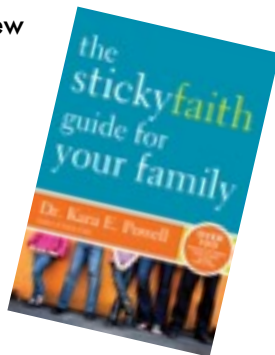




SAINT PAUL'S FAMILIES

Sunday Morning Parents Group is Back on August 30!

Last year was an exciting time as we watched the new building be completed. But there was one thing I missed - Sunday Morning Parents Group. To be a parent is a great blessing, but also great responsibility, and I find our Sunday morning time together a great blessing as I seek to be a faithful steward of the children with which God has blessed Trisha and me. The good news is that Parents Group will be back this next Sunday - August 30. Our class for the fall is entitled "Family Faith," based on the book *The Sticky Faith Guide for Your Family*.



This is a book that provides lots of practical tips about how we can live out our Christian faith as families. If you've never been part of the Parents Group I encourage you to join us. If you do you will encounter a community that will support and encourage you as you attempt to share Christ's love with your children. - Colin +

Homecoming Picnic

**Saturday, August 29th
5-7 pm**

We will gather after a busy summer to refocus and celebrate as we begin our program year. We'll have a 40' inflatable obstacle course for children and adults! Crofts, games and more. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP online or on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall.



Youth & Parent Dinner

Sunday, August 30th (5-7 pm)

Youth (grades 6-12) and their parents are invited to join us for a meal during which we will be sharing information about the new youth program and meeting the youth leaders. In addition, we will be welcoming our new 6th graders. You will be receiving an email invitation next week allowing you to RSVP.

Parents' Night Out

**Friday, September 18th (6-9:30 pm)
0-10 years old**

Sign up by Monday, September 14th at 4pm in the nursery or by emailing: nursery@stpaulsmboro.org.

Choristers

Our St. Paul's Choristers will be splitting into two groups this fall. Grades 2 through 5 (Junior Choristers) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:00-5:45 in the choir room with Rachel Anderson directing. They will sing monthly for both the 8:30 and 11:00 services. Grades 6 through 8 will meet every so often in conjunction with youth programming on Sunday nights. More information will follow once the Sunday night youth program gets going. These Senior Choristers will sing a couple of times each semester, and I will be directing them. Rachel and I believe the two different age groups will challenge older singers and give more individualized instruction to younger singers. Registration for both these groups is available on the website: www.stpaulsmboro.org. Click on "Church Communities," then "Music" for registration information. Please email (music@stpaulsmboro.org) or call (615-893-3780) if you have any questions. - Angela Tipps, Director of Music



Mark Your Calendars!

August

- 8.29 Homecoming Picnic (5-7 pm)
- 8.30 All Christian Education Begins
- 8.30 Youth Sunday Night Live! - Youth & Parent Dinner (5-7pm)

September

- 9.6 No Christian Ed or Youth Sunday Night Live!/Labor Day Weekend
- 9.13 Club 3-4-5 Bowling at LTA (2-4 pm)
- 9.13 Youth Sunday Night Live! - Dinner & Worship Service with Charlie (5-7pm)
- 9.18 Parents' Night Out (6-9:30pm)
- 9.20 Youth Bowling at LTA (5-7pm)
- 9.27 Youth Sunday Night Live! (5-7pm)

2015-2016 Children's Registration

St. Paul's is going digital with registration this year!

If your child is using the nursery, attending Children's Church or Catechesis, please register him/her on our website: www.stpaulsmboro.org. Click on "Church Communities," then "Children" to register.



Vacation Bible School



Youth at Franklin Heights



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Journey to Adulthood

Sundays at 9:45 am

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

- 8.30 Getting to Know You/Each Other
- 9.6 NO CHRISTIAN ED/LABOR DAY WEEKEND
- 9.13 I am Made in God's Image: My Gifts & Abilities
- 9.20 Compassion & Acts of Mercy: Issues I Care About
- 9.27 Communicating with Others & Being Real

J2A - 8th & 9th Grade Library

- 8.30 Getting to Know You/Each Other
- 9.6 NO CHRISTIAN ED/LABOR DAY WEEKEND
- 9.13 Listening Skills are a Great Way to Begin
- 9.20 Walk in Love: Creating a Community Covenant
- 9.27 Christian Meditation: Sacred Movement Part 1

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

- 8.30 Getting to Know You/Each Other
- 9.6 NO CHRISTIAN ED/LABOR DAY WEEKEND
- 9.13 Listening Skills are a Great Way to Begin
- 9.20 Walk in Love: Creating a Community Covenant
- 9.27 Rules, Rules, Rules

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sundays at 9:45 am

This month your child(ren) will enter a specially prepared environment called the ATRIUM. The atrium is not a classroom, but can be likened to a retreat house for children.

