



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 4, 2015, the Nineteenth 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	Fugue	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	480	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(S)ervice music found in front of hymnal</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	26	BCP p. 616
Gradual	S-247	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Anthem	Adoramus Te, Christe	G. B. Martini

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	483	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	450	Hymnal
Postlude	Prelude	J. S. Bach

The Altar Flowers are given by Nancy Skinner to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her husband, John Temple Skinner.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mini-Retreat. This Saturday, October 10th, Christopher will lead a mini-retreat based on his book. He will offer meditations on four stages of spiritual maturity- laying a foundation, radical self knowledge, stripping and quietness with strength. 9am to noon in Duncan Hall.

Godly Play for Children. Like every first Sunday of the month, children are invited to go to the Godly Play room, following a teacher, after the opening Collect and before we sit for the readings.

St. Anne's Guild. St. Anne's Guild, a warm and welcoming group dedicated to raising money for the benefit of St. Paul's, would be happy to have new members. All members of St. Paul's are invited to join. The group meets in Duncan Hall at 11:00 a.m. each Thursday for an hour of working on projects. **Members have access to our wide variety of yarn, knitting needles and craft materials for creating warm stuff for children and the under-privileged.** This is followed by an hour for lunch and happy conversation. Bring your lunch and we will have tea and cookies for you. We are looking forward to our annual book sale in the spring but, sadly, we won't be hosting our annual bazaar this year. Those of you who will miss that event, join us to be an important part of creating one next year.

Ushers Needed. Anyone interested in serving as an usher for the 10:00am service, please see Eric Guastavino or call him at 415-785-7164.

Morning Prayer. This half hour, lay lead service is Tuesdays at 7:30 am. The entire service is printed out on an 11 by 17 bulletin. It's easy to jump right in.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, Demelza Rice
Readers:	Jacob Moody, Dawn Rice, Neville Armstrong
Altar Guild:	Katie Taggart, Linda Danford, Wanda Rice, Jennifer Wallace, Jane Santucci
Hospitality:	Katie Taggart, Alice and Bob King

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Thank you to the dozen or so of you who came to hear the latest draft of the great story I'm trying to tell. As a reminder, this past Saturday I offered the second of the 'Strengthen Your Spiritual Core' Saturday workshops. I offered a forty-five minute performance of a story I have been slowly shaping, an imaginative way of helping people wrap their hearts and minds around where we are spiritually and where we may be going.

It was a joy to tell the story, but it was an even greater joy to get the creative feedback and questions afterwards in our long conversation in Duncan Hall. As I'd hoped, the story evoked a wide range of hopes, fears and questions. The feedback I received is going to make the story stronger and more compelling, I look forward to telling it again in January.

The third of the workshops is next Saturday, October 10th. I'll be offering a mini-retreat based on my book. I'll be walking people through four stages of spiritual maturity. These are laying a foundation, radical self-knowledge, stripping and Quietness with strength. It will be from 9am to noon in Duncan Hall and provide time for quiet reflection with time for questions and conversation at the end.

Happy October.

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

Alice	Gael Shumway	Jonathan B	Rachel Wilde
Blaine Marshall	Gary Pennington	Kathy G	Rainie Joses
Charlotte & Peter	Gerry O	Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick	Sally Ettling
Chloe H	Greg	Lisa Rose	Stephen Topol
Dan Pollart & Family	Jason	Norman Rosenstein	Syrian Refugees
Daphne	Jay Taggart	Mika Kappen & Family	Tim Hixon
Fire Victims	Jennifer Fritz	Monique Unger & Family	Walter Dods

SERVICE

Teen Success Breakfast: Serve hot breakfast to at-risk youth. Contact Beverly Armstrong at 415.454.4015 or nevbev@sbcglobal.net.

San Rafael Health Care: Services 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11:00 – 11:25. Help us with the simple service. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

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. Contact Carolyn Eitel at 415.214.2560 or ceitel@mvmgmt.com.

ONGOING

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

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, daniel.london@gmail.com.

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 Judy Rowcliffe at 415.606.4355 or jlrowcliffe@comcast.net.

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.

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