

# On The Mark

January 29, 2012  
The Fourth Sunday after  
The Epiphany

## Get Set...GO!

### Sunday, January 29, 2012

8:30 Cell  
8:45 First Service  
9:30 Youth Sunday School  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 Second Service  
12:15 Prophecy Team  
12: 15 Adult Education  
12:15 Newcomers Luncheon  
5:30 Youth Group - Easley

### Monday, January 30, 2012

### Tuesday, January 31, 2012

9:30 Art Group  
9:30 MOPS Steering – Rm 3  
10:00 Holy Eucharist & Healing Service  
12:15 Agape Luncheon  
6:00 Band Rehearsal

### Wednesday, February 1, 2012

9:30 MOPS off-week study  
7:30 Luke for Everyone

### Thursday, February 2, 2012

9:00 CBS (Community Bible Study)  
7:00 Prayer

### Friday, February 3, 2012

7:00 Christian 12 Step

### Saturday, February 4, 2012

7:30 Men's CBS (Community Bible Study)

### Sunday, February 5, 2012

8:30 Cell  
8:45 First Service  
9:30 Youth Sunday School  
10:00 Fellowship  
10:30 Second Service  
12:15 Prophecy Team  
12: 15 Adult Education  
12:15 VBS Meeting  
6:15 Youth Group Super Bowl Party at Easley's

#### THIS WEEK'S LESSONS

Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
( p. 189)  
I Corinthians 9:16-23  
(p. 1111)  
Mark 1:21-28 (p. 968)

#### NEXT WEEK'S LESSONS

II Kings 4:8-37 (p. 358)  
I Corinthians 9:24-27  
(p. 1111)  
Mark 1:29-39 (p. 969)

*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.*

## The BEST Super Bowl

I love talking with people about football, especially as we approach Super Bowl XLVI (That's Extra-Large-Very-Intense, for those of us who don't read Roman numerals). It seems like everyone I talk to has allegiances, and even the folks who don't care much about the sport have picked a team. And that's just the PRE-game banter.

I love watching people watch football even more. When it comes to the actual game, that's when you see folks get *really* excited. The Super Bowl's the bet time to see the quietest, most serene people explode with energy like you never thought was possible. So this got me thinking: if watching (and talking about) football is this much fun for us, then how much more fun is watching US for the saints in heaven?

Hebrews chapters 11-12 tell us that we (God's Church) are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses – folk like Abraham, Moses, Joshua, Rahab, Gideon, and David. Even though these people lived before Jesus Christ came to earth, they persevered in their faith in God, through hardship and childlessness and wandering and torture and death. *“These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us.”* [Hebrews 11:39-40].

Today, however, we have the Church's full revelation of Jesus. We don't just have to “hope” that God's promises are true; they have already come true! Jesus has come to earth, lived among us, died for our sins, risen from the dead, ascended to heaven, and sent his Spirit to live inside of us. We have “something better” that the saints of old never had.

And right now, all the saints in heaven are excitedly watching as we run the race that they ran. Only because we have the full revelation of Jesus Christ, the race is WAY more exciting than when they ran it. They are cheering for you! Even more importantly, Jesus himself is excited for you as you run this race. He isn't just watching you and cheering for you. He's gone ahead of you. He's made the way for you. He's running beside you. He's working inside of you. *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders...and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.* [Hebrews 12:1,2].

Your Brother,

**Jordan**

The Rev. Jordan Easley  
Assistant

### Adult Education

After the second service, why not stay for **Leah Easley's** presentation on “Rhythms & Seasons – Making the Church Year Matter in Your Everyday Life”. Lunch is provided – a \$5.00 donation is suggested.

## Newcomers Luncheon

New – or newish – to St. Paul's? Want to know more about us? There's a Newcomers Luncheon today, immediately following the 10:30 service. Follow the mob all the way back to the Fellowship Room (across from the Kitchen).

## Marriage Alpha

"Marriage Alpha" is a seven session course set in a fantastic atmosphere. You will be served coffee, tea and dessert at a romantic table for two while listening to practical talks that are informative and fun. There is never any group work and you will never be asked to share anything about your relationship with anyone other than your partner.

Why? Well, regular check-ups help a car run smoothly and reduce the risk of breakdown; the best sports pros spend hours being coached and perfecting their technique. It's the same with marriage. A strong, loving and lifelong relationship doesn't happen by chance. We can all learn how to make even the happiest marriage better.

**When:** Monday, February 13 through Monday, March 26. Coffee, tea and dessert at 7:30; session starts at 7:45 and runs until 9:30.

**Where:** The nave at St. Paul's Darien.  
**Is there childcare?** Yes!

**Cost:** \$50 per couple (stipends available if needed)

**Who to contact:** Leah Easley. Call 978 810-4009, e-mail [leaheasley@gmail.com](mailto:leaheasley@gmail.com) or sign up in the narthex.

## Our Third Annual S.P.S.T.P.S.T.S. Approaches!

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 21, for this year's St. Pauls Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper & Talent Show...and start thinking creatively about LIGHT! This year, we have a *theme* and talent show acts should somehow incorporate or connect to LIGHT. Be inspired! Be creative! Be obtuse! Be shiny! And let Meg Newton know if you want to be on the program (call 203 353-1848 or e-mail [megetha@gmail.com](mailto:megetha@gmail.com))



## Youth News

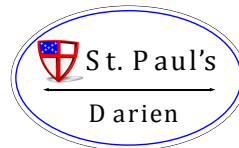
The Youth Group will meet today January 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Fr. Jordan's house for dinner, worship and Bible study. They'll be talking about how to keep God as the center of our lives amidst all the distractions of life.

And, on February 5<sup>th</sup>, from 6:15 to 9:15 there will be a SUPER BOWL PARTY at the Easley's. Bring snacks, chips, candy, soda, etc.; Easley's will provide pizza or something equally yummy.

We want to share a note from the Gatto Family: "Our appreciation and thanks for the beautiful arrangement of ferns and greens for the table. Carol"

### Missions: *Possible!*

Pivot has a new kitchen! MiC provided funds (and help from Todd Price) in the project.



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