

THE EPISTLE

*OUR MISSION... is to understand and celebrate God's dream for the world,
to be transformed in Jesus' love and to use our gifts to make a difference for others.*

OUR VISION... is a world in which God's embracing love is joyfully shared by all people.

A Monthly Newsletter

April 2011

From the Rector's Desk...

After four weeks of jury duty, I finally returned to my desk last Monday. I am grateful for the entire staff and our lay leaders for keeping things going while I was only able to engage in Saint Paul's stuff on Sundays and evenings. We are indeed blessed with a gifted community.

At the annual meeting I shared that our parish community was in a wonderful time of liminality. Meaning, that we are working hard with some things coming to fruition, and at the same time beginning to think about where we will put our energies next.

1) We gratefully marked one milestone of fruitful ministry on March 27 as we bid farewell to the Rev. Sally Boelter. Sally shared ministry with us for three and a half years, and in that time became such an important part of our ministries. In her time here she supported our pastoral care through the healing team, lay pastoral caregivers, and through her own gracious presence in the midst of life's trials for so many. She formed the welcoming team, and perhaps her greatest legacy was the establishment of a vital and consistent Adult Formation program. We will miss her gifts greatly.

In the weeks ahead a subgroup of the vestry will work with me to consider next steps in the formation of our staff, and we will then launch a search for Sally's successor.

2) In April the final plans for our renovation move will be put in place. Easter will be the last time we will hear our beloved organ for about 7 months. Plans for moving pews, final details on work to be performed in the church, and a town hall (April 3) to bring everybody up to speed will happen in the coming weeks. The commencement of this work will bring to fruition of years of dreaming and planning.

Finally, in the midst of these changes we will once again celebrate the Easter Triduum (Three Days). Our basic purpose as Christians, and as a Christian community, is the embodiment of Christ's dying and rising. All of our programs and all of our projects exist so that St. Paul's can be a place where people find new life and good news. I am grateful to all those who make work to create a place and worship that draw all of us into this reality, and I invite you to fully enter into these days so that Christ may indeed fill your heart.

God bless you all in the midst of the Lenten journey, and in the wonderful celebration of God in our midst.

Blessings,

Thomas ☩

Upcoming Events

- April 4 - Circle Meeting - off-site
- April 5 - Altar Guild Meeting
- April 16 - Japan Relief Choir Concert
- April 17 - Palm Sunday & Festival
- April 21 - Maundy Thursday Liturgy
- April 22 - Good Friday Services
- April 23 - The Great Vigil of Easter
- April 24 - Easter Sunday
- April 25 - Organ Renovation Begins
- April 25 - May 5 - Rummage Set-up

Palm Sunday and the Three Days at Saint Paul's A Celebration of Renewal

The "Triduum", literally translated as Three Days, is at the center of the Christian story. Jesus taught many things about living a loving life, pleasing to God, and those teachings guide and inspire us still. Jesus had a great reputation as a healer, and we seek his healing even today. But fully one third of the Gospel stories are about this one week in which Jesus faced the powers of this world, and offered himself for all humanity.

But this is about more than what happened to Jesus, it is about the mystery of new life that is at work in each of us. By participating in the Three Days together, we empty ourselves in praise to God and service to others. As we empty and offer ourselves we are filled with God's new life.



Maundy Thursday April 21, 6:00 pm

*A new commandment (mandatum)
I give you: Love one another.*

Throughout his ministry, sharing a meal with people became a central sign and symbol of Jesus' ministry. He ate with his friends, but also with tax collectors, prostitutes and teachers of the law.

On Maundy Thursday we will share a simple meal and remember the call to be servants as we wash one another's feet and celebrate communion.

The Nightwatch

April 21, 8:00 pm-7:00 am (*sign up for one hour*)

After supper with his friends, and before his arrest, Jesus spent the night in prayer. On this night our chapel is reconfigured to become a garden for prayer. All are invited to sign up for one hour at some time during the night to keep watch.



Good Friday - April 22

12:15pm - Good Friday

Liturgy with Choir

4:30pm - Children's Good Friday
Service - Choristers Sing

Seemingly a day of defeat, yet we know a day of victory. Jesus faces the powers of evil and death, and his suffering and death contain the seeds of new life. In

walking the way of the cross we prepare our hearts for the triumph of Easter.

The Great Vigil of Easter

April 23, 8:30 pm



The Great Vigil of Easter is the first service of new life! It is rich with drama and symbols: The fire of resurrection, the water of baptism, story and music blend together as we celebrate the victory of Christ over death.

