

THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S

5/5 – The Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Adult Ed. – The Welcome Table, Kay Sylvester
Adult Ed. – Journey To Stillness,
David Milligan

8:00 am - 12 Noon - Spring Boutique

4:00 pm Children/Youth Education Forum - Sanctuary

5/6 – Monday

6:00 pm Discernment Meeting – Adult Education

5/7 – Tuesday

5:00 pm Interfaith Youth Council Board Mtg. – Vail Rm

6:30 pm EfM Meeting – Preschool Teacher's Lounge

5/8 – Wednesday

5/9 – Thursday

12:00 pm Holy Eucharist & healing prayers

5/10 – Friday

5/11 – Saturday

5/12– The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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Today...

Sunday, May 5, 2013

Spring Boutique Opportunity...The Craft Guild is holding its first sale of 2013. Come and visit with the creative artists, browse the array of fun new items that are being offered and of course beat the crowds to your favorite handmade items. Lots of Mother's Day ideas.

Adult Education...at 11:00 a.m.

The Journey to Stillness, Rev. David Milligan, Presenting
Parish Hall "B"

The "Welcome Table", Rev. Kay Sylvester, Presenter
Adult Education Room

Middle and High School Youth Group...will not be meeting this Sunday, May 5th. Kay & David will be away with the bishop. See you on Sunday, May 12th!

In The News.....

Seventh Sunday of Easter 2013...This year, we will be celebrating a Rogation Sunday on the 7th Sunday of Easter season, May 12. Rogation Sundays are a much more ancient

tradition than "Earth Day," with much the same aim; to give thanks for the beauty and variety of God's creation, and especially to bless the fields where crops are grown. The word "rogation" means "to ask" – in this case, to ask for God's blessing on our parish and the land we use to grow food.

On this Sunday, we will hear the lessons appointed for a celebration of Rogation, and after the 9:30 service, we'll process to the garden and bless all the plots.

The Episcopal Church, along with other churches in the Anglican Communion, has talked a great deal in recent years about creating a liturgical "Season of Creation", in which the focus of the lessons, preaching, prayers, and Eucharistic texts are focused on the abundant gifts given to us in Creation. The purpose of such a season is at least twofold: to fulfill our duty to God to give thanks for what God has given us, and to bring into the sphere of worship a deepening awareness of the precipitous state of the planet, from habitat loss to climate change to species endangerment to loss of forest and pollution of all of it. The hope is that by focusing our worship and prayer around the stunning beauty and variety of Creation, our awareness will be awakened to our own behavior in regard to the environment, and further that the church can become an important advocate on the world stage for the imperiled creation. Some dioceses in our church are already providing resources for such a season, e.g., the Diocese of Minnesota.

It is certain that faith communities have an important voice to offer in the conversation about the many challenges to our planet posed by human enterprise; it is time for us to pay attention to the sin (not a word I use often, or lightly) of unthinking use of our planetary resources, and the effect our species is having on other species, and the planet herself.

Plan to be here to give thanks for God's abundant gifts to us!

Habitat For Humanity...We continue our fund-raising for the Habitat affiliate in Orange County for their work in Nicaragua. To date, we have raised \$7,434. Because that was so easy, we're going for \$10,000 which represents the cost of two basic houses in Nicaragua. We'd like to present a check for that amount on Pentecost. Please consider a continuing weekly gift, or a one-time donation; just put "Habitat" in the memo portion of your check. Lives are changed for the better!

Pentecost is coming!...The "birthday of the Church", the Feast of Pentecost, is Sunday, May 19.

This feast remembers the day that the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples gathered in Jerusalem, and they were empowered to preach the Good News to the world gathered there from all over.

It is a joyful custom of the church for everyone to wear RED on this day, the color we use to signify the Holy Spirit. Our worship at the 9:30 service on Sunday will be formal, joyful, and full of fabulous music.

Also, on the Eve of Pentecost at the 5:00 p.m. service, (May 18) the service will be held on the church patio, and followed by a potluck meal. Everyone is invited! The plan for the potluck is this: you are invited to bring a dish that holds meaning for you, from your family, your ethnic background, or your sense of your

identity. During dinner, we'll each get to tell our stories about the dishes we have brought. You're also invited to share your recipes – bring a few copies to put beside your dish.

Plan to be in church this weekend to celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church!



Sound of St. Paul's!... St. Paul's Episcopal Church is proud to present The Sound of St. Paul's on Saturday, June 1st at 7:30 p.m. This musical presentation will feature the Chancel Choir singing many of our parish's favorite anthems. They will be joined by several of our soloists and musicians in a varied program of sacred, classical and contemporary music.

There is a \$20 donation for the concert.

Join us for dinner at 6:00 p.m. featuring three of Orange County's finest gourmet food trucks. Purchase the meal of your choice and join us on the lawn or patio for conversation and fellowship. Wine, beer and water will be available on the patio.

This promises to be a joyful evening of fine food and exquisite music. Please join us. Tickets are available in the Parish Office or following all church services.

Volunteer Opportunities: The parish office is in need of volunteers in the following areas:

Weekly – Individuals with warm friendly smiles to greet visitors, answer phones and perform other light office duties.

Projects – Inventory, Organize & straighten up kitchen, Update website, Copyright tracking & reporting, etc.

If you would like more information please contact Sonia Barajas by calling the office, [714.544.3141 ext.105](tel:714.544.3141), or email her at administrator@stpauls.org.

Women's Book Group... We'd love to have new voices and thoughts in our Women's Book Group. During this year we have read fiction, non-fiction, historical fiction, mystery and classics. Our upcoming book discussion will be on May 19 at 2 p.m. in the Preschool Teacher's Lounge. "Cannery Row" by John Steinbeck is the May 19 discussion book.

Financial Overview...

	Mar. 2013	Jan-Mar. '13	YTD Budget	Variance	Annual Budget
Income	\$ 55,540	\$153,525	\$124,962	\$28,563	\$ 455,943
Expenses	\$ 42,364	\$118,169	\$117,890	\$ 279	\$ 468,716
Net Income	\$ 13,176	\$ 35,356	\$ 7,072		\$12,773

WEEKLY EVENTS AT ST. PAUL'S

Sunday

- 6:00 am AA Meeting (Daily)
- 8:00 am **Holy Eucharist**
- 9:30 am **Holy Eucharist**
- 12:30 pm St. Peter's Church of South India Worship
- 5:30 pm **Sunday Supper**
- 6:30 pm **New Church**

Monday

- 2:00 pm LEAP Tutoring
- 6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 pm Job Search Workshop
- 7:30 pm Al-Anon Meeting

Tuesday

- 9:30 am ESL
- 2:00 pm LEAP Tutoring
- 4:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:30 pm EFM Class
- 7:00 pm Craft Guild
- 7:00 pm ESL

Wednesday

- 1:00 pm LEAP Tutoring

Thursday

- 9:15 am Intercessory Prayer Group
- 9:30 am ESL
- 10:30 am Winging It With The Spirit
- 12:00 noon **Holy Eucharist**
- 12:30 pm Lunch Bunch
- 2:00 pm LEAP Tutoring
- 6:15 pm Women's AA Meeting
- 7:00 pm ESL
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsals

Friday

- 12:00 noon OA Meeting
- 7:00 pm AA Meeting
- 8:00 pm Irvine Korean Adventist Bible Study

Saturday

- 8:30 am Al-Anon Parents' Meeting
- 10:00 am Al-Anon Book Study
- 10:00 am Citizenship Preparation Class
- 10:00 am Irvine Korean Adventist Worship
- 5:00 pm **Holy Eucharist**

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