

On The Mark

April 3, 2011
The Fourth Sunday
In Lent

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, April 3, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 First Service & Nursery
9:30 Middle/High School Classes
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
6:30 **First Sunday**

Monday, April 4, 2011

6:15 *Alpha (last of this session)*
8:00 Prayer for FMSC

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

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

Wednesday, April 6

12:00 Pastor's Prayer Group

Thursday, April 7, 2011

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

Friday, April 8, 2011

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

Saturday, April 9, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS
4:00 Men's Ingathering
6:00 30 Hour Famine ends with
"break fast"

Sunday, April 10, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 First Service & Nursery
9:30 Middle/High School Classes
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 Second Service & Sunday School
10:30 Jesus Creed cell – *living rm*
12:15 Prophetic Team
12:15 New Members Luncheon
4:00 Generational Healing Eucharist
5:30 Youth Group

THIS 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

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (p. 840)
Romans 6:16-23 (p. 1095)
John 11:1-44 (p.1041)

Children's Lesson

Holy Week
Matthew 21:1-11; 26:14-27:66

Why I Want You to Come To Holy Week

Why I want you to come to Holy Week: because it is good for you.

These are our most important days together as a parish. They are the climax of our Lenten experience, and our preparation for Easter. Each event is planned with you in mind, to enhance your relationship with the Lord Jesus. Your time with the Lord and with His people during Holy Week is the most important thing you'll be doing that week. It is also a great time to introduce a friend to the Lord and to St. Paul's. Ask Him who He'd like you to bring.

So, plan accordingly. Allow your schedule to be free for the awe of being in His presence with your brothers and sisters. If you need a ride, call the church office. We need and want you here. That's why I want you to come to Holy Week.

Your brother in Christ

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

Here's a brief description of each planned opportunity:

Palm Sunday, April 17

8:45 & 10:30 a.m. – Blessing of the Palms and Procession
6:00 p.m. – Statewide Prayer Rally at First Cathedral in Bloomfield, CT (*I will be one of the prayer leaders*)

Holy Monday

7:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross – candlelight service

Holy Tuesday

10:00 a.m. – Holy Communion and Healing Service
12:00 noon – Agape meal
7:30 p.m. – Christopher & Janet minister: teaching and laying on of hands for provision, protection, blessing, guidance, and healing.

Holy Wednesday

7:30 p.m. – "Creativity and the Cross: A Fresh Look at Our God's Creativity in Saving Us" Susannah Swanson refers to the work of the Italian painter Tintoretto.

Maunder Thursday

7:30 p.m. – Holy Eucharist, foot washing, stripping of the altar, meditation, healing prayer.

Good Friday

7:00 a.m. – "C" Project (YMCA) Prayer Breakfast at Continental Manor in Norwalk
10:00 a.m. – Walking the Cross through Darien
12:00 – 3:00 - Darien churches' United service at St. Luke's Church (*I will preach at approximately 2:00 p.m.*)
7:30 p.m. – Worship: Faces at the Cross presentation

Holy Saturday

6:30 p.m. - The Great Vigil

Easter Sunday

8:45 & 10:30 a.m. – Festival Eucharist:

First Sunday

Tonight at 6:30 p.m.

The St. Paul's youth group will lead "First Sunday" worship tonight. The theme will be "Hungry" and the evening will include testimonies from the youth about what it means to hunger after God. Please join us.



Please mark your calendars:

Fr. Jordan Easley

will be ordained priest by Bishop Bill Murdoch and the assembled presbyters on Saturday, May 21st at 10:00 a.m. at All Saints Church, Amesbury, Massachusetts.

Year to Date

3/27/11	Actual	v. 2010	v. Budget
Revenues	135,968	(22,707)	(14,032)
Expenses	(140,500)	15,860	9,500
Excess/Shortfall	(4,532)	(6,847)	(4,532)

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.

Friday, April 15 from 9:00 a.m. until noon, please come and help **make Palm Crosses** for the Sunday of the Passion, Palm Sunday. This is an ancient craft that is not difficult to learn (or relearn! Some of us have to learn again each year!) Instruction will be available!

Saturday, April 16

is a day PACKED with exciting opportunities for the whole family to serve! From 9:00 a.m. to noon there will be **rehearsal for The Great Vigil** to be held on Holy Saturday. See Leah Easley for details.

Also on Saturday we will be holding a **Work Day** to spruce up our building and grounds for Easter. When you are not needed for rehearsal, or while you are waiting as the rest of your family rehearses, we have lots of jobs that need doing! Bring work gloves and your favorite tools or cleaning supplies – or just your willing spirit – and lets work together.

How to Become a Member

Next Sunday, April 10, immediately after the 10:30 service, we will be holding a luncheon and class for those interested in becoming an "official" part of the Body of Christ at St. Paul's or who have questions about what we believe and why we act as we do. Please speak to Fr. Jordan, call the Parish Office at 203 655-8773 or e-mail info@stpaulsdarien.org to let us know you are coming.

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.**



Love

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. Tickets are \$25 each.

Food for Pivot

Remember that throughout Lent, we will continue to collect food for our brothers at Pivot Ministries. Any non-perishable item will be appreciated – as will gift cards from supermarkets to let them purchase fresh items.

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

This is the last chance to sponsor one of our students for the 30 Hour Famine? So far they have raised over \$1500! From noon on April 8th through 6:00 pm on April 9 our students will be fasting; would you pray about fasting as well

The men of the parish will hold a **Men's In-Gathering** at 4:00 p.m. April 9th and then plan to prepare and serve that first meal to our youth. See Dick Day for further details.

Feed My Starving Children

The first monthly **Prayer Meeting** of the Darien churches, in preparation for the FMSC packing event in the fall, will be held at St. Paul's **Monday, April 4** from 8 to 9 p.m. Join us in undergirding this opportunity to feed the hungry.

"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.

Connecticut Prayer Rally

The Family Institute of Connecticut is leading a Prayer Rally at First Cathedral in Bloomfield, CT on April 17 (Palm Sunday) from 6 to 8 pm as part of the battle to protect religious freedom in Connecticut from the significant threats which have arisen since the legislature redefined marriage in 2009.



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