In the stillness of the night we tell the great stories of our

faith, we baptize the newest members of Christ's family and we celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. This is an engaging service for everyone in the family of Christ.

Easter Day - April 24

9:00 am - Service with all choirs, brass, woodwinds and strings

10:30 am - Festive coffee hour

11:00 am - Service with chancel choir, choristers with brass, woodwinds and strings

Join us for the joyful and glorious celebration of the resurrection! Life triumphs over death, good over evil! Wonderful music provided by our choirs and the joyful proclamation of the word. Children are invited to an Easter egg hunt while parents enjoy good fellowship between the two services.

St. Paul's Summer Sojourn - Move Update Corner

Your Summer Sojourn moving teams have been hard at work preparing for our April and May moves out of our church and into our interim worship space in Foote Hall during our church renovations. Worship leaders have met to talk about the spaces that will be used and the "flow" of our Sunday morning activities from the 8:00am service to the end of the last Coffee Hour. You have most likely been approached by your ministry leaders to discuss the impact on the move to your St. Paul's activities by now, as many have been involved in creating a smooth transition.

Key Dates:

- **April 3** - Town Hall Meeting at 11:15am after the Sunday Service. Renovation Update and Moving Plans will be discussed.
- **Week of April 25** - Vacate El Camino Garage and move in organ pipes.
- **Weeks of May 9, 16** - Post Rummage Sale clean-out of Parish Hall and set up of Summer Sojourn worship equipment and facilities
- **May 15** - Town Hall Meeting at 11:15am after the Sunday Service. Renovation Update and Moving Plans will be discussed.
- **May 22** - Last service in church building; COMMENCE MOVE!
- **May 29** - First worship service in Foote Hall

Our goal is to make the moves simple, with the least amount of disruption as possible. We will communicate with you regularly to provide "Move Updates," on a regular basis, so watch for your Epistles, Sunday Bulletins, and Weekly Emails. For questions, please contact your Summer Sojourn coordinators: Marty Beater jbeater@sbcglobal.net, (650) 692-3391, and Joan Cleary joanccleary@aol.com, (650) 685-4850

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami Relief Concert

Saturday, April 16 at 4pm

You are invited to attend a special concert here at St. Paul's featuring renowned violinist Yukiko Kurakata and other members of the San Francisco Symphony, organist Susan Jane Matthews, mezzo-soprano Yumi Thomas, and other guests. The program includes beautiful instrumental and vocal music by J.S. Bach, as well as works by Handel and Kreisler. Come and enjoy an afternoon of glorious music for a great cause. A free-will donation will benefit those people in Japan who have been affected by the earthquake and tsunami. All proceeds will go to the Episcopal Relief & Development's Japan Earthquake Response Fund.

Rummage Time Again

The Circle is once again busy preparing for the May Sale. Our garages and closets are overflowing with treasures for the sale.

Mark your calendars for May 6th and May 7th, 2011. The sale is 9:30-4pm on Friday and 9:30 - 2pm on Saturday. Volunteers are always needed for a few hours at a time. If you can help, please contact Suzanne Abold at 650-697-7544.



What's Going to Happen with the Adult Forums Now?

“What’s going to happen to the adult forums when you leave?” someone asked Rev. Sally on one of her last Sundays of teaching. Some members of St. Paul’s have come to count on this 9 a.m. hour of faith formation each Sunday, and the Adult Christian Formation Team understands that and has every intention on continuing to offer the opportunity for quality instruction and discussion. The rest of the year will continue as planned:

April 3 - Lent 4 – Lectionary Bible Study with The Rev. Thomas Skillings leading

April 10 - Lent 5 – Lectionary Bible Study with The Rev. Thomas Skillings leading

April 17 – Lent 6 – Palm Sunday - Lectionary Bible Study with Jill Lighty leading

April 24 - EASTER DAY – NO CLASS

May 1 – Rummage Sunday – no class

May 8 – A presentation about Mission and Bob Anderson’s recent mission trip to Liberia – led by Bob Anderson

May 15 – “Sitting in Ashes to Running With Fire” – A History of the early Church – why were the disciples so on fire? – Study of ACTS

May 22 - “Sitting in Ashes to Running With Fire” – Continued Study of the Book of ACTS

May 29 - “Sitting in Ashes to Running With Fire” – Continued Study of the Book of ACTS

June 5 - “Sitting in Ashes to Running With Fire” – Continued Study of the Book of ACTS & small group exploration about what YOU (the learner) would like to study/discuss/learn in the 2011-2012 education year. (This will be the last Sunday Adult Forum until the Fall).

