

# ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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## Children's, Youth & Family Ministries

*That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forebears have told us,  
we will not hide from our children.*

*We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of God,  
and the wonderful works God has done.*

Ur Psalm 78:3-4

April 13, 2014

Palm Sunday

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### From Mary Anthony

Today's lessons from the Lectionary in church are Matthew 21:1-11, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16, Philippians 2:5-11 and the Gospel is Matthew 26:14-27:66.

In our Godly Play Class the children will hear the stories of The Faces of Easter 4 and 5. Today's stories focus on Jesus' desert and discovery experience and Jesus as healer and Parable-Maker. Our Storyteller is Kathleen Chase and our Dookeeper is Linda Garman. Today the Children will join their parents before the service for the Blessing of the Palms and Procession of Palms around the church. The children will process around to their classroom while their parents process back into the church.

This week the youth group's lesson will focus on Matthew 26:14-27:66. This lesson focuses on the Passion. We will begin with Eucharist at 6:30 pm followed by dinner at 7 pm with the adults who are doing their own Bible study. We will then break off for our lesson followed by an activity. Please have your youth to the church by 6:20 pm so we can gather to go into the service together

The youth are busy planning for their Annual Homeless Awareness Sleep-out. We are still in need of several large boxes to create our village, firewood and chaperones from our parish. Please let me know if you are willing to help out with any of this. Thank you.

Because today's Focus Lesson is so long I have attached it and the explanation in a separate document.

The Easter Egg Hunt is May 18. Please leave candy donations in box outside my office. Thank you.

### Collect for Sunday

Almighty and everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



### ☪ Sunday Schedule ☪

9:00am - Nursery opens  
9:45am - Godly Play Choir  
10:00am - Godly Play Class (Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades meet Wednesday evenings 6 - 9 pm  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
*Children join their parents in  
Church at the Peace*  
11:45am - Youth Choir

## Nursery (Infants to age 3)

Unless otherwise noted, the Nursery is open from 9:00 am until the end of the 10am service. Please sign your child in and out, and remain in the building in by watching **Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

## Primary – (Pre-k – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)

The Godly Play classroom is located in Canterbury House, just inside the door on your left. The goal of Godly Play is to teach children the art of using religious language – parable, sacred story, silence and liturgical action – to help them become more fully aware of the mystery of God’s presence in their lives. The ideal Godly Play session has four parts- Opening, Hearing the Word of God, Sharing the Feast, and Leaving the Space. Led by **Storytellers Mary Anthony, Kathleen Chase, Heather Coyle, Linda Garman, Carol Goslee, Kim Hennigan, and Melinda Rucinski** and **Doorkeepers Tracy French, Michelle Meade** on a rotating basis. Visit them in the classrooms. If you would like to make a difference in the lives of some great children and have fun doing it, contact Mary Anthony about assisting on a rotating basis in the Godly Play class. See the sign-up calendar on the Christian Education Bulletin Board.

## Intermediate (3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The Intermediate class is meeting with the Primary class in Canterbury during construction. The curriculum for this age level is also Godly Play. Led by **Heather Coyle, Kim Hennigan, Tracy French, Roanne Lisi and Melinda Rucinski** on a rotating basis.

## Middle School & High School (6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade)

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class will meet every Wednesday evening at the beginning of Youth Group starting at 6:00 pm unless otherwise noted. The curriculum for this age level is Making It Real and Relevant, which is Lectionary based. Our teachers in this class are **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

## Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> Grade & Up)

The Youth Group meets at St. Paul’s on Wed. evenings starting with dinner at 6 pm. Led by **Mary Anthony, Pam Ruesch, Barbara Michelson and Rosana Powell**.

## Children’s Ministry Committee

Fr. Eric Funston, Mary Anthony, Heather Coyle Rosana Powell, Kim and Sean Hennigan and Melinda & Steve Rucinski.

### For Parents

#### THE BLESSING OF A B MINUS The Blessing Of Strange Fruit: Big Dreams, But Whose

Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; “It is natural for parents to nurture both public and secret dreams for their children’s future. Yet these dreams should be based on the child’s actual desires and abilities, not the ones we might wish them to have. So many sensible, intelligent, devoted parents imagine a future for their child that goes something like this:

*Our son gets straight A’s and is captain of the lacrosse team. He’s designed a Web program to help teachers create their own computerized multiple-choice tests and it’s been such a success that the profits will cover the small gap between his tuition and the giant scholarship offered to him by his college of choice, and, oh he and his girlfriend give surf lessons to underprivileged children in the summer.*

But there are other dreams, too. One mother of two sons told me, “I just hoped that one of them would be gay, and he’d become a set designer for art films and travel the world on cruises and he’d entertain me and my friends with witty stories when we’re in the nursing home.” Or maybe you always loved art but ended up practicing law and here’s your daughter with *so much* aptitude for painting.

