

# 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.*

Epiphany - Lent

February 2012

## From the Rector's Desk...

One of my favorite selections from our prayer book goes:

*Let the whole world see and know that things were cast down are being raised up,  
and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being  
brought to their perfection in Jesus Christ.*

It is this belief that God takes things that have grown tired and old, and gives them new life that lies at the center of Christian life. It is the power of God to bring life out of death that lies at the heart of the Lent/Easter seasons that we are about to enter. Lent is not about trying harder to be a good person, rather it is about ordering our lives in such a way that the God of life might renew and recreate the deep goodness of our humanity. It is about getting in touch with what the Spirit might do in place of our lives that have grown old, and are broken and dying.

Christopher Martin likens this journey to the restoration of Da Vinci's painting of the Last Supper. Over the years the original image had been "repaired" by countless other artists:

*In the mid-1970s, before the most recent restoration, it was a beautiful image that was evocative but incomplete. This was due to a faulty surface foundation, the ravages of time and several botched restoration attempts. In 1978 they began the most thorough and careful restoration ever. Over the twenty-one years when they worked, the restorers discovered colors, details and facial expressions that hadn't been seen for centuries. Restoration revealed beauty and clarity.*

Restoration is the promise of Lent and Easter. In ordering our lives in new ways we can open ourselves to Christ's restoring power. I invite you to consider setting aside some time for daily prayer (see the Twenty-Minute Solution on page 2) or make a commitment to worship every week during Lent through Easter, or find a way to give to those who are in greatest need.

Not because it will make you a better person, but because God's greatest desire is to restore you to the beauty that you have been created to shine forth. God seeks to heal, to strengthen, to give purpose and meaning to your life.

That is the promise of Lent and Easter, and of a life in Christ. And we have been given the gift of these weeks to discover the promise and to know it deeply.

Your fellow pilgrim,  
Thomas †

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 1 - June Rankin Memorial
- Feb 3/4 - Vestry Retreat
- Feb 4 - Organ Rededication Concert
- Feb 6 - The Circle Meeting
- Feb 7 - Altar Guild Meeting
- Feb 11 - Gwynn Thomson Memorial
- Feb 13 - Tea 'n Talk
- Feb 19 - St. Paul's Knitting Group
- Feb 21 - Shrove Tuesday
- Feb 22 - Ash Wednesday
- Feb 22-26 - Home & Hope Non-Host Stay

**Ash Wednesday Services**  
**February 22**  
**7:30am & 12:15pm**

## The Message Board

### The Beauty of Flowers

As a part of the Altar Guild's ministry, the chapel and church high altars are decorated with flowers each Sunday, except during Lent. A local florist delivers arranged bouquets for both altars. At the end of the 10:00 o'clock service, altar flowers are often delivered to a parishioner who is ill or bereaved, or to a family celebrating a special occasion.

The cost of altar flowers throughout the year is partially covered by donations with dedications from the congregation, and the remaining charges are taken from the Altar Guild's limited account. This ministry costs \$100 a week, which includes the florist's delivery charge. Although a donation of \$100 for a Sunday is very helpful, a donation of any amount is appreciated. Donating for and dedicating altar flowers is a thoughtful way to celebrate a special day or to remember a loved one.

There is a Flower Chart in the entry of Foote Hall where you can write your name next to the date of the Sunday when you wish to provide a dedication and donation. Envelopes are available next to the chart and on the Altar Guild Room door. Completed envelopes may be placed in the collection plate, the office mailbox, or given to an Altar Guild member. *Be sure to include the dedication you wish printed in the Sunday bulletin. You may also contact Cisca Hansen, 583-4657, to assist with a dedication.*

*(Please note: Lent this year begins on Ash Wednesday, February 22. Therefore, there will be no flowers on the altars from Ash Wednesday through Good Friday, April 6.)*

### Spring Rummage Sale

Yes, it's that time again- The Circle of St. Paul's Spring Rummage Sale! Mark your calendar for May 4th and 5th, 2012. Our garages are packed to the limit already, so there is bound to be some special treasure there just for you.

As the sale dates approach, we will be asking for volunteers to help with this gigantic project. So please consider giving us an hour or two of your time.

All profits of the sale go directly to the Operating Fund of St. Paul's.

