



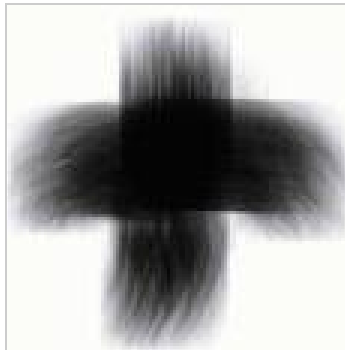
THE EPISTLE

LENT 2011

Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, there is a place for you here.

A Message from the Rector

Ash Wednesday: What a strange name to call a day – Ash Wednesday. It's even stranger when you think of what millions of people do on this day. Sometime during the day, possibly before work or maybe after, they will go with many others, kneel down, say certain words, and lift their faces for another human being to come to them with a small bowl. That person will place his or her thumb in the bowl and press it against each person's forehead, making the sign of a cross. What's in the bowl? Ashes. Ashes of what? Well, every springtime Christians recall and re-enact the fact that Jesus of Nazareth rode into Jerusalem and people waved palms. To this day those palms are held in worship and then they are kept for a year until the season of ashes comes around. Then the palms are burned to form ashes. As the thumb is placed on the forehead and the mark of ash is made on one's body and the words are said – "You are dust and to dust you shall return." Is that morbid? Even macabre? Not at all. It's healthy to know who and what we are. The great existential psychologist Rollo May was once asked how the thought of his own death affected his living. He said that it immensely sharpened his sense of being



alive. It made life vivid and rich and something to be continually savored (*Cry for Myth, 1991*). Isn't it interesting that on the surface some of the old rites and symbols seem to be merely picturesque remains of a bygone age. But then, and in a kneeling moment, one is brought up short by discovering that an ancient and simple rite has tremendous therapeutic, psychological and spiritual power. Just a thought. Have a peaceful and holy Lent.

Jeanne+

Ash Wednesday Services: March 9th

7 o'clock in the morning
Prayers and imposition of ashes

10 o'clock in the morning
Holy Communion and imposition of ashes

7 o'clock in the evening
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Your Lenten study for 2011

You know you need to do it ...

You know it's the right thing to do ...

You have been meaning to get around to it ...

It's about time!



*"Enough" discovering joy through simplicity and generosity
"Finishing faithfully" ... all about your legacy to your family,
your friends and your faith. Theology, practice and conversa-
tion -- a workshop on wills.*

"Longevity" ... an ongoing, life-enhancing work of faith

Save these dates as a Lenten program of celebrating life, accountable, responsible and joyful:

March 22: Soup at Six – Book study of “Enough” by Adam Hamilton (Time: 6-8 pm)

March 29: Soup at Six – Finishing faithfully – will making for ages 20 to 200! (Time: 6-8)

April 5: Soup at Six – Longevity – about being healthy, mind, body and spirit (Time: 6-8)

Words from the Wise

I was asked to share some wise words for this issue. After a bit of thought, I realized one of the most important things I've learned in life has been ingrained in me since childhood. No, it wasn't "Clean your plate; there are starving children in the world." Somehow holding onto that belief has backfired in my life, but that's another story. It was something that has grown more important as I have five decades to look back on. It's simply this: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"--the Golden Rule. —JoAnn Souza

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE

4TH ANNUAL PARTY OF PARTIES PARTY

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH
7PM
ST. PAUL'S PARISH HALL AND UNDERCROFT**

