



SAINT PAUL'S FAMILIES

Children's Prayer Workshop with Fr. Colin Wednesday Nights During Lent

In many churches children are excluded during Lent – and understandably so. Lent, after all, is the time during the church year when Christians are encouraged to examine themselves, repent, and renew their Christian commitment. Adults often assume that these actions are outside the realm of what most children can experience. However, as parents, we know that our children have an innate religious sense: they have a very real awareness of God. Although they may not travel the same path of self-examination, repentance, and renewal that adults do, they can experience the joy of being forgiven and surrounded by God's love.

This year we are adding a children's component to our Lenten soup suppers. While the adults examine Lent through the lens of Exodus, the children will be meeting with me, Diane Baker and Dierdra Matteson to learn about, and practice, prayer. This program is for children in the catechesis program (age 3 through 5th grade.) The nursery will be available for our little ones.

The program will run for five weeks, beginning on Wednesday, February 17th. We will begin at 5:30 pm with a soup supper along with some kid-friendly foods. Following our shared meal we will pray together, after which I will lead the children upstairs. Both the adult and children's programs will conclude by 7 pm, allowing everyone to get home for a good night's rest. I hope you join us on these Wednesdays as we observe the season of Lent together. - Colin+

Mark Your Calendars!

FEBRUARY

- 2.6 - Children's Mardi Gras Celebration (2 pm)
- 2.7 - Mardi Gras Parade at 8:30 service. Junior Choristers sing at 8:30, Senior Choristers sing at 11.
- 2.7 - No SNL! or Senior Choristers' Rehearsal
- 2.9 - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper (5-7 pm)
- 2.10 - Children's Ash Wednesday Service (5 pm)
- 2.10 - No Junior Choristers' Rehearsal
- 2.12 - Club 3-4-5 Bingo Night (6-8 pm)
- 2.17 - Lent Soup Suppers and Program Begins (5:30 pm)
- 2.19 - Parents Night Out (6-9:30 pm)
- 2.21 - Scout Sunday & Food Drive
- 2.27 - Church Outing - MTSU Basketball Game (5 pm)

Children's Mardi Gras Celebration



Saturday, February 6th, 2 pm

Join the fun as we play games, make masks, eat King Cake and crown a king and queen for the Mardi Gras Parade the next morning.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Tuesday, February 9th, 5-7 pm

Join us for a feast of pancakes prepared and served by our youth. All proceeds go to our growing youth program.

Children's Ash Wednesday Service

Wednesday, February 10th, 5 pm

Our family-friendly Ash Wednesday service with a sermon geared toward our younger members. We will also bury the "Alleluias" during the service. Service is in the Chapel.



Club 3-4-5 Bingo Night



Friday, February 12th
6 - 8 pm in the Upper Room

Enjoy some fellowship and bingo with the other 3rd, 4th & 5th graders. Dinner provided.

Parent's Night Out



Friday, February 19th
6-9:30 pm

THEME: February Holidays

(For children up to 10 years old)
Sign up by Monday, February 15th at 4pm.
Email nursery@stpaulsmboro.org

Church Outing - MTSU Basketball Game

Saturday, February 27th, 5 pm



Mark your calendars for the MTSU vs. Marshall men's basketball game. St. Paul's will sit together and make the pregame high-five tunnel to greet our players as they come onto the floor. Not only is this a great opportunity for our parish to enjoy time together, but it's also a great way to support our hometown Blue Raiders, Coach Davis and Coach Lazarus. Tickets are only \$6 at the group rate. Look for sign up information in the church bulletin.

Men's Retreat

Friday, Feb. 19 - Saturday, Feb. 20

The Men's Retreat will be held at St. Mary's Retreat Center in Sewanee, beginning on Friday at 6 pm and ending Saturday at 4 pm. Our movie this year is Saint Ralph. You probably have not heard of this movie, but by the end of Men's Retreat you will be glad you have. Sign up online at <http://stpaulsmboro.org/mens-retreat> or call Don Clayton at 615-397-3068. Cost: \$99 (\$129 for single room). Includes lodging and 3 meals.



