



# SAINT PAUL'S FAMILIES

## Advent in the Atriums

In the Catechesis atriums, our children begin the season of Advent by placing a purple tablecloth on the prayer tables and bringing out our Advent Wreaths. We prepare for the feast of Christmas by changing the liturgical color on the prayer table, marking the weeks of the church year on our liturgical calendar, and lighting a new candle each week to mark the nearing of our celebration of Jesus' birth. Advent is a particularly rich time for music in the atrium. The children love singing the songs which match the prophecies we read each week.



The children learn that the word Advent means "coming." In Advent, we are waiting to celebrate the coming of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. We are also waiting for the second coming of Jesus. We talk about this time as Parousia, when God will be all in all and God's kingdom will have no end. We also talk about how Jesus comes to us daily in the reading of the Word, prayer, and in the Sacraments.

Please let us know if you did not yet receive the family devotional booklet we put together for Advent. The children will love to share a piece of their spiritual journey with you through connecting what we do in catechesis to the home.

Cindy Guévert - Children's Ministry Coordinator

## Mark Your Calendars!

### DECEMBER

- 12.2 - Club 3-4-5 - Newk's and Pottery (6:30-8:30 pm)
- 12.4 - Christmas Pageant Practice (12:30 - 2 pm)
- 12.4 - Youth - Newk's and Pottery Place (5 - 7 pm)
- 12.11 - One Service (Annual Meeting at 10 am)  
No Children's Church or Youth/Parents Classes - Catechesis for children through 6th grade will be during the Annual Meeting
- 12.11 - Christmas Pageant Practice (12:30 - 2 pm)
- 12.11 - Youth Christmas Party (5 - 8 pm)
- 12.16 - PNO and Parents Christmas Party (6:30-9 pm)
- 12.17 - Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal (9 am - Noon)
- 12.18 - Christmas Pageant (8:30 am service)  
No Children's Church or Christian Education
- 12.18 - Lessons & Carols (4 pm)
- 12.24 - Christmas Eve Services (4:30 & 10:30 pm)
- 12.25 - Christmas Day (10 am)  
No Children's Church or Christian Education
- 12.28 - Youth Movie Day (12 - 4 pm)
- 1.1 - One Service (10 am)  
No Children's Church or Christian Education

## Parent's Christmas Party

Friday, December 16th  
6:00 - 9:30 pm

Celebrate the Christmas season at the home of Nick & Stacy Clark. Please bring a dish to share. Same night as Parent's Night Out.

440 E. Lytle Street

## Parent's Night Out

Friday, December 16th  
6:00 - 9:30 pm



### THEME: Rudolph

(For children up to 5th grade)  
Sign up by Monday, December 12 at 4pm. Email the nursery at [nursery@stpaulsmboro.org](mailto:nursery@stpaulsmboro.org)

## Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 18th, 4:00 pm



Our festival of nine lessons and carols is patterned after the traditional service from King's College, Cambridge. One of the most beautiful services of the year, it includes performances by our Jr. and Sr. Choristers. This is a great service for the whole family. The nursery will be provided that evening. A reception follows.

## Advent Wreath Party with Intercessors!





**Youth & Youth Parents**  
Sunday, Jan. 8 (5-7 pm)

Dedication of "Upper Room" with Dinner and Winter/Spring Program Overview

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## Journey to Adulthood

Sundays at 9:45 am

Rite 13 - 7th & 8th Grade

- 12.4 Choosing To Be a Servant: Choosing Choosing to Share
- 12.11 Annual Meeting - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.18 Christmas Pageant - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.25 Christmas - NO CHRISTIAN ED.

J2A & YAC - High School

- 12.4 Friendly Silence: What Will I Hear If I Am Silent
- 12.11 Annual Meeting - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.18 Christmas Pageant - NO CHRISTIAN ED.
- 12.25 Christmas - NO CHRISTIAN ED.

## Club 3-4-5 & Youth Pottery Painting

Club 3-4-5: Friday, December 2nd, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (\$15)

Youth: Sunday, December 4th, 5 - 7 pm (\$20)

Let's meet up at Newk's in the Avenue for dinner. Afterwards, we will walk over to The Pottery Place to paint ornaments. **Includes dinner and ornaments.**



## Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 11th, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us in The Upper Room (youth room) for food, fellowship and fun. Please bring a dish and 2 gifts under \$5 for a crazy gift exchange. An email invite will follow.



## Christmas Break

### Youth Movie Day

December 28th, 12-4 pm  
In the Upper Room



Bring \$5 for pizza and snacks

## Choristers Schedule

*Jr. Choristers*      *Sr. Choristers*  
**12.7 Rehearsal**      **12.4 Rehearsal (4:15)**  
**12.14 Rehearsal**      **12.11 Rehearsal**

*Sr. Choristers perform at the Annual Meeting on 12/11. Jr. & Sr. Choristers perform at Lessons and Carols on 12/18 at 4 pm.*



**Sunday, December 11th at 10 am**

On December 11th we will be having one service at 10 am, during which we will be conducting the annual business meeting of the church, including vestry elections. We encourage you as parents to attend so you can have a voice in who leads St. Paul's in the coming year!

Nominees for Vestry 2017 (4 will be elected)

Paul Adams	Mike Becker
Joe Cade	Rick Canada
Betty Davis	Alice Gibson
Jenny Fayter	Marta Van Hoose

**Catechesis will occur for the entire annual meeting. This will be a great opportunity for your child to catch up on missed lessons and engage in in-depth Advent presentations. The children will join us for Communion.**

# Acolyte Schedule

Date	8:30	11:00	
12/4	1st Server	Sally Smith	Lauren Ennamorato
	Crucifer	Fant Smith	Sam Tipps
	Torchbearer	Avery Tuseth	Luke Martin
12/11	Torchbearer	Judah Penney	Adriana Guevart
	1st Server	Ally Davis	10:00 Service Only
	Annual Meeting	Crucifer	Drew Ennamorato
12/18	Torchbearer	Ethan Penney	
	Torchbearer	Michael Kyriakoudes	
	1st Server	Ashton Nobles	Sam Tipps
Christmas Pageant	Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Andrew Foster	Marshall Steele
	Torchbearer	Emma Meyers	Miles Workman
12/24	1st Server	Sally Smith	Lauren Ennamorato
	Christmas Eve: 4:30	Crucifer	Fant Smith
	& 11:00 pm	Torchbearer	Henry Ambrose
12/25	Torchbearer	Clara Ambrose	Drew Ennamorato
	Streamer	Adriana Guevart	
	Streamer	Amber Bradford	
1/1	1st Server	Ashton Nobles	10:00 Service Only
	Crucifer	Brianna Davies	
	Torchbearer	Devin Porter	
1/1	Torchbearer	Michael Kyriakoudes	
	1st Server	Sam Tipps	10:00 Service Only
	Crucifer	Ava Foulk	
1/1	Torchbearer	Henry Ambrose	
	Torchbearer	Clara Ambrose	