



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, July 31, 2016, the Eleventh 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	Trio	J. S. Bach
Opening Hymn	436	Hymnal
Gloria	S-180 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	107:1-9, 43	BCP p. 746
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Offertory Hymn	474	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 B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-129	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	522	Hymnal
Postlude	Concerto by Vivaldi	arr. J. S. Bach

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God
and in gratitude for the life of Gianna Beretta Molla.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Meeting. On Sunday, August 21st, after the 10am service, we are having a community meeting in our newly re-floored Duncan Hall to share with you all the work that has happened so far, to share with you the current thinking of the Vestry and other lay leaders, and gather your reactions and ideas.

Epistle. Thanks to the initiative and work of Chloe Martin we have a newsletter again. Our hope is to produce one at the end of each month, previewing the month to come. Please send your information to Chloe by the 18th of each month at chloedmartin@comcast.net. Thank you, Chloe!

Your Next Spiritual Step? There are seven weekly or biweekly ways you can learn, pray and grow spiritually at St. Paul's beyond weekly worship and regular service of the poor:

- Sunday Forum every week from 9:00am to 9:40am. We're currently exploring the nature of our souls.
- Morning Prayer every Tuesday at 7:30am.
- Bible Study on Wednesdays (10am).
- 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.

Talk to Christopher to find out more about any of these.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Ronnie Dodds, Fiona McDermott
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Ronnie Dodds, Kay Blackwill
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Wendy Olson, Judy Rowcliffe, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

Last week we had the honor of installing a large brass plaque in the sanctuary in honor of the Rev. Hugh F. Hardin. Hugh's plaque joins plaques in honor of two of his predecessors, the Rev. Ernest Hartmann and the Rev. Ernest Bradley. Hugh was Rector of St. Paul's from 1967 to 1993 and was once again a member of St. Paul's when he died unexpectedly last year. We hope to bless the plaque soon.

We are also hard at work preparing for our next push to create the Hardin Courtyard, a courtyard for St. Paul's that is safe, accessible and beautiful. On Sunday, August 21st, after the 10am service, we are having a community meeting in our newly re-floored Duncan Hall to share with you all the work that has happened so far, to share with you the current thinking of the Vestry and other lay leaders, and gather your reactions and ideas. It will also include a tour of the courtyard so you can picture the proposed changes in our latest design, which is the 4th draft so far. We are hoping to start work in May of next year. This gathering will be the first of several community meetings as we tackle this formidable and essential project that will be a great gift for generations to come.

We, together, are stewards of our sacred space and of our campus. Let us bear in mind that what we are creating is sanctuary. These are anxious times and people want to know that there are places of reliable goodness. By God's grace and in following Jesus, we are led to goodness together. Faithfully, prudently and with good taste, we together can create a whole campus where all people are invited to worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness.

Faithfully,
Christopher

PRAYER

Arty	Jennifer Fritz	Norman Rosenstein	Ruth Orovich
Bart L	John Leydecker	Orlando Victims & City	Sandy G
Bill Tate	Jonathan Smith	People & Victims of Nice	Stephen Topol
Cathy	Laurel	Phyllis	Syrian Refugees
Dallas Officers & City	Lisa R	Rainie Joses	
Dan Pollart & Family	Lokita	Rosa Montes	
Grace Michael	Mika Kappen & Family	Rose Von Buchau	

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 other parishioners are now visiting Joe and six other inmates. For further info contact Richard Olive (415.259.9198 or ollipops@comcast.net).

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.

Children's Choir. Rehearsals on Friday afternoon and some Sundays. Contact Alison Blume at alisonblume@comcast.net

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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