



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 3, 2014, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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)

Prelude	Prelude	Johann Eberlin
Opening Hymn	174	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	17:1-7, 16	BCP p. 600
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	324	Hymnal

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 B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Music		
Closing Hymn	460	Hymnal
Postlude	Fugue	Johann Eberlin

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Studies. The Wednesday Bible Study will be on hiatus until August 20th. The Tuesday 12:30pm study of Romans and the Thursday 6:15pm study of John are on hiatus until the first week of September.

Morning Prayer. Join Brigitte, Richard, Alisa and others on Tuesday mornings at 7:30am for Morning Prayer in our sacred space.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Ronnie Dodds, Chris Olson, Ann Lisk
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Ronnie Dodds, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jane Santucci
Ushers:	Keira Vicente
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

It's summer and things are slower at St. Paul's. You can expect fewer emails from me in the next couple of months. With that in mind I want to share with you two events and give a brief reminder of the things that are on hiatus. Finally, I'm going to give you a quick tour of all the things that are slowly changing behind the scenes.

HIATUS

- The Tuesday 12:30pm Bible Study of Romans is on hiatus until September 2nd.
- The Thursday 6:15pm study of John is on hiatus until September 4th.
- Teen Success Breakfast is on hiatus until school starts, I assume in late August.

(The Wednesday 10am study of Ezekiel continues through the summer as do the other Outreach activities.)

CHANGING

- The new St. Paul's website has launched! Please have a look at <http://stpaulssanrafael.org>. Now you can listen to audio versions of Christopher's sermons, see copies of weekly newsletters & bulletins, browse lots of photos from recent events, sign up to volunteer and more. If you have questions, comments or additions for the website, please email Shelley at schampine@stpaulssanrafael.org or comment on the Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/stpaulssanrafael>.

- The new website connects you to our **new cloud based database**. You will soon be able to change your own information if, for example, you get a new cell phone number. You will also be able to look up the phone numbers of parishioners. (You can only change your data, not other people's. People outside St. Paul's won't have access to the database.)
- The new website will also have a **new calendar** which I am keeping up-to-date daily. You'll be able to see when the building is in use so you can know when and where you'll be able to have a gathering. Three weeks at a time are now also posted in Duncan Hall.
- This calendar is color coded for three kinds of activities. **St. Paul's** events (Bible Study, St. Anne's, Discipleship Groups, Sunday School) are in **green**. Activities with our **Friends** (meditation groups, Young Moms Marin, Marin Morning Prayer) are in **red**. Activities of our **Guests** (the four Twelve Step Programs, Youth Music Recitals, Kairos Prison Ministry) are in **blue**. I think you'll be impressed by how much goes on here.
- We are slowly assembling a **team of volunteer Sextons to take care of our buildings and grounds**. We have divided the campus into four areas, each of which is attended to by a team and has a three ring binder with all the potential issues and all the people and contractors to contact. Since I've been her, the campus has never been this well taken care of to such depth.
- **Maggie Baxter and Jay Luther have assembled an awesome team to lead our SPRIF III campaign**. SPRIF stands for St. Paul's Restoration and Improvement Fund. Our goals are to fund required improvements to keep our lucrative relationship with Marin Day School, make our courtyard a Safe Sacred Space and increase our Hospitality, particularly in the Duncan Hall building, which is our house of hospitality.
- By the end of the summer, **construction is likely to begin in the education wing**. Improvements include a new bathroom for the kids on the first floor, new electrical and a new HVAC system.
- Keep your eye out for new opportunities to pray. I have a **dream of there being Morning Prayer every weekday at 7:30am** in our Sacred Space. Let me know if you're interested.

There are other things brewing behind the scenes including new ways to have Sunday hospitality, hosting more events centered on youth and creativity, modernizing our bookkeeping, a broader range of ways to do Sunday School, more ways to involve our children in worship, another new Outreach initiative, preparations for the TRP Come and See Retreat next May and stronger ties with our sister Churches in Marin.

All of these mean that, without neglecting our Classic Christian practices of worshipping, caring for each other and meeting in small groups, we are becoming a more adaptable community, ready to face our exceedingly secular time and place with courage, perseverance and love. We are laying the ground work to not only survive but thrive.

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

Anne	Charlotte & Peter	Lisa Rose	Rua & Gus
Bill M	Chris & Jennifer M	Liza	Sally Etting
Blaine Marshall	Dan Pollart	Lizzie Sommers	Sandy Bourne
Bob Holloway	Hollis & Lori	Matt Peterson	Stephen Topol
Bonnie Cohen	Jane E & Family	Patricia R	Yvonne Andersen
Bret	Jay Taggart	Paula	

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.

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