

# THE EPISTLE



ST. PAUL'S  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*Following Jesus together in prayer, worship and service.*

## From the Rector

The first quarter this year is packed with important events for the life of St. Paul's. One of the most important was the Annual Meeting on February 8. The Annual Meeting is a necessary meeting where we do the essential business of the church in a transparent and democratic way. There are two things I want everybody to know about this year's Annual Meeting.

The first is that we elected three great new people to our Vestry, which is our governing board. These three are Pierce Gore, Ginny Horton and Mario Schaver. They are going to add fresh and diverse new voices. The Vestry has ultimate authority for the care of our money and our campus. Among other things, this year, the Vestry will be paying special attention to nurturing our sense of multigenerational community, completing the courtyard project of SPRIF III and laying the groundwork for our 150th anniversary in 2018.

The second is that there was an extraordinary and unplanned outpouring of gratitude. Judy Rowcliffe, the outgoing lay head of the Vestry, called the Senior Warden, kicked it off by thanking all the people that worked with her on the Altar Guild. Then, one after another, people stood to give thanks. This included a new member, Morgan, who thanked us for being so welcoming and supporting. The Holy Spirit was in the room.



Faithfully,  
Christopher ([cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org](mailto:cmartin@stpaulssanrafael.org))

## Discipleship Group Workshop

Saturday, March 5, 9am-Noon

How do you listen for God's call in your life? How can you help others discern their call? What does a "call" even mean? Whether you're already in a Discipleship Group or simply curious about them, you are encouraged to come to this workshop where Christopher will be teaching about one of the 7 vows of the Restoration Project, "discerning our call." Refreshments will be served.

## HOLY WEEK



## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Maundy Thursday-** March 24, 7:30 pm. Service with footwashing in partnership with Grace Marin Church.

**Good Friday-** March 25, Noon. Bring your nail.

**Easter Vigil with Baptisms-** March 26, 7:30 pm

**Easter Sunday-** March 27, 8:00 am, 10 am

*Easter Egg Hunt to follow the 10am service*

For more information please visit our website at [StPaulsSanRafael.org](http://StPaulsSanRafael.org).  
Join the community on Facebook and Twitter. Church Office Phone: 415-456-4843.

## What is Your Next Spiritual Step?

- **Sunday Forum** from 9:00am to 9:40am in Duncan Hall. An open conversation with Christopher in which we are currently exploring the nature of our souls.
- **Morning Prayer** every Tuesday at 7:30am in the church.
- **Bible Studies** on Tuesdays (12:30pm), Wednesdays (10am) and on Thursday evenings (6:15pm).
- **Christian meditation** on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of every month at 7pm.
- **Discipleship Groups**, which are small groups with a longer term commitment focused on spiritual maturity and loving community with the poor.
- **Baptism preparation.** Preparing for the holy rite of Baptism for adults or children involves a series of meetings with Christopher.

St. Paul's offers many opportunities for you to learn, pray and grow spiritually.

### Cursillo Retreats

"You get about 27, 375 days on Earth. Can you give back 3 of them as your gift back to God?"

Please consider signing up for the upcoming Cursillo Retreats in April! Men's Retreat is April 7-10, and Women's Cursillo is April 21-24. Both retreats start on Thursday evening and ends Sunday early afternoon. See Christopher, Janie Burch, or Steve Avanzino for more information. Your time spent at this special retreat will deepen and grow your faith.

## How can I serve the least of these?

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

**San Rafael Health Care:** Help lead a simple worship service with prayers and songs for the residents at the 5th Ave. Health Care center. 11:00 – 11:25 on 1st and 3rd Sunday. Children are welcome. Contact Sue Adamson at 415.461.1798.

**Prison Ministry:** Visit or correspond with one of 7 death row inmates at San Quentin. For further information contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

**Young Moms Marin:** Host a support a supportive and educational group for mostly teen moms and their children. The group meets Fridays from 3pm to 5:30pm in Duncan Hall. Contact Carolyn Eitel at 415.214.2560 or ceitel@mvmgmt.com.

"Just as you did it to one of the least of these you did it to me."- Matthew 25:40

## Fellowship Opportunities in March

### St. Paul's Book Club

March 18th at 7 p.m. in Duncan Hall.

