



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, November 16, 2014, the Twenty Third 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	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	370	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	123	BCP p. 780
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Te Deum	S-286	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory	The Beatitudes	Vladimir Martynov

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
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymn	68	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	598	Hymnal
Postlude	Fugue	J. S. Bach

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

O Antiphons. This is the first week we hear the O Antiphons and process a matching banner. This St. Paul's tradition is an ancient way of marking the days and weeks up to the day of Jesus' birth. Each Antiphon is a different image from the Old Testament that points to Jesus.

Stewardship Ingathering. This is the Sunday we gather pledge cards and bless them. Feel free to fill out a card with your financial commitment to St. Paul's for 2015 and put it in the plate.

Book Club. St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Nov. 21st at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we are reading is "The Last Nude" by Ellis Avery. A story set in Paris in the 1920s. All are welcome.

Parish Hall. Duncan Hall will be out of use Monday through Friday during the day until the end of the year. Marin Day School is using it as a classroom while they undergo renovations.

Marin Morning Prayer. This simple, lay lead half hour service is every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30am in the church. Experience the beauty of our sacred space in a new way. Like many, make this a regular and spiritually nourishing part of your week.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Mike Green, Jane Santucci, Eric Guastavino, Ann Lisk
Readers:	Mike Green, Jane Santucci, Dennis Puccinelli
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

The Altar Flowers are given by Brigitte McCulloch to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, Bill McCulloch.

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Thank you, St. Paul's, for your generous and good humored support of the Harvest Bazaar this past week. Bravo! Your love and encouragement of the active members of the St. Anne's Guild shined through.

The active Guilders poured in a huge amount of effort throughout the last year to prepare for the sale. Our extended network of parishioners, friends and family came in to help by setting up, serving shifts and breaking down. We all together showed that we care through our hands, our backs and our smiles.

This year's Bazaar may mark the end of a sixty year tradition at St. Paul's. I have faith that the good ministry of service of the St. Anne's Guild will continue and take creative and helpful forms. I also have faith, thanks to the experiences of this last week, that we will all continue to celebrate and support the work of the active Guilders, whatever form that work takes.

Building a healthy multi-generational community is a dying art in our day and age. Yet God's desire, expressed in Jesus' life and teaching, is that we all may be one in Him. Let us never underestimate the power and goodness of what we are doing by extending ourselves to help one another.

Blessings,
Christopher

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

San Quentin Guest Program. As part of its ministry for death row inmates at San Quentin, members of St. Paul's have been hosting the mother of one inmate who drives from Bakersfield every week to visit her son. This loving service has been a literal Godsend for Sue Merriman; the expenses otherwise associated with her weekly visitations would be prohibitive.

To continue providing this assistance for the near future, we are asking for volunteers who have space in their homes on Saturday night. Sue brings her own bedding and sees to her own meals.

This call for volunteers is prompted by the fact that two members who have been providing ongoing lodging for Sue for nearly two years have the need now to accommodate some of their own family members. One expects to resume her role as host when her own family's needs are addressed and the other member is able to continue hosting Sue once monthly.

Each of the involved members can attest to the outstanding qualities of Sue, who, when possible, attends the 8 a.m. service at St. Paul's. Her dedication as a mother is additional testament to the person she is, leaving Bakersfield, as she does, every Saturday at 3 a.m. to get to San Quentin in time for her 8 a.m. visit with her son, Justin, and returning Sunday for a second visit before driving back home.

If you are interested in responding to this need for lodging one or more times a month or wish further information please contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net)

PRAYER

Anne	Chloe H	Jay Taggart	Rachel Wilde
Arin D	Chris & Jennifer M	John Leydecker	Richard Robertshaw
Baby Alexis	Dan Pollart & Family	Jude	Sally Ettling
Blaine Marshall	Deborah	Katinka	Sarah
Bob Holloway	Denise Stevenson Palmer	Ken Asay	Stephen Topol
Bonnie Cohen	Fatemeh & Raha R	Lisa Rose	Susan Moritz
Bret	Felicia's family in Liberia	M	The People of West Africa
Bunny C	Greg	Owen	Yvonne Andersen
Charlotte & Peter	Helenclare Cox	Patricia R	
Children of Garagosh, Iraq	Hollis & Lori	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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