### Acolyte, Pageant Director, and Photographer

If you see Caroline Dicioccio wandering around St. Paul's with a camera in hand....here's what she's up to:

"I don't know if you knew this, but I am a black and white classic film photography student at my school. For the semester, we have been assigned a huge photography portfolio assignment on the theme of our choosing. Because St. Paul's is so special to me, I have chosen to do a series called "Scenes from Sunday." Below is the statement for my project:"

**Artist's Portfolio Statement:** For those that don't go to church, it's hard to understand what kind of community a parish is. A church community is built on faith, crafted by love, maintained by friendship. In this portfolio I wish to expose those without a faith home to what it is like to belong to a community such as St. Paul's. Through "Scenes from Sunday" I wish to highlight the incredible benefits church has brought into my life. Uniquely, however, there is a twist. None of my photographs were taken during a traditional service. Instead, I wish to break preconceived notions about religion and combine incredibly personal faith journeys with the support and respect of the community that St. Paul's has become outside of a Sunday Service. Enjoy.

We can't wait to see her portfolio! Please keep her in your prayers!

### The 20-minute Solution: Christian Practices for Lent and Beyond

**Sundays at 9am in the Higbie Library**

**February 26-March 18**

**or**

**Wednesdays at 7:30pm**

**February 29-March 28**

Can spending twenty minutes a day in a practice of prayer or meditation improve your life? How can twenty minutes a day help you be more grounded in your own soul and in your relationship with God. Lent is traditionally a time when we "take something on" to strengthen our relationship with God.

Not a bad idea since researchers frequently find a correlation between religious practice and health and happiness. Each week we will explore one particular practice of prayer or devotion. Practices will include the Daily Office, Lectio Divina (Divine Reading), Christian Meditation/Centering Prayer, Walking Meditation/Labyrinth. Participants are then invited to try this practice for the following week. Participants will be invited to share their experiences of the various practices.

Leaders: The Rev. Thomas Skillings, The Rev. Sr Lynne Sharp, Dr. Bev Hock

## Muir Woods Earth Day

*(they knew it wasn't Earth Day, yet)*

Engaging in service opportunities is an important part of the Journey to Adulthood curriculum, and an essential way for us to engage in outreach and reflect on their faith. Our first service project of the year was with Samaritan House for the Holiday Giving. Our second service activity was at Muir Woods on Saturday, January 28th and was open to all members of St. Paul's and St. Matthew's. We gathered at St. Paul's at 7:00 a.m., and headed out for the annual Muir Woods Earth Day Celebration. We got to enjoy the majestic redwoods while planting, weeding, mulching, and caring for the Redwood Creek Watershed. My small group from around the Bay Area, and a family from Ohio, "flossed" the boardwalks, extending the life of these accessible walkways for another 20-30 years. As a thank you, chili and cornbread was provided for over 200 volunteers at lunch time. Watch this space for our next service activity.

## Newcomers Meetings

If you have ever wondered about the red books in the back of the pews; or wondered why we say the same things, in the same way week after week; or wondered how to become a member, or become more involved in the life of St. Paul's, you are welcome to attend the Newcomers Meetings. New or experienced, you are invited to attend the two sessions on Sunday, February 5th and 12th at 9:00 a.m. The first session will include a welcome, introductions, and some history. The second meeting will include a tour, and the opportunity to meet a variety of people who are engaged in the many ministries of St. Paul's. For more information contact Lynne Sharp at (650)240-6992 or [lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org).

## Confirmation/Reception for Adults

What is Confirmation? According to the BCP, Confirmation is the rite in which we express a mature commitment to Christ, and receive strength from the Holy Spirit through prayer and the laying on of hands by the Bishop. Reception is for people who were confirmed in another denomination, and now wish to commit themselves in the way of the Episcopal Church. In short, this is an opportunity to reaffirm your Baptismal Covenant and to publically affirm your faith with the support of the gathered community. We will have three preparation sessions, Sunday February 26, March 4th, and March 11th from 11:30-1:00, in which we read "*Welcome to the Episcopal Church*" and dig deeper into the History, Faith, and Worship of the Episcopal Church. Confirmations and Receptions take place at Grace Cathedral on Saturday, April 21 at 11:00. For more information contact Lynne Sharp at (650)240-6992 or [lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org).



