

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, October 9, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team
12:15 Adult Ed: Gospel of
Matthew

Monday, October 10, 2011

Columbus Day
Church Offices Closed
6:30 Alpha @New Canaan Y
7:30 Luke for Everyone

Tuesday, October 11, 2011

9:30 Art Group
9:30 MOPS Steering – Rm 3
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
12:15 Agape Luncheon
6:00 Band Rehearsal
6:30 Alpha @ Norwalk Y
7:00 Vestry Meeting

Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2011

9:30 MOPS Study

Thursday, October 13, 2011

8:30 Community Bible Study
(CBS)
7:00 Prayer

Friday, October 14, 2011

10:00 SP Art Cell
7:30 Christian 12 Step

Saturday, October 15, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS – room 3
7:30 Men's Ingathering

Sunday, October 16, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team
12:15 Parish Meeting
To follow Adult Ed: Gospel of
Matthew &
Healing & Intercession SAVR
meeting

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 25:1-9 (p. 685)
Philippians 4:4-13 (p. 1140)
Matthew 22:1-14(p. 957)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 45:1-7 (p. 707)
I Thessalonians 1:1-10
(p. 1146)
Matthew 22:15-22 (p. 957)

Gluten-free wafers are now available at all services at St. Paul's. Just ask the priest when you come forward to receive.

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.

Adult Education

Matthew's Gospel has been called the most influential book on Christian discipleship ever written. Fr. Christopher and Janet Leighton will be leading an Adult

Our Father is Younger

Lately, I've been thinking and praying a lot about our children at St. Paul's. In the midst of this, the Holy Spirit brought to mind a profound passage that I read a long time ago:

"Children have abounding vitality, because they are in spirit fierce and free, they want things repeated and unchanged. They always say, 'Do it again', and the grown-up does it again until he is nearly dead. For grown-ups are not strong enough to exult in monotony. But perhaps God is strong enough to exult in monotony. It is possible that God says every morning 'Do it again' to the sun; and every evening 'Do it again' to the moon. It may not be automatic necessity that makes all daisies alike; it may be that God makes every daisy separately, but has never got tired of making them. It may be that He has the eternal appetite of infancy; for we have sinned and grown old, and our Father is younger than we." [G. K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy .]

Christians often speak of "child-like faith". But what about "child-like monotony"? What a profound thought: our heavenly Father is somehow younger than we are, that he never tires of "do it again"! Perhaps this is why Jesus said, *"Unless you become like a little child, you shall not enter the kingdom of heaven"*. [Matthew 18:3] Perhaps this is why Jesus said, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the LIFE!"*

Now that Sunday School is underway, now that we have started our "Supernatural Children's Curriculum" I hope that you keep on praying LIKE A CHILD for our children. Pray AGAIN and AGAIN that the Holy Spirit (who dwells within the hearts of those who so naturally say AGAIN and AGAIN) will come with power on the children of St. Paul's. Pray that He will fill us (adults) not just with the youth of a child, but with the youth of God Himself.

Your brother,

Jordan

The Rev. Jordan Easley
Assistant

Just a Reminder...Near the end of our opening time of singing, the Cross will be carried down the aisle. That is the signal for the children to follow the cross out of the sanctuary and off to Sunday School.



Last weekend, nearly 1500 volunteers came together to pack nutrition-enhanced rice meals for hungry children around the world.

303,912 meals were packed! That was almost 4,000 meals above our goal! St. Paul's raised \$537 toward the cost of chicken-veggies-soy-and-rice, as well as the expenses incurred during the months-long preparation. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this community effort. May God be glorified and His children fed! - Deacon Roberta Schneider

Week 40	Actual	v. 2010	v. budget
Revenues	383,779	(36,639)	(77,759)
Expenses	(398,900)	72,100	62,638
Excess/Shortfall	(15,121)	33,461	(15,121)

Education study of Matthew from 12:15 to 1:30 for six weeks, beginning October 2. Lunch will be provided.

Men!

The next Men's In-gathering will be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011. Come at 7:30 am for breakfast, fellowship and teaching. For further information, contact **Randy Noonan**.

Women!

The next Women's Testimony Night will be Sunday, November 6, 2011 at **5:00 p.m.** This is a **pot-luck** with a harvest theme...desserts and drinks will be provided. Come, bring a dish to share, then hear **Jean Healy** tell her story! There is a sign-up poster in the narthex – we need to know how many to plan for!

All Saints Family Service

On Sunday, October 30, we're putting the Saints (a/k/a Hallows) back into Hallowe'en with a special family service. Kids and adults are invited to come to church **in costume** as your favorite saint, Bible character, or hero of the faith. There will be no Sunday School during the 10:30 service that day because **all our worship – the music, the preaching, the praying – will be geared toward the whole family.** This is an open space for our children to enjoy the presence of God with us. Invite a friend. Don't miss out!

Blank Canvas Seminar

Your life is a painting in progress. Using the techniques of Impressionist painting, the Blank Canvas Seminar will take you on a journey to discover who you are and who you are becoming. God is co-partnering with you using your life experiences to paint a beautiful "Masterpiece"

Barbara LaChance will offer the Blank Canvas Seminar at St. Paul's on **Saturday, November 12** from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. **Pre-registration is required by Friday, November 4**, so enough materials will be available for seminar participants. The cost of \$40 per person covers the seminar and lunch. (Scholarships ARE available)

The Prophets' Call

The Oratory of the Little Way is offering a study taught by **Bonnie Brown** which will explore God's voice through His prophets calling His people to "Return, Repent, and Be Restored." October 17, November 7 and November 21. Registration is \$20.00. Call the Oratory at 860-354-8294 to register.

Get ready! The Person-to-Person doves will alight on Sunday, November 27!

Detroit Winter Clothing Drive

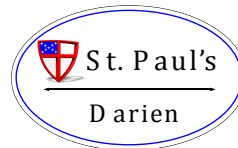
Why Detroit?

Can you imagine living in a city with an estimated unemployment rate of 50%, where 33% of the population and 53% of children live below the poverty line? A city with over 33,000 abandoned residences, breeding grounds for crime, with a city budget unable to demolish even 10%. Of the estimated 20,000 homeless in Detroit, most live in these abandoned buildings, termed "abandominiums" where an inestimable number of them die each winter due to exposure and fires. A city the FBI names the third highest for violent crime.

This is Detroit – where the need is almost unimaginable for us in Darien.

But there is hope, and we at St. Paul's can take part in spreading this hope and the love of Christ through our giving. This year, we ask you to look through your wardrobe and see if you can contribute coats, footwear and clothing (men's, women's, children's) to give warmth and hope to the people of Detroit.

Drop your items off in the narthex from October 16 until November 13. We will deliver these items directly to Christian ministries in the Detroit area just as the cold weather really begins to hit Detroit! Questions? Contact Bill Klein (mobile 203 820-6030 or wbklein@optimum.net)



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To Know Christ
And to Make Him Known