**JOIN US FOR FOOD, BEVERAGES, DANCING, AND
FABULOUS PARTIES TO SIGN UP FOR!**

SWING AND JIVE TO THE MUSIC OF THE 1940'S

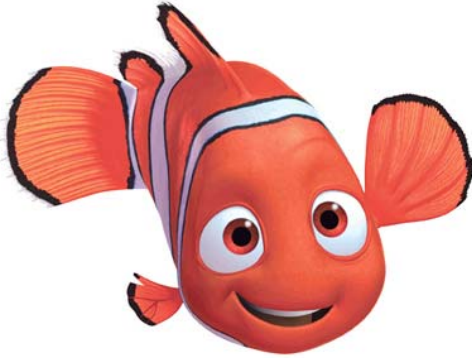


THE PARTY OF PARTIES IS A FUNDRAISER FOR ST. PAUL'S GENERAL FUND. FOR THE PAST 3 YEARS, THE PARTY'S HAVE RAISED OVER \$25,000 FOR THE GENERAL EXPENSES OF RUNNING THE CHURCH. COME BY AND SIGN UP FOR SOME GREAT GATHERINGS SUCH AS WINE TASTING, BINGO, SPECIAL DINNERS AND KID-CENTERED PARTIES. IT'S A GREAT EVENING TO SOCIALIZE WITH MEMBERS OF ST. PAUL'S AND THEIR FRIENDS.

**DURING THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS, SIGN UP SHEETS FOR
PARTY HOSTS' WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE DURING THE SERVICES.
THE MORE CREATIVE THE PARTY THE BETTER.**

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
CALEIGH FURLONG AT 707-642-4648.**

St. Paul's KVA 2011



Finding Nemo A Journey in God's Love...

Dear KVA Campers, Parents and Helpers,

We are looking forward to our fifth annual Kids' Vacation Academy June 13-17. This year we learn that life is full of adventures—some good and some scary! No matter what happens, and even if we lose our way, God always finds us and brings us back home. Each day will be filled with singing, praying, arts and crafts, games and wonderful food.

Calling all campers, preschool through high school, to join us for KVA. Middle schoolers and high schoolers will once again help as counselors. We need parents and adult friends to help supervise, organize games, crafts and snacks and help with registration.

Contact the church office at (707) 745-0307 or admin@stpaulsbenicia.org if you'd like to join the fun.

JUNE 13-17, 2011

Early registration ends June 3

REGISTRATION FORM

COST: \$50 per child before June 3; \$65 per child after June 3; scholarships available

Children's Name: _____

_____ Birth date: _____ Age: _____ Grade in Fall '11 _____
Child/Adult size T-shirt Child: S (6-8) M (10-12) L (14-16) XL (18-20)* Adult: S M L

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Address _____ City _____ email _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Phone(day) _____

In case of emergency and the parent /guardian above cannot be reached, please contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate any special needs (e.g., allergic reactions, learning needs, etc.): _____

(Optional) Do you have a church home? No Yes, (Name of Church) _____

* If you are not sure which size T-shirt to order for your child, guess a larger size than s/he normally wears. If you know you need an adult size, rather than a child size shirt, please indicate clearly.

Parish Directory Update

We're updating the parish directory and need your help. Have you recently joined St. Paul's and want to be included in the directory? Have you moved since last April? Changed your email address or phone number? Please let us know so we can have the most current information available for the revised directory, which will be available April 24.

We especially want to keep current with email addresses since this is the most cost-effective way for us to let you know about our services and programs. We will be scheduling times for you to have your photograph taken after church. Dates will be listed in upcoming Sunday announcements and on our website. Contact the church office if you have any questions, 745-0307 or admin@stpaulsbenicia.org.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 8, 2011

St. Paul's Parish Hall

Open seating from 5 PM to 7 PM

Adults—\$7

Children (10 and under)—\$5

Families—\$24

Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

For advance tickets, call Mike Baldwin 746-7112
or Steve Rodekohl 747-6904

Proceeds benefit the 2011 Sierra Service Project Mission
Trip to the Klamath River Reservation.

Sponsored by the Brotherhood of St. Andrew

St. Paul's Sierra Service Project St. Patrick's Day Dinner

Hello Good People of St. Paul's!

The Sierra Service Project campers, parents and counselors will once again present the St. Patrick's Day corned beef, cabbage and veggie dinner, Irish soda bread, beers, wine and Irish coffee. This year's dinner will be on Saturday evening, March 19th. There are two sittings from 5:50pm to 7pm and the second from 7pm to 8:30pm and as always, take-out!

Tickets will go on sale after services beginning this Sunday, February 20. Adults are \$20, children 5-15 for \$12 and kids under 5 are free.

We'll have some great opportunity drawing prizes again this year to include wood crafts by Jim Jewell, golf outings, Lindsay Art Glass and other prizes! Tickets may be purchased by cash, check or credit card. Come and support the youth and Sierra Service Project!!



