

LENT 2010

Forty days at St. Paul's, Cleveland Heights

It is our hope that you will find these Lenten offerings a resource to deepen your faith and help you grow ever more certain of Christ's love during these forty days.

preparation, study, drama

College Lenten Reflection

Each day throughout Lent and Easter, college students are invited to a spiritual reflection and discussion of Dante Alighieri's *Divine Comedy*. *La Divina Commedia (Inferno, Purgatorio e Paradiso)* is a masterpiece of Western literature and is known for its deep spiritual and socio-political dimensions. As a story of Dante's own journey, it reflects our own journey through the Lent and Easter seasons.

Meditations on portions of the work will be posted by the Rev. Matt Humm, St. Paul's Youth Minister, on a blog – <http://lentthrougheasterwithdante.blogspot.com> – which may be used as a forum for discussion and further study. Links to the portions of the *Divine Comedy* will be provided, although they are not necessary for comment—reference material and commentary links will also be provided.

This blog offers a wonderful way to observe the season, gain spiritual perspective amid coursework, and stay connected to your faith community. Students, e-mail your correct address to Allison Paetz at apaetz@stpauls-church.org. If you have questions, contact Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program, at kgillooly@stpauls-church.org or the Rev. Matt Humm, Youth Minister, at mhummm@stpauls-church.org.

Drama Dreamers Spring Musical: *Godspell*

Nightly at 7 p.m., March 5-7; plus Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

The Youth of St. Paul's are proud to present *Godspell: A Musical Based Upon the Gospel According to St. Matthew*, by John-Michael Tebelak, with music and new lyrics by Stephen Schwartz. Drawing from various theatrical traditions, such as clowning, pantomime, charades, acrobatics and vaudeville, *Godspell* is a groundbreaking and unique reflection on the life of Jesus, with a message of kindness, tolerance and love.

Performances will be held in the Dining Room Friday, March 5, at 7 p.m., Saturday, March 6, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 7, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are \$7 per person; children 12 years old and under will be admitted free of charge. All proceeds from the production go to Youth Stewardship Outreach Fund to support local and global projects that help people in need. Plan to join us for a performance or two, and invite a friend to experience it with you! Tickets will be on sale on Sundays, February 21 and 28 and at the door. For more information, please contact Allison Paetz at (216) 932-5815 or apaetz@stpauls-church.org.

New Children's Drama Opportunity

We have an exciting new way to continue our partnership with St. Luke's Episcopal Church on the West Side of Cleveland! 3rd through 5th graders from St. Paul's will join with children from St. Luke's to perform two short plays at both congregations. Any interested 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader is invited to participate – no experience necessary! This will be a chance to have fun and learn about God in a new way. Drama ministry is more than performing in front of an audience. It is about working together and building relationships with those we might not otherwise get to know.

There will be four rehearsals on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8 p.m. starting February 15 alternating between St. Luke's and St. Paul's. We will have one performance at St. Luke's on Sunday, March 14, following their morning service, and one at St. Paul's on Sunday, March 21, at 10 a.m. We are also looking for parent volunteers to drive to St. Luke's and provide snacks for rehearsals. If you have any questions, or would like to get involved, please contact our Intern for Youth and Family Outreach, Clara Coughlin at ccoughlin@stpauls-church.org.

worship, fellowship, discovery

Ash Wednesday Services

Wednesday, February 17, at 7:30 a.m., 12 noon, and 7:30 p.m.

Choose the time that best fits your schedule; come and begin the season of Lent with a meditative service and imposition of ashes. *Please check the schedule board at church for the location of the service you want to attend.*

Children's Ash Wednesday Service, 5:30 p.m. in the Nave

All are welcome to join us in the Nave for a brief, child-friendly service that explores the symbols of Lent and ends with imposition of ashes and informal communion. Similar to our Children's Way of the Cross offered on Good Friday, this service includes movement, music, symbols and a chance to reflect on the meaning of the season. Contact Kate Gillooly, Minister for Christian Formation and Program, at kgillooly@stpauls-church.org, or the Rev. Lisa Hackney, lhackney@stpauls-church.org for further information.

Wednesdays Together in Lent

Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31

Observe Lent with us on Wednesday evenings at St. Paul's where you'll find a full worship, kinship and discipleship experience! Childcare for infants, toddlers and preschoolers will be provided from 6 to 8 p.m.

We'll Come Together to Worship

Join us for Holy Eucharist in the Nave at 6 p.m.

We'll Share a Meal Together

A simple supper will be provided by parish groups at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room.

We'll Engage in Spiritual Discovery

Choose one of these programs designed to help you grow faithfully, spiritually, intellectually during the Lenten season. Each session meets from 7 to 8 p.m. The Circle of Quiet (and Labyrinth) will be available in Tucker Hall.

GMAG Book Discussion

Global Mission Action Group will host book and video discussions on economic and human rights issues in Africa and Afghanistan on five Wednesday evenings in Lent. A packet of book reviews, papers by African leaders, and other materials will be available for \$3 in the Parish Office. Join us for one or all of the discussions in the Brooks Room.

February 24 — *The Challenge For Africa*, by Wangari Maathai, member of Kenya's Parliament in 2002-2003, later Kenya's Assistant Minister for Environment, Natural Resources, and Wildlife, founder the Green Belt Movement, and Nobel Peace Prize winner, 2004.

March 3 — Voices of Africa, a discussion of statements by past and present African leaders.

March 10 — *Yesterday*, a heartfelt drama directed by Darrell James Roodt, and the first Zulu language film to be released internationally.

March 17 — Women In Africa, a discussion of several books by African authors.

