

# The Angelus

February 2014



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## From the Rector



*Fr. McDuffie*

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this note to you, it is a rainy day in mid-January, and we are in the midst of a much longer season after the Epiphany than we had last year. Ash Wednesday is a long way off – March 5 – and traditionally this time in the Church’s year is known as “ordinary time”. On a rainy day, that term seems to connote a time in the year when days and events are unimportant or hum-drum, as opposed to the days of Lent, Easter, Advent, and Christmas. But the term “ordinary” comes from the Latin word *ordinalis*, which refers to numbers in a series. The weeks and Sundays of Ordinary Time are numbered (e.g., the 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany, or the 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost). The word *ordinalis* comes from *ordo*, from which we get the English word “order”. This is a time of the Church year in which we are neither feasting nor fasting, but instead are living our lives in an ordered way.

I believe that in the other seasons of the Church year we are invited to focus on what God has done, or is doing, for us. But in ordinary time, we focus on what we might be doing for God, as disciples of Jesus Christ. How might we glorify and serve God in this time? Soon, you will likely be hearing an invitation from our Vestry to make a serious consideration toward increasing your pledge commitment to Christ Church this year. We’re looking at a budgetary income shortfall as we come to the end of January, and we want to stay vital and healthy. We’ll be asking everyone to consider helping, because all of us working together can make a difference.

One of the most gratifying things I continue to hear about our community is that many newcomers keep telling me that they feel warmly received and welcomed here. That is indeed something that we are doing together for God. I’d like to close my letter for this month’s Angelus with a reprint of a piece that I wrote over ten years ago, on the theology of “open communion”, for those of you who have asked me why we are in the practice of welcoming everyone to receive the sacrament of holy communion. Here it is:

I wish to comment on a change that I recently introduced in our Sunday service bulletin. No longer are we saying, “All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion”. Instead, the instruction given is, “All who seek God and are drawn by Christ are invited to receive Holy Communion”.

“Open Communion! Isn’t that wrong, and doesn’t that somehow weaken the elements of orthodox faith and practice?” some may say. In response, I can report that many Episcopal churches are now offering communion to anyone who truly desires to take part in the sacrament, no matter what his or her background may be. I have come to see this invitation as a valid one, not only a measure of our congregational hospitality to the “stranger” (e.g., the wise men from the East with their different ways), but also for theological and practical pastoral reasons.

I'm drawn these days to the theology of Hans Urs von Balthasar, who writes powerfully of the divine work of the Holy Trinity. God, who is self-disclosed in an infinite number of ways, has sent Jesus Christ to visit God's people. And mindful of our creedal formulae, von Balthasar says that there is now no place in creation that Christ has not visited – including hell itself – and already enclosed with the boundaries of his love. The Holy Spirit is ever present to inform us, in whatever condition we find ourselves, that Christ is there, with us wherever we may be, and that he enjoys fully our awareness of him and our keeping company with him. Again, the story of the transfiguration is the story of Christ's making fully manifest the treasure of himself and inviting us all into sharing fully in that treasure. Why then should we willfully send away anyone who comes to the altar rail, brought by the Spirit in the moment, and baptized with a baptism of desire for the Holy One?

Two personal experiences have contributed powerfully to my thoughts on this matter. One comes from my days as a parishioner at Eastern Shore Chapel in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Our church decided to help resettle a refugee family from Cambodia. These people, a man and his wife and their three young sons, had been through all the horrors of the Pol Pot regime in Cambodia. They had known displacement, torture, and starvation. One of their other children had literally starved to death in Cambodia, and one of the surviving sons had a permanently crooked right arm. It had been broken in a fight over food thrown from a supply truck passing through their devastated local community, and of course there was no medical care available to take care of the injury.

This family arrived shortly before Christmas in 1983, and joined our parish family for the first time at a festive dinner in our parish hall on Christmas Eve. We all went into the church to worship, and as the youngest son of the family, still an infant, cried during the service I thought of our homeless Holy Family of the gospel of Luke, and their special child whom we had come to celebrate and remember that night. When time for communion came, the family studiously watched as all of their new friends went up to receive the sacrament. At the appointed time they all stood up and walked forward to the altar rail, with the baby in arms – all of them good and faithful Buddhists! I was serving a chalice, and was amazed when the Assistant Rector gave them each a communion wafer. I could do nothing else but offer them the chalice as well.

Later that priest said to me, "I could not bear to think of turning that family away – people who have known hunger and starvation in their lives – from our sacred banquet." In time, the family came to be baptized, prompted in part by the discomfort of parishioners. But the rector told me that they said, "We would be happy to be baptized – as long as we can also remain good Buddhists!" And so it was that they continued in the divine life of the holy sacraments.

