

We Three Kings of Orient Are

1. We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.

Refrain:

*O star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light.*

2. Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.

Refrain

3. Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high.

Refrain

4. Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Refrain

5. Glorious now behold him arise;
King, and God, and Sacrifice:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Earth to the heavens replies.

Refrain



PARISH NOTES

Welcome Mrs. Pat Vincent

Our organist, Charles Willett, is off on a short break after a demanding Christmas season. We are grateful to Pat Vincent for playing the organ, not only today, but also for the funeral service on Friday. It is always a pleasure to have Pat with us.

Choir & Chimes

Both chiming cherubim and choir practices will resume on **Thurs. Jan 5** chiming begins at 10:00 am and choir practice starts at 7:30 pm.

The Epiphany of our Lord – The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles

Holy Eucharist - Friday, January 6 @ 10 a.m.

We shall follow this service with the “undecorating” of the church. Many hands needs and appreciated!

The ACW Quilters Resume

The quilters will begin again this week on **Wed, Jan 4**, meeting in the Crosby Room at 10:00 a.m., Wednesdays and Fridays. All are welcome to join them for quilting or needlework and tasty treats of all kinds.

Deanery Clericus Party

The clergy and their families will be gathering at St. Paul's next Sunday, **January 8**, in the afternoon for a social gathering. Some will be coming early to skate on the common, which will be followed by a shared supper together in the Crosby Room.

Note of thanks from St. Luke's Church in the North End

Dear friends, On behalf of the Wardens, Vestry and congregation of St. Luke's, I want to extend our sincere thanks for your generous gift in support of our outreach ministries. We are constantly challenged by ever-increasing costs associated with the programs, but your donation will go a long way in helping us to continue helping those in need. Thank you very much for thinking of us and those we serve. May you be richly blessed in the New Year! Yours in Christ, Marilyn McNicol, Vestry Clerk

** St. Paul's Mission Beyond Committee made a \$1000 donation to St. Luke's Outreach Ministries at Christmas.*

Greetings from l'Arche

St Paul's Church,

From all of us at L'Arche Saint John, we extend our warmest greetings to your Church family during this Christmas Season. May it be a time of joyful celebrations!

L'Arche Saint John

2017 Church Offering Envelopes

There are still some 2017 Church Envelopes on the lobby table. If you would like to receive envelopes, make your offering through e-offering (automatic debit) or would like to change your e-offering for the New Year, please contact the parish office at 847-1812

Feminine Products for Underprivileged women

Note from Code Red Team

We are so happy to report that our Code Red Christmas Drive has been a huge success for the community. We have really been overwhelmed in the best possible way by everyone's generosity and support. We have packaged and distributed over 100 packs so far and have enough supplies to provide packs throughout the winter months. We will be continuing our efforts in the hopes that Code Red can be a permanent solution to this need in Saint John (and we hope to help other communities set up Code Reds of their own) We want to thank you for all your support and a special thanks to Dale Cook for bringing our cause to your congregation. Merry Christmas and a wonderful 2017,
The Code Red Team

It's All Fun & Games... Literally!

Looking for something fun to do with others this Christmas Break? Come and join us at **7pm** on **Friday January 6**, right here at St. Paul's, to play some board games together. Bring yourselves, a board/group-game or two (if you have them), and perhaps some snacks to share. Absolutely everybody is welcome.

A Word from Rob, our Family & Youth Minister

Do you have a heart for young people? Are you looking for ways use your talents and passions in the Church? Can you see the need for nurturing faith in all sorts of contexts?

If so, I would love to have a conversation with you.

We are currently exploring ways to build up the ministries to Families, Children & Youth here at St. Paul's, and it may just be that *you* are part of the answer to our prayers.

While I do have some ideas in mind, what I would really like is to hear from you, and to encourage us as a Parish to think about how we can all bless young people together.

Please connect with me through email, over the phone, or in person (we can even chat over coffee or tea). Just let me know if you are interested, and we can work out all the details.

What Wonderful, Woolly Christmas Pageant!

It was such a joy to see the youth of this parish and community take part in our Christmas Eve pageant at the 4:30pm service. Many thanks to all who made this wonderful moment possible: to each of the children and youth who all helped tell the Christmas story (including our youngest cast member, *Meredith Grace Hurley*, who played the infant Jesus); to those who worked behind the scenes in vital but hidden ways; and to all who supported our kids with your kind words and with your friendly smiles; from the bottom of our hearts, we thank you one and all!

A Note from Rothesay Town Mayor Nancy Grant

*On behalf of the members of council, I invite Rothesay residents to join us **January 1** between 12 noon and 2pm at the Rothesay Town Hall for the Mayor's Levee. Hope to see you at the New Year's Day Skate from 1pm - 3pm on the Rothesay Common.*

Prayer for the New Year

– from Archbishop William Temple

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change,
we may find rest in your unchangeableness.
May we meet this new year bravely,
sure in the faith that while people come and go,
and life changes around us,
you are ever the same,
guiding us with your wisdom
and protecting us with your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God, bless the coming year,
and give us in your mercy
time for the task,
peace for the pathway,
wisdom for the work,
and love to the last;
for Jesus' sake. Amen.