## Henry Ohlhoff House

Henry Ohlhoff House was founded in 1958 as one of the original institutions of the Diocese of California and includes an intensive thirty-day program, aftercare programs, transitional housing, outpatient care, prevention education in the schools, as well as offering support to families and people who are concerned about their chemical use. Their reputation in the Bay Area as "a working person's program" is unparalleled. Their Mission Statement "is to provide the highest quality treatment services for alcohol and drug addiction; empowering individuals and families to take responsibility for their own recovery".

Sr. Lynne has been a member of the Board of Governors for Henry Ohlhoff House, for the past 18 months and is committed to the work that this organization does on behalf of those suffering from addiction. Lynne's involvement with Ohlhoff House allows her to bring many strands of her life, her passions and gifts, and her desire to serve into one place.

I am grateful for the twenty-two years of sobriety that I continue to experience, and more importantly for the many people who supported, and continue to support me in that journey. The second leg of the journey was working as an addiction counselor, and then as a program director for treatment programs in Rochester, NY. I last worked in the field of recovery at Stepping Stone Women's Recovery while attending seminary, and wondered how God was going to use my experience once I was ordained. I quickly found my way into the Recovery Commission, and in 2010 onto the Board of Ohlhoff House. I am so impressed by the work they do, and the many ways that they reach out to individuals and families in need, that I gladly support the work and ministry of Henry Ohlhoff House.

"O blessed Lord, you ministered to all who came to you: Look with compassion upon all who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy; remove from them the fears that beset them; strengthen them in the work of their recovery; and to those who care for them, give patient understanding and persevering love. Amen" - BCP pg. 831

If you would like to know more about Ohlhoff programs, contact Sr. Lynne at 650-348-4811 or [lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org) or contact the Ohlhoff program at <http://ohlhoff.org> or call 877-477-4543.



### Ministry Spotlight

The Ministry Team Spotlight for February is on the Vestry and the Deanery Delegates:

#### The Vestry

The Vestry is the board of directors of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, guided by its By-laws of corporation. It consists of twelve members in addition to the Rector, and meets monthly to transact the business of the church. The 2012 Vestry members are:

The Rev. Thomas Skillings  
Beth Beisecker, Senior Warden  
Suzanne Aubry  
Serina Beauparlant  
Cyndy Bodenlos  
Michelle Bosschart  
Chip Blundell  
Charlie Bruce  
Joan Cleary  
Mike Kimball  
Dan March  
Chris McCrum  
Fusi Pauli

#### Diocesan Convention Delegates

The Constitution of the Diocese of California establishes that each parish in the diocese is entitled to send two lay delegates plus "one additional delegate per 100 communicants in good standing, or a major fraction thereof, in excess of 100" to the Diocesan Convention. Lay delegates from St. Paul's are elected at the annual meeting and serve two year terms. In addition to our clergy delegates, St. Paul's was entitled to send six lay delegates to the 162nd convention of the Diocese of California, that was held at Grace Cathedral in San Francisco on October 21, & 22, 2011. Delegates that represented St. Paul's were Thomas Skillings, Lynne Sharp, Susan Ketcham, Donald Mulliken, Gwynn Thomson, Wade Aubry, and Dawn Mulliken.

Among other things, it is the responsibility of the convention delegates to approve the diocesan budget for the following year as well as the formula that determines the amount that each congregation must contribute toward it. This year, an

Assessment Formula Review Committee recommended that this amount be reduced for each congregation. Many thanks to Debbie Cleveland for serving on this Committee for the Peninsula Deanery.

In addition to the Diocesan Convention, St. Paul's was represented by one or more delegates at each of the four meetings of the Peninsula Deanery that took place in 2011. St. Paul's is a member of the Peninsula Deanery along with seventeen other Episcopal Parishes and Missions on the San Francisco Peninsula. At the end of 2011, our Associate Rector, Lynne Sharp was elected to serve a two-year term as vice president of the Peninsula Deanery. Donald Mulliken also served the second of a three-year term as a representative from this body to the Diocesan Executive Council.

Thanks to the St. Paul's 2011 clergy, lay, and alternate lay delegates: Thomas Skillings, Sally Boelter, Lynne Sharp, Julie Graham, Susan Ketcham, Donald Mulliken, Gwynn Thomson, Wade Aubry, Paul Cleveland, Dawn Mulliken and Julie Marty.