During the summer, the Adult Christian Formation team will once again offer “St. Paul’s at the Movies” Nights with quality films and discussion. Watch for announcements about titles, dates, and times.

And thank you to all of you who have continued to support our adult formation, enlivening our discussion and enhancing the learning of all of us. You continue to bless St. Paul’s.



Shrove Tuesday
Pancake Supper



Children and Families Gather to Begin Lent

But first we needed to “empty the fat from our cupboards” and chow down on some pancakes!

Then we had to “bury the Alleluia”!

Thank you so much *Pete Caraher* and all his crew!

Thank you *Katie Adams, Stephanie Gardner, and Eliza Platerink* and all the young people who created our “Alleluia”.

Thanks to the M.O.M.’s *Kristi Blundell, Leslie Dicioccio, Jessica Varelas, Joan Cleary* for helping us observe the 1st Sunday of Lent with the FAST-IVAL at 9am.

Start Holy Week Hands-On!

St. Paul’s Palm Festival

Sunday, April 17th

Foot Hall after the 10am service

Palm Sunday begins Holy Week, which culminates with the Triduum, the three great holy days of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Great Vigil of Easter.

Children of all ages can create their own “tools for the Triduum” at the St. Paul’s Palm Festival. Plan to stay a little longer on Palm Sunday to:

- Knead and shape a loaf of bread to share as part of the last supper rituals of Maundy Thursday
- Hammer a wooden cross to remember Jesus’s suffering on Good Friday
- Assemble candles and bells to celebrate the Great Vigil of Easter on the eve of Holy Saturday

Hearty snacks will accompany the crafts. Please join in on April 17th! If you’d like to help with the crafts, contact Leslie Dicioccio at leslied4@sbcglobal.net, or to contribute a tray of sandwiches, contact Kristi Blundell at kristi3sons@myastound.net.

Holy Week Services for Children & Families

Holy Week services at St. Paul’s are rich in experiential learning and dramatic story telling – and perfect for families looking to make the sacred story “real.”

Thursday, April 21st - *Maundy Thursday Meal with Foot-Washing at 6 pm*

At the last supper Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: Love one another. On Maundy Thursday we share signs of this love. We wash feet as a sign of humility and break bread as one body in Christ.

Friday, April 22nd - *Good Friday Children’s Service - 4:30pm*

On this day we call to mind Jesus’s full offering of himself for our sake and the sake of the world. Through interactive age-appropriate worship, we’ll explore the story of the crucifixion.

Saturday, April 23 - *Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm*

This is the first celebration of Easter (Saturday sunset). Beginning in darkness we light the Easter fire, and from this fire the paschal candle is lit. Gathered together in candlelight, we then hear and watch the dramatic stories of God’s saving acts throughout history, including creation, the crossing of the Red Sea and more. We then gather at the font for baptisms. Our celebration culminates as we gather around the Lord’s Table to celebrate the first Eucharist of Easter. And see our buried “Alleluias” rise in all their glory!

Sunday, April 24th - *Easter Day Services at 9am and 11am*

Come continue the Easter worship with Holy Eucharist as a family, we continue ringing our Easter bells, flower the cross, and... The ALLELUIA comes out! Children will receive special “tools” for worshipping that morning.

St. Paul’s Nursery Gives Thanks!

A big **Thank You** to Barb Anderson for volunteering each Sunday in the Nursery. Her time and energy is greatly appreciated!





Saint Paul's Youth

Congratulations to our young people who celebrated Rite 13 on March 6th: Michael Caraher, Grace and Wells Costello, Elizabeth Power, Mark Power and Maclaine Maxwell-Mason. We are grateful that you are in our midst!



Last call to join in this summer's Mission Trip!

Appalachian Mission

June 12-19, 2011 • Corbin, Kentucky

The St. Matthew's/St. Paul's youth group is heading on its third annual mission trip this summer! We're going to Corbin, Kentucky, June 12 through 18 to improve homes for low-income people in partnership with St. John's Episcopal Church and the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington. It'll be an exciting week of hot, muggy, buggy, sore-muscly, sweaty fun! The trip is open to all young people currently in grades 8 through 12.

Be a Part of the Easter Vigil Players!

