape Luncheon
- 6:00 Band Rehearsal
- 6:00 Confessions
- 7:00 Teaching, Laying on of
Hands

Wednesday, April 20

- 9:30 MOPS Study
- 6:30 Confessions
- 7:30 "Creativity & the Cross"

Thursday, April 21, 2011

Maundy Thursday

- 6:30 Confessions
- 7:30 Holy Eucharist, Foot Washing,
Stripping of the Altar, healing
pools
Garden of Repose

Friday, April 22, 2011

Good Friday

- 7:30 Y C-Project Good Friday
Prayer Breakfast
- 10:30 Walking the Cross through
Darien (1st Congregational
to St. Luke's)
- 12:00-3:00 Community Good Friday
Service at St. Luke's
- 6:30 Confessions
- 7:30 "Faces at the Cross" –
St. Paul's Good Friday Service

Saturday, April 23, 2011

Holy Saturday

- 5:30 Confessions
- 6:30 The Great Vigil

Sunday, April 24, 2011

Sunday of the Resurrection: Easter Sunday

- 8:45 Festival Eucharist
- 10:00 Fellowship
- 10:30 Festival Eucharist *

* Infant care will be available but there will be NO Sunday school on Palm Sunday or Easter so that you may worship together as a family.



It is a Mystery

It is a mystery to me that some believe in God and others do not. Equally mysterious is the fact that some spend a part of their life not knowing God, and then knowing Him and serving Him, as has been the case with me. Some describe this mystery as being all about God's sovereign will, and others say it's about the free will of human beings. Still others stay with the mysterious by saying that belief is a mixture of free will and God's will. It hurts the brain to think about it!

The reality of some human beings believing and others not believing was expressed at the Cross of Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified between two criminals, and one of them turned to faith in Christ as the last and greatest act of his life. The other crucified man apparently remained in unbelief. The Cross of the Orthodox Church has a slash near where Jesus' feet would have been. It looks like a seesaw and it is described as representing the one thief who believed and went up to paradise and the other, who didn't believe, going down to death without faith.

When I think about my salvation, I'd say I feel lucky but I don't believe in luck. It is truly a fortunate thing to be known by God and to know Him in return. But even more, it is overwhelming to consider myself chosen and loved by God.

St. Paul writes in Ephesians 5:32: *"This is a profound mystery – but I am talking about Christ and the church."*

Have a blessed Holy Week,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

Holy Week at St. Paul's - 2011

A few notes:

St. Paul's clergy will be available at 6:30 p.m. each evening of Holy Week for those who wish to examine their conscience, **confess** and receive reconciliation. [In general, the attitude of the Anglican church toward this rite is summed up in the statement: "All may; none must; some should".]

This is the last day to contribute toward the **flowers** which will decorate the sanctuary for Easter. Yellow sheets marked "Easter Flowers" are available in the narthex; just complete the form and submit it (today) with your check payable to St. Paul's and marked "Easter Flowers" in the memo box.

Child care will be available during most of the events of Holy Week.

Full schedules of the events taking place at St. Paul's during Holy Week are available in the narthex. One opportunity we have not mentioned as we should, however, is the **Garden of Repose**: following the Maundy Thursday service and prayer pools, St. Paul's will remain open all night for those who may wish to come and pray, remembering Jesus' words to His disciples in Matthew 26:40, *"Could you not keep watch with me for one hour?"*.

Year to Date

4/10/11	Actual	v. 2010	v. Budget
Revenues	151,511	(30,400)	(21,566)
Expenses	(160,000)	32,600	13,077
Excess/Shortfall	(8,489)	2,200	(8,489)

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

At the Liturgy of the Palms:

Psalm 118 (p. 597)

Matthew 21:1-11 (p. 955)

At the Liturgy of the Word:

Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (p. 716)

Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 1139)

The Passion According to

St. Matthew

Matthew 26:36-27:66 (p. 963)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Acts 10:34-43 (p. 1067)

Colossians 3:1-4 (p. 1144)

Matthew 28:1-10 (p. 966)

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 Meaning of History

What's God's purpose in the events of your life? Is there also meaning in the events of history? Speaking at the Norwalk "Y" on Saturday, April 30, at 4:30 p.m., John Donovan reflects on experiences in Cuba, Berlin, and Vietnam at the height of the Cold War. This is the first in a series sponsored by St. Paul's "Norwalk Nucleus". To learn more, speak with John, or e-mail him at johnbdonovan@cs.com.

"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). E-mail www.streamsministries.com or talk directly to Jim Leach to learn more.

Foundations of our Church

Was the Anglican Church founded on divorce? Where did our liturgy come from? Are Anglicans "Junior Varsity Catholics"? Beginning in May, **Leah Easley** will teach an Adult Ed class on the history of the English Church. **Lunch and child care will be provided.**

Getting Ready for Holy Week

Our very great thanks to all who turned up yesterday to assist in all the preparation for Holy Week: those who cleaned and scrubbed and polished at our Work Day, and those who rehearsed for events coming later in the week.

An insert in the bulletin today lists the events coming up in Holy Week. We hope you will post it somewhere prominently at home and check it frequently. Please attend those events you can, and pray for those you cannot make.

But there are also some items coming up at the end of this week to help prepare both the church building and us who are the Church.

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. Alex Malloy will be displaying some of his antiquities. Tickets are still available.

Bob Fitts will join the worship team from New Life Church in Trumbull, CT tonight for a worship service at 6:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Hospitality

We still need some help with the Fellowship time between the services. If you would like to serve the Body – make coffee, put out food, clean up afterwards; it's not hard! – please pick a date and sign up for it. Signing up for two Sundays a year means you can munch **guilt free** on the other 50 Sundays.

Coming to the Easter Vigil?

Bring Bells!

or keys, or tambourines, or anything to make a large celebratory sound when called upon!

And Stay Tuned for More Information about

May 21: Ordination of Fr. Jordan Easley as priest.

May 22: Annual Ladies Silver Tea

June 5: St. Paul's Art Show opening

June 12: Women's Testimony Night with guest speaker Colleen Swedberg.

June 19: Father's Day picnic

July 17-23: Mission trip to Phillipi, WVA. (But if you are interested, contact Dick day NOW!)

August 15-19: "Pandamania" our Vacation Bible School.



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To Know Christ and
To Make Him Known