We welcome the following parishioners who make up the 2012 Diocesan Convention Delegates for St. Paul's:

Susan Ketcham  
Donald Mulliken  
Wade Aubry  
Paul Cleveland  
Dawn Mulliken  
Ann van Oppen  
Alternate Delegate: Julie Marty

*Donald Mulliken*  
Convener of St. Paul's Delegates for 2011

*Dear St. Paul's Community:*

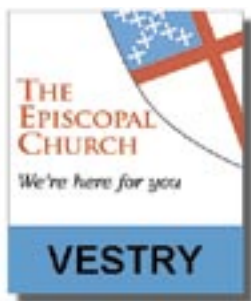
I am pleased and honored to be leading St. Paul's Vestry as Senior Warden this year. We welcome our new Vestry members **Michele Bosschart, Chip Blundell, Dan March and Cyndy Bodenlos**. We are grateful for all of the skills and experiences that they bring to our team and look forward to our year ahead.

St. Paul's community got off to a very busy start the day after our Annual Meeting with a memorial service and reception for the Rev. Stuart Coxhead. I want to thank everyone who contributed so selflessly to make this beautiful reception happen so quickly. Thank you to **Lee Caraher** for coordinating the event, and to **Pete Caraher, Michele Bosschart, The Circle of St. Paul's** and all of the volunteers for stepping in so quickly and generously.

The 2012 Vestry met the weekend of February 3 and 4 to discuss Vestry priorities for the upcoming year. Our Vestry retreat "theme" is "*What does it mean for St. Paul's to be a Beacon on the Highway?*" As a Vestry, we will begin the discussion that the entire church will be having this spring as we look at our future here on the highway. We welcome your comments and ideas. A very big "*thank you*" to **Pete Caraher** for cooking our Vestry dinner this weekend!

Thank you to everyone who helped out at our Annual Meeting on January 29. We give a fond send-off to our retiring Vestry members Pehr Leudtke and Dawn Mulliken. A very special thank you goes to Tish Busselle, our Senior Warden for the past two very busy, but productive, years. We are thankful for all of your hard work and dedication to St. Paul's community. We will miss you!

*Beth Beisecker*  
Senior Warden



**Remembering Those Who Have Died in Christ**



**The Rev. Stuart Coxhead:** Stuart died January 24th, after a long battle with heart disease. Stuart served as St. Paul's Rector for 21 years beginning in 1980. During this time he touched innumerable lives with his kindness and compassion. Under his leadership, Saint Paul's launched many ministries, including the revitalized children's ministry that we love today, and he was a champion in supporting the Interfaith Hospitality Network (now Home & Hope) which is such an important ministry of our parish.

A memorial Eucharist was celebrated for Stuart on January 30.



**June Rankin:** June died Saturday, January 21 at the age of 96. June was a Burlingame native, and a member of St. Paul's for most of her 96 years. She served on the Altar Guild up to the time of her death and, for many years, she was the wedding coordinator. June was also a faithful servant and "lineman" for the FISH organization, arranging rides to medical appointments for shut-ins. She was taking calls up to the week before her death.

A memorial service for June was celebrated on February 1.



**Gwynn Thomson:** Gwynn also grew up in Burlingame. He died of a heart attack, unexpectedly, on January 24. Gwynn and his wife, Willa, have been long time parishioners at St. Paul's. Over the years, Gwynn sang in the choir, was a faithful office volunteer, a reader and a chalice bearer. He could often be found reading at both the 8:00am and the 10:00am services. He was also a regular attender of Adult Forums.

Memorial services for Gwynn will be on February 11.

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

## Lent 2012

### For Children and Their Families

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**Lent** comes from the Anglo-Saxon word **lencton** – meaning “spring” or “lengthening” from the time of year when the days grow long. The season begins on Ash Wednesday (February 22, 2012) and ends with the Easter Triduum (Maundy Thursday through Easter Day), covering 40 days (excluding Sundays which are little feasts of the Resurrection). Some believe that the word “Lent” may derive from the Latin **lentare**, which means “to bend.” This understanding reinforces a sense of Lent as a time of preparation for personal and collective transformation. Having nurtured ourselves through Advent, Christmas and Epiphany, Lent becomes the time to look truthfully at ourselves and make changes.

In the early church, Lent was the time of preparation for the Easter, Pascha (Christian Passover) baptism of converts to the faith. Persons were to receive the sacrament of “new birth” following a period of fasting, penitence and preparation. Just as the children of Israel had been delivered from the bondage of Egyptian slavery, we are delivered from the bondage of sin. The bible readings appointed for the Sundays in Lent continue to offer us a short course on the meaning of baptism – our sacrament of initiation into the Body of Christ.

