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Summer Sunday Services (June 26 to September 4)

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

10:00 a.m. – Combined service with Traditional/Choral and Praise Music Holy Communion. Kids' quiet activities provided in the sanctuary. Nursery also available.

Other Services

10:00 a.m. **Wednesday** – Bible Study and Eucharist continues throughout the summer.

2:00 p.m. **Thursday** – “Seniors' Afternoon Out” Service and Social will resume on September 8.

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September edition deadline:
Tuesday, September 6, 2016

Please send submissions to:
cornerstone@stpaulshk.org



A message from Father John and Father Craig

A time of thanksgiving... We thank you, Lord

We have a beautiful Thanksgiving Litany in the Book of Alternative Services (p128) which includes the refrain, “We thank you, Lord.” It is a litany, a prayer, which we don’t often use in worship, but we could easily use it at home and in our daily prayers.

We thank you, Lord, for this past year. It has been a year, more or less, since we were asked to consider developing a team ministry for both St. Paul’s and Christ Church Ashton. We wish to offer thanks to the **people of both parishes** who have, in good faith, supported this work, not sure how it would all unfold!

We thank you, Lord, for honorary assistants. We are so blessed to have a breadth of vision and talent that is shared for building up God’s kingdom in this place and time. It is humbling to work with people who have served so faithfully.

We thank you, Lord, for parish administration. So many people share in the administrative work for the parishes we serve. Lord, continue to guide and direct those who help guide and direct us!

We thank you, Lord, for worship leaders. In the Westminster Shorter Catechism 1646, the first question is: what is the chief end of man? Answer: Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever. Worship and praise! Lord, help us to be mindful that this is the true work we are to be about. Bless those who sing, serve and teach the children!

We thank you, Lord, for pastoral care. Lord, strengthen those who go out into the world bearing your name and sharing your light.

We thank you, Lord, for summer. May the coming months bring us time of rest and relaxation. May we take time to find more time for prayer and quiet acts of service.

We thank you, Lord, for community. We are a people of communion – a people called to live and work as one. May the months ahead be a time when we consider how we are to work for the “common” good, living as the Body of Christ.

And, as the prayer in the BAS begins, let us close: Let us give thanks to God our Father, always and for everything, saying, “We thank you, Lord.”

Peace, love and laughter,

Fr. John and Fr. Craig

Chicken BBQ caption contest

And the winner of two free tickets is...

Bob Moxley, with this caption: “What do you mean the BBQ isn’t until NEXT Friday!!”



We again had a nice display of the parish’s humour for this year’s caption contest. Mathias took the submissions to work and had his merry band of clowns review the captions. This impartial group did a blind review of the submissions and made their choice. There were two other similar entries; however, Mathias’ clown posse decided that, as Bob Moxley had submitted his caption first, he should be awarded the two tickets. Actually, Bob was presented with 2 half chickens, which he had to cook himself! Congratulations to Bob for his winning submission and sense of humour.

My thanks go out to all of you who sent in a caption. It certainly made for some interesting reading and not a few chuckles!

Mathias Joost

Are you looking for a University level Theology course, which is run in the Kanata/Stittsville area?



Would you like to join with other local Anglicans doing the course with you? Are you a leader or do you aspire to be a leader at St Paul's? Do you wonder-what is my role as a Christian lay person? Are you looking for a course that is also practical?

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Year 4: Theology, ethics, other faiths

The Course also includes Spiritual autobiography, Theological reflection and the opportunity to explore our personal baptismal ministry. If cost is the only barrier, options can be explored. Cost of time: 3hrs reading, 3 hrs seminar/week. Requirement for openness, to hear and engage theologians who we may or may not agree with, but be willing to understand and explore what they have to say.

For more information please talk to Dot Sweeney or Heather Colls; or contact William Passmore (613-836-2876; cpassmore@sympatico.ca). If interested, please sign the list in the Narthex.

What does it cost?

Course \$350

Books \$45

Total \$395

Cursillo upcoming events Summer Ultreyas at Andrew Hayden Park

Prayer & Praise (Ultreya) - SUMMER Edition at Andrew Hayden Park!

