

The Family Letter

The News of St. Paul's Church

E-Mail Update

Fall Back on Saturday Night

Daylight Savings Time Ends This Weekend



Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour before bedtime on Saturday. If you forget, you will be an hour early for church...Wait! That may not be a bad thing!

Have you RSVP'd?



NOVEMBER 13
CELEBRATION SUNDAY
 AND HOSTED ALL PARISH BRUNCH
 SINGLE 9 A.M. SERVICE FOLLOWED BY BRUNCH

This Week...

All Saints Celebrations this Weekend

The fourth major feast in the Anglican calendar (after Easter, Pentecost and Christmas) is All Saints Day, November 1. St. Paul's celebrates All Saints Sunday this year on November 5 and 6. The services will feature the names of those "saints" who have gone before us whose funerals are listed in the Parish Register for the last year as well as those in our Memorial Garden or submitted by parishioners.

The 9:30 am service on Sunday will feature four anthems by the Chancel Choir accompanied by a string quartet.

Inscribe Names on the Memorial Garden Window

You may still use an erasable marker to inscribe the names of those persons who have been significant in your life on the glass of the Memorial Garden window. The glass will become a Celtic "thin-place" between the present life and eternity.

'Youth Portal' Middle School Youth Group

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Revelation 7:9-17

Ps. 34:1-10, 22

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Reflections...

by Maria L. Evans

Origami Saints

Sometimes the saint is loved not simply for his closeness to God but for his patent humanity. The saint has a temper, flies off the handle, loses his or her cool in pursuit of a great ideal. St. Jerome, the first translator of the Bible into Latin, was famously irascible, once writing that one of his detractors "walked like a tortoise."

To take another example, St. Peter is beloved not only because he was a great apostle, but for his many flaws: denying Jesus three times before the crucifixion, among them. Holiness makes its home in humanity. That insight says, "They're not perfect. Maybe I could aspire to this level of achievement."

--James Martin

Nothing separates "The people who are good at crafts" from "The people who are ordinary at crafts" quite like an origami bird.

Now, at its most basic level, an origami bird is a rather simple thing. After all

Our group for kids in middle school (grades 6-8) is now known as "Youth Portal." They have their regular meetings on Sundays, at 5:00 pm. The group will spend some of their time in a curriculum of discussion and study that will challenge them to develop a maturing faith. It will also qualify the young people for the rite of Confirmation for those who wish to seek this level of commitment. Of course, there will also be fellowship and social and service opportunities. Glen and Linda Stebens are the counselors for the group.

"Energy and Our Future" Symposium on Sunday

A symposium sponsored by the Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment, is scheduled for Sunday, afternoon at 2:00 pm at Congregation B'Nai Israel, 2111 Bryan Ave. in Tustin. Registration is \$10 and begins at 1:30 pm. More information is available [here](#).

This symposium will consist of a one-hour introduction and Panel Discussion, followed by a one-hour workshop. Attendees will choose one of four workshops, each facilitated by one of the four panelists. After the workshops, attendees and panelists will re-convene for an hour of discussion and Q & A.

Women's Gathering November 9

The "second Wednesday" women's get-together will be November 9, at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please bring a snack or dessert to share. (Chocolate is always popular.) Kay will have something for the group to reflect upon. She is also looking for women who could help set up, make coffee and so forth.

Men's Spiritual Journey to Look at Matthew Fox

The Men's Spirituality Group will begin a study of "*The Hidden Spirituality of Men*," by Matthew Fox at the next meeting at 7:00 pm on November 9. All interested men are invited. While the book will shape the discussion, the topics are accessible and you may join in without having been to previous group meetings. Speak to Wayne Kempe, David Shaeffer or Glen Stebens if you have questions.

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children do origami all the time. But give some origami paper to adults, and it can suddenly morph from a child's fun pastime to a relentless exercise in self-browbeating.

One of the things we decided to do for All Saints Sunday was make strings of origami cranes that folks could write names of the departed "saints" in their lives and string the birds around the sanctuary, as if they were winging their way through the gap between Heaven and Earth.

Easy, right?

Two of my best friends in the parish decided to take on the task of folding the cranes. Now, they are both what we call "crafty women" in these parts. Not crafty like devious or sneaky, but they are really good at those little crafts that lots of women like to do. They take to that stuff like a duck to water (or should I say a crane to water?)

Well, one of them went out of town on vacation and the other one was feeling a little challenged by the number of cranes that needed to be made. Quintessential dummy me, I blurted out, "Oh, I made origami birds in grade school all the time! I know how to do that!" Next thing I knew, I was meeting her at the store to buy paper that met her approval, and was given a sheet of instructions and one made by the person who left town, to use as a model.

I gulped. Hers was perfect.

As I looked at that crane, I started feeling the weight of every flashback I could muster from grade school art class. Nothing I ever made in art class was ever "the best." I think only one time was any of my art ever shown in the display cases in the hall, and I think the art teacher felt sorry for me that time. When we had fundraisers at school using "kid art," no one bid on my creations (the fact my own family never bid on it, either, ought to have told me something.)

I realized I was doing this because of loyalty to my two friends, and possibly so

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Adult Education...