The book we will be discussing is "Ireland" by Frank Delaney. This is a sweeping novel of the history of Ireland just in time for St. Patrick's day. Contact Joy Moss (415)479-6930.

### St. Anne's Guild weekly lunch

Thursdays at 11:00 in Duncan Hall. All are invited. Bring a bag lunch. Cookies and tea are served.

## Easter Flowers!

Saturday, March 26: Join us in the morning to fill the church with flowers in preparation for Easter. We welcome your donation in any amount, for Easter flowers, in memory or thanksgiving for a loved one. Please either mail your check or put in the offering plate on a Sunday morning (before March 18, please). Make check payable to St. Paul's and note the designation for Easter Altar Flowers. Please also note: Flowers are given by (your name)  
 In Memory of or  In thanksgiving for (name of loved one).

**St. Paul's  
History Corner**  
by Joy Moss

Leading up to St. Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, let's take a look at some of the former church members. Looking around the church we see many plaques that name former members of the congregation who are memorialized by their gifts to the glory of God and in remembrance of loved ones.

Starting with the Rose Window, which is certainly the most spectacular of our stained glass windows. The money for the window was donated in 1894 by Herman Oelrichs. Mr. Oelrichs was not a member of St. Paul's. He was a wealthy millionaire who summered in San Rafael. He had a home in San Francisco, New York City and Newport, RI. The story is told that during a visit to San Rafael, he lost a bet. Not having the means to cover the bet (it was a large amount), he was in a tough spot. He was rescued by some members of St. Paul's vestry (wealthy men in their own right) who were present at the time. The vestry members were planning an extension to St. Paul's Church at the time. Instead of asking Mr. Oelrichs to repay them, they asked that Mr. Oelrichs use that sum to buy a beautiful stained glass window to adorn the new extension to the church. So that is what Mr. Oelrichs did and that is how St. Paul's got its Rose Window.

To read Joy's full article about Herman Oelrichs, please visit [StPaulsSanRafael.org](http://StPaulsSanRafael.org), click on "Community" and select "History."



**Children and  
Youth at St.  
Paul's**

St. Paul's is a spiritual home for children of all ages. Our Children and Youth Ministry program is led by a team of dedicated adults who believe that children's sense of spirituality is innate, and who want to help them nurture it. For more information please contact Kati Dombrosky at [kdombrosky@gmail.com](mailto:kdombrosky@gmail.com) or 415.846.1700

**Christian Education** for children Kindergarten and up during the 10 am service.

- March 6. Godly Play with Chloe in the upper classroom.
- March 13. Family Sunday with children's choir singing.
- March 20. Bible story and prayer with Kati & Alison in Duncan Hall.
- March 27. EASTER SUNDAY. Easter Egg Hunt after the 10 am service.

**Nursery Care** is available on Sunday mornings (including Easter Sunday) during the 10 AM service in the basement level classroom across from the church.

**Confirmation Class**

Starting on Sunday, March 6, from 11:30 -12:30 in Christopher's office, a series of classes will begin to prepare for confirmation by the Bishop at Grace Cathedral on June 4th. Please contact Christopher.

**Children's Choir**

We rehearse at church on Fridays from 5-6pm, and sing at the 2nd Sunday Family Service. Contact Alison Blume at [alisonblume@comcast.net](mailto:alisonblume@comcast.net)

**Middle School and High School Youth Group**

Sundays 6-7:30, ages 11-18, Church of The Nativity, 333 Ellen Drive, San Rafael  
Fun, fellowship, prayer, service, food, friends--Our youth group rocks! Contact [daniel.london@gmail.com](mailto:daniel.london@gmail.com)



### Legacy Society

St. Paul's had the honor of hosting the Bishop's Regional Society Reception on February 21st. The Bishop and the planned giving team from the Development Office of the Diocese put on a lovely reception to honor those who have remembered their parishes in their estate plans. It turned out to be a festive and informative kick-off event for our own Legacy Society. We are forming a planning committee, and our next step will be to meet with Amanda Martin, the Planned Giving officer, to plan a schedule of educational events for the upcoming year. The meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, March 8 at 1:00 pm** at St. Paul's. If you are interested in getting involved in this effort, please contact Chloe Martin at [Chloedmartin@comcast.net](mailto:Chloedmartin@comcast.net) or 415.464.7149

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