

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

“Back Pack Sunday” Is On Its Way - September 10



School is starting up again soon, and many of us (students *and* parents) are busy getting ready for all the excitement and activity that come along with it. We here at St. Paul's love to share in the spirit of this season.

On **Sunday September 10th** at 10 am, we have our annual **Blessing of the School Bags** service, where children and students of all ages are invited to bring their school bags with them to Church to receive a special prayer of blessing as they start a new year.

Sunday School Starting Sunday September 17

Sunday School is back in session Sept. 17th, and while we may not be learning a lot about alliteration this year, we *will* be learning a lot about God's great love for us all.

Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, snacks and more are all a part of our time downstairs during the 10 am service. Children younger than three are welcome to come along with a parent, either joining the class, or spending some time playing in our Nursery Room.

We are always interested in hearing from those who might want to connect with our Sunday School team, either regularly or part-time. This includes young people looking to gain some experience working with children, as well as not-so-young people who have a heart for kids.

Please contact our Family & Youth Minister, Rob Montgomery, if you would like to know more.

Youth Group will begin meeting again every Friday (7-9pm), starting on **September 15**.

Contact Info

Family & Youth Minister: Rob Montgomery
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BEYOND THE PARISH

Desserts, Book Swap and Silent Auction

There will be a Desserts, Book Swap and Silent Auction event to support The Nkamazi Education Project in Swaziland at 3197 Rothesay Road, Rothesay, on Sunday, **September 10 from 2 to 4**. For more information call Jane Baird at 847-4010.

Book Reading at the Jewish Museum

Join us at the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum, 91 Leinster Street, Saint John on Monday, **August 28, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.** when Dr. Harry Rajchgot will be reading from his novel *Gravitational Fields*. The reading will be followed by a question and answer session. For further information please contact the Saint John Jewish Historical Museum at (506) 633-1833 or sjjhm@nbnet.nb.ca or see the poster on the table in the lobby.

PARISH NOTES

Blessing of Pottery Vases

Today we dedicate two Crimmins pottery vases to be placed on the side tables in memory of Rev. Tom Knox.

Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of the universe, who has given us the gift of beauty and ability to create from nature these vases to be used to your glory in this place of worship. Bless these vases and grant that we will use them for the good of all your people. May we remember our friend Tom, and may he rest in peace. In the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Bishop Edwards visiting Parish on Wednesday

Bishop Edwards has kindly agreed to visit St. Paul's on Wednesday, for the purpose of Confirming 5 young people. Two, Anna and Kylie Streeter (daughters of Val & Roxanne and granddaughters of Judy), prepared for Confirmation in the spring, but at the last minute were unable to be present. Three others, Samantha, Kirsten and Parker Dunn (children of Raeanne & Nicholas Dunn and grandchildren of Dave & Sharon Long), live in Qatar. They attend a Roman Catholic Church there, but would like to affirm their Anglican faith, and be Confirmed in that faith. An Anglican Bishop does not visit Qatar very often, so it seemed best for them to be confirmed at St. Paul's when they are “home”. The simple service will be held at 4 pm. Let us remember all the candidates and their families in our prayers.

Passing the Torch

On August 31, the responsibilities as Rector of the Parish of Rothesay, will officially and legally, come to an end. Matthew's days to gather his various pieces of sporting equipment are counting down. And we as well have a few items that still need to be removed. The Wardens and Property Committee have been busy preparing the Rectory for Fr. Paul Rideout, who will be arriving from Newfoundland in mid-September. Rev. Eileen and Fr. Jim, will be the interim priests until his arrival and are available for any emergencies or issues that arise. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for our years in Rothesay, and we truly trust that our paths shall cross often in the days ahead. *ALS*.

Annual Clergy Conference

You may sense a certain spiritual presence in the community this coming week as the clergy gather with the Bishop for their annual conference and meetings. This year the gathering will be held at the Villa Madonna in Renforth. We pray for the clergy of our Diocese, and for their ministry of leadership.

Choir & Chimes

Choir and Chimes will begin on **Sept 7**. Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7:30-9pm and Chime rehearsals are Thursday mornings from 10-11:30am. These groups are open to anyone interested in using their musical talents to give praise to the Lord. Please contact Charles Willett if interested.