

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, October 11, 2015, the Twentieth 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	Fantasia	Jan Sweenlinck
Opening Hymn	655	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 (S)ervice music found in front of hymnal	Hymnal
Psalm	22:1-15	BCP p. 610
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form IV	BCP p. 388
Offertory Hymn	423	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 A		BCP p. 361
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	680	Hymnal
Postlude	Theme and Variations	Jan Sweelinck

The Altar Flowers are given by Alex and Larry to the glory of God and in celebration of their 35 years together.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Service as Spiritual Practice. Where can we find the face of Jesus in our service of the poor? Jesus teaches that 'surely as we did it to one of the least of these we did it to him.' How can we see him? On Saturday, October 24th, the priests-in-charge of St. Paul's, St. Francis, Redeemer and Nativity will offer reflections and time for reflection on this fundamentally important Christian spiritual dynamic. 9am to Noon, at Nativity, just off the corner of Lucas Valley Road and Las Gallinas

Memorial Plaques. Do you have a loved one who has died whose life you'd like to honor with a Memorial Plaque on our beautiful marble wall? If so, please contact Larry Santucci at ljsantucci@aol.com. Larry will soon be putting in an order for a new set of plaques.

St. Paul's Book Club. The St. Paul's Book Club will meet on Friday, Oct. 16 at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall. The book we will be discussing is "Little Failure" by Gary Shteyngart. A memoir of a misfit immigrant from the Soviet Union.

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.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant: The Rev. Christopher Martin

Choirmaster/Organist: Michael Struck

Acolytes: Jim Terstegge, Chris Hammond, Eric Guastavino Readers: Jim Terstegge, Chris Hammond, Kay Blackwill

Altar Guild: Katie Taggart, Joan Peterson, Felicia Demann, Ann Lisk, Holly Pritchard

Hospitality: Katie Taggart, Tenesa and Brian Vuillemenot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

This Saturday is an invitation for you to be quiet and still in a safe, structured way. It's an invitation to gently go just one step deeper in your relationship with God.

This Saturday, from 9am to noon, I'm offering a morning retreat. The format is simple. You arrive at 9am for some bagels and coffee and a little chit-chat. Sometime before 9:30, I will gather us together and offer the first of three brief meditations. You will then be invited to find a quiet place nearby to sit and think and pray, or to walk and think and pray. After about twenty minutes or half an hour, you'll come back to hear the second mediation and so on. Finally, we'll gather for some conversation before going home about noon.

This simple formula works well to help us listen to God and our lives in a new way. In this case, the mediations will be based on my book and so are well tested thoughts and ways of helping us see and experience Jesus in a new way.

I hope to see you Saturday at 9am in Duncan Hall.

Blessings, Christopher

PRAYER

Alice Gael Shumway
Blaine Marshall Gary Pennington
Charlotte & Peter Gerry O
Chloe H Jay Taggart
Craig Family Jennifer Fritz
Dan Pollart & Family Jim & Jane Passman

Daphne Jonathan B
Fire Victims Kathy G

Kevin, Yvonne & Kendrick Lisa Rose Norman Rosenstein Mika Kappen & Family Monique Unger & Family Rachel Wilde Rainie Joses Sally Ettling Stephen Topol Syrian Refugees Tim Hixon Walter Dods

SERVICE

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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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