

ADMITTING OUR SCHNOZZLES

A humorous story has it that many years ago a soldier was sentenced to be flogged. As if something hilarious were about to happen, he chuckled as they led him away and laughed uproariously throughout the whipping.

When the painful punishment finally ended, the officer in charge demanded, "What's so funny about a flogging? I don't think it's a joke."

"Why, the joke's on you," smiled the soldier. "I'm the wrong man!"

I know I wouldn't laugh about a flogging, but I'd like to take myself a little less seriously. Like the Amish man who was driving his horse-drawn carriage down a modern American street. The Amish, of course, live and dress simply and shun most modern technology. So he must have known he cut an odd figure on the busy thoroughfare. But he had a sense of humor. Affixed to the back of his carriage was a hand lettered sign that read, "Energy efficient vehicle. Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step on exhaust."

This man may have taken his beliefs seriously. And he may have taken his work seriously. But he didn't take himself too seriously. I believe that's key.

I think that comedian Jimmy Durante got it right. Durante was known for his prominent nose and often referred to it in his comedy sketches. In a moment of seriousness, he once said, "It dawned on me that as long as I could laugh, I was safe from the world; and I have learned since that laughter keeps me safe from myself, too. All of us have schnozzles that are ridiculous in one way or another; if not in our faces, then in our characters, minds or habits. When we admit our schnozzles, instead of defending them, we begin to laugh and the world laughs with us."

I don't always have the courage to admit my schnozzles; to laugh at my short-comings. I am something of an expert at hiding them. But I do know one thing: if I want to laugh at my foibles, there is plenty of good material at hand. And I also know that when I get better at it, I'll find myself living a happier and healthier life.

-- Steve Goodier

HOLY WEEK & EASTER AT ST. ANDREW'S

**Holy Week - Monday to Friday
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.**

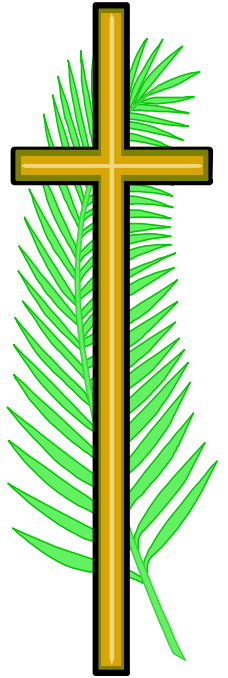
The sanctuary will be open for quiet prayer and meditative readings and reflections from the Gospel of Matthew.

Maundy Thursday - April 21, 5:30 p.m.
We will join Stittsville United Church for a Pot Luck supper moving into a Seder meal similar to the one Jesus would have shared with his disciples. Service will be finished before choir practice.

Good Friday - April 22, 10:00 a.m.
We will join St. Thomas Anglican Church along with Stittsville United Church for a combined family service featuring drama and readings.

**Easter Sunday – April 24, 7:30 a.m
Almost Sunrise Service.**
Something new for this year. We will gather on the church lawn around a fire for a simple sunrise service with guitar and communion; remembering what it was like for Jesus' first disciples so many years ago. The Scripture text will be John 21:4-17, Jesus and the disciples having breakfast on the beach. Breakfast to follow inside the church.

Easter Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
Easter Sunday Family Worship Service – Intergenerational service with reception of new members and baptism. Senior Choir, Sunday School Choir and Handbell Choir all involved.



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West Ottawa
Children's Chorus

Fifth Season 2010-2011

Gloria Jean Nagy, director
Sara-Lynn Hutchison, piano/ assistant
Clowns

Selections from the Clowns, 2000 Together, Songs of Peace by
Craig Cassils
and works by Humperdinck, Schmutte, Calantropio etc.
featuring

Delia Li, violin and piano
Phoebe Gao and Susan Liu, piano
Savita Das, recorder
**Purush and Yas Vaheasan, xylophone, glockenspiel and
log drum**

Sunday, May 1, 2011 3:00 p.m.

St. Paul's Anglican Church
20 Young Rd., Kanata

General Admission \$12 (under 16 years free)

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VARIETY SHOW

Mark your calendar for an evening of fun and entertainment on **Saturday, April 30th at 7 p.m.** With the initiative of our Youth Group, we will be holding a talent show including music, dance, comedy and much more. There will also be refreshments available – canteen style.

If you would like to take part in this show or know someone who would, please speak to Kim Allard (831-3483) or Marlene McCarville (836-4147). Tickets available from Kim or Marlene (or can be picked up at the office.)

Adults – \$10 ~ Under 12 – \$5
Family price – \$30

Seating is limited so get your tickets early!!

Don't forget to get your Loblaw's prepaid/gift cards during coffee time. The cards can be redeemed at
**Loblaw's, Your Independent,
Loblaw's Superstore and Value mart.**

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West Ottawa Children's Chorus, "Clowns" directed by our own Gloria-Jean Nagy, **May 1, 2011**

Kanata Artists Studio Tour, **April 29, 5-9 pm, May 1, and May 2, 10 am - 5 pm.** For info call 613-591-6959. **Admission Free.**