



January 11, 2012

Reel Spirituality began on January 11

St. Paul's Reel Spirituality film series began the New Year on January 11 with Scrooged. Bill Murray plays a T.V. executive who can't wait to get the Christmas holiday behind him. What he comes to learn is that although Christmas only comes once a year, it teaches a lesson about giving and living that last the entire year.

A picnic supper was served and the movie was followed by a brief discussion.

Confirmation and Reception at Saint Paul's Parish

What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is our mature commitment to Christ. It is our promise to live that commitment in the Church. If we were baptized as an infant, Confirmation is our opportunity to make for ourselves the promises that were made for us by our parents and godparents. Confirmation is the laying on of hands by the Bishop who prays that we receive the strength of the Holy Spirit so that we may live out the promises we make.

Requirements for Confirmation

The following is required for Confirmation at St. Paul's:

- Having been Baptized.
- Regular participation in the life of our parish.
- Instruction in the Christian Faith that includes an 8-week "Seekers Program" designed to provide an overview of our denominational beliefs and mission. This program is being conducted, beginning this Sunday, at 9:15 a.m. during our Sunday School.
- Commitment to the ongoing work of the church after confirmation.
- Being penitent (sorry) for your sins.
- Making a mature commitment to Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Upon the completion of the "Seekers Program" those who do not choose to be confirmed this year may choose to reaffirm their Baptismal vows when Bishop Daniel visits us in June or be confirmed at a later date, when they are ready.

How Many Times Can You Be Confirmed?

Only once. Just as you are only baptized once, you only make your mature confession of faith before the Bishop in Confirmation one time.

When is Confirmation?

Bishop Daniel will be at St. Paul's on June 24 for his Episcopal visitation, including Baptism, Confirmation and Reception.

What is Reception?

Other Christian denominations practice adult affirmation of faith, much like our confirmation. Many of our members have affirmed their faith before ecclesiastical authority in those denominations. In such cases members may choose to be received into our parish by the bishop's handshake.

Please consider whether you desire to consider baptism, confirmation or reception this spring. Notify Father Green or join us on Sunday mornings for our 8:45 a.m. breakfast preceding the program.

Winter Education Program

The first initiative in implementing our parish plan for developing St. Paul's will be our adult education program. Following is a partial list to begin your development immediately.

A complete list of spiritual development offerings will be published by Lent.

- **Enquirer's Class** January 15 – February 26; Sunday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- **Weekly Lectionary Class** Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m.
- **Bible Study** Every Tuesday at 7:00 a.m. in the parish hall.
- **Reel Spirituality** Monthly as advertised in the E-News.

Ministry Opportunities

The Tactical Planning Group, working with the Vestry, is organizing volunteer assignments for our ministries. If you missed the opportunity to sign up to volunteer, sign-up sheets are available in the parish hall on the side table. We will also have a Ministry Fair in February! Information will be forthcoming.

Stewardship

If you wish to have a box of pledge envelopes, please e-mail or call the church office and we will prepare you a box. They should be available the following week after your request and can be picked up on the chest outside of the library. Contact finance@spechurch.com or admin@spechurch.com or 762-4578

St Agnes Soup and Sandwich

The upcoming event is to be held on Saturday, **January 28**.

A sign-up sheet is posted in the Parish Hall on the board titled UPCOMING EVENTS.

This is one of our largest fundraisers for supporting the nursery workers at St. Paul's along with the Thompson Childrens Home, etc.

Do you know of someone who would donate a raffle item?
Then let one of the St. Agnes ladies know who to contact.

St. Agnes Shoppe

CHRISTMAS ITEMS 50% OFF
ALL STEM GLASSWARE 75% OFF
JEWELRY CABINET CONTENTS 75% OFF
All donations appreciated!!!!!!

Second Annual St. Paul's EYC Chili Cook-Off

Super Bowl Sunday FEBRUARY 5, 2012



Calling all cooks!!!

