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Sunday Services

8:00 a.m. – Holy Communion Said service

9:15 a.m. – Traditional/Choral Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

11:00 a.m. – Praise Music Holy Communion. Kids are invited to join the God Squad for children’s worship, crafts and games. Nursery care also available.

Other Services

10:00 a.m Wednesday – Bible Study and Eucharist

2:00 p.m. Thursday – “Seniors’ Afternoon Out” Service and Social

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December edition deadline:
Tuesday, December 1, 2015

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A message from Father John

Saints on the journey

I am reminded at this time of year about the loss of good friends and family. It seems that we have had a great deal of loss in the parish recently. We all have times of loss in our lives that can lead to moments of sadness and grief. I believe that grief is healthy and important if we are going to make sense of the world we live in. Grief and loss are not things you get over, but rather learn to live with. I am the person I am, in large measure, because of the people I have met in my life.

When I think back about my faith journey and all the individuals who have supported my Christian walk, I have been blessed to encounter many saints of the Church and am amazed that their influence is still present in my life and my decisions. Just recently, I re-read the history of St. Paul's that Matthias Joost prepared for our Anniversary last year. I was once again struck by the large number of people who have worked for the ministry of St. Paul's.

Much of society would ask us to look to celebrities or business moguls to find our heroes in this life. But the



From the desk of Father Craig

Remembrance and hope

How time flies. I looked at what I wrote a year ago, and came across my comment on how we as Canadians felt called to protect the Yazidis people. Called to protect a people that clearly offers us no gain or benefit.

November is a month to remember. To remember those who offer their lives in service to their God and His people. "Remembrance Day" is certainly part of that. I am so thankful that Fr. Bill will be helping the legion visit the seniors' residences when I am away next week.

It is a month to remember the "Saints". November 1

church asks us to look at the times and circumstances of people's lives and see when their faithfulness has become an example to us.

All Saints tells the story of ordinary people whose faith and witness gives us hope. They were not perfect, but are remembered for the times when they allowed their faith to triumph in this world and chose to follow Christ's example.

All Saints invites us choose to be an example for others. I hope to take the time this All Saints Day and thank God for those who went before us in their Christian Walk.

Peace Love and Laughter,

is "All Saints Day". In speaking to the seniors this afternoon I asked the question, "Who are the saints?" When I told them that the saints were them, a good friend of mine chuckled. But it is true: "Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, to the saints who are at Ephesus, to the faithful in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians 1:1), or "Paul and Timothy, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons" (Philippians 1:1).

Curious that bishops and deacons (and I am sure priests) seem to be outside that list of saints. OK, I

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was having a little fun with that, but in fact...

It's the faithful in Christ Jesus that are the saints of the Church. What a gift it is to be numbered as one of the saints. Yes, we remember those who have a special place in witnessing to the love and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But part of the reason they have a special place is that they help us to understand that they are broken like us, but their hope in the one who is perfect, and in whom we can find perfection, Jesus, is there for us as well.

On All Saints Day this year we read the story of Lazarus. Jesus weeps and has compassion for the people of God. And then He says for all present that he is thankful the His Father has heard His prayer. I never truly understood that since nowhere does it say beforehand that Jesus was praying to the Father. A wonderful bishop in the UK comments that Jesus had been praying to the Father since first hearing the news of Lazarus' illness. And Jesus had prayed for Lazarus until He called him out of the tomb.

My understanding of this compassionate, self-giving God that we the saints today and of old follow is that He prays for all of us until one day He will call our name and we, too, will rise, ready to follow Him!

In Christ,
Fr. Craig



Operation Christmas Child Boxes due November 15, 2015

I am organizing the Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes again this year at St. Paul's. The boxes are currently available and need to be returned to St. Paul's in the hallway by November 15th, 2015.

Last year, St. Paul's donated 161 gift-filled shoe boxes. Thank you for your generosity.

If you would like further information, please feel free to contact me at jenniferfrigon@gmail.com or go to: <http://www.samaritanspurse.ca/operation-christmas-child/>

Thank you,
Jennifer Frigon



Kanata Food Cupboard Volunteers needed

Can you spare about 3 hours every six weeks?

We have many jobs as volunteers and we need you. We pack food for deliveries one night a week, then on 4 nights a week we assist clients shop with the help of packing cards.

We also need people who we call greeters. Greeters meet the clients as they arrive, check their I.D. and get their shopping cards ready.

We are also looking for couples to deliver the food on Tuesday evenings starting at 5:30 p.m. We normally start the shifts at the Kanata Food Cupboard at 4:45 p.m.

This is an important outreach for St. Paul's. If you can help us, please contact me at 613-509-1304 or heather.colls@ncf.ca.

Thank you!
Heather Colls



WHICH DIRECTION DO WE FOLLOW?

