



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, June 1, 2014, Seventh Sunday of Easter

We especially welcome visitors and newcomers today. Please fill out the newcomer card in the pew and place it in the collection plate or give it to a member of the clergy. Following the service, the clergy will be standing near the doors to greet you. We encourage you to join us for coffee hour in Duncan Hall. For more information about St. Paul's, please visit www.StPaulsSanRafael.org or call our office at 415.456.4842.

At St. Paul's we are all called to follow Jesus together in worship, prayer and service.

WORSHIP

The service begins on page 355 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

The choir will present Missa Ferialis, an anonymous 17th century Spanish composition, at today's 10:00 service. Ferialis refers to a mass sung during the weekday service.

Prelude		
Opening Hymn	450 vs. 1,2,3,6	Hymnal
Psalm	68:1-10, 33-36	BCP p. 676
Offertory Anthem	O Sacrum Convivium	Matthew Harris

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. Whoever you are, wherever you are in your journey of faith, you are welcome to receive initiation into the church through the sacrament of baptism.

Eucharistic Prayer A		BCP p. 361
Fraction Exclamation and Response		
<i>Presider</i>	Behold what you are.	
<i>People</i>	May we become what we receive.*	
Communion Hymns	219, 307	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	492	Hymnal
Postlude	People Get Ready	Curtis Mayfield

* These words come from St. Augustine of Hippo (354-430) in a sermon on the Holy Eucharist in which he reflected on "one of the deep truths of Christian faith: through our participation in the sacraments (particularly baptism and Eucharist), we are transformed into the Body of Christ, given for the world."

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Romans. Tuesdays at 12:30, Christopher leads a study of Paul's letter to the Romans.

Ezekiel. Wednesdays at 10am, Christopher leads a study of the prophet Ezekiel.

John. Thursdays at 6:15, Christopher leads a study of the Gospel of John.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Mike Green, Janie Burtch, Dante Filippetto, Chris Olson
Readers:	Mike Green, Janie Burtch, Bruce Burtch
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jane Santucci
Ushers:	Keira Viicente, Eric Guastavino
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

The Altar Flowers are given by Joy Moss to the glory of God
and in loving memory of the Rev. Herman Anker on his birthday.

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

When I was growing up in Delaware some of my classmates, in their senior year of High School, had 'Coming-Out Parties.' These were a celebratory ritual that marked the beginning of a new stage of maturity, a greater level of poise and confidence.

Next Memorial Day weekend, we are hosting an event that promises to be something like a 'Coming-Out Party' for St. Paul's. It is called the 'Come and See Retreat' and will be at the Santa Sabina Retreat Center on the campus of Dominican University.

I have reserved the entire retreat center for May 20th to 24th, 2015. This means that, if all goes as I hope and pray it will, somewhere between forty and seventy people from around the country will arrive in San Rafael on the Wednesday afternoon before Memorial Day weekend. They will be at the Retreat Center through Sunday morning, when they will join us for worship.

Each full day of the retreat will focus on a different facet of our common life at St. Paul's. While there will be generous amounts of quiet and free time throughout, each morning I will offer meditations on the topic of the day. In the afternoons, I hope many of you will come to the retreat center to share stories and enter into conversation with those on retreat. Thursday, the first day, I intend to focus on scripture and the life of prayer. Friday, I hope to focus on loving service of our friends who are poor. Saturday, the focus shifts to the life of Discipleship Groups.

I mention this now not only because the Come and See Retreat is less than a year away, but also because we had two guests this past weekend who were the first of our 'Come and See' friends. David Ottson is a parish priest in the Diocese of Texas. This past fall, I was one of the featured speakers at their diocesan clergy conference. David was so intrigued by what I shared, he wanted to come to St. Paul's with his spouse and experience our life first-hand. He and Deborah were at the John bible study last Thursday, were at Young Moms Marin Friday, and participated in a fruitful and energizing conversation about Discipleship Groups on Sunday. (On a day that happened to be their 40th wedding anniversary!)