Any Parishioner interested in submitting their famous chili recipe, please sign up on the roster in the Parish Hall. The Chili Cook-Off will take place after the 10:30 service and there will be plenty of take home containers if you cannot stay to see who gets first prize! Menu items will include chili, baked potatoes, assorted desserts and tea.

For more information, please contact our youth, Lucy Baker or Hannah King.

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BE GIVEN BACK TO THE CHURCH!

St. Paul's Facebooking

Check it out. St. Paul's has a new facebook page. Please check it out and "like" us... more importantly post on the page. The community will be much more interesting the more of us who get involved.

[Go to St. Paul's facebook page](#)

FRANK Cards Available from Men's Fellowship Group

Now you can obtain these cards in the church office.

The Men's Fellowship group is selling the FRANK Card as a fund raiser. The FRANK card gives you a discount at many, many retail stores in the Wilmington area. It is good for one year after the first day you use it. It sells for \$20.00 and the Men's group gets \$10.00. See Jeffrey Hughes to purchase your FRANK card.

Go to frankdeals.com to see what stores give the discounts. Most stores also display the FRANK logo at the door.

Assistance Needed

In view of the difficulties that we are facing at St. Paul's, I'm asking for volunteers for visits , cards , food and anything our shut-ins should need. This doesn't happen frequently, but there are times when it would even be helpful if someone could pick up from the grocery store or give a ride to church. There are many things we can do for those who are getting to the place they can't do for themselves. Keep in mind that we will all be there one day and what it would mean to have this kind of help. I will make a roster and try to rotate the names so it will be fair. Please help.... send your name to me at efancy2@aol.com or via phone to

791-3173 Thanks for doing God's work for his children. Elaine Francis

Worship on January 15

Isaiah 49:1-7 Psalm 40:1-12 1 Corinthians 1:1-9 John 1:29-42

Ministry Schedule – January 15	
8:00 Lay Ministers	Merry Ann Wright
Breakfast Chefs	Paul Hosier, Phil Virgilio
Acolytes	Hannah King, Lauren Patz, Thomas Patz, Crystal Ferguson, Sloan Saia
Altar Guild	Barbara Rooks, Candace Halecki, Vivian Scheffel, Barbara O'Rourke
Bread Bakers	Jim Edwards
Childcare	Louise Somerset
Flower Guild	Merry Ann Wright
Greeters	Pat & John Whitehead, Trish Arnold, Clare Parsons+
Hospitality	Orange
Intercessor	Suzanne Joyce
10:30 Lay Ministers	Glenn Davis David Heath Tom Freeling Wayne Fowler Cindy Horrell Jeffrey Hughes
Ushers	Don Baker, Lucy Baker
Vestry	Liz Hosier

Worship on January 22

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 Psalm 62:6-14 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20

Ministry Schedule – January 22	
8:00 Lay Ministers	Richard Beebee
Breakfast Chefs	Tom Carnes, Bill Baker
Acolytes	Hassel Cooper, Richie Peacock, Lucy Baker, Andrew Uzcategui, Rebecca Letson
Altar Guild	Nancy Singleton, Diane Trubia
Bread Bakers	Barbara O'Rourke
Childcare	Ali Moseley
Flower Guild	Suzanne Joyce
Greeters	Clare Parsons, Trish Arnold
Hospitality	Blue
Intercessor	Gordon Keifer
10:30 Lay Ministers	Matt King Dee Keifer Larry Hartman Gordon Keifer Keith Calder Ronnie Tousignant
Ushers	Don Bobo, Richard Rooks
Vestry	Lynda Miller

No E-News Next Week

Please note that the Ministry Schedule for Jan. 22 is included in this E-News as there may not be an E-News sent out next week due to the administrative assistant being on vacation.

Mardi Gras

It is time to mark your calendar for Saturday, February 18, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Come CELEBRATE your STEWARDSHIP

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Party with a "Purpose" Grow with St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board soon.