Youth Sunday Night Live!





CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Journey to Adulthood

Sundays at 9:45 am

Rite 13 - 6th & 7th Grade
Classroom 2-2

- 2.7 Pray Without Ceasing
- 2.14 Images of God: Images We Carry
- 2.21 Images of God: Imagine That!
- 2.28 Images of God: Finding Images of God in the World

J2A - 8th & 9th Grade
Library

- 2.7 Rules, Rules, Rules
- 2.14 It's a Love Thing: How Will They Know Us?
- 2.21 Throw & Catch; How Do I Love Thee?
- 2.28 Lady Poverty, Love Me Tonight

YAC - 10th, 11th & 12th Grade
The Upper Room, 2nd Floor-St. Margaret's

- 2.7 Who Is a Minister?
- 2.14 Vocation: What Is My Calling?
- 2.21 Vocation: What Is My Calling?
- 2.28 Vocation: What Is My Calling?

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sundays at 9:45 am

Gestures of the Eucharist

The gestures of the Eucharist are among the richest liturgical signs. They speak to us through movement, telling us what is really happening during the Holy Eucharist. Prayer words often accompany these gestures, but the movement itself is a powerful language. Young children are naturally very attracted to movement. They need to be given the opportunity to focus on these rich liturgical movements and learn to "read them," even before going on to meditate on the prayer words.

- Sofia Cavalleti, The Good Shepherd and the Child: A Joyful Journey, p. 69

Holy Eucharist with your Children

Begin your preparation at home.

- Pray as a family. Use the language and prayers that the children hear at church - *The Lord's Prayer; The Doxology; The Sanctus, The Gloria*
- As you pray at home, model how to make the Sign of the Cross, how to hold your hands when praying, how to bow your head, etc.

Sit in the front.

- Small children will become easily bored if they are unable to see what is happening during liturgy. Sit as close to the front as possible so that you can share with your child what is going on during liturgy.
- Hold your little ones up so they can see the gestures, vessels and colors.

Junior Choristers' Schedule

Sunday, February 7 - Sing for 8:30 service
 Wednesday, February 10 - No rehearsal
 Sunday, March 20 - Sing both services
 Wednesday, March 30 - No rehearsal
 Wednesday, April 13 - Last rehearsal
 Sunday, April 17 - Sing for 11:00 service
 Wednesday, April 20 - Bowling and Pizza Party, 5:00-6:30 pm @ Lanes, Trains, and Automobiles

Senior Choristers' Schedule

Sunday, February 7 - Sing 11:00 service, No rehearsal
 Sunday, March 6 - No rehearsal - Youth Retreat
 Sunday, March 13 - Sing for 11:00 service
 Sunday, March 27 - No rehearsal
 Sunday, April 17 - Sing for 8:30 service, No rehearsal
 Sunday, April 24 - No rehearsal
 Sunday, May 1 - Last rehearsal
 Sunday, May 8 - Sing for both services (Youth Sunday)

Acolyte Schedule

Date		8:30	11:00
2/7	1st Server/Crucifer	Trevor Tidwell	Ally Davis
	Torchbearer	Maggie Tidwell	Miles Workman
	Torchbearer	Ty Baker	Clara Ambrose
2/14	1st Server/Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	Lauren Ennamorato
	Torchbearer	Grady Knox	Sam Tipps
	Torchbearer	Ethan Penney	Aidas Berzinskas
2/21	1st Server/Crucifer	Ashton Nobles	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Marshall Steele	Amber Bradford
	Torchbearer	Elisabeth Nelson	Adriana Guevart
2/28	1st Server/Crucifer	Sally Smith	Sam Tipps
	Torchbearer	Ava Foulk	Luke Martin
	Torchbearer	Sawyer Smith	Sally Gaither