*Rain Location at St. Stephen's Anglican Church / 930 Watson St. Ottawa, ON

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 / 7:00 PM

Wednesday, July 20, 2016 / 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 / 7:00 PM

The Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement has regular "Prayer and Praise" gatherings of the community (Ultreyas) that take place in several locations around the diocese. These gatherings consist of praise and worship, a testimonial talk and small group reunions. For any questions, please email us at communications@oacm.ca

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Bring A Friend!

Gifts of love are always appreciated. OACM is a registered charity and completely self sustaining. Please

consider the Ottawa Anglican Cursillo Movement in the possibility of making a gift towards a candidate who will attend a weekend in 2016.

123rd Women's Cursillo Weekend
October 27 - 30, 2016

124th Men's Cursillo Weekend
November 24 - 27, 2016

Please pray for the Rectors, Teams, and those who will be coming on the weekends!



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Tuesday, September 27, 2016
6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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Remember the Telephone Ministry?

New technology makes a new “telephone ministry” possible

In the mid-1990s, Rector’s Warden Bonnie Harris had the idea of taking our Sunday service to people who could not attend in person, using telephones. We acquired two suitable telephones with hands-free capability, and the first service was carried to the Kanata Retirement Home on an Easter Sunday. Two members of the parish attended at the residence, to set up and assist those attending if needed. At the time of communion, members of the parish received the consecrated elements from Father Rick, and carried them to the outstation, and administered them to those attending the service. This test worked very well and was greatly appreciated by the residents at the home.

Subsequently, we began to regularly provide the service to the Kanata retirement home on the first Sunday each month, and Fairfield Manor on the third Sunday of the month. In addition, when requested, we would connect to parish members who were confined to their home, or in hospital. On several occasions, we also connected to remote family members for weddings and funerals. Technical limits allowed only two outstations at a time, and of course they only heard the service on the phone - no video.

Our Sunday services now stream live on the internet, with excellent video and audio. Several parishioners regularly make use of this service, with family members bringing consecrated elements home after the service.

We are considering reviving the “Telephone Ministry” using the internet broadcast. Over the summer, we will be talking with the many retirement homes in the area to determine the level of interest in such a service, and the resources that are available at each location that is interested. We will also need support from the parish to do this. Specifically, we need:

- individuals to attend at the residences to set up the service, and assist attendees as needed, and
- runners to take the consecrated elements to the outstation at the time of communion.

If you would be interested in participating in this ministry, please contact Bill Colls by e-mail at william.colls@ncf.ca, by telephone at 613-509-1304, or speak with him at church.

God Squad news

Summer is coming! Our **end-of-year potluck picnic** will take place on **Sunday, June 26, following the 10 a.m. service**. Some of our God Squad kids will be participating in the 10 a.m. service on June 26, so please come and support them and stay for some fun and games afterwards.



During the summer, we will be providing God Squad “lessons in a bag” and colouring pages for kids to work on during the service.

God Squad will officially resume on Sunday, September 11.

Thank you to all our teachers and volunteers. A special thank-you to Wayne Keech, who made wooden crosses for the God Squad kids.

The God Squad is in need of more Sunday School teachers (no previous experience or lesson planning is required). If you love kids, and would like to give some time to this important Ministry, please speak to Tracy Albert (613-470-5647), Joyce Prentice (613-592-4426), or Amy McKechnie.

Mission trip to Nicaragua approaches!

July 2016

In July 2016, five members of St. Paul's (Cathleen Reid, Janet Tonks, Marsha Fisher, Ray & Lorna Brule) will be travelling with SchoolBOX on a Mission Trip to Masaya, Nicaragua, with 4 members of St. Thomas' Stittsville, who have made 3 previous trips.

As volunteers, we will be doing some physical labour, ie: assisting in the build. But, even more importantly, we will be there to encourage their children to attend and stay in school.

We are all very excited about this Mission Trip and look forward to coming home with lots of stories to share. As with all trips, your on-going prayer support is essential and appreciated.

Please know how very thankful we are for the support of our Community.

Lorna Brule and the Nicaragua Mission Trip Team



School Build Project
Gilberto Siles School
Masaya, Nicaragua



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Project Cost:
\$18,000 USD

Project Breakdown

1 Classrooms: \$17,000
Classroom Tools: \$1000
(Desks, chairs, Whiteboard)

School Statistics:

41 Students
3 Teachers
Kindergarten to Grade 6

Community Statistics:

320 Families
Avg 3 Children per Family
Avg Family Salary: \$ 85US/mth



The Gilberto Siles School is located close to the Laguna de Apoyo near Masaya, Nicaragua. The school has been in operation for over 30 years. Over the past few years, the school has become overcrowded, so the parents built two makeshift shelters out of wood and metal for the children to learn in.

