



SAINT PAUL'S FAMILIES

Rite-13 Ceremony April 24th, 8:30 Service

In our society, the line between childhood and adulthood is often a fuzzy one. Unlike other cultures, we don't have formalized rites of passage that define the points along the path to adulthood. We need ways to tell our young people they are making progress; they are growing and learning; they are becoming adults. The *Journey to Adulthood* program that we use attempts to do just that.

During the 8:30 service on Sunday, April 24th, we will celebrate an important Rite of Passage with some of our teens. This liturgy is formally called "The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood", but is more well known as "Rite-13" since it takes place near the candidates 13th birthday. This is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate each child as he or she is moving from childhood to young adulthood - to recognize the gift of womanhood or manhood bestowed by God on each one.

From the very beginning, we, as parents, have hopes and dreams for our children. This is true of God as well. God has created each of us to be a unique person with wonderful inborn talents and abilities that make us children of God. This is what we celebrate in the Rite 13 ceremony, that each young person is God's beloved. Please keep our youth in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare - and plan to be with us on this special day!

Mark Your Calendars!

April

- 4.10 Liturgy of the Light
9:45 am
- 4.13 Last Junior Choristers Rehearsal
- 4.15 PNO, 6 - 9:30 pm
- 4.17 Senior Choristers sing for 8:30; Junior Choristers sing for 11:00; No Senior Choristers Rehearsal
- 4.20 Wednesday Night Supper, 5 - 7 pm
- 4.20 Junior Choristers' Bowling & Pizza Party at LTA, 5:00-6:30 pm
- 4.20 Rite-13 Ceremony Rehearsal, 7 pm
- 4.22-24 Women's Retreat
- 4.24 Rite-13 Ceremony, 8:30 am
- 4.24 No Senior Choristers Rehearsal

Women's Retreat April 22-24th



Kristen Vincent, author of *A Bead and a Prayer*, will be with us for our retreat. Register at <http://stpaulsboro.org/womensretreat>

Parent's Night Out Friday, April 15th 6-9:30 pm



THEME: Fairy Tales

(For children up to 10 years old) Sign up by Monday, April

Chorister Recognition April 17th, 11 am service



The Junior Choristers in fifth grade will be recognized during the service. Perry Frances Kleinlein, Grady Knox, Luke Martin, and Ashton Nobles will be given a BCP/Hymnal purchased by the adult choir and presented by a Senior Chorister, welcoming them to the Youth Choir. Congratulations on your years of service, you four, and onward to the next step!

Palm Sunday



Spring Youth Retreat



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Journey to Adulthood

Sundays at 9:45 am

Rite 13 - 6th & 7th Grade

Classroom 2-2

- 4.3 Rite 13 Liturgy Preparation (including 7th grade parents)
 - 4.10 Rite 13 Liturgy Preparation
 - 4.17 Rite 13 Liturgy Preparation
 - 4.24 I Am Made In God's Image: The Healing of Jairus' Daughter
- J2A - 8th & 9th Grade**
Library
- 4.3 Role Play on Poverty
 - 4.10 Christian Meditation: Prayer Cycles & Prayer Beads
 - 4.17 City Maps
 - 4.24 Contingency: We Are All Connected

YAC - 10th, 11th & 12th Grade

The Upper Room, 2nd Floor-St. Margaret's

- 4.3 Who are Ministers?
- 4.10 Talk on In-Reach Ministry
- 4.17 Talk on Outreach Ministry
- 4.24 Plan Order of Service for Youth Sunday

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sundays at 9:45 am



Baptism: The Gift of Life

The gifts and signs of Baptism are introduced to the children in their first year of the Level One Atrium during a series of three presentations. In the Level Two and Level Three Atrium, children look at the Baptismal Rite and Prayers in depth. At this time they come to understand the relationship between Baptism and the other Sacraments, especially Reconciliation and the Eucharist.

Light and the White Garment

In the atrium, the children are called by name to come forward and light their own candle from the Christ candle. They are able to recognize the Light of Christ that is the Paschal candle, is the same light that they carry within themselves.

The light inside the heart shines on the outside in the white garment. The white garment is a sign of cleanliness and new life. It shows us that we are children of the light. The image of Christ as light has always been prominent in Christian tradition, starting with St. Paul who associates "illumination" with baptism.

Acolyte Schedule

Date	8:30		11:00
4/3	1st Server/ Crucifer	Marshall Steele	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Maggie Tidwell	Amber Bradford
4/10	Torchbearer		Devin Pointer
	1st Server/ Crucifer	Ashton Nobles	Lauren Ennamorato
	Torchbearer	Fant Smith	Clara Ambrose
4/17	Torchbearer	Ava Foulk	Miles Workman
	1st Server/ Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	Ally Davis
	Torchbearer	Ethan Penney	Luke Martin
4/24	Torchbearer	Marshall Steele	Adriana Guevart
	1st Server/ Crucifer	Ashton Nobles	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Sawyer Smith	Amber Bradford
	Torchbearer	Ava Foulk	Devin Pointer

Liturgy of the Light Celebration

Sunday, April 10th, 9:45 am
St. Andrew's Chapel

Parents of children in Catechesis are invited to attend.



Please join us for a special prayer service called Liturgy of the Light. Children in all levels of Catechesis will celebrate this liturgy together. During this child-planned service, we will reflect on the image of Jesus as the light of the world. We will celebrate his victory over death as the Risen Christ. We will remember our baptisms and the many gifts and blessings we receive in the community of light.