An Invitation to all parishioners
to participate in:

FOCUS GROUP SESSION # 3

Our Building, our Facilities and Our Money

Exploring new opportunities in providing the necessary physical and financial resources to support the continuance and growth of St Paul's Mission and Ministry to our Community and beyond.

***Wednesday, November 4th, 2015
7:00 PM in the church hall***

90 minutes of your time can help discern and create new ways of delivering and supporting our work for Christ.
Your input is important! All welcome!

Christmas Bazaar

November 27-28, 2015

Mark your calendars and invite your friends!

St. Paul's annual Christmas Bazaar is coming:

Friday, Nov 27, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 28, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come out and enjoy a Chili Supper on Friday and Luncheon on Saturday.

We need your donations!!

Have you started your knitting, sewing, craft/gift ideas, baking & cooking plans to help contribute to this year's bazaar?

We are looking for new or gently used items, such as toys, children's books, adult books, jewellery, Christmas decorations, and gently used gifts and decorations. Please, no household furniture, paintings, lamps, etc.

We are looking in particular for donations of gently used toys, games and puzzles (please make sure they are complete!) for the Children's Toy Table.

We would also like to offer sales of **pre-made deli/prepared foods** for the bazaar weekend. So, if you would like to make and donate some yourself, please get cookin' and bring your donations to the church on Thursday, Nov 26 and Friday, Nov 27.

In November, after each of the Sunday services, we will be taking our annual Meat Pie Orders. Pre-order sheets will be available in the narthex. The proceeds from all the meat pie and home-made soup sales will be part of the Bazaar profits.



Please support this important St. Paul's fundraiser, and stay tuned for more details during the announcements on Sundays.

Questions? Please contact Minx Mulhall at: minxmulhall@hotmail.com.

Bazaar Weekend Volunteers Needed!

Can you help out the weekend of the bazaar? Sign up sheets will be available after the Sunday services.

The Children's Toy Table is looking for people to unpack and organize the toys on Thursday evening. We also need help at the table Friday evening and Saturday, and with clean-up on Saturday. Please call or e mail me: 613-509-1304 or heather.colls@ncf.ca.

Extra help will be needed for set-up through to Saturday clean-up. Please sign up. We need your help!

Can you help, but won't be in church to sign up? Please contact Minx Mulhall at: minxmulhall@hotmail.com.



The Ottawa Area Christian Meditation Coordinating Committee



Advent Retreat with Fr. Hervé Tremblay O.P. Hoping for the Coming of the Messiah with the Prophet Isaiah

The prophet Isaiah is the most read prophet during the Advent season and there is a good reason for this. Historically, in the many crises he had to face in his time with a desperate people, he was able to see beyond such events, and keep alive the hope for a better future based on the Lord's promises and the hope for the coming of the One who will save his people. This is why he has been called "the fifth evangelist". During this retreat, we will read and meditate on the most prominent texts of this prophet which are read in the liturgy of Advent.



Fr. Hervé Tremblay, a Dominican Friar, is professor of Old Testament at Dominican University College in Ottawa. He joined religious life in 1982 and was ordained priest in 1990. He completed biblical studies in Rome from 1990 to 1994 where he also taught from 1999 to 2001. He returned to Ottawa and resumed his teaching at Dominican University College. Fr. Hervé Tremblay is now Dean of the Faculty of Theology.

WHERE: **St Patrick's Basilica**
 281 Nepean Street, Ottawa ON K1R 5G2

WHEN: **Saturday 28 November 2015**

All are welcome. Registration begins at 9:15 AM downstairs in the Scavi.

Retreat begins at 10:00 AM and concludes by 3:00 PM.

There is no charge for the retreat but a goodwill offering is appreciated so we can continue to offer Christian Meditation events in the Ottawa area. This is a brown bag bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be available.

There will be Christian Meditation books for sale.

Free parking is available in the church lot and across the street in St Patrick's School yard. OC Transpo service is also available.

Information and Registration Contact Email: cmadventretreat@gmail.com if you need more information or if you are registering your attendance at the retreat.

The Biblical Eagle

by Johan de Jong

During the short Newfoundland summer season many cruisers dock in the harbour of St. John's releasing large groups of tourist which flood the streets of the old town. Many of them find their way to the neo-gothic Anglican Cathedral. One of the frequent question I heard guiding them through the old building was: "Why is the eagle associated with the pulpit?" My general answer was that the bird was an age-old symbol in the Bible that was often used in the architecture and the history of the Christian Church. But upon reflection I thought I had to find a more complete answer for my guests. These are some of my findings, using quotations from the NRSV 1989 Bible.

