



ST. PAUL'S

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

A Sacred Space for Your Busy Life

Sunday, August 25, 2019, 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	Going Home	Anton Dvorak
Opening Hymn	583	Hymnal
Gloria	S-280 <i>(Service music found in front of hymnal)</i>	Hymnal
Psalm	71:1-6	BCP p. 683
Gradual	S-236	Hymnal
Prayers of the People	Form III	BCP p. 387
Offertory Hymn	398	Hymnal
Doxology	<i>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen</i>	

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your arms across your chest when you are at the altar rail. 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. Gluten free bread available.

Eucharistic Prayer B		BCP p. 367
Sanctus	S-130	Hymnal
Fraction Anthem	S-154	Hymnal
Closing Hymn	685	Hymnal
Postlude	The Star Spangled Banner	

The Altar Flowers are given by Alex Elliott to the glory of God and in loving memory of his sister, Marcella Jean Elliott.

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Naming Our Leadership. On the bulletin board in Duncan Hall there are now group-pictures of three of our leadership teams at St. Paul's- the Vestry (our board), St. Paul's Forward (our finance group) and RenewalWorks (spiritual leadership). Come see the faces and learn the names of our leadership!

The Work is Very Near You. On Labor Day weekend, Christopher begins a five week class. Each week in church we pray to God to "send us to do the work you have given us to do." Find out how to do your work with gladness and singleness of heart. Saturdays 8:30am, Sundays 11:30am and Tuesday 6:30pm.

Safe Church Training. Join the leadership of St. Paul's in making sure St. Paul's is a safe home for children and youth. Please either come to the safe church training on Saturday, September 7th from 9:30am to 11:30am or email Lorrie at lbugatto@stpaulssanrafael.org to receive the link to the online training, which is two 45 minute sessions.

These Least Brothers of Mine (Mt. 25:40). And among these "least" cited by Jesus—besides the hungry, thirsty, alien, naked and sick—is the prisoner. Is he calling you to reach out with a card or letter to a prisoner? Eighteen volunteers—14 members of St. Paul's—are engaged in Death Row Ministry. Come and see what it's about at their next meeting, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 11, in the Upper Room.

St. Paul's Book Sale. October 5th and 6th. We need more books for the Book Sale! This is the time to check your bookshelves and see what you can give to us.

Greeters Needed. We are blessed with visitors. Greeters would serve with one person each at each gate prior to church to meet and greet, then act as a team right after the service to escort our visitors to coffee hour. Contact Katie at katietaggart@att.net

The Spiritual Forum, from 9:00 to 9:45 each Sunday in the conversation end of Duncan Hall, will be reading aloud and discussing ancient spiritual wisdom. All are welcome to jump in at any time.

SERVING TODAY

Preacher & Celebrant:	The Rev. Christopher H. Martin
Choirmaster/Organist:	Michael Struck
Acolytes:	Brigitte McCulloch, Pamela Barnes, Nana Marie Wollam
Readers:	Brigitte McCulloch, Pamela Barnes, Neville Armstrong
Ushers:	Steve Avanzino, Katie Taggart
Altar Guild:	Brigitte McCulloch, Kathleen Minor, Ann Lisk, Alex Elliot

CHRISTOPHER'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

CELEBRATING OUR STUDENTS

The next few weeks we have a special focus on our Children and Youth. We've got a back to school blessing and gift at the 10am service this Sunday, a family friendly baseball game at the San Rafael Pacifics and an effort to assure St. Paul's is as safe as possible for children.

1. **Back to School Blessings.** At the 10am service, Karin, our new Director of Children's and Youth Ministries, will be at the door welcoming each child and youth, making sure she knows everyone's name and what grade they are going into. Just before the peace, like when we celebrate birthdays and anniversaries, all will be invited to come up. Karin will introduce each to all of us, and then, together, we will say a special blessing to prepare them for the school year. At the end of the service, Karin will hand out a little gift.

2. **Baseball.** Our choir, for the third time this summer, will be singing the National Anthem at the Pacifics game in downtown San Rafael. The game begins at 1pm and includes games and contests for children between the innings. This is an outing for everyone at St. Paul's. Join me in walking over from the church after coffee hour for a hot dog to cheer our home team.

3. **Safe Church.** The Diocese has implemented new, easy to take and effective training to make sure our churches are safe for children and the relationships among staff and parishioners is healthy. Staff, Vestry and volunteers who work with children are already in the process of completing this training, but the Diocese asks that all who have keys also do it. One thing I learned is that of the 5 things necessary for a safe church, the most important in Monitoring- so the more of us who know what to look for, the safer we will. Either come to the 2 Hour training on Saturday, September 7th from 9:30am to 11:30am, or email Lorrie at lbugatto@stpaulssanrafael.org to connect with the two 45 minute online training sessions.

Thank you, and we are so blessed to have a solid cadre of great children and youth at St. Paul's!

Blessings,
Christopher

REGULAR PRAYER AND STUDY - OPEN TO ALL

Spiritual Forum	Sundays at 9am in Duncan Hall
Book Group	Sundays at 11:30am in the Upper Room
Centering Prayer Group	2nd and 4th Sundays at 7pm in Duncan Hall
Morning Prayer	Tuesdays at 7:30am in the Church
Bible Studies	Wednesdays at 10am in Duncan Hall Thursdays at 6:15pm in the Downing Library

WHO'S WHO AT ST. PAUL'S

The Governing Board (called the Vestry)

Walter Tanner (Senior Warden), Buzz Wollam (Junior Warden), Libby Silvestri, Tom Witt, Richard Micheli, Katie Taggart, Michael Welcome, Patrick Bowen and Janie Burtch (Secretary)

Campus Care Steve Avanzino, Keatin Holly, Pat Curtis, David Hardin, Eric Guastavino and Larry Santucci

Finances Holly Pritchard, Lorrie Bugatto and John McDermott

Music Michael Struck

Acolytes and Readers	Dawn Rice
Ushers	Gary Towery and Larry Santucci
Altar Guild	Judy Rowcliffe
Altar Flowers	Alex Elliot

Children's Ministry	Karin Holsinger
Youth Group	David Hardin

Downing Library	Tom Witt
Epistle (Monthly Newsletter)	Chloe Martin
Service Bulletins and Centering Prayer	Chris Olson
St. Anne's	Alice King
Monthly Book Group and St. Paul's History	Joy Moss

Death Row Ministry	Richard Olive
Teen Success Breakfast	Ginny Horton
San Rafael Health Care Worship	Sue Adamson
St. Monnica's Mutual Housing Community	Jacob Moody and Kati Dombrosky
Our Homeless Neighbors	Bobby Owen and Ginny Horton

PRAYER LIST

Carol Seymour	Hasan, Connie, Zachariah, Sienna & George Sume	Mark Hardin
Dale	Jaime K	Mary & Jim
Dayton, Ohio	Irving Bernstein	Mike A
David S	Joan Peterson	Olivia Monforte
Earl	Judy, Swede, Valery & Family	Sandy & Herbert
El Paso, Texas	Justin Merriman	Susan Fischer
Eva Anderson	Laura Gordon	Those In Border Cages
Gilroystrong	Linda Bartera	Y.A.H.