Beethoven

Missa Solemnis on Saturday, March 19, 7:30pm at Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church

This work represents one of the pinnacles of Western art. Beethoven transports the sacred text of the Mass from the cathedral to the concert hall. Don't miss the opportunity to hear performed some of the most technically difficult moments in the corpus of choral music. Tickets may be purchased online from

www.cantareconvivo.org for \$40 or purchased from Jeanne for \$35. All proceeds benefit music programs for children in Oakland inner city public schools.

March 2011

BIRTHDAYS

		Suzanne McDowell	6	Mike Baldwin	17
		Bob Johnson	7	Robin Silver	18
Edna Aldinger	2	Johanna Wright	14	Anne Seed	23
Patric Knoblich	2	Ann Lindsay	16	Eddie Lockman	26
Mara Guerin	5	Bill Markley	16		

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Edna Aldinger	6	Steve & Kim Rodekohr	28
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April 2011

BIRTHDAYS

		Linda Allen	7	Caleigh Furlong	18
		Michelle Ellett	8	Lori Sackett	19
Sarah Connor	1	Art Schipper	8	Grace Kurtz	26
Alex Brien	1	David Lindsay	12	Madeline Stewart	28
John Connor	3	Deb Mulholand	13	J.D. Miller	29
Paul Metzker	5	Mark Park	13		

ANNIVERSARIES

The Rev. Dr. Linda Clader & Nick Ristad	6	Don & Maggie Smith	27
Joseph & Michelle Ellett	16	Dennis & Beth Gaines	28

March 2011 Lay Ministries Schedule

March 6, 2011: Last Sunday after Epiphany

10 AM	Lector	Steve Rodekohr
	Deacon	Archdeacon Cookie Clark
	LEM/Inter.	Jackie French
	Crucifer	Michelle Gaines
	Torch.	Patric Knoblich, Jake Sakett
	Ushers	Kim & Steve Rodekohr
	Altar Guild	Susie Bonstin Katie Scott
	Flower Guild	Maggie Smith Edie Lockman
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	TBA
	Office Angel	Ginny Altice
	PIE Greeter	Caleigh Furlong
	Verger	Bob Hall

March 13, 2011: First Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM	Lector	Ann Lindsay
	LEM	Tom Mader
	LEM/Inter.	Judy Furlong
	Crucifer	Matthew Markley
	Torch.	Mara Guerin, Vivian Avant
	Ushers	Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott
11 AM	Lector	Robin Silver
	LEM	David Sells
	LEM/Inter.	Mike Baldwin
	Ushers	Don & Maggie Smith
	Altar Guild	Nancy Bauschinger, Linda Tremain, Jean Wigand
	Flower Guild	Suzanne McDowell
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	TBA
	Office Angel	Jeanne Brown
	PIE Greeter	Mike Baldwin
	Verger	Joe Brien

March 20, 2011: Second Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM	Lector	Frank Shoemaker
	LEM	Edie Westphal
	LEM/Inter.	Steve Yurosko
	Crucifer	Allen Kwok
	Torch.	Patric Knoblich, Jake Sackett
	Ushers	Bob & Debbie Varson
11 AM	Lector	Anne Seed
	LEM	Steve Yurosko
	LEM/Inter.	Sue Yurosko
	Ushers	Sara & Mike Bierman
	Altar Guild	Sandy Voorhees, Edie Lockman, Nancy Jenks, Martha McAfee
	Flower Guild	Lee Voorhees
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	TBA
	Office Angel	Betty McIntosh
	PIE Greeter	Jennifer Jarvis
	Verger	Tom Mader

March 27, 2011: Third Sunday in Lent

8:45 AM	Lector	Debi Hall
	LEM	Mary Frances Kelly Poh
	LEM/Inter.	Bob Hall
	Crucifer	Amy Markley
	Torch.	Aislynn Stotler, Mikayla Stotler
	Ushers	Art & Sandy Schipper
11 AM	Lector	Maggie Smith
	LEM	Jennifer Jarvis
	LEM/Inter.	Jeff Jarvis
	Ushers	Carole Johnson, Robin Silver
	Altar Guild	Kim Rodekohr, Cyndi Hardy
	Flower Guild	Julia Ritter
	Lay. Euch. Visit.	TBA
	Office Angel	Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter	Jane Samuelson
	Verger	Robert Avant