My second story is about a young girl who attended my former church where I was the rector. One Palm Sunday I was invited to teach the Sunday School Kindergarten Class on the events of Holy Week, and particularly the Last Supper. We gathered around a table in the classroom, with a bottle of grape juice and a loaf of bread, and this little girl joined in wide-eyed enthusiasm as I explained the special meal that Jesus shared with his friends. "And every time we gather in church to worship," I concluded, "we share the bread and wine and remember Jesus and have him with us again in a very special way."

Later that morning in church during Holy Communion, I saw this youngster race up the aisle to the communion rail, all by herself. There she was, before me, excited as she had never been. She knew the story, and she had come to keep company with Jesus. The problem was that she had not been formally baptized, and I knew that. I didn't have the courage of the assistant rector in Virginia Beach, and as I said gently, "I'm sorry, but you can't receive the bread and the wine", I watched that little face, flushed with the baptism of desire, turn instantly to dismay and then the sadness of rejection. Weeks followed, with my apology to her, discussions with her mother, and eventual baptism, but I will never forget that face. When we are on fire with the love of God, we need to be met just as we are.

Thus I finally made a prayerful decision to issue the invitation that you now see. If it seems that we are overly porous at our boundaries with such an invitation, then know that we are ever committed to remaining strong at the center – teaching and proclaiming the power of sacramental baptism given to all who offer themselves

to Christ, and helping them to fully live out the baptismal covenant of grace. Let's welcome all new friends to the table fellowship, whoever they may be, whenever they may come, trusting that our Lord and Savior is calling them to a new and divine friendship.

I'm back now to 2014. Let's spend this season after the Epiphany – this season of ordinary time – thinking about what we might do for God. I close with my favorite blessing from the Book of Occasional Services, intended for this time of the year:

“May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world.”

Faithfully and Sincerely,

John+



## Inside Outreach

*An update from the Christ Church Outreach Committee*

### **COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE**

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) is a faith-based organization that seeks to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable residents of Montgomery County. In support of its mission, CMR provides healthcare and mental health services to uninsured adults at the Mansfield Kaseman Health Clinic; offers emergency financial assistance through the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP); provides English as Second Language classes and citizenship classes through its Language Outreach Program (LOP); offers home health care and home repairs to elderly Rockville residents; and provides permanent supportive housing to formerly homeless men at Jefferson House. Community Ministries of Rockville recently purchased a house in the Twinbrook section of Rockville. The home will soon serve as personal living quarters for five homeless women.

Through the Outreach Committee, Christ Church provides monthly funding to CMR to support its direct service programs. Approximately twenty other congregations in the Rockville area contribute to CMR. Each member congregation has representation on the CMR Board of Directors.

### **Upcoming Events & Fundraisers**

**CMR Annual Meeting**, on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 7:00 p.m., at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville, MD 20851.

**CMR Annual Gala**, on Saturday, April 12, 2014 at 6:00 p.m., at Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road, Rockville, MD 20850.

### **Interested in Volunteering at CMR?**

A list of current volunteer opportunities is available on CMR's website: <http://www.cmrocks.org>. For more information, please contact Andrea Kempner-Wink, Director of Development and Volunteer Services, at 301-637-0172 or [andreakwink@cmrocks.org](mailto:andreakwink@cmrocks.org).

*The Outreach Committee meets the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the opportunities to live our faith through service to those who need us most. For further information, contact Kelvin Dowd at [KJDowd24@gmail.com](mailto:KJDowd24@gmail.com).*

## Worship

### **NEW ACOLYTES TO BE INSTALLED**

Please join us at the 9:00 a.m. Service on Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup>, when Fr. McDuffie will install this year's class of new acolytes. This is the one service in the year when we try to get all of the acolytes to attend. The new acolytes participated in a seven-week training program in the fall on liturgy and church history, as well as covering the mechanics of serving as we practice it at Christ Church. During the service, the new acolytes will be vested with white cottas and receive a simple wooden cross on a black ribbon which will be worn during their first year of service. Here at Christ Church, the ribbons on the crosses change to indicate how many years an individual has been an acolyte: 2<sup>nd</sup> year – purple; 3<sup>rd</sup> year – green; 4<sup>th</sup> year – blue; and 5<sup>th</sup> year – red. Acolytes who have served for six years receive a silver cross.