### Traditions of Lent:

Liturgical Colors:

- **Purple** is used in vestments and altar hangings for penitence and royalty.
- **Rough linen** or unbleached fabric can also reflect the mood of Old Testament mourning (wearing sackcloth)

Symbols:

- **Ashes** (prepared from the previous year's palms symbolize our mortality and sorrow for our sins. Job (Job 42:6) and the king of Ninevah (Jonah 3:6) put ashes on their foreheads as a sign of repentance, while also wearing sackcloth
- **Responses & Music** follows a more contemplative stance. Joyful canticles, Alleluias and the Gloria in excelsis are omitted from worship. Altar flowers may also be absent.

Notable days and practices:

- **Shrove Tuesday** (the day before Ash Wednesday) was the day that all households were to use up all milk, eggs and fat to prepare for the strict fasting of Lent. These ingredients were made into pancakes, a meal which came to symbolize preparation for the discipline of Lent. “Shrove” comes from the verb “to thrive” (to confess and receive absolution) prior to the start of the Lenten season. Other names for this day include Carnival (farewell to meat) and Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday).

- **Ash Wednesday** takes its name from the ashes used as early as the 3rd century to publicly signify contrition. With roots in the ancient Jewish festival of Yom Kippur, *the Day of Atonement*, it is a day to honestly face one's self – to be one with God, our neighbor, all of creation and ourselves. It began to be observed in the 7th century as a time for disciplining penitents. By the 11th century, Christians had come to recognize the universal need for self-examination and repentance. Believers began to be blessed with ashes on their foreheads as they began their Lenten fast as a reminder that we are dust, and to dust we will return.
- **Retreats** are a common practice during Lent; a time set aside for teaching and learning, fasting and self-denial, meditation, quiet and spiritual growth in our relationship with God
- **Study and Preparation** is also customary for Christians and many churches plan special programs in which prayer practices, Bible study or service to others are offered. It is a time for those who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil (or to be Confirmed in the Spring) to study and reflect on the Christian faith and their relationship to Jesus Christ.

## Heifer's “Read to Feed” Comes to Sunday Journey!

The Christian season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 22nd. **For our Sunday Journey observance of Lent, we will be having a very special series of lessons from the Heifer organization.** Our Compassionate Kids team has been working for months to prepare a program for our children to “prepare their hearts for the Resurrection” through its ongoing mission of engendering in our children “love for our neighbor,” especially the neighbor who is “the least of us.”

Sunday Journey children will be participating in Heifer International's “**Read to Feed**” program for the Sundays of Lent and Easter. Through reading books, our Sunday Journey groups will be raising funds to purchase sheep, pigs, goats and llamas for families around the world in need.

Along with participating in “**Read to Feed**” during the week, our children will have special Sunday Journey lessons the Sundays of Lent and Easter. We will continue learning the week's stories from scripture, and the last half of the class we'll be having a “Heifer lesson” to learn about the animal we're raising funds for and the people it serves to feed and empower.

*So, pray for our children, ask them what they're reading, and what animal they are raising funds for with their reading! Better yet... offer to sponsor them!*



## The Latest Discussion from MOMS:

### Teaching our children about Holy Communion; Sharing a Family Meal

*“Children should be as welcome at our altar as at your Thanksgiving table. They don’t have to understand in order to take part.”* (The Rev. Leslie Smith).

At the January 26th meeting seven moms with children ranging from 8 months to 19 years gathered to check in with each other and to reflect on the power of the sacrament of Holy Communion. We all agreed that our children should receive; we don’t want them to feel “left out.” Most of us had a story of the pain of not being able to receive this sacrament. Some had suffered the hurt of exclusion from such a ritual of inclusion.

We also “got it” that Holy Communion can’t ever be understood all children of all ages, but... how do we “teach our children” about it? Just like grappling as to how to teach them how to attend a wedding, a funeral or sit at a formal family dinner at Christmas or Thanksgiving... where to begin? But unlike these occasions, teaching about Holy Communion is basically teaching our children about God. Who we think God is and who we think Jesus is directly relates to how we perceive the sacrament of communion.

