

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Monthly Online Family Newsletter

Interested in what we at St. Paul's are doing for young people and families? Consider signing up for our monthly online *St. Paul's Family Newsletter*. To do so, simply contact the St. Paul's office and let us know, or email our Family & Youth Minister, Rob Montgomery (rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca).

St. Paul's Parish-Wide Game Night - January 5 @ 6:30 pm

Come join us in the Parish Hall, Friday January 5 at 6:30 pm, for an inter-generational (all ages) Games Night together with your St. Paul's family. Bring yourselves, your favorite games, and maybe some snacks to share. All are welcome, and hope to see you there. To register, or for more information, please contact Rob Montgomery or the St. Paul's office.

Young People at St. Paul's This Christmas Season

Our Children & Youth programs are taking a bit of a break for the holidays. Our Sunday School program will resume Jan. 14, and our Friday Night Youth Group (ages 12+) will be starting up again Jan. 12. All are welcome to join us when we begin again in the new year.

Sea Dogs vs. Quebec Remparts, Faith & Family Night Fundraiser! - January 20 at 7:00pm

Join us for a Faith-filled evening at the rink with guest speaker and NHL Hall-of-Famer Mike Gartner. Mike Gartner will be having a pre-game speaking session at Harbour Station from 5-5:45 PM. Mike is recognized as one of the top 100 NHL players of all time and remains dedicated to his faith. Tickets for the entire event are \$7 for Youth aged 5-12, \$10 for Students, and \$18 for Adults/Seniors. \$5 from each adult ticket goes back to the Church of your choice, with funds coming in for St. Paul's going directly towards helping people in need in our neighbourhood. For more information, contact Rob Montgomery or visit:

<https://seadogs.spinzo.com/faith-family-night-fundraiser-sea-dogs-take-on-the-quebec-remparts-2018-01-20-FEKKQ>



Office Hours Between Christmas & New Years

Mon, Dec 25	Office Closed
Tue, Dec 26	Office Closed
Wed, Dec 27 - Fri, Dec 29	8:30 am - noon

PARISH NOTES

Dear friends,

I savour the joy and happiness that seems to be in the air this time of year. The lights, the gift-giving, the carols – they never fail to lend a spirit of joy to the cold darkness of Winter. I wish Christmas could be all year round! But wait! For us Christians, we can have the joy of Christmas even after the lights are taken down and the gifts are unwrapped.

The spirit of joy we have at Christmas comes from one central reality: that in the midst of the darkest time of the year – when the sun is at its weakest, God sends to us the true Son who is the light of the world. He reminds us that even in the midst of the pain, troubles and challenges of our lives, darkness never has the last word! Light always trumps darkness, good is always victorious over evil, and life conquers death. When we draw our hope and strength from that truth, the darkness can never touch us, and the joy of this season will be ours all year.

I wish you all a Happy Christmas, and pray that the joy of this season will be yours throughout the new year.

*Yours in Christ,
Fr. Paul+*

Choral Scholarship

We are pleased to announce a new initiative at St. Paul's - our Choral Scholarship Programme! The program is a great opportunity to sing with a choir, learn classic choral repertoire, gain experience and enhance your musical training. Post secondary scholarship is \$2000/year and High School Scholarship is \$1000/year. For information or to apply, please contact us at 847-1812 or stpaulsrothesay@nb.aibn.com.

Donations for 2017 Income Tax Receipts

Donations for which a 2017 tax receipt is required should be received in the office by noon on **Fri, Dec 29** This will allow time for a final bank deposit to be made for the end of 2017. If you have any questions, please contact the Church Office at 847-1812.

Congratulations to the Wood Family

Best wishes to **Matthew & Michelle Wood** on the birth of their second son **Charles Hadley** born Dec13, 2017. Charles is a brother for Henri and a new grandson for **Liz & Hadley**. Now that's a Christmas present!