

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

St. Paul's Lenten Adventure

Saturday March 24, from 4-5:30 PM



Crafts, Colouring, Games, Singing, Story-time & Supper Together

Share in the excitement of Palm Sunday, the self-giving love of Good Friday, and the joy of Easter. This all-ages event is free and open to everyone, but in order to help us prepare please register with the office by Thursday March 21

Palm Sunday Parade - March 25 at 10 AM

Next week is Palm Sunday, and as we parade into Church our Sunday School class will be getting all dressed up in Bible-inspired costumes, waving our palm branches and singing... and we would love for you to join us. Anyone interested in joining in is invited to come to Church a little early (around 9:30 AM) to pick out your costumes and get ready with us. (If you could also let us know ahead of time, that would be great so we can make sure to have enough costumes ready.)

Coldest Night of the Year Fundraiser / "Beard Challenge" Update - Get out the razor!

A very sincere thank you to the many people of our parish who have shown their care and support for those in need by participating in the *Coldest Night of the Year - Walk for Homelessness* fundraiser, either as a participant or donor.

As of now, our team "St. Paul's Pilgrims" has raised over **\$1,100** for this worthy cause, and while not technically reaching our "Beard Challenge" goal, in honour of the great generosity shown, our Family & Youth Minister has agreed to let the top donors **decide together** what will happen to his beard. Be sure to stay tuned for the pictures.

For those interested, donations are still able to be accepted until March 31, 2018 (<https://cnoy.org/donate>).

Children & Youth Committee - Looking for New Members

The St. Paul's Children & Youth Committee plays a big role in how we as a parish minister to young people and their families. We are inviting those with the gifts of time and a passion for serving young people to consider joining our committee and helping us lead this important facet of our common ministry here at St. Paul's.

PARISH NOTES

Palm Sunday

We will begin our 10 a.m. Palm Sunday liturgy in the Parish Hall. We will gather there to hear the gospel account of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem; we will bless palm branches; and we will walk in procession to the church itself, thereby actively participating in the beginning of our Lord's journey to Calvary. If, for whatever reason, you are unable to join in the procession, feel free to be seated in the church before the service begins.

It's Almost Time to Make Palm Crosses!

Palm crosses for Palm Sunday will be made on **Fri, Mar 23 at 10.00 AM** in the Church Hall. You can learn to make the crosses and enjoy the camaraderie of the people helping out. Come and join us, the more the merrier!

Flowers for Easter

Anyone who would like to make a donation toward the cost of Easter flowers in memory of a loved one is asked to contact the office at 847-1812. Your donation may be placed in the Sunday offering plate marked "Altar Guild - Easter Flowers" or dropped off at the office.

Echo - Easter Edition

The Easter edition of the Echo is available in the lobby today. Thank you to our editor, Heather White-Brittain, our publisher, Greg Fleet, Fr Paul, and Marge Seely and her faithful team of folders and stuffers. The Echo is filed by neighbourhood, so if someone in your neighborhood is not here today, please consider picking up their copy and dropping it off on your way home.

Documenting Memorials

We are planning to record all the things that have been donated to our church in memory of a loved one in the past fifteen to twenty years. If you have donated or know of something that was given, please send the details to Pam Iype by email (pam_iype@yahoo.ca) or write it out and drop it in the office. We do not want anything or anyone to be left out.

Lenten Challenge

At our last diocesan synod, the Bishop strongly commended the book "*Surprise the World*" to be read by everyone. This punchy little book encourages parishes to be intentional in the way they live the mission to share the gospel. I would like to challenge you all to read this book during Lent and to start to think about ways that we, as a parish, can be more mission-centred. Then, after Easter, we can meet and discuss the future shape of our shared ministry at St. Paul's. *We have just 30 copies, and they have been in circulation for a couple of weeks. If you have a copy and are finished reading it, please pass it on to a Parish friend or neighbor, or bring it in to the lobby or narthex to be picked up by another.*

Study Series: Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues

The seven deadly sins are those great spiritual roadblocks that inhibit the growth of our relationship with God and one another. In this study, we will learn how we can be trapped by pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice and lust - and more importantly, how we can counter-act these by practicing the 'seven lively virtues.' This five part weekly study series, led by Fr. Paul, continues on **Tue, Mar 20, 7:30 p.m.** It's not too late to join us.

The Parish Prayer Chain

welcomes people to call with specific prayer requests. This month's contact person **Gillian Wallace @ 847-4033**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Reconciliation (also known as Penance or Confession) is available by appointment and can be easily arranged by contacting Fr. Paul. For those unfamiliar with the rite, it can be found starting on page 166 of the Book of Alternative Services.

Pastoral Visitation

Anyone wanting a home visit, or wishing to discuss prayer, spirituality, or any other pastoral need, please take the initiative and contact Fr. Paul.

Parish Prayer Calendar

We're happy to present a new resource for prayer in our parish. Copies of our new Parish Prayer Calendar are available at the entrances. This calendar provides two prayer intentions for each day, encompassing groups and ministries within our parish as well as in the wider community. It is hoped that we can, in the midst of our busy lives, take time each day to add these intentions to our personal prayers. In this way, we will know that we are united in prayer with our friends and neighbours.

Coffee Schedule

The Mission Within Committee will be preparing a new coffee hour volunteer schedule soon. If you would like to be added to the rotation to help with coffee hour 2 or 3 times a year, please call Pam Iype at 847-2559 or email her at pam_iype@yahoo.ca.



Calling all Bowlers!

Parish teams are now being formed to compete in an Annual Bowling Tournament. The goal is to raise funds for the food banks of this area. Our neighbouring parishes have put together teams (sometimes more than one) and have challenged us to do the same. The tournament is on **Apr 21, 10 a.m. -12 p.m.** at the Kennebecasis Valley Bowling Lanes. The entry fee is \$20 per competitor. Teams can also solicit sponsors. If you are interested in forming or taking part in a parish team, please speak to Fr. Paul.

Offertory Hymn – Here I Am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them, whom shall I send?

Chorus

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold you your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them, whom shall I send?
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them, whom shall I send?

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