Old Testament

In the Hebrew Bible the eagle is first mentioned as an unclean bird, not to be consumed by the people of Israel (Leviticus 11:13, 18), but more importantly the attributes of the distant bird of prey, soaring high above mankind in the sky, seemingly aloof but keenly observing the world below and striking with unexpected speed and power on specific well defined targets, are frequently used to reflect divine characteristics in the *Tanach*.

Distance & Remoteness: The qualities of the natural environment, in which the bird of prey lives and is observed, together with its keen powers of observation are mentioned.



"Is it by your command that the eagle mounts up and makes its nest on high; it lives on the rock and makes its home in the fastness of the rocky crag. From there it spies the prey; its eyes see it from far away. Its young ones suck up blood; and where the slain are, there it is." - Job 39:27

"I do not understand the way of an eagle in the sky" - Proverbs. 30:19

"Although you make your nest as high as the eagle's, from there I'll bring you down" - Jeremiah. 49:16

"Though you soar aloft like the eagle, though your nest is set among the stars, from there I will bring you down" - Hosea. 4

Surprise, Speed and Power: The characteristics of an eagle's strike on a target are often cited in descriptions of attack or pursuit or the passing of time.

The Lord will bring down a nation from far away, "to swoop down on you like an eagle" - Deuteronomy 28:49

Speaking about Saul and his son Jonathan, "They were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions" - 2 Samuel 23

Speaking about the swift passing of days, "They go by like skiffs of reed, like an eagle swooping on the prey" - Job 9:26

Speaking about an invading army, "His horses are swifter than eagles" - Jeremiah 4:13

Talking about an imminent attack, "he shall swoop down like an eagle, and spread his wings against Moab" - Jeremiah 48:40

And lamenting the attack on Zion, "Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles in the heavens" - Lamentations 4:19

"Their horsemen come from far away; they fly like an eagle swift to devour" - Habakkuk 1:8

Rescue & Renewal: The image of the eagle becomes a symbol of a new beginning, a physical as well as spiritual rebirth In association with God.

God speaking to Israel about the exodus from Egypt, "how I bore you on eagle's wing and brought you to myself" - Exodus 19:4

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Speaking about God, “who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s” - Psalm 103:5

“those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings of eagles, they shall run and not be weary” - Isaiah 40:31

Agents of God: In prophetic visions eagles become agents of God or aspects of eagles are associated with a divine manifestation.

The 4 faces of “something like four living creatures”: a human being, a lion, an ox, “and the face of an eagle” - Ezekiel 1:10

The 4 faces of the 4 wheels of the divine chariot: a cherub, a human being, a lion “and an eagle” - Ezekiel 10:14

Describing 4 beasts rising out of the sea, “The first was like a lion and had eagles’ wings” - Daniel 7:4

In a vision two great eagles establish fruitful vineyards. - Ezekiel 17:3-8

New Testament

In contrast with the *Tanach* the eagle is sparingly mentioned in the New Testament. In some early translations of the gospels of Matthew and Luke, obviously quoting the same source eagles are mentioned in association with a human corpse. But in later translations the original Greek word has been changed. In the King James Bible the “eagles” still gather to look after corpses, while in the New Revised Standard Bible the more appropriate “vultures” are doing the job. The only other mention of an eagle in the New Testament is in Revelation, where it appears in a description of a manifestation of the divine, quite similar to those described earlier by Ezekiel and Daniel.

Scavengers: When eagles were mistaken for vultures.

KJV:

“For wheresoever the carcass is, there will the eagles be gathered” - Matthew 24:28

“Wheresoever the body is, thither will the eagles be gathered together” -

Luke 17:37

NRSV:

“Wherever the corpse is, there the vultures will gather” - Matthew 24:28

“Where the corpse is, there the vultures will gather” - Luke 17:37

Apostles of Christ: A flying eagle appears as one of the four living creatures which surround the throne of Christ. These beings have been associated with the traditional authors of the four Gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. (The heavenly throne is a well established idea in Judaism and is mentioned earlier in Isaiah 6 and Ezekiel 1):

“Around the throne ... are four living creatures ... the first ... like a lion ... the second ... like an ox ... the third ... with a face like a human face ... and the fourth ... like a flying eagle” - Revelation 4:7

In this image, where the eagle is clearly associated with the apostolic role, in terms of testifying for Christ and spreading his message across the world, that the eagle became specifically associated with the pulpit, the place from where the faithful hear the Word of God. Combined with the older image, of the eagle as a distant but effective agent of God in rescuing mankind, the new image presents a powerful image of GOD’S GRACE.



Remembering Private Percival Peach

by Lenna Gore, with Alison Stortz

Editor's Note: In November 2014, 888,246 ceramic poppies were "planted" in the lawn around the Tower of London to represent those who died in the first World War, one of whom was Lenna's grandfather. Lenna wanted to buy a poppy, but wasn't able to get one. Then she discovered that her grandfather would be included in a memorial dedicated to boys from his home village of Stapenhill. Seven poppies are on permanent display at Paulet High School in Burton-upon-Trent, with the names of 8 Stapenhill young men (including 2 brothers). Lenna and I wrote this up and sent it to the school for their records. Lenna passed away in October 2015.