*Up to the tenth century, writes Joseph Russell, “the only question that seemed to bother the Church about infants and children receiving the Sacrament lay in the question of how it would be administered. Spoons, straws, fingers, and even leaves were the suggested tools for reception.”* Excerpt from [This Bread and This Cup](#)

### What we understood of the Eucharist.

For some of us, communion is the personal eating of bread and drinking of wine with Christ. For others, it was a sign of union with other people. Some found the power “in the bread and wine itself.” Others felt that they were joining other Christians in doing the same thing on the same day of the week for thousands of years.

We pondered but couldn’t answer: “Did the Grace happen from the action of coming and sharing the bread and wine or was it in the bread and wine?” We liked the Episcopal church’s answer to these questions: YES, all of the above.

As Episcopalians, now welcoming all the Baptized to this sacrament and doing away with needing to be confirmed or a “first communion” class, how do we give this holy sacrament to our children, letting them in on what it is and why we think its so special and necessary?

MOMS concluded that we do need teaching about the sacrament of Holy Communion for our children, (and maybe for ourselves as well) not as a requirement to receive but as way to empower them to make communion more meaningful and thus easier in which to participate.

If you have a thought about when you would prefer a Holy Communion teaching series for your child, contact The Rev. Julie Graham.

## The Sundays after the Epiphany...

Our pageant star leads the way into Sunday Journey lessons after the Epiphany. Thanks to the Cheston Family for making this year’s pageant star! Mo, Janet, Winnie and Mo the 3rd.



Samantha Storey makes a paper hug in Sunday Journey so she can send it, and the power of love, to somebody who is not near.

## Sunday Journey for Families in the Summer



We go to Camp! St. Paul's encourages participating in one of our three Episcopal camp programs for children and youth (**and even one for the whole family!**) A

week of Episcopal camp deepens our children's faith, equates friendship with spirituality, allows them to hear the tradition in the fun and fellowship of hiking, canoeing, and camping in the great outdoors. *And what a safe and nurturing context for an away camp! You know the values the camps are held to! Plus friends made are from Episcopal churches in the Bay Area.*

### CAMPS of the Diocese of California

#### St. Dorothy's Rest

St. Dorothy's Rest offers a unique summer camp experience to youth in the diocese as well as offering free camp programs for critically ill youth from bay area hospitals.

A redwood forest provides a magnificent backdrop for St. Dorothy's Rest, as the majestic trees lend an aura of serenity to all of camp and instill in guests and campers an appreciation of nature. Retreat guests and campers are welcomed into a rich historical tradition at the oldest continually-operating summer camp in California, sleeping in historic buildings from the Arts-and-Crafts movement of the early 1900s.

#### *Camps offered in the summer:*

- Ankle Biter's Camp (ABC; one parent/one child ages 5-7)
- Russian River Adventures I (RRI; Ages 8-12)
- Mini-Camp (MINI; Ages 6-8)
- Russian River Adventures II (RRII; Ages 8-12)
- Mini-Camp 2 (Ages 6-8)
- Hangout Work 'n' Stuff (HOW; Ages 13-17)
- Explorations Backpacking (EXP; Ages 13-15)
- Russian River Adventures III (RRIII; Ages 8-12)
- Counselor-in-Training Week (CIT; invitation only)

For more information go to: [www.stdorothysrest.org](http://www.stdorothysrest.org)

### Summer Camps at The Bishop's Ranch MUSIC CAMP

Come explore music, movement and art through the creation and performance of an original musical, theater piece. This year's production, "Jesus, The Missing Years," explores what Jesus' childhood and teen years were like. Other camp activities include swimming, hiking, crafts, worship and more. Camp culminates in a performance for family and friends. *For campers entering 4th to 9th grade.*

### B.R.E.A.D. Camp

B.R.E.A.D. Camp is a great place to discover community, spirituality and learn more about yourself. Spend mornings with other teens exploring the theme of the week through small group activities and discussions. Afternoons are filled with lots of fun things to do like hiking, swimming, arts and crafts, and other elective activities. Evenings hold some really fun surprises. *Offering separate weeks for Middle School and Sr High aged young people.*

### GENERATIONS CAMP

Families of all shapes and sizes gather for a week of fellowship, play, worship, art and music. Enjoy the simple rhythms of community life as you help to create a unique experience for yourself and others. Activities include daily community chapel time, family crafts, a field trip and more. *Intergenerational: the whole family, plus ...*

For more information go to: [www.bishopsranch.org](http://www.bishopsranch.org)

### Camp St. Andrew's

*Campers ages 8 - 13*

*Leadership positions ages 14 and over*

St. Andrew's is a camp dedicated to providing a positive, loving, and accepting environment for children. It dedicates itself to creating and fostering exciting spiritual, developmental, and recreational programs. It pledges to share this mission more deeply with its current community and looks forward to growth, and the opportunity to offer that mission to others. Camps St. Andrew's takes place at Camp Jack Hazard.