David left enthusiastic to share his experiences with his colleagues back in Texas. He told me he wanted to encourage them to come with their parishioners to our Come and See Retreat. Already people from Nebraska, Florida, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey and other states have shown great interest. This Retreat has every possibility of being a joyful and energizing event, a true milestone in our 146 year history.

We have been laying the groundwork for this Retreat for ten years. For a decade we have been learning together how to follow Jesus in prayer, worship and service. While I am a little nervous about this upcoming event I am, even more, excited by what we might learn together and by the possibility of making new friends. Most of all, I hope to watch each of you step into your own spiritual authority in a new way.

I am so grateful for our shared life in Christ here at St. Paul's. Please join me now in praying for the success of our Come and See Retreat.

Blessings,
Christopher

*Each week our rector, The Rev. Christopher H. Martin, sends an email message.
Email him at cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org to get on the list*

PRAYER

Andrea & Werner	Chris & Jennifer M	Hollis & Lori	Mr. Denn
Bill B	Dan Pollart	Jane E & Family	Patricia R
Bill M	Daniela A	Joni Peterson	Rainie Joses
Blaine Marshall	Daphne	Lance	Stephen Topol
Bret	Debra	Liza	Uncle Eberhardt & Family
Cathy B & Family	Frankie	Lizzie Sommers	Yvonne Andersen
Charles P. Johnson	Gaston Marin	Matt Peterson	Zella Cramer
Charlotte & Peter	Ginnette & Jeff	Merlin	

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Keira Vicente at 684.2670 or keiravicente@yahoo.com.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome.

Prison Ministry: St. Paul's has been engaged in regular visitations and correspondence for 17 years with Joseph Cook, a death row inmate at San Quentin who was confirmed by Bishop Swing as a member of our Church. The prison ministry has grown and the rector and four other parishioners are now visiting Joe and three other inmates. In the coming weeks there will be more information about this growing ministry, including opportunities for everyone to be involved in an action heralded by Christ in Matthew 25:36: "I was in prison and you came to visit me." Are you being called to this ministry, perhaps by corresponding with one of the four inmates we've been visiting? For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

Young Moms Marin: On Fridays, St. Paul's is now hosting Young Moms Marin, a group for mostly teen moms and their children led by our friend Teresa Ashby. The group meets from 3pm to 5:30pm in Duncan Hall.

ONGOING

Plate Cash: 1st Sunday of the month goes to the Rector's Discretionary Fund; 3rd Sunday goes to Outreach.

Godly Play: Sundays in Room 6. Kindergarten thru 3rd grade. Meet in the courtyard at 9:45am.

Childcare: Sundays from 9:30 to 11:00am, childcare is available in the Basement Level classroom.

Marin Episcopal Youth Group: Sundays from 5-6:30pm at Church of the Nativity in San Rafael. Middle and high school students from 5 Marin churches. Daniel London, youth minister.

Centering Prayer: Meditation in the Christian tradition. Join us in Duncan Hall on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm. Leave a message for Chris Olson at the parish office at 415.456.4842.

Our Spiritual Core: Discipleship Groups are the spiritual core of St. Paul's because they are where we encourage one another to follow Jesus in worship, prayer, and service. Contact The Rev. Christopher Martin.

Altar Flower Dedications: Looking for a way to honor a loved one, give thanks or remember a special occasion? You can by dedicating the flowers at the altar. A donation of \$40 is suggested. Contact Alex Elliot at 415.488.7930.

Memorial Wall Plaques: Contact the office if you would like to purchase a plaque to be inscribed with the name of a loved one who has died.

St. Anne's Guild: St. Anne's Guild meets Thursdays at 11:00am. All are invited - bring a bag lunch.

Bible Studies: Tuesdays from 12:30 to 1:30, Wednesdays from 10 to 11:15; all in Duncan Hall.

Facebook. Did you know St. Paul's is on Facebook. "Like" us to join the fun!