March 24 — A discussion of books by Greg Mortensen, Rory Stewart and Tracy Kidder

Youth Personal Desert Experience in Lent

The Early Christian "Desert Tradition" was one which influenced both Western Monastic traditions, as well as contemplative spirituality in the Christian Church. This Desert Tradition was one made and pioneered by amazing women and men who went out into the desert of North Africa (Egypt) and sought to abandon all of the distractions of the world which kept them from being close to God in Jesus Christ.

The Lenten Season offers us a similar opportunity to give up certain things in order to help us to see our spiritual lives a little clearer. So, throughout Lent, the youth of St. Paul's (and anyone else interested) are invited to join the Rev. Matt Humm as we go on a "virtual pilgrimage" into the desert of Lent. We will meet for two evening sessions after the 6:30 Lenten dinner on **Wednesday, March 3, and Wednesday, March 24**. The first

of these will be to prepare and distribute materials (Personal Desert Kits). Along with the sessions, participants are invited to a blog – <http://virtualskete.blogspot.com> – where daily meditations from the Desert Monks and Psalms will be posted, and comments welcome.

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Children's Program – Children's Literature As Windows Into Spirituality

All children of all ages and their families are invited to the Evans Room for a look at children's books that explore religious questions. As we seek to grow closer to God during Lent (and always!) we can look to some very special stories of friendship, forgiveness, and new beginnings. Led by members of the Church School Board, our time together will include story time, discussion, crafts and games. Feel free to bring your favorite story to share as well.

prayer, reflection, centering

A Circle of Quiet: Time and Space for Contemplative Prayer & Labyrinth

Every Wednesday in Lent, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The Labyrinth is an ancient symbol that relates to wholeness. It combines the imagery of the circle and spiral into a meandering but purposeful path. Labyrinths have long been used as meditation and prayer tools. Join us to walk our canvas labyrinth, or just to drink in the peace and quiet of the evening. Resources for prayer and quiet meditation will be made available. Each session is hosted by volunteers, ready to help you experience this time of prayer, meditation, movement and stillness.

Lenten Offerings at St. Alban's

Throughout Lent, the Rev. Matt Humm will be offering Rite I Morning Prayer on **Monday Mornings at 8 a.m.**, and Stations of the Cross on **Friday Evenings at 6 p.m. at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Euclid Heights Boulevard in Cleveland Heights**. A Saturday 'Quiet Day' will also be offered on **March 13**. All are welcome. If you have questions, contact the Rev. Matt Humm, St. Paul's Youth Minister and Priest-in-Charge at St. Alban's, at mhummm@stpauls-church.org.

listening, spirituality, arts

Sunday Mornings in Lent

Sowing Tears, Reaping Joy: The Bible and the Brahms Requiem

Seven Sundays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, April 11 & 18, 10:10 a.m. in the Dining Room

The Brahms *Requiem* differs from traditional Latin requiems by its emphasis on consolation, reconciling the living with the idea of suffering and death. Drawing on his deep faith and knowledge of Scripture, Brahms takes us on a journey, not necessarily from grief to hope, but through grief to hope.

On Sunday mornings in Lent through the second and third Sundays of Easter, the Rev. Richard Israel will lead an adult study exploring this moving music during the Christian formation hour. Join us as we listen to the Brahms *Requiem* and meditate upon the hope that is ours in Christ.

Apostleship in the Library: Focus on Racial Reconciliation

Five Sundays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14 & 21, 10:10 a.m. in the Parish Library

Lent invites us to take stock and focus on the places in our lives where we fall short of the glory of God. We enter into this Lenten discipline as individuals and as a community. Join St. Paul's Racial Reconciliation Action Group on Sundays in Lent as we take stock of our community's complex relationship with matters of race. *Watch Parish Notes for weekly topics for this series.*

Music During Lent

Choral Evensong by St. Paul's Senior Choir

Sunday, March 7, 5 p.m.

Music for the Passion Week

Sunday, March 28, 3 p.m.

Lindsay Anderson, mezzo-soprano; Karel Paukert, organ

Works by J.S. Bach, F. Mendelssohn, J. Brahms, M. Reger and A. Dvorák

Good Friday Community Service

Friday, April 2, 12 to 3 p.m.

Franz Lachner: *Stabat Mater* for female vocal ensemble and string quintet

Holy Week



Children's Way of the Cross

Good Friday, April 2, 5:30 p.m.

Children's Way of the Cross is a devotion based on the ancient practice of pilgrims in Jerusalem, offering prayer at a series of places traditionally associated with Jesus' final hours. Our Children's Way of the Cross is designed to connect themes of Good Friday—sacrifice, courage and compassion—with the everyday lives of children and, indeed, of all ages. At each station, we will think and pray about what happened to Jesus on his journey to the cross, explore our feelings about it, remember Jesus' love for each of us, and discover ways to follow Jesus in our everyday lives. This experience is designed for people of all ages. Families are encouraged to participate together. Childcare will be provided for the littlest ones.

Worship Schedule

March 28, Palm Sunday

Holy Eucharist, 7:45 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m. (9 a.m. worship begins outdoors.)

Monday, Tuesday, March 29 & 30

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. — Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 31

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist, 6:00 p.m.

April 1, Maundy Thursday

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Stripping of the Altar, and Tenebrae, 7:30 p.m.

April 2, Good Friday

Morning Prayer, 8:30 a.m.

Community ecumenical service: *The Seven Last Words*, 12 to 3 p.m.

Children's Way of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m.

April 3, Holy Saturday

The Great Vigil of Easter, 7:30 p.m.

April 4, Easter Day

Holy Eucharist, **7:30 a.m.**, 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 5 p.m.