April 2011 Lay Ministries Schedule

April 3, 2011: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Preacher	Bob Hall
8:45 AM	Lector Frank Shoemaker
	LEM Dale Kilbourne
	LEM/Inter. Charlie Kilbourne
	Crucifer Timothy Connor
	Torch. Mara Guerin, Vivian Avant
	Prayers Nancy Jenks
	Ushers Andrew Urban, Bob McIntosh
11 AM	Lector David Bundesen
	LEM Mark Sackett
	LEM/Inter. Judy Furlong
	Ushers Don & Maggie Smith
	Prayers TBA
	Altar Guild Susie Bonstin, Katie Scott
	Flower Guild Maggie Smith Edie Lockman
	Lay. Euch. Visit. TBA
	Office Angel Ginny Altice
	PIE Greeter Mike Baldwin
	Verger TBA

April 17, 2011: Palm Sunday

Preacher	The Rev. Jeanne Forte
8:45 AM	Lector Debi Hall
	LEM Bob Hall
	LEM/Inter. Edie Westphal
	Crucifer Matthew Markley
	Torch. Jake Sackett, Patric Knoblich
	Ushers Dale & Charlie Kilbourne
11 AM	Lector Steve Rodekohr
	LEM Maggie Smith
	LEM/Inter. Mike Baldwin
	Ushers Jeff & Jennifer Jarvis, Robin Silver
	Altar Guild Sandy Voorhees, Edie Lockman, Nancy Jenks, Martha McAfee
	Flower Guild Lee Voorhees
	Lay. Euch. Visit. TBA
	Office Angel Betty McIntosh
	PIE Greeter Jennifer Jarvis
	Verger Bob Hall

April 10, 2011: Fifth Sunday in Lent

Preacher	Judy Furlong
8:45 AM	Lector Katie Scott
	LEM Jackie French
	LEM/Inter. Martha McAfee
	Crucifer Joseph Ellett
	Torch. Emily Sackett, Jake Sackett
	Ushers Edna & Tom Aldinger
11 AM	Lector Ski Smiglewski
	LEM Virginia Vater
	LEM/Inter. Barbara Jewell
	Ushers Robert Avant, Steve Rodekohr
	Altar Guild Nancy Bauschinger, Linda Tremain, Jean Wigand
	Flower Guild Suzanne McDowell
	Lay. Euch. Visit. TBA
	Office Angel Jeanne Brown
	PIE Greeter Caleigh Furlong
	Verger Bill Markley

April 24, 2011: Sunday of the Resurrection

Preacher	The Rev. Jeanne Forte
8:45 AM	Lector Ann Lindsay
	LEM Mittie Railsback
	LEM/Inter. Fred Railsback
	Crucifer Michelle Gaines
	Torch. Aislynn Stotler, Mikayla Stotler
	Ushers Chris & Tom Mader
11 AM	Lector Maureen Troyer
	LEM Jennifer Jarvis
	LEM/Inter. Jeff Jarvis
	Ushers Kim & Steve Rodekohr
	Altar Guild Cyndi Hardy
	Flower Guild Julia Ritter
	Lay. Euch. Visit. TBA
	Office Angel Kay Barnard
	PIE Greeter Jane Samuelson
	Verger Joe Brien

