

Get Set...GO!

Sunday, November 27, 2011

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team

Monday, November 28, 2011

7:30 Luke for Everyone

Tuesday, November 29, 2011

9:30 Art Group
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing
"Turn Your Holiday Blues into
Red & Green" – C&J Leighton
12:15 Agape Luncheon
6:00 Band Rehearsal

Wed., November 30, 2011

9:30 MOPS

Thursday, December 1, 2011

9:00 Community Bible Study
7:00 Prayer

Friday, December 2, 2011

6:30 Transformation: A Service
Of Hope & Recovery at
Calvary Baptist Church in
Norwalk

Saturday, December 3, 2011

7:30 Men's CBS

Sunday, December 4, 2011 Stewardship Sunday

8:30 Cell
8:45 1st Service
10:00 Fellowship
10:30 2nd Service
12:15 Prophetic Team
12:15 St. Nicholas Party - for
EVERYONE

THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 64:1-9a (p. 727)
I Corinthians 1:1-9 (p. 1105)
Mark 13:24-37 (p.984)

NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

Isaiah 40:1-11 (p. 700)
II Peter 3:8-18 (p. 1182)
Mark 1:1-8 (p.968)

Gluten-free wafers are available at all services. 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.



Let the Church Help

My favorite church bulletin blooper is, "Don't let worry kill you, let the church help." After a laugh you realize that it is an offer not to go it alone.

The holidays are coming – let the church help. For many of us, this time of year is a mixture of blessing and hardship. Let the church help. I find God when I am with the people of God – we are the church. The church has helped me overcome past wounds and disappointments. The church has helped me have realistic expectations. The church has provided me with opportunities to worship Jesus Christ, and to serve others, which helps me get out of myself. Here are some ways the church will be available for you in this Advent season:

- Regular Sunday worship and fellowship
 - 8:45 Holy Eucharist
 - 10:00 Fellowship
 - 10:30 Holy Eucharist & Sunday School
- Tuesday Healing Service and Agape Meal (Next Tuesday, November 29, a special seminar: "Turn Your Holiday Blues into Red & Green" - Christopher & Janet Leighton)
- Friday, December 2, 6:30 p.m. "Transformation: A Service Of Hope and Recovery", 20 Concord Ave., South Norwalk
- Sunday, December 4, 12:00 p.m. – St. Nicholas celebration for all ages
- Sunday, December 18, following the second service – Caroling in downtown Darien
- Saturday, December 24
 - 4:30 p.m. – Pageant and Holy Eucharist
 - 10:30 p.m. – Festival Eucharist
- Sunday, December 25, 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist and Outreach meal
- Saturday, December 31 – time to be determined – New Year's Eve celebration
- Sunday, January 1, 2012 – 10:00 a.m. – Holy Eucharist

These are all opportunities offered for worship, fellowship, and service. In addition there will be the Dove outreach to help local families in need through Person-to-Person.

If you need prayer, counsel or even the opportunity for confession, the clergy and trained lay leaders are available for an appointment; just contact us through the church office.

Our hope is that Christmas will be a greater blessing for you; let the church help.

Your brother in Christ,

Christopher

The Rev. Christopher P. Leighton
Rector

Week 47	Actual	Vs 2010	Vs Budget
Revenues	420,285	(68,22-)	(113,-33)
Expenses	(461,831)	Not meaningful	80,577
Excess(Shortfall)	(32,456)	Not meaningful	(32,456)

Stewardship Sunday

Next Sunday, December 4, to be Stewardship Sunday at St. Paul's. We ask that all members prayerfully consider their financial commitment to the mission of this parish and to dedicate themselves to the Lord on that day. Your pledge is made to God alone. At the end of the service the cards will be taken out and burned. No one will read them.

If you did **not** receive a letter and pledge card this week, and you consider yourself part of St. Paul's, extra letters and pledge cards are available in the narthex. But please check your listing in the Parish Directory which is also in the narthex! If you are not listed and want to be, or if your address is wrong, please add or correct your listing!

Transformation: A Service of Hope & Recovery.

On Friday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m., Transformation: A Service of Hope & Recovery will be held at the CBD Hall, 20 Concord St. in South Norwalk (across from the Calvary Baptist Church.) Please join us for a wonderful evening of praise and worship, testimonies and a message of hope in recovery. A free dinner will be offered!

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

Our 40 days period of prayer and fasting began on Tuesday, November 22 and will run through January 1, 2012. If you did not obtain the devotional leaflet put together by the Vestry please pick one up in the narthex and join with us as we seek God, emphasizing *faith for miracles, financial provision and freedom* for the St. Paul's Church Family.



The Giving Tree

Each year, Person-to-Person coordinates efforts in Darien to provide those in need with Christmas dinner. We have the joy of filling the needs for many individuals or families. **Here's how:**

- Take a dove from the tree.
- **Record the number** of your dove on the clipboard!
- Leave the front dove with your check or cash in the pouch provided.
- Buy what is requested.
- Return your wrapped and marked box on time! If you have questions – any questions - see **Polly Verrico**.

There are also green doves on the tree, which represent other needs – help with rent or fuel, scholarships, etc. – which can be met with a monetary contribution. Make your check or money order payable to Person-to-Person and either leave it in the pouch provided or mail it directly to P2P.



Pageant Practice

Our Christmas pageant/liturgy will be held at the 4:30 p.m. service on Saturday, December 24. There will be **one** rehearsal Saturday, December 17, from 9:30 to noon. No matter what your age, if you would like to participate, or help out behind the scenes, please contact Janet Leighton at 203 655-4115.

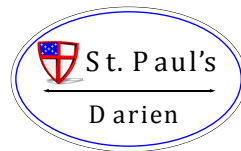
From the Altar Guild

Floral Offerings are welcome to beautiful our altar at any season – Advent, Christmas, the New Year 2012 and beyond. Just note on the memo line on your check "Altar Guild". There is also a memorial form to include if you are giving toward our bank of Christmas poinsettias. Just complete the form and leave it in the basket at the front desk. Blessings!

From Our Friends...

The Oratory of the Little Way has a Holiday Open House on December 3, 2011 from 10 am to 5 pm.

Pivot Ministries is selling poinsettias, Christmas cacti, cyclamen, wreaths & Christmas trees from their newly begun greenhouse! Order sheets are available at the Welcome Center in the narthex.



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**To Know Christ
And to Make Him Known**