

Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference

The YIG team would like to invite you to the Diocesan Youth Ministry Conference on **Saturday September 29** at St. Paul's Rothesay from 10am-4pm. It's open to everyone: clergy, youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, volunteers, synod and youth delegates, parents, youth or anyone with a heart for youth. You can invite others in your church/parish/community to join as well. We will be discussing our recent survey but you do not need to have filled out the survey to attend. Registration is free and lunch will be provided. We do ask that you register in advance to help us with numbers:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeoc16Le8cteC8CfHDpbXjc51nGCQ8_mOIGbcZ0rrsCILSi2w/viewform

Contact Jason Smith yigftn@gmail.com for additional information.

Confirmation

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Christian's relationship with God is made stronger. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We are equipped to become better witnesses to Christ in the world. It is also a means for us to affirm for ourselves the promises often made on our behalf at baptism. The Sacrament of Confirmation is due to be celebrated again in this parish in Spring 2019. Classes, therefore, will begin later this Fall. We welcome individuals interested in being confirmed (both youth and adult) to express their interest to Fr. Paul.

Parish Pilgrimage 2020

We are presently in the planning stages of a Parish Pilgrimage to see the world-renowned Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. During this 10-day pilgrimage we will also be making stops in Rome, Florence, Venice, Innsbruck, and Munich. Information sheets are available in the lobby. Spaces are limited and we need to act quickly to secure tickets for this once-in-a-lifetime event!

Choir and Chimes Rehearsals

Choir practice has resumed and chimes will begin again on **Thurs. Sept 27** at 10am.

***Please join us in the Church Hall
following the 10:00 service
for coffee, tea, sweets & conversation.***



YOUTH MINISTRY

Rothesay Elementary School Breakfast Program

Last year Fr. Paul and Rev. Rob volunteered once a month with the breakfast program at Rothesay Elementary School, and found it to be a wonderful way to bless hungry young people in our community. They are looking for more volunteers this year, for this and other programs, and so if you would be interested in helping out, please contact Fr. Paul or Rev'd. Rob and they will be happy to get you connected.

Youth Group Leadership Request from our Family & Youth Minister

It has been an incredible blessing to lead our Friday Night Youth Group over the last few years. That said, one persistent challenge we have faced from the beginning has been finding some members of our congregation who can join me in this ministry to the young people in our community.

In the past we have had some young adults of the parish faithfully volunteer, and last year we arranged for one young adult from outside the parish to come assist for a small honorarium. At this point though, for our program to be sustainable in the long term, we are looking to the members of our parish for help. We need a few additional caring adults (of **either** the young, **or** not-so-young variety) who can help this program run safely and successfully by being present with us around once a month. Thankfully, some have already responded positively to my request for volunteers, but there is still a need for more assistants to join our Friday Night Youth Group.

Will you consider committing to join us, one Friday a month, not to *lead* the program, but simply to spend time getting to know some youth, listen to their stories, play some games, and help them experience the welcome and love of God?

Our program runs from 7-10 PM weekly here at St. Paul's Church, and if you (or someone you know) would be interested in assisting with this program, please contact me either in person or online at: rob.montgomery@anglican.nb.ca.

Thank you for prayerfully considering."
The Rev'd (Deacon) Rob Montgomery

It's All Food & Games...

We would love for you to join us this afternoon (**Sept. 16**) at **3PM** for a simple, all-ages **Potluck & Games Night**. Bring your favorite games, your family & friends, and if you can some food to share. We'll gather downstairs in the Christian Education Centre and eat an early supper around 4PM. Everyone is welcome, and if you have any questions please contact Rev'd Rob.



St. Paul's Sunday School Is Back In Session!

Our kids (age 3+) are invited downstairs to our *Christian Education Centre* for Sunday School, beginning 9:50 AM.

Parents can come downstairs before or during the Offertory hymn, to collect their kids for Eucharist together.

Our Nursery Room is always available for parents with kids under 3.

All children are welcome to stay upstairs as well.

Check out our *St. Paul's Kids' Activity Centre* (by the door s to the lobby) for up-to-date activity bags, crayons and children's bulletins, as well as some books for reading, all for use before, during, or after our services. Enjoy!



BEYOND THE PARISH

Meetings with the Bishop

Bishop David is hosting a series of Town Halls around the Diocese, looking at proposed changes to the Marriage Canon, which will receive second reading at General Synod in July 2019. The Town Hall for the Saint John area is on **Tuesday Sept. 25 at 7:00 pm** at Christ the King Church (formerly St. James Lakewood). Any and all are invited. Copies of a paper that Bishop David has just prepared are on the lobby table. It contains links to the current Canon and to a commissioned report on the subject

Ride for Refuge

Join us **Saturday, Sept 29th** at Harbour Passage for Ride for Refuge a 5km walk or 10 or 25km bike ride raising funds for Outflow Ministry and supporting their efforts in creating new, innovative ways to help lift people out of poverty and hopelessness by offering opportunities to individuals to train and work in our new social enterprises. As a church body, we can serve both collectively and individually. Ride for Refuge is a great opportunity for individuals, couples and families of all ages to come together and participate in something much bigger than any one of us can do on our own. Did we mention it is a fun event! Join in this fun, family event that supports your local community. Please email info@outflowsj.com or register online at <https://rideforrefuge.org/location/saint-john> or call us at 658-1344.

A Note from the Diocese

Want to sign up for our weekly eNews to keep up on all the happenings and news of the diocese? It couldn't be easier. Visit anglican.nb.ca and scroll to the bottom of the page.

PARISH NOTES

Weekday Worship

Our final Tuesday evening Eucharist for the season will be on **September 25th at 7 p.m.** Our first Saturday evening Eucharist will be on **October 6th at 5 p.m.** The Tuesday evening services were originally added to the schedule as a means of accommodating people who are travelling on the weekend over the Summer months. The Saturday evening Eucharist was added as a more contemporary, relaxed option and is offered during the Fall/Winter. We will still offer a Tuesday evening Eucharist from time to time in conjunction with our study series, so stay tuned. Morning Prayer will be prayed in the chancel on **Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.**

Social Media Coordinator

Our Communications Committee is currently searching for an individual who is skilled in the area of social media. This ministry would involve making regular updates to our parish Facebook page as well as engaging with and developing new forms of social communication. At the heart of this endeavour would be a desire to communicate the Good News by promoting and telling the story of St. Paul's Church. An honorarium will be offered. If you are interested in this ministry, please speak with Fr. Paul.

Blessing of the Animals

A Blessing of the Animals Service will take place at St. Paul's on **Saturday, September 29th at 2 p.m.** Everyone is invited to come along with their animals on that day to receive a blessing. We will be gathering outside in the space between the church and hall, weather permitting. Following the example of St. Francis, we will praise God for creation and ask God to bless our animal companions. Even if you don't have an animal to bring, you're still very welcome to attend this service. All creatures - great and small - will be blessed.

NEW DATE FOR PARISH VISIONING DAY

- Our Parish Visioning Day has been rescheduled. The new date is
- **Oct 27, approx. 9am - 3 pm.** It's important to state that the
- purpose of this day is not to make sweeping changes to our
- parish or the way we operate. It's simply a good thing, on a
- regular basis, to step back and assess where we are and where
- God wants us to be. This will be a day of listening - to God and
- one another. Please make plans to come along.