March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm Adult Forum	<i>2</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	<i>3</i> 9 am MP†	<i>4</i> 9 am MP† 2-4 pm Friday Activities for Kids 4:30 pm Kids' Visit with the Bishop 6 pm Dinner with the Bishop	<i>5</i> 7:30—9 am Guys' Group 9 am 3 pm Congregational Leadership Conference
<i>6</i> Last Sunday after Epiphany 10 am Confirmation HE† 10 am No Sunday School	<i>7</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm Great Decisions	<i>8</i> Shrove Tuesday 9 am MP† 5-7 pm Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	<i>9</i> Ash Wednesday 7 am Imposition of Ashes† 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal 7 pm Imposition of Ashes†	<i>10</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm Vestry Meeting	<i>11</i> 9 am MP†	<i>12</i> 7:30 am Brotherhood Meeting 8 am Women's 4th Day 12:30 pm Private Function
<i>13</i> First Sunday in Lent 8:45 Rite II HE† 10 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary HE† Daylight Savings Time	<i>14</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm Great Decisions	<i>15</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm Adult Forum	<i>16</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	<i>17</i> St. Patrick's Day 9 am MP†	<i>18</i> 9 am MP† 2-4 pm Friday Activities for Kids	<i>19</i> 7:30—9 am Guys' Group 5:30--8 pm SSP St. Patrick's Day Dinner
<i>20</i> Second Sunday in Lent 8:45 Rite II HE† 10 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary HE†	<i>21</i> 9 am MP†	<i>22</i> 9 am MP†	<i>23</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal	<i>24</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm KVA Meeting	<i>25</i> 9 am MP† 5:30-7:30 pm TGIF Gathering March Epistle Deadline	<i>26</i> 7:30—9 am Guys' Group 10 am Communications Meeting Party of Parties
<i>27</i> Third Sunday in Lent 8:45 Rite II HE† 10 am Sunday School 11 am Contemporary HE†	<i>28</i> 9 am MP†	<i>29</i> 7 pm Adult Forum	<i>30</i>	<i>31</i>	GROUP MEETINGS AA: 7 am Mon-Sat; 6 am & 8 pm Sundays Food Addicts in Recovery: 7 pm Mondays Girl Scouts: 4:30 pm 1st/3rd Wednesdays LifeRing: 7 pm Tuesdays Meditation: 6 pm Sundays NA: 8 pm Fridays	

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<p><i>3</i> 4th Sunday in Lent 8:45 Rite II HE† 10 am Sunday School 11 am Contempo- rary HE†</p>	<p><i>4</i> 9 am MP† 7 pm Worship Committee Meeting</p>	<p><i>5</i> 9 am MP†</p>	<p><i>6</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal</p>	<p><i>7</i> 9 am MP†</p>	<p><i>8</i> 9 am MP† Easter Epistle deadline</p>	<p><i>9</i> 7:30 am Brother- hood Meeting</p>
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<p><i>17</i> Palm Sunday 8:45 Rite II HE† 10 am Sunday School 11 am Contempo- rary HE† EPISTLE 2 pm Marriage Blessing</p>	<p><i>18</i> 9 am MP†</p>	<p><i>19</i> 9 am MP†</p>	<p><i>20</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal</p>	<p><i>21</i> Maundy Thursday 9 am MP† 7 pm Institution of Last Supper† 8 pm Prayer Vigil begins</p>	<p><i>22</i> Good Friday Prayer Vigil continues until 7 pm 7 pm Medita- tions on the Cross†</p>	<p><i>23</i> Holy Saturday 7:30—9 am Guys' Group 10 am Altar Guild and Flower Guild Blessing† 8 pm Great Vigil of Easter†</p>
<p><i>24</i> Sunday of the Resurrection 8:45 Rite II HE† No Sunday School 11 am Festive Con- temporary HE and Flowering of the Cross†</p>	<p><i>25</i> 9 am MP†</p>	<p><i>26</i> 9 am MP†</p>	<p><i>27</i> 9 am MP† 10 am HE† 10:45 am Bible Study 4:30-6 pm Meal</p>	<p><i>28</i> 9 am MP†</p>	<p><i>29</i> 9 am MP† 2-4 pm Friday Activities for Kids</p>	<p><i>30</i> 7:30—9 am Guys' Group</p>

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St. Paul's Vision Statement

Vision

*We are the hands of Christ
in the Heart of Benicia*

Mission

*We celebrate
God's Presence
as we
Worship,
Pray,
Study, and
Serve in the Community*

St. Paul's Worship Schedule March

Monday - Friday

9 am—Morning Prayer

Wednesday

10 am—Holy Eucharist

Sunday

8:45 am—Rite II Holy Eucharist:

Traditional Music

10 am—Sunday School

11 am—Contemporary Holy Eucharist:

Praise Music

Nursery care is provided for infant and toddlers
(0-4 yrs) from 8:30 am to 12 pm.