This year, two acolytes will be awarded six year crosses: Janine Borrelli and Truly Nguyen. We are fortunate to have six new people to install – Calder Griffiths, Thomas Kresina, Gregory Lin, Charlie Mulholland, Garrett Parker, and Jacob Patterson, who take their place with the veteran acolytes.

We invite you all to attend this service to give your welcome and support to this great group of people.

*Bob James, Acolyte Master*

### **Lenten Devotional 2014**

The time for composing our inspiring devotions for Lent is now upon us! Please pick a puzzle piece from the puzzle in the Narthex, record your name and contact information, note the readings for that day, and choose one that speaks to you! Essays should be 200 to 300 words in length and are due by February 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The past three Lenten Devotionals have been just wonderful and we need each (wonderful) contribution for this year. Submissions may be submitted in the drop-box in the Narthex or online at [lent2014@comcast.net](mailto:lent2014@comcast.net). Thank you so much!

## Booktalk



We have chosen the novel *Maine* by J. Courtney Sullivan for our discussion on Monday, March 10th at 1:00 p.m. in the Dining Room of the Parish House. This is the story of four strong-willed women who return to the family's summer cottage in Maine for the last time, each bringing her own secrets and challenges.

## Pastoral Care

### **A TRIBUTE TO OUR FLOWER DELIVERY TEAM**

The Pastoral Care Committee and I would like to express our great appreciation to the faithful volunteers who, for several years, have been delivering the altar flowers to parishioners who are ill, bereaved, or facing difficult times. Until their retirement in December, Bruce and Joan Snider covered the first Sunday of the month, and now Khalisa Philips has stepped up to take their place. Anna von Arx delivers the flowers on the second Sunday, Sam and Jane Ireland take them on the third Sunday, and Chris Wellman does the fourth Sunday. The flowers and the concern they represent are very much appreciated by the recipients of this beautiful ministry.

We are in need of a few substitutes on whom we can call when our regular team members have conflicts; if you can help with this, please contact me or the church office. You can reach me at [ehkscanlon@yahoo.com](mailto:ehkscanlon@yahoo.com), at my office at 301-594-8806, or at home at 301-926-0909.

*Elizabeth Scanlon for the Pastoral Care Committee*

## Environmental Stewardship

### **Did You Know?**

Food and Water Watch gives you the facts about the importance of better food safety regulations, proper labeling and new agricultural policies. --Source: [www.foodandwaterwatch.org/](http://www.foodandwaterwatch.org/)



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Monday – Saturday, 10 am – 4:30 pm

Donna Wolohojian, Manager

*All our profits fund outreach projects in the community and diocese.*



For inclement weather, we use MCPS as a guideline. However, please check our open/closed status on the website or Facebook page. Without risking life and limb, and if the power is on, we aim to be open! Is it spring yet?

**THE BARGAIN BOX COOKS**



Have you bought a copy yet?

"The Bargain Box Cooks" cookbook will be available at each third Sunday Outreach sale, or you can pick one up at the store during the week. Cost is \$12, cash or check.

**THIRD SUNDAY OUTREACH**



The third Sunday is Outreach Sunday at Christ Church. Stop by our table in the dining room during coffee hour to learn about the store and its mission, shop for a treasure or two, and buy a raffle ticket for a fun basket of goodies.

- ☼ January 19 (Winter theme)
- ☼ February 16 (Heart Health theme)
- ☼ March 16 (Lent, no sale)
- ☼ April 20 (Easter Sunday, no sale)

**OUTREACH DONATIONS**

Thank you to the many people who donated new and gently used treasures for us to sell and to our many wonderful customers who shopped for bargains. Each month we pay our rent and utilities (\$4,300+). We are happy to report that we ended last year well in the black and sent a check for \$400 to each of the following outreach programs:



Christ Church Sunday school and Youth Group  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Outreach activities*

Christ Church Outreach Committee  
*English Conversation classes*

Community Ministries of Rockville  
*Elderly Ministries Program*

Community Ministries of Rockville  
*Rockville Emergency Assistance Program (REAP)*

Episcopal Relief & Development  
*U.S. Disaster Fund*

Frederick Rescue Mission

Interfaith Works  
*Friends in Action Program*

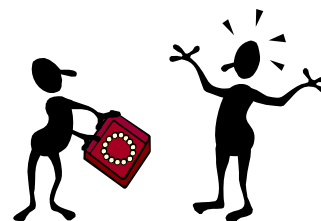
Manna Food Center  
*Goldberg Smart Sacks Program*

Rainbow Place Shelter for Women

Rockville HELP (formerly Rockville FISH)

City of Rockville Holiday Fund

In addition, Community Ministries of Rockville and other social service agencies refer clients to our free clothing program. We gave away about \$2900 worth of free clothing to local families and individuals in need.