Preschool children are forced to learn in a dark and dusty room with no air flow, while children in the higher grades learn under a tin roof with no walls to block out the sun, dust or rain. The children are motivated to learn, but they need a clean, safe and learning enabling environment to flourish.



Most members of the community work informally selling products in the street or cleaning houses. Along with the community leaders, parents have pledged their support to volunteer with the construction process to support their children's education.

Let's help this wonderful community break the cycle of poverty by supporting the construction of a new classroom!



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A refugee reflection: “the Georgetown boys”

by Ed Papazian

We are all seeing and hearing about the terrible plight of refugees risking - and losing - their lives in the Mediterranean, trying to escape from North Africa. In addition, it is also impossible to comprehend the plight of people still in places like Aleppo, Syria or stuck in camps in Gazzi Eintab, Turkey. My father, at the age of 13, had to flee with his mother and brother from Turkey in 1923 to escape the genocide of Armenians. They made it to Aleppo. That city is now in ruins due to Syrian bombs. It doesn't seem like we have learned anything since then.

From there, my Dad and his brother were sent to an orphanage in Lebanon because their mother could not look after them. She never saw her boys again, but kept in contact via mail. As far as we know, their father was killed in Turkey. Fortunately for them, they were selected to be part of an “experiment” in refugee support.

“Canada's Noble Experiment,” as it was called, was the first humanitarian act on an international scale by this country. The Armenian Relief Association and The United Church of Canada brought about 100 mostly teenage boys to a farm in Georgetown, Ontario. The first group of 50 arrived in Georgetown on July 1, 1923, and 100 had arrived by 1927. (Compare that to the numbers of refugees we hear about today in many countries.) They stayed there a short time, and were then sent to work on farms in southern Ontario.

After working on a farm in Dunnville, Ontario, Dad

moved to Toronto and worked for an Armenian family. He went to night school and graduated from Jarvis Collegiate in the early 1930s and from Ontario Agricultural College (OAC), which is now U of Guelph, in 1942. He got married to an Irish girl (also an immigrant with only one brother in Canada) and they bought a farm in Winona, near Stoney Creek in the Niagara Peninsula. My sister and I were born and raised there. In the 1970s, Dad organized reunions for the “Georgetown Boys” at the farm where they started in Georgetown. The farmhouse is still there, in Cedarvale Park, designated as an Ontario Heritage Site.

As we prepare to welcome Claude Wakass and her two sons, Mousa and Eskander, I constantly think about the journey they are making - Syria, Lebanon, Ontario. The same journey my father made under very different, but also difficult, circumstances. He was about the same age as Claude's sons when he arrived.

Despite the significant hardships that refugees like Claude and her family are enduring to get here, they are the lucky ones compared to those hundreds who die trying to reach safe havens. Perhaps we should consider sponsoring at least one other family - from anywhere - to demonstrate our commitment to “the least of these.”

For a more complete history of my Dad's story, just Google “Georgetown Boys,” or watch the video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D0Ehz9dWhXM>.



Photos from the Aris Alexanian Georgetown Boys Photo Collection: <http://www.georgetownboysphotos.com/pages/georgetown-farm.html>

Syrian refugee sponsorship update

At Vestry (February 2016), St. Paul's decided to sponsor a Christian family from Syria.

The Wakass family (Claude, Mousa and Eskander) have moved from Syria to Lebanon, where they are living in an apartment. Claude's two sisters and their families were sponsored by Holy Redeemer Catholic parish. They are now living in Kanata and looking forward to Claude's arrival.

We are waiting now for Claude's background check through Interpol. Once that happens, they will need to wait for a flight through the government. At this time, the boys are not able to attend school, and the longer the process takes, the more difficult it will be for Claude as things are generally getting more expensive.