My grandfather, Percival Peach, was born in July 1893, the only son of John Peach and Lenna Emily (Southern) Peach. Percival had one older sister, Annie Peach, who died in 1959.

At age 17, Percival lived at The Nook in Rolleston as a butcher's apprentice with the Oliver family. My grandmother, Daisy Annie Halford, was a lady's maid at Rolleston Hall, so I assume that's where they met. Percival and Daisy were married in 1913 and my mother, Daisy Lenna Peach, was born on December 2, 1914. They were living at The Plough Inn at the time. Their second daughter, Violet Emily Peach, was born March 21, 1917. She died at age 94 in July 2011.

Percival served as a Private with the Royal Berkshire Regiment (service #41360), likely in the 7th (Service) Battalion, then transferred to the 12th (Labour) Battalion, which became the 162nd and 163rd Labour Companies of the Labour Corps in April 1917 (Labour Corps #562712). His battalion served with the 26th Division in Salonika, Greece (now Thessaloniki). Percival survived the war but, like many other soldiers, contracted the Spanish Flu. He died at age 25 on December 10, 1918, only a few days before he was due to be sent home. He is buried in the Mikra British Cemetery in Kalamaria, Greece.

My grandmother was apparently wearing green the day she received the telegram informing her of my grandfather's death. She abhorred that colour for the rest of her life and never wore green again. Later, she married Herbert Gilliland, who became a beloved

father to Daisy and Violet. They had a son, Herbert, who passed away in 2001.

My mother never really knew her father, but she liked to share stories about him. It seems he was very musically inclined - he is said to have sung to the troops on Burton Station. She also inherited his sense of duty, and dedicated herself to a long career in nursing. During WWII, she served as a nursing sister at Calderstones Hospital, just outside Preston in Lancashire. In 1984, my mother and I visited my grandfather's grave in Greece. Standing at Percival's graveside was a profoundly moving experience. My mother passed away on July 12, 2001.

Thank you for creating this memorial to these young Stapenhill men, including my grandfather, who died so young, but are not forgotten.

Lenna Gore



Calling all curlers

Season starts November 7

If you like a bit of exercise, friendly competition, and chatting over a beverage, then St. Paul's curling group is for you!

We curl **every second Saturday** evening at the Nepean Sportsplex from November until March. **Our season will start at 7 p.m. on Saturday, November 7.**

After we finish curling, we adjourn to a local pub for some après-curl refreshments.

This season's curling dates:

November 7 and 21

December 5

January 9 and 23

February 6, 20 and 27

March 5

We usually have about 20 curlers every year, with representatives from all three St. Paul's services and even a few participants from neighbouring churches. Invite your friends and neighbours to join us.

You will need clean, comfortable shoes, but you do not require any special equipment - the curling rink supplies the rocks and the brooms. No experience necessary - if you have not tried curling before, we will be happy to teach you.

The cost for the season is usually about \$60 (the exact amount depends on how many people participate).

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Dave Dobson (dabdobson@gmail.com).

Hope to see you on the ice!

Dave



Upcoming Focus Groups

by Chris Harder

Speak Lord, your servant is listening. "1 Samuel 3:10 - An on-going journey of discernment

When reflecting on the gifts the Lord has given St. Paul's, it is clear that we are a Church that is blessed. Like our free gift of salvation, we respond to our blessing with thanks and action.

Even if you missed the previous Focus Groups, you are welcome to come to the next one!

Our remaining Focus Group dates are:

Focus Groups 3 and 4 (Our Building, and Our Money): **Wed, Nov 4, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Focus Group 5 (Our People): **Wed, Dec 2, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Hope to see you there!

Chris Harder,

Priorities and Development Group PC Rep

Cursillo upcoming events

Hope to see you there!

MEN'S 121st WEEKEND, November 5-8, 2015

WOMEN'S 122nd WEEKEND, November 19-22, 2015

WELCOME BACK, Sunday, January 17, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's, 930 Watson St.

WORKSHOP, Saturday, April 16, 2016, at St. Stephen's, 930 Watson St.

Ultreya!



The pastor's cat

submitted by Diane Brown

Dwight Nelson recently told a true story about the pastor of his church. He had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc.

The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and pulled it until the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten.

That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit further, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little further forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten sailed through the air - out of sight.

The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten.

No. Nobody had seen a stray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.


A few days later he was at the grocery store, and met one of his church members.

He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?"

She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it."

She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her."

Never underestimate the power of God and His unique sense of humour.



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