'How to Read Paul' -- Sunday Adult Education

"Beyond Sunday School" Adult Education meets Sundays at 11:00 am in the Education Room behind the Parish Hall. The current class, "How to Read Paul," is taught by David Milligan. This four-session course will be followed by "How to Read Mark" during Advent when we begin to read from the Gospel According to Mark in our liturgies.

Thursday Spirituality: Winging It With the Spirit

An adult discovery series will meet at 10:30 am on Thursdays in the Vail Ministry Center. Join in a mutual discussion of the universal spiritual practices of the world's religions using "Welcome to the Wisdom of the World," by Joan Chittister.

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Upcoming Events...

Interfaith Choir Festival, Sunday, November 13

St. Paul's Chancel Choir will join with the choirs from five other churches to thrill you at the Interfaith Choir Festival, Sunday evening, November 13 at 7:00 pm. Choral presentations will be interspersed with messages from Sikh, Muslim, Jain, Zoroastrian, Hindu, Buddhist and Baha'i faiths. There will be more than 200 voices in the final anthem. There is no charge, but bring canned food for the needy.

This year's festival, sponsored by the Central Orange County Interfaith Council will, be at the Latter Day Saints Church, 674 S. Yorba, Orange.

The Bishop is Coming!

St. Paul's official Episcopal visitation is scheduled for **Nov. 20**, which this year is the feast of Christ the King and the final Sunday of the church year. We have seen quite a lot of Bishop Diane Bruce, our area bishop, in the last year, to our great benefit. For this visitation, we will welcome **The Rt. Rev.**



Mary D. Glasspool, who is less well-known to us because her area of day-to-day responsibility is in the northern part of the diocese. Please plan to be in worship to welcome her and hear from her about the work of the wider church. She will be confirming a group of adults and youth who have been preparing for this important rite.

Let's knock her socks off with our typically warm St. Paul's welcome!

that their slightly imperfect cranes would look "good enough" next to my definitely imperfect cranes. Mine looked fairly okay, but they chronically seemed to have a bill problem. Some of them could have passed for pelicans. Some of them, it looked like a cat had grazed their tails. I had some problems with blowing gently into them to "puff them up." I had to trash a few of them from blowing so hard their spines exploded.

It was another of those times I was reminded there was a reason I went into a medical specialty that the job was to take things apart rather than sew them together.

The other important thing I learned was "Don't make origami cranes when you're watching the Cardinals blow a lead in the fifth game of the World Series." My cranes met with a couple of casualties -- a few got tossed at the TV, and one hapless, unfortunate member of my paper aviary got his little head ripped off. (Interestingly enough, I decapitated a red one. Coincidence? I think not.)

But after a while, I realized when I looked in my plastic bag of imperfect cranes and feeling a little grumpy that mine "were not as good," they looked back with quite a few colors. In my compulsion to make "perfect" cranes and setting unrealistically high expectations for myself, and over-obsessing about each and every little fold, I had neglected to notice that, subconsciously, I was choosing paper from every shade and hue of the rainbow.

Suddenly, another flashback came to me from those grade school art years. A long buried memory emerged -- I used to love to try to use every color that was given to me in an art project.

Historically, on All Saints Day, we focus on the "perfection" of the saints -- that they are models of holiness, and we feel we can never attain that kind of perfection. But the more I read about the lives of the saints, the more I recognize

The OTHER Bishop is Coming!



calendars now!

On Dec. 15, Kay will be attending Fresh Start at the diocesan center, so Bishop Diane Bruce has offered to come to celebrate the noon Eucharist on that Thursday. The smaller Thursday service provides a great opportunity to visit with the bishop one-on-one! There will be Lunch Bunch that day, too. Mark your

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Ongoing...

Sale on Bibles and Prayer Books

There is a selection of Bibles and Prayer Books for sale at in the Parish Office at 50% off the list price. All money collected will go to the Bishop Krumm Memorial Scholarship Fund.

2012 Flower and Candle Chart Available

Would You like to remember a Special Day? You can easily do this by supporting the Altar Guild with Altar Flowers (suggested donation \$65) or the Sanctuary Candle (suggested donation \$15). There are still openings in November. (We do not have flowers in the season of Advent.) And the new chart for 2012 is now available.

Please complete the form provided in the back of the church or downloaded [here](#) and attach your check. These may be brought or mailed to the Parish Office (Attn: Wayne Kempe). Should you have any questions, please contact Wayne at 714-544-3141.

Support St. Paul's with GoodSearch and GoodShop

You can generate income for St. Paul's with a search engine called GoodSearch, which is powered by Yahoo Search. When you are going to look up anything online, every search you make via this engine will generate about a penny for St. Paul's.

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Then you can search from there or scroll down and add the GoodSearch toolbar to your browser to make it easy each time you search.

In addition, from the GoodSearch page or on the toolbar, you can enter GoodShop, so that a percentage of everything you buy online from participating vendors will be returned to St. Paul's!

