

# 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

August 3, 2014

Eighth Sunday After  
Pentecost

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### From Mary Anthony

Today our lessons from the Lectionary are Isaiah 55:1-5, Psalm 145:8-9,15-22, Romans 9:1-5, and the gospel is Matthew 14:13-21.

During the summer there will be a Godly Play Story time for the younger children ages 3 to 7 or grades Pre-k - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Older children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This week the children will hear The Story of Sarah. This story focuses on the mother of The Great Family. It includes an important and complicated relationship between Hagar, Sarah, Abraham and God. The story of Sarah's life enriches the story of the Great Family. The Great Family has become as many as the stars in the sky and the grains of sand in the desert. But there is still an original mother and father to remember, honor and learn from. Mary Anthony is our Storyteller this week. Weather permitting the children will go outside following the story for outdoor activities.

Please mark your calendars now for our upcoming Parent Meeting next month on Sunday, August 24 following our 10 am service. This meeting will be to discuss the upcoming school year, sign up to teach, discuss Youth Group activities, and to discuss Vacation Bible School for next summer. I hope all of our parents can attend this planning meeting.

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### Collect for Sunday

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; 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 (during the school year)  
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 (during the school year)

## 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 case of an emergency. Our Nursery Attendant is **Cara Mickens**. Please come meet Cara.

## Summer time Primary – (Ages 3 – 7)

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 MeDuring Melinda Rucinski, Tracy French, and 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.

## Summer time Intermediate (Ages 8 – 11)

During the summer months children ages 8 and above will attend church with their parents. This is a great way for the older children to learn the different parts of the service.

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

The Middle and High School Sunday School Class are on hiatus during the summer. The youth attend church with their parents.

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

The Youth Group meets are on hiatus during the summer. The youth go on a Mission Trip every year during the summer for a week.

## 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 Expect Immaturity

Continuing from last week Dr. Wendy Mogul, PhD. writes; “Or, as the case of Luke (a boy who loves and respects his mother), *I didn’t say a big hello because I didn’t remember that you were gone.*”

In the world of teenagers, being spacey is normal. Lack of imagination about the consequences of one’s actions in normal. Terrible boredom with you is normal. Your child’s conviction that is a tragedy of earth-shattering proportions that she has been born into the wrong family (so strict! So boring! So ordinary! So lacking in compassion!) is normal. Your daughter’s endless dramas and urgent demands are normal. Your son’s preoccupation with food fights and barfing is normal. Your child sullenly reminding you that Natalie and Natasha and Nora all have parents who are more understanding and cooler than you are is normal.

We have to permit our children time to develop and grow. Unfortunately, we’re usually inclined to do the opposite. Try to remember that teens aren’t fully grown yet. They may not become their full adult selves until they are twenty-five...or thirty-seven. “”

Next week: “Gain Perspective On The College Admissions Frenzy”  
From “The Blessing of a B Minus” by Wendy Mogul, PhD.



## Meditation

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The LORD is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

The LORD upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O LORD, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The LORD is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

The LORD is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

The LORD preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.  
~Psalm 145:8-9, 15-22

Happy Birthday...

Kathryn Calco (8/09)



## Planning Ahead

### Sunday, August 3

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k -3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am,
- Children and Youth grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and up attend church with their parents

### Sunday, August 10

- Nursery opens at 9:30 am
- Godly Play Story time and activities, Grades Pre-k - 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10 am
- Children and youth Grades 3<sup>rd</sup> and up attend church with their parents

### Sunday, August 24

- Parent/Teacher Meeting following 10 am service

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## Acolyte Reminders!

August 3: H. Rucinski

August 10: TBA

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.