Each year, Saint Paul's youth are an important part of telling the stories of our faith at the Great Vigil of Easter. If you have a bit of dramatic flair, and would like to have fun crafting new ways to tell stories about floods, soldiers, skeletons, animals, and most of all about God's wonderful work in all of history, join us! ***The Easter Vigil is April 23-8:30-10pm***

For more info contact Thomas Skillings:
tskillings@stpaulsburlingame.org

J. S. Bach, Oster-Oratorium / Easter Oratorio

Underwriting sought for Easter Day

Instrumentalists

Five movements of J. S. Bach's glorious *Oster-Oratorium* (Easter Oratorio) will be offered at our 9am and 11am celebrations on Easter Day, April 24. Two trumpeters, two oboists and a string quintet will join forces with our choirs and 1929 Skinner organ in this festive Baroque music for Easter Day. *Please consider underwriting an instrumentalist for \$450.* Smaller donations are also deeply appreciated. Make checks payable to the Music Fund. Donations received by April 17th will be listed in the Easter Day bulletin.

Organ Restoration Begins April 25

The restoration of our 1929 Skinner organ will begin after Easter Day. This restoration work includes replacing the 82-year old leather that is crucial to the organ's mechanism (including a leather valve for each of the organ's 1363 pipes), upgrading the console (keyboards) with modern technology, and replacing the blower that supplies the air allowing the organ to breathe music. Most restoration work will be completed by December 2011, so that the organ will be playable once again for Christmas Eve. In the interim, piano will be used in our worship services.

Festive Choral Evensong and Fourth Annual Music Ministry Celebration & Fundraiser

5pm Saturday, May 21 at St. Paul's

Join us for a Festive Choral Evensong (sung Evening Prayer) at 5pm on Saturday, May 21st as we conclude and celebrate the 2010-2011 choir season and the fourth year of the St. Paul's Choir School for boys and girls with beautiful choral music including Giles Swayne setting of the *Magnificat* and a special anthem sung by the young boys and girls of our St. Cecilia and St. Nicolas choirs.

The Fourth Annual Music Ministry Celebration & Fundraiser immediately follows the Evensong. Critical in raising funds to support the St. Paul's Choir School, it is also a party that shouldn't be missed! Choir RSCM and special awards will be given and Choir School children moving up to the St. Nicolas Choir and Choristers will be announced and celebrated. All choir ministry leaders will be honored.

Dinner & Fundraiser information. Dinner tickets will go on sale in April. This year we offer the Wine Cellar Drawing, where the winner will win no less than 4 cases of premium wine, and 2nd and 3rd places take home great additions to any wine collection too. The Silent Auction already has several exciting items.

If you'd like to contribute wine to the wine cellar drawing we'd love your selections! If you have new items including gift certificates and special offerings (dinners, luncheons, special tours, vacation home vacations, special tickets, etc.) to contribute to the auction, we'll gladly accept them! Please contact Choir School Chair Lee Caraher at leecaraher@yahoo.com or 650-634-0715.



St. Paul's Choir School Fall Registration 2011:

New Enrollments Accepted Through June 8

Do you know a child who likes to sing?

The St. Paul's Choir School includes choirs for boys and girls in grades K-8: St. Cecilia Choir for girls, St. Cecilia Choir for boys, St. Nicolas Choir, and Choristers. The training in the St. Cecilia Choirs allows our youngest singers to find their natural singing voices and lays the groundwork for a life-long appreciation of music. In the St. Nicolas Choir, singers are prepared for entry into the Choristers including further development of vocal skills, ear training and introduction to reading of musical notation. Our most experienced boys and girls, the St. Paul Choristers, regularly join the soprano section of our Chancel Choir to sing the great sacred choral music of the ages and follow the acclaimed Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) chorister training program, Voice for Life. Membership at St. Paul's is not required to join with the choirs at St. Paul's. Please contact me at 650-348-4811x16 or smatthews@stpaulsburlingame.org for further information and to schedule a voice introduction for your child in April or May. Weekday rehearsals for the 2011-12 season will begin the week of September 13th.

May God's blessings abound in your life this Easter ~

Susan

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday: 8am - Eucharist in Chapel

Sunday: 10am - Sung Eucharist

Wednesday: 11am - Eucharist and Healing

Tongan Service:

2nd & 3rd Sundays - 2pm - Prayer Service

1st & 4th Sundays - 2pm - Anglican Eucharist

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HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Palm Sunday **April 17** 8:00am Euucharist
10:00am Eucharist
11:10 Palm Festival

Maundy Thursday **April 21** 6:00pm Dinner & Liturgy

Good Friday **April 22** 12:15pm Good Friday Liturgy
4:30pm Family Service

Great Vigil of Easter **April 23** 8:30pm
Dramatic retelling of the great stories of salvation, Holy Baptism and the renewal of baptismal vows, the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Day **April 24** 9:00am Eucharist with Choir
10:30am Festive Coffee Hour
11:00am Eucharist with Choir