For more information go to: [www.campsaintandrews.org](http://www.campsaintandrews.org)

### Camp Saint Francis

*Open to Campers 7-13*

*Staff ages 14 and up*

Camp St. Francis is a week filled with programs that allow campers to explore and experience activities that they do not encounter in their day to day lives. From swimming in the lake, performing on stage, to sleeping under the stars, campers are encouraged and accepted as they take on new challenges and build lasting friendships with the camp family each day. Camp Saint Francis is held at the Camp Gold Hollow facility, a lake front camp site along Lake Vera, located in the Sierra Foothills, just outside of Nevada City, California.

For more information go to: <http://campsaintfrancis.org/>

## Youth Group Ice Skating

Who knew that Chip Filak and Karl Breice were experienced ice skaters? Once they hit the ice with the dozen youth who came to skate on Sunday, January 29th there was no doubt that there are some hidden talents among the youth, and the adults, in our Journey to Adulthood Youth Group. The excitement mounted as one-by-one they discovered the joy and freedom of "skating" in their sneakers. Back at St. Paul's the group feasted on hot chocolate, nachos, taquitos, and cookies (which they loved). All in all, it was a very good day. Our next "*Mystery Event*" will take place on March 18th with other youth from the Peninsula. Stay tuned for more information.



Davey Breice begins his triple toe-loop while Chip Filak prepares to catch his landing.

## Nightwatch

Nightwatch is an annual event that takes place at Grace Cathedral over Martin Luther King Jr. day weekend, and focuses on the human rights issues. This year, 95 youth from the diocese and 30 adult volunteers, along with 4 St. Paul's youth, and one adult volunteer, gathered in the evening for foods, games, and prayer. *Cathedral Commando* seems to be the favorite among the youth. We talked about "church" and "community" and around 11:00pm, we circled around the labyrinth as one youth shared his story of being unaware of his immigration status until his family was picked up and sent to a deportation camp – where they will remain separated for many years to come. We closed the evening with Bishop Marc presiding at the Eucharist and then sleeping inside the dark, chilly, yet beautiful and somewhat peaceful Cathedral. Monday, the 16th some of the youth participated in the Martin Luther King Day parade and then went for a service program. We "served" at City Impact Food Bank, and the youth had the opportunity to create "hygiene kits," and then participate in a Bible Study with the volunteers and drop in guests. Some of the youth were also given the opportunity to deliver food to individuals living in single room occupancy hotels, and say a prayer with them.

## Happening 29, March 2-4

Epiphany, 1839 Arroyo Avenue, San Carlos

Happening is an Episcopal weekend retreat for high school-aged youth, led by high school-aged youth. It includes music, large-group and small-group activities, spiritual healing, and time for personal reflection. It is a fun and uniquely safe experience where teens can be themselves, feel the love of God and each other, and begin to seriously explore what it means to be a Christian and an Episcopalian. As anyone who's been to **Happening** will tell you, attending is a leap of faith that you will not regret taking.

**Happening** is open to all from 9th to 12th grades and their friends!

For more information contact Sr. Lynne at 650-240-6992 or [lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org](mailto:lsharp@stpaulsburlingame.org), or at the Diocese Jennifer Snow at [jennifers@diocal.org](mailto:jennifers@diocal.org).

Registration forms are available on the DioCal Web page under **Happening 29**. **Please sign-up by February 17th, 2012!**



### Premiere of the "St. Paul's" Communion Service by Thomas Joyce

On Sunday, January 29th we celebrated St. Paul's Day and the completion of the projects of the centennial campaign with the premiere of the "St. Paul's" Communion Service for congregation, choir, and organ by Thomas Joyce. The choirs of St. Paul's were joined by guest singers from Camerata of Grace Cathedral, forming a 50-voice choir for the premiere.

Many thanks to Anne Casscells and Susan Ketcham, Chris McCrum and Liz Velarde, Pete and Lee Caraher, Paul and Debbie Cleveland, and Paul and Ashley Turek for underwriting the commission of this work. Special thanks to Lee Caraher and her colleagues at Double Forte for publicity materials as we celebrated the completion of the centennial campaign projects.