As we await their arrival, let us all continue to pray for them:

Heavenly Father, you are the source of all goodness, generosity and love. We thank you for opening the hearts of many to those who are fleeing for their lives. Help us now to open our arms in welcome, and reach out our hands in support for Claude, Mousa and Eskander. Let us pray them to their new home in Canada. That the desperation they have felt may find new hope, and their lives however torn apart may be restored. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Your Son, Our Lord, who fled persecution at His birth and at His last triumphed over death. Amen.
(Adapted from Church of England)

We give thanks to God for this parish, who within 3 weeks raised the \$23,500 specified by the government as necessary for a year of financial support for this family. We have also been blessed by offers of material goods and services. We will let you know the needs as they arise, especially once the family is here in Kanata.

If you have furniture or other items that you would like to donate to support refugees in our area, please consider contacting Matthew House (<http://matthewhouseottawa.org/>) or St. Vincent de Paul (<http://www.ssvp.on.ca/rc/stores.php>).

Fr. Craig, Gayle Bridges, Danielle Mackenzie, Alison Stortz



Hey, World: I'm religious, not spiritual

by Talbot Davis, submitted by Zdena Harder

Few sayings strike more fear into or evoke more apologies out of 21st century evangelicals than the ubiquitous:

I'm spiritual, not religious.

We hear it from skeptical family members, from tweed-jacketed professors, from latte-slurping millennials, and we fall all over ourselves to agree, to affirm and to identify. In fact, on more than one occasion, when people respond to the news of what I do for a living with the spiritual not religious dictum, I have answered back with a bright-eyed, "that's great! Same with me!"

Because is not Jesus the end of religion? Isn't religion for people who are afraid of going to hell while spirituality is for people who have been there? Don't we want to walk by the Spirit? When people tell us they are spiritual-not-religious, doesn't that mean we need to change our churches to fill that gap and meet that need? Doesn't the whole S-N-R parlance suggest that our family members, professors and millennials yearn for the liberating truth of Spirit-fueled faith rather than the shackles of man-made religion? It seems this modern phraseology and modern urges are prime territory for Acts 17, understand the culture, *more U2 songs in church please!*, relational evangelism.

In fact, let's say it all together now, with feeling: **I'M SPIRITUAL, NOT RELIGIOUS.**

Except now I know that the spiritual-not-religious line is a canard at best, a load of bull at worst. Think of what someone – whether connected to church or not



– is *really* saying when they claim that they are *spiritual-not-religious*:

- I'm in this alone. I have a connection with God/Divinity that is unique to me.
- I will not be bound by rules that I find inconvenient or unappealing.
- My knowledge of sacred text will be limited to: "Don't judge me!" (That IS in the bible, isn't it?)
- I am unwilling to submit myself to the idea that there is a community of people who have wisdom, strength and hope that I need to make life work.
- I don't have to hang around with hypocrites.
- Newer is better and younger is smarter.
- Best of all, I can make God into my image and thus never have to wrestle with the implications of what it means that I am made in his.
- My highest responsibility is to be true to me.

That entire list – as well as the premises behind it – is antithetical to New Testament faith and to the historic Christian religion. Yes, *religion*.

Do you know where the word *religion* comes from? From the same root word as *ligament* (look close, you'll see it). And what do ligaments do? Ligaments are connective tissue linking bone to bone. Ligaments purposely link one part of the body with another part of the body. Ligaments are the ultimate antidote to body isolation; they instead call out: "*You can't do this thing alone! We're in it together.*"

And that's what *religion* offers that mere spirituality never can.

When I say without apology that I am *religious*, I am saying:

- I'm connected to a **community** without which I

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would make a mess of my life. That community is a gift to me and gifted by me, and I am accountable to it.

- I'm connected to **history**. I didn't invent this Jesus story. Who would ever dream something like that up? No, I inherited his story. I am accountable not only to the story itself but to all those generations who passed it on until it landed in my lap, miraculously so, in January of 1979.
- I'm connected to all those **hypocrites** in my community and in my history. Thank God. Because there's always room for one more.
- My community and my history mediate my direct connection with God. He breaks through on occasion in moments of splendid solitude, but I hear his word best in our patterned routines of gathering, praising, lamenting, loving and serving.
- My highest responsibility is to be true to my calling as a follower of the One who acted decisively in history. Being true to that calling may or may not result in personal satisfaction.
- I recognize that my religion consists of habits and practices that are not always convenient or even interesting ... but they are always necessary.

I suppose what it means is this: It is only when I am sufficiently religious that I can be authentically spiritual.

http://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/6953/hey-world-im-religious-not-spiritual?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=email_this&utm_source=email



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