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Letter from Sr. Warden

WANTED: 2012 VESTRY CANDIDATES

For Episcopalians, Fall is not only about Monday Night Football. Fall is about finishing up this year's business, completing our pledges, and looking ahead to next year. Part of that "looking ahead" is conducting a successful stewardship drive, formulating an operating budget, and electing new

they were wildly, crazily IM-perfect.

St. Ignatius of Loyola is my favorite case in point -- he was on his way to kill a fellow for profaning the Blessed Virgin Mary, and had it not been for his mule taking a particular fork in the road, he would have been a murderer instead of a saint.

When we over-focus on that illusion of perfection in holiness, we miss the bigger and better message -- the spectrum of hues and tones and bright and muted colors that make up the Company of Heaven.

We forget to see the holiness within irascibility-- incredible holiness, actually, because it is when the Light of Christ streams through the cracks and fissures of our caked-on layers of human irascibility that it is most noticeable and intense. We don't always want to believe that the saints, more often than not, are clothed in a robe with grease stains, wear rusty, crooked halos, and have muddy shoes. Those muddy shoes? Feet of clay --exactly like our own.

When we accept that possibility, the saints lose their two-dimensionality. They can no longer remain monochromatic. Much like the citizenry in the movie "Pleasantville," they gain the power of living color and depth, as the revealed truth washes over them. They truly become, as the old hymn proclaims, sacred people that you have met "in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea."

*- Maria Evans,
a surgical pathologist
from Kirksville, MO,
writes about the obscurities
of life, medicine, faith,
and the Episcopal Church
on her blog, [Kirkepiscaid](#).*

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vestry members.

It is this vestry election that I would like to call to your attention. On January 22, 2012 at our annual parish meeting, we will elect four vestry members. Rotating off the 2011 vestry will be Bart Duesler, Stefanie Huckleberry, Darryl Sheetz , and Maryruth Storer. As your senior warden, I want to encourage each and every one of you to give prayerful consideration to serving this parish by becoming a candidate willing to fill one of the four vestry openings.

In his book, *Beyond Business As Usual: Vestry Leadership Development*, Neal O. Michell provides these vestry election guidelines: "The vestry is a body of non-ordained persons in the Episcopal Church, duly elected by the members of the church to provide oversight with the rector of the spiritual and material concerns of the parish. The vestry specifically authorizes all financial obligations of the church and oversees the church properties."

Canonically, eligibility for vestry requires you to be an active confirmed communicant in good standing at St. Paul's. By "active," we mean that you regularly attend worship services and participate in the programs and/or events sponsored by St. Paul's. By "good standing," we mean that you make an annual financial commitment to St. Paul's operating budget.

This vestry commitment lasts three years. It includes attending a meeting on the third Monday of every month, attending the annual vestry retreat held shortly after the annual meeting, and participating this coming year in two Mutual Ministry Reviews in January and April, 2012. Each vestry member is expected to chair and/or serve on one of the standing committees, such as church finance, and/or serve as a vestry representative in a specific area of ministry, such as Sunday Supper.

As each of us proceeds along our own spiritual path, I encourage you to consider taking a more active role in the St. Paul's leadership, making vestry participation a part of your journey of faith. If you are so inclined, please express your interest to me, to any vestry member, or to the priest in charge. We will welcome your gifts and vision in creating God's kingdom here at St. Paul's.

Peace,
Mike Penn
Senior Warden

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November

- 5 - Holy Eucharist for All Saints - 5:00 pm
- 6 - Holy Eucharist for All Saints - 8:00 am
- 6 - Festive Holy Eucharist for All Saints - 9:30 am
- 6 - Adult Education: How to Read Paul - 11:00 am
- 7 - Budget Proposal Deadline
- 9 - Women's Gathering - 7:00 pm
- 9 - Men's Spirituality Group - 7:00 pm
- 12 - Finance Committee - 8:00 am
- 12 - Holy Eucharist - 5:00 pm
- 13 - **Celebration Sunday:** Holy Eucharist - 9:00 am
- 13 - **All-Member Celebration Brunch** - 10:30 am
- 13 - Interfaith Choral Festival - 7:00 pm
- 17 - Holy Eucharist - 12:00 noon

17 - Lunch Bunch - 12:30 pm
19 - Holy Eucharist - 5:00 pm
20 - **Episcopal Visitation: Bishop Mary Glasspool**
Holy Eucharist - 8:00 am
Holy Eucharist and Confirmations - 9:30 am
21 - Vestry Meeting - 7:00 pm
24 - Thanksgiving Day Holy Eucharist - 10:00 am
25 - Parish Office Closed
26 - Holy Eucharist - 5:00 pm
27 - Holy Eucharist - 8:00 am
27 - Holy Eucharist - 9:30 am
27 - Adult Education: How to Read Mark - 11:00 am

Future Calendar Items

Dec. 2-3 - Diocesan Convention

Saturday, Dec. 3 - Advent Lessons and Carols - 5:00 pm

Saturday, Dec. 24 -

Children's Christmas Liturgy - 3:00 pm
Christmas Pageant & Holy Eucharist - 5:00 pm
Festive Holy Eucharist with Brass - 10:30 pm

Sunday, Dec. 25

Holy Eucharist Carol Liturgy - 10:00 am

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