Why is it called "Atrium" anyway?

The word "atrium" actually means "portico, or porch entrance to a large house." The Atrium was a term given to this space by Maria Montessori. It was chosen because in the ancient church, the atrium was a gathering space between the Church Proper and the street. It was the place where the catechumens, those preparing for initiation to the Church, would receive instruction. The Atrium has a similar purpose for our children, as it is a place to help them enter into full, conscious and active participation in the liturgical and communal life of the Church.

What is a "prepared environment?"

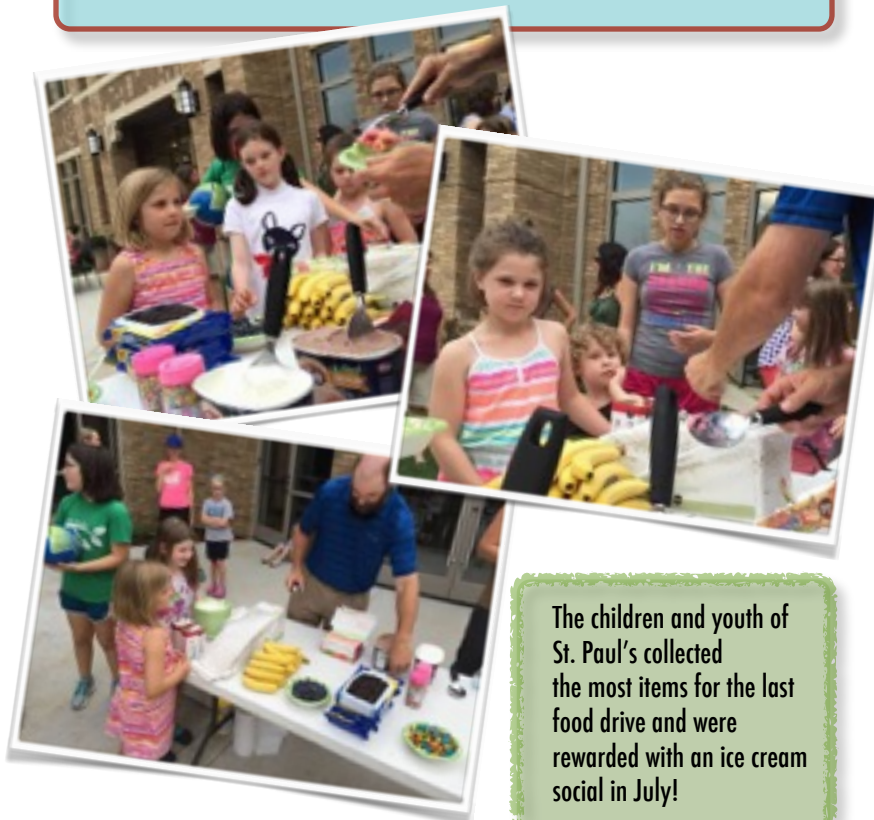
The prepared environment is a Montessori concept that the environment can be designed to facilitate independent learning by the child. In a prepared environment, children work with materials of their own choice and at their own pace. They experience a combination of freedom and self-discipline in a place especially prepared to meet their developmental and spiritual needs.

On behalf of all the catechists at St. Paul's I'd like to welcome you back for another year of Catechesis. We are so excited to work with your children in the atria. Thank you for letting us share your child's spiritual journey with them.

Cindy Guevart - Director of Catechesis

Acolyte Schedule

Date		8:30	11:00
8/30	1st Server/ Crucifer	Maggie Tidwell	Ally Davis
	Torchbearer	Trevor Tidwell	Sally Gaither
	Torchbearer	Grady Knox	Need Substitute
9/6	1st Server/ Crucifer	Fant Smith	Need Substitute
	Torchbearer	Sally Smith	Clara Ambrose
	Torchbearer	Ty Baker	Ally Davis
9/13	1st Server/ Crucifer	Ashton Nobles	Lauren Ennamorato
	Torchbearer	Aubrey Penney	Adriana Guevart
	Torchbearer	Sawyer Smith	Miles Workman
9/20	1st Server/ Crucifer	Aubrey Penney	Brianna Davies
	Torchbearer	Elisabeth Nelson	Amber Bradford
	Torchbearer	Marshall Steele	Luke Martin
9/27	1st Server/ Crucifer	Elisabeth Nelson	Miles Workman
	1st Server/ Crucifer	Maggie Tidwell	Ally Davis
	Torchbearer	Trevor Tidwell	Sally Gaither
	Torchbearer	Grady Knox	Aidas Berzinskas



The children and youth of St. Paul's collected the most items for the last food drive and were rewarded with an ice cream social in July!