Parents should want to be proud of their children, but be careful. We cross an important line when we demand a predetermined or unrealistic set of accomplishments for our teens. Your son as scholar-athlete-entrepreneur-humanitarian? Few, if any, adults possess all these talents. Is it fair to expect your son too? It’s also dangerous to expect children to carry out your own unfulfilled dreams: of living the artistic life, of effortlessly compatible romantic relationships, of impressive professional careers.

Parents who can’t accept themselves—their own lives or looks or achievements—are especially at risk for wanting their children to be everything they’re not. I frequently talk to parents who are angry at their teens for not being better students, athletes, competitors, or leaders. When their children disappoint them, the parents take it very, very personally.

*You were supposed to play the cello, or at least the guitar.*

*You were supposed to love reading.*

*You weren’t supposed to struggle with weight (like I have all my life and especially not lose the struggle so publicly.*

*You weren’t supposed to be so socially awkward when you have had such supportive, emotionally literate parents.”*

To be continued next week !!!

From “The Blessing of a B Minus” by Wendy Mogul, PhD.

**In Church School this week:**

*Each week, the children's and youth Sunday School classes focus on a passage from Scripture. These follow the same Revised Common Lectionary that provides readings for Sunday services. We use a curriculum, Seasons of the Spirit, to tailor a lesson for each class that is interactive, fun and age appropriate. This section features the Scripture learned that week in Sunday School, along with some questions to ask about during the week.*

**Focus Scripture: Matthew 26:14-27:66**

Today's Focus Lesson is too long to put here so please see the attached Lesson in email this newsletter is sent in.

**What's it all about?**

Please see the attachment with this week's Newsletter.

**Questions:**

? What is the fear that Jesus faces in the Garden of Gethsemene ?

? What are the fears the disciples face ?

? How does Jesus deal with his fear ?

? How do the disciples deal with their fear ?

~From Making It Real And Relevant

**Prayer:**

Merciful God,  
your strength and courage pour forth  
to sustain the witness of your faithful people.  
Awaken in us the humility to serve  
wherever creation is broken and in need,  
that we may follow in the way of our brother,  
Jesus,  
die as he did to all that separates us from you,  
and with him be raised to new life. *Amen.*

~From The Revised Common Lectionary

## Meditation

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I am in trouble; \*  
my eye is consumed with sorrow,  
and also my throat and my belly.

For my life is wasted with grief,  
and my years with sighing; \*  
my strength fails me because of affliction,  
and my bones are consumed.

I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to  
my neighbors,  
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; \*  
when they see me in the street they avoid me.

I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; \*  
I am as useless as a broken pot.

For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;  
fear is all around; \*  
they put their heads together against me;  
they plot to take my life.

But as for me, I have trusted in you, O LORD. \*  
I have said, "You are my God.

My times are in your hand; \*  
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,  
and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant, \*  
and in your loving-kindness save me."

~Psalm 31:9-16

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Happy Birthday...

None this week!!!



## Planning Ahead

### Sunday, April 13

- Nursery opens at 9 am
- Cherub Choir 9:45 am
- Sunday School grades Pre-K - 5<sup>th</sup>, 10 am
- Youth Choir, 11:45 am

### Wednesday, April 16

- Youth Group 6 - 9 pm, Dinner provided by those signed up for our Lenten Soup Supper. Deadline for Registration and \$20 deposit for Homeless Awareness Sleep-out.

### Friday, April 18

- Youth Group leave at 4 pm for St. Matthew's, Brecksville for Good Friday Service, Lock-in, and service project

### Friday, April 25 - Sunday, April 27

- The Youth's Annual Homeless Awareness Sleep-out, 7 pm Friday to 12 Noon Sunday

### Thursday, May 1

- Mission Trip Deposit extended to this date. Absolute DEADLINE for commitment!

### Sunday, May 11

- \$10.00 fee due for Good Friday Youth Lock-in at St. Matthew's, Brecksville

### Saturday, May 17

- Scrapbooking Crop Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser here at St. Paul's 9 am to 9 pm

### Sunday, May 18

- Easter Egg Hunt

## Acolyte Reminders!

April 13: Juliana Powell, Kirsten Lisi,  
Andrew Laub, Jackie Dilsavor,  
Nicholas Coyle

Please remember to get a sub by the Wednesday before you are to serve if you are unable to make your commitment, and then let the office know no later than that Wednesday before.