Congratulations to Tom Joyce for composing this tremendous new communion service. What an incredible experience for the parish of St. Paul's to be part of the creation and premiere of this work. The *Gloria, Sanctus, and Agnus Dei* of the "St. Paul's" Communion Service will be sung again on April 8 for Easter Day.

### Pacific Boychoir Academy Returns to Sing with St. Paul's Choir School Sunday, February 12 at 10am

At the 10am Holy Eucharist on February 12th, 16 boys from the Pacific Boychoir Academy (PBA) of Oakland will join the Choristers and St. Nicolas Choir in leading the music of our worship for the Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany. The 39-voice choir of boys and girls will sing three anthems during the service: a sprightly setting of the appointed Psalm 30 by onetime Salisbury Cathedral organist Joseph Corfe (1741-1820), *I will magnify thee, O Lord*; the beloved duet *Wir eilen mit schwachen* from Cantata 78 by Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); and a hauntingly beautiful setting of the John Donne text *O hear us, Lord* by American composer Anthony Piccolo (b. 1946).



### Second Annual Choir School Concert Saturday, March 3 at 4pm

You are invited to come and delight in the abundant musical talents of the boys and girls of our Choir School as they join to perform St. Paul's Second Annual Choir School Concert at 4pm on Saturday, March 3rd in the church. Between performances by the choirs of the Choir School, boys and girls from the Choir School will perform vocal and instrumental solos. The one-hour program will be followed by a reception. A free-will donation will benefit the St. Paul's Choir School, now celebrating its fifth year.

### Choral Evensong sung by St. Paul's Choristers to Benefit Heifer Project Sunday, March 11 at 4pm

As a joint project of the Choristers & Youth Group, a service of Choral Evensong will be offered on the Third Sunday in Lent to benefit the Heifer Project. This service has been planned by Choristers Joey Blundell, Lauren Bodenlos, Michael Caraher, and Hayden Pegley. Choral music sung by the Choristers will include *Magnificat and Nunc dimittis in the Mixolydian Mode* by Thomas Joyce and *Simple Gifts* by Aaron Copland.

Blessings to you in your walk through this Lent,  
*Susan Jane Matthews*  
Director of Music

There's still room at the Ranch...  
So Join Us For The Parish Weekend!

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# PARISH

## *Weekend*

✕ April 20-22, 2012 ✕



### *Preliminary Schedule*

#### Friday, April 20

5-8:00 pm Arrive and Settle  
8:00 pm Night prayer

#### Saturday, April 21

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Morning wake-up and prayer  
9:30 Morning activities and conversation  
12:30 Lunch  
1:00 Free time  
6:30 Dinner  
7:30 Evening Activity  
8:30 Night Prayer

#### Sunday, April 22

8:00 Breakfast  
9:00 Morning Wake up and prayer  
9:30 Morning activity  
11:00 Eucharist  
12:30 Lunch

Now is the time to plan to attend the annual parish weekend at The Bishop's Ranch in beautiful Sonoma County. The weekend is a wonderful chance to share in a time of relaxed and enriching fellowship with other Saint Paul's parishioners.

The weekend is a combination of **relaxed conversation, playing, hiking, worship for parishioners of all ages.**

Accommodations are in double rooms, or cabins with private bath depending on how many people are in your household. The food is excellent (and someone else does the dishes!) Program ideas are under construction so stay tuned!



The cost for adults -- \$190, youth (13-18) \$125, children (3-12) \$100, children 2 and under are free. If you would like to stay in Webb Lodge the cost is \$210.

Financial aid is available. Nobody will be turned away

### *Retreat Reservation Form*

Household Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Children (ages) \_\_\_\_\_

Fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ Request Fin aid \_\_\_\_\_



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The Rev. Julie Graham, Associate Rector for Children & Families  
Dr. Susan Matthews, Director of Music  
Dr. Thomas Joyce, Assistant Director (Choir School)

## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

**Sunday: 8am** - Eucharist in Chapel

**Sunday: 10am** - Sung Eucharist

**Wednesday: 11am** - Eucharist and Healing

**Morning Prayers:** Monday-Thursday - 8:30am

**Tongan Service:**

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - 2pm - Prayer Service

2nd & 4th Sundays - 2pm - Anglican Eucharist

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