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**OTHER PARISH EVENTS**

*(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)*

- 1 Christ Episcopal School Event **9:00pm** (MR, DR)
- 2 Deadline for Lenten Devotional Booklet submissions
- 3
- 4 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 5
- 6
- 7
- 8 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (Home of Nancy Small)
- 9 Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)  
Summer Workcamp Meeting **10:30am** (YR)  
Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
- 10 Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 11 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline  
Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 12
- 13
- 14 Kid's Night Out **6:00pm** (Nursery, DR) **RSVP 301-762-2191 #15**  
Youth Group Lock-In **5:30pm-9am** (CEC DR)
- 15
- 16 "Rockville Help" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)  
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)  
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (CEC DR)
- 17 Presidents' Day (office closed)  
Dine & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 18 *The Angelus* Printing  
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 19
- 20 *The Angelus* Assembly
- 21
- 22
- 23 Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)  
Chorister Evensong **4:00pm** (All Saints', Chevy Chase)
- 24
- 25 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 26 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:00pm** (Rockville)
- 27
- 28

**FEBRUARY 2014 WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Regular Schedule**  
**Services at 7:45, 9:00 & 11:00am**

- 7:45 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite I  
*a spoken service with Sermon*
- 9:00 AM** Holy Eucharist Rite II  
*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems*  
*Choristers of Christ Church*
- 9:00 AM** Children's Church – Murdock Room  
*a service for children, using a story-telling theme with music*  
*for young children. 9:00-9:30am*
- 11:00 AM** Holy Eucharist, Rite I  
*with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems*  
*Christ Church Choir*

**ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS**

- 8:25 AM** Choristers Warm Up – Choir Room & Church
- 9:00 AM** Studies in Christian Faith (*led by Fran Palmer-Hill*)
- 10:10 AM** Adult Forum – Murdock Room
- 10:15 AM** Sunday School – Classrooms Preschool-8<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 10:15 AM** Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls
- 10:15 AM** Coffee Hour – Dining Room
- 1:00 PM** Korean Service – Chapel

**REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES**

- Monday**  
7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (DR)
- Tuesday**  
9:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)  
6:30 PM The Story Discussion Group (CES DR)
- Wednesday**  
11:00 AM Bible Study (PH LR)  
12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)  
8:00 PM Korean Congregation Prayer Group (CES DR)
- Thursday**  
12:00 PM AA (PH)  
4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church)  
7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

<b>KEY</b>	<i>CEC = Christ Episcopal Church</i>
<i>PH = Parish House</i>	<i>CES = Christ Episcopal School</i>
<i>LR = Living Room</i>	<i>K = Kitchen</i>
<i>DR = Dining Room</i>	<i>N = Nursery</i>
<i>MR = Murdock Room</i>	<i>YR = Youth Room</i>

# Kids & Adult Night Out

AKA - "Night Out without Kid's", Date or Movie Night,  
How about a Valentine's Dinner for Two?



Friday, Feb 14<sup>th</sup>

6 - 10:00 pm

Dinner for Kid's, Stories, Movies & Fun  
Bring your favorite PJ's & Blanket



RSVP - Space is limited!

301/762-2191 #15 or [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org)

\*Dinner provided will be Cheese Pizza, Mac & Cheese, Fruit, Carrots, Vanilla Ice Cream with Sprinkles, Milk & Apple Juice.

Youth Group & Mrs. Craig are the Childcare providers  
while parents are out for the evening!

For all children ages 6 months to 8 years old



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Where will YOU be on  
**Friday February 14<sup>th</sup>**  
at the Youth Group Lock-In?

Plans for the Lock-in are as follows:



1. Meet at 5:30pm in the Dining Room.
2. Provide Child Care & Dinner from 6 - 10pm in the Nursery.
3. Be sure to wear warm clothing and comfortable shoes.
4. We'll go to IHOP at midnight to celebrate & eat!
5. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, PJ's & \$5.00 for food!
6. Pick-up is 9:00am Saturday, Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> in the Dining Room.

Questions or to RSVP?

Contact Mrs. Craig at [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org)





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Week 2: Bugs

Week 3: Party in the USA!

Week 4: Puppet Theater

Week 5: Under the Sea

Week 6: Princesses & Pirates



For more information and to register, please visit:

[www.CESrockville.org/LCC](http://www.CESrockville.org/LCC)

or call

301-424-6550