



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, May 17, 2015, Seventh Sunday in 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 299 of the Book of Common Prayer (BCP)

Prelude	Prelude on Salvation	Dennis Johnson
Opening Hymn	214	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	1	BCP p. 585
Gradual	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia	
Baptismal Hymn	516	Hymnal
Offertory Anthem	Jubilate Deo	Benjamin Britten

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-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Communion Hymns	321, 302	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	215	Hymnal
Postlude	Festival Procession	Michael Hill

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Blessing Our Solar Panels. Today we will be joined by our new friends at American Solar as we bless our solar panels. Be sure to stay after the 10am service for the blessing and some useful information.

Newcomer Party. All who are new from the last few years are welcome at the home of the Martins this afternoon from 4pm to 6pm. They're in San Anselmo right above United Market. Call 415 464 7108 for directions.

"Escape to a Seminary" is the working title of a three-part memoir that tells of three troubled boys, barely in their teens, who left home nearly 60 years ago to attend a Catholic seminary in upstate New York. The three reunited in 2012 for the first time in 52 years in the small village where the seminary was located and, after hearing of their experiences, one of their wives urged them to write about it. One of them is Richard Olive, a member of St. Paul's. His co-authors, Mike Connolly and John Tuohey, will be in San Rafael this month to complete editing the work and will appear at St. Paul's 5-6 p.m., Saturday, May 23, to read some excerpts. A wine and cheese reception will follow in Duncan Hall. All are invited. For reception planning, RSVP to Richard: ollipops@comcast.net.

Funeral for Hugh Hardin. The funeral for the Rev. Hugh Hardin, Rector of St. Paul's for 28 years, will be on Saturday, May 30th at 11am.

End of the School Year. Sunday, June 7th will be the last Sunday for both the Chancel Choir and the kids Sunday School before the summer break. Stay after the 10am service for our annual Ice Cream buffet!

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Michael Green, Dawn Rice, Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Joy Moss, Al Petrie, Steve Avanzino, Pamela Barnes
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This is a full weekend at St. Paul's. Saturday, we have the funeral of one of our matriarchs, Marion Cedarblade. I'll send another message tomorrow about Marion. Sunday, we have two great things:

Newcomer Party. All who are new to St. Paul's in the last several years are welcome to our house on Sunday afternoon from 4pm to 6pm. We live in San Anselmo just above the United Market on the Miracle Mile. There are many of you I hope will be there because we want to spend time with you and want you to connect with each other! Call or text me at 415 464 7108 for the exact address.

Blessing the Solar Panels. For the last few weeks the vast majority of the energy that fuels our campus has come from the renewable power of the sun. The solar panels we got are the highest quality so we expect that to be the case for at least the next forty years. Come celebrate this deep and powerful shift with us at and after the 10am service. Chloe, whose passion is teaching children to care for the environment will be teaching the children during the service. American Solar will be present after the service for the blessing of the panels, the installation of the tablet in Duncan Hall that will track our energy use, and will be available for Q and A.

Finally, a recent sermon of mine got a very strong personal response from many of you. The title of the sermon is How to Love the Difficult People. It is 8 minutes long and can be found here, on the front page of our website. (<http://stpaulssanrafael.org>)

In the sermon, I shared, three times, a quote I used to have before me at my prayer desk. I would reread frequently, particularly when I was set to pray for those with whom I have difficulty. The quote is from Richard Meux Benson, the 19th Century founder of the Anglican monastic community the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE). I have been a member of the Fellowship of SSJE for twenty years. Here it is:

'In praying for others we learn really and truly to love them. As we approach God on their behalf we carry the thought of them into the very being of eternal Love, and as we go into the being of him who is eternal Love, so we learn to love whatever we take with us there.'

May that quote help you heal, by grace, a broken relationship in your life.

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

Arlene	Dorothy Smith	Jennifer Fritz	Rachel Wilde
Betty Hardin	Felicia's family in Liberia	Jim Thomas	Rainie Joses
Blaine Marshall	George Westfall	Kathy G	Sally Ettling
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Ken Asay	Stephen Topol
Chloe H	Greg	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	The People of West Africa
Chris & Jennifer M	Jason	Lisa Rose	Tim Hixon
Dan Pollart & Family	Jay Taggart	Marielos Chavarria	Walter Dodds
Daphne	Jeffrey Katz	Norman Rosenstein	

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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