

The Angelus

March 2016



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Our **Parish Annual Meeting** is on Sunday, April 24th – interested in being considered for service? And the **Lenten Film Series** continues with movies in March.

Adult Forum – Please join us for a multi-part series: *Does Morality Matter? An Anglican Approach to Ethics*. The March Adult Forum schedule is also inside.

Environmental Stewardship – You should see what our Garden Committee got done last spring! Oh wait... you probably have. Want to exercise your green thumb this spring? Find out how inside.

Inside Outreach profiles Community Ministries of of Rockville.

The **Bargain Box** – Do you know how to say “Thank You” in Irish? You will... also, come find out about the Bargain Box’s Fab Four! Outreach Sunday will be back in April.

Do you love Christ Episcopal Church? Then “Like” Christ Episcopal Church on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/christchurchrockville>

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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue to journey through Lent, I want to take this opportunity to thank everybody who has made a financial pledge of support to Christ Church for the 2016 calendar year. We did not make our pledge income goal for the year – at this writing we are some \$30,000 below what we hoped for – but we are able to fund fully our proposed operating budget for the year, and have a small reserve to deal with property repair contingencies as they arise. *This is good news indeed.*

As we appealed to some people who had not yet signed a pledge card, we heard the question from more than one person, “Why should I make a formal pledge to Christ Church? I give cash in the alms basin every week at Sunday service.” There are two answers to this question. One is that when our Vestry plans a budget each year, we feel much more certain about the resources we will have available to fund our mission and ministry when we consider pledged income. What we receive from “plate” income is of course, a variable amount. We can make an estimate, but it is only that. Pledged income helps us to feel much more secure in our role as faithful stewards who are charged with planning for the use of the resources entrusted to us.

But the second answer to the question is just as important, if not more so. Pledging not only helps our Vestry’s planning process; it is also a spiritual discipline for the individual or family making the pledge. When I make a formal commitment of support to my church, I am also acknowledging my faith in God, who is the giver of all gifts, and I am offering back to God a part of myself with the prayerful hope that God will use my gift in the ministry of the church. Not pledging leaves me with the feeling that I’m the one who is in control; pledging is in act of faith and trust in which I give some of my control over to God, who is the one who will help order things in my life and in the world.

So I encourage us all to see our giving as an act of faith and thankfulness – hence our campaign slogan this year, “Give ‘til it feels good!”

Finally, I’m glad to announce that Christ Church is now introducing an electronic option for making gifts to the church. Please see the accompanying notice in this issue of the Angelus.

We are truly a blessed community at Christ Church, and I thank you all for your generous faithfulness. God be with you as we continue to journey from ashes to the new fire of Easter later this month!

Faithfully in Christ,

John+

Manage Your Giving Online

Christ Church is excited to announce the introduction of an electronic option for making regular offerings as well as special gifts. Contributions can be made directly from your checking or savings account, or processed using your debit or credit card.

Giving online is convenient and allows you to make one-time or recurring contributions. Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at www.christchurchrockville.org
2. Click on the **Donate Now** link
3. Click on the **Create Profile** button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create your online profile and make a donation or set up a recurring giving plan

If you have any questions, please contact our Treasurer Steve McNeil at steve.mcneil@marriott.com.

Nominating Committee

Our Parish Annual Meeting is on Sunday, April 24th, at which time a slate of nominees will be presented for the office of senior warden, plus three 3-year terms on the Vestry. Additionally, nominees for three Diocesan delegate positions will be presented. If you would like to discern a possible calling to serve on our Vestry, or to be a delegate to Diocesan Convention, contact Peggy Gilliam, chair of our Nominating Committee, at mmgilliam@aol.com, or 301-258-0875.



Lenten Film Series Continues!

“Christ Church Goes to the Movies” has become a Lenten tradition at our church. We gather in the Murdock Room at 6:45 p.m. for a light supper (bring a dish to share!), and at 7:15 p.m. watch a film together. Remaining films in the series:

March 2nd: “Fearless”, a 1993 film starring Jeff Bridges, Isabella Rosselini, and Oscar nominee Rosie Perez. This Peter Weir film (“Dead Poets Society”, “The Truman Show”) is about a man who survives a jetliner crash, and comes to believe that he is invulnerable. He is sent to visit with a woman who is inconsolable after the death of her infant son in the same crash.

March 9th: “After Life”. This 1997 Japanese film, gentle and at times humorous, asks the question: If you could only carry one memory of your entire life into eternity when you die, which memory would that be? The film invites us to think about that very question in our own lives.

March 16th: “Au Hasard Balthazar”. This 1966 French film by the celebrated French director Robert Bresson is heavily allegorical, detailing the lives of a donkey (Balthazar) and a young woman who has loved him since childhood (Marie), as each of them bears many burdens, indignities, and sorrows. This film will especially appeal to members and supporters of the St. Francis Flock, as it features the best animal acting performance ever recorded on film. It is the perfect prelude to Holy Week.

Join us for any, or all, of these fine films!



Environmental Stewardship Committee

“Tending the Garden”

As we stay huddled by the fire on these wintry days, it is a good time to pay tribute to our industrious Garden Committee. This committee, led by Carolyn Oakford and her merry band of Master Gardeners, landscape architects and a variety of volunteers, spent the spring of 2015 working to create newly defined flower beds and green spaces in front of the Parish House. The results give testament to the efforts of this team and the beginnings of a greater initiative to tend to our exterior surrounds at Christ Church. A hearty thanks to Carolyn Oakford, Ann and Don English, Roderick Knapp, Nancy Thompson, Michelle Dawson, Diana Locke, Cindy Simpson, and Janice Musselman.

Fast forward to this coming spring, and plans are well under way for additional landscape projects around the church building. Diana Locke and Robert Toense have kindly offered to install soaker hoses in all of the beds, giving a sustainable means of watering the plants and trees. Additional beds will be cleaned and cleared, shrubs and trees will be pruned, and flowers planted. That said, we are in search of volunteers to lend a hand with the spring planting in May. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, May 14th for a Parish Workday. All are welcome!

Adult Forum

Brad Linboom

Murdock Room, Sunday 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Does Morality Matter? An Anglican Approach to Ethics

How do we as Christians engage in the work of cultivating virtue, being responsible citizens who are empirically informed and committed to moral conversation? What does our own Anglican tradition have to offer in answering these and many other questions? Is there a way to enter into seemingly tough and volatile topics of conversation, while remaining open to a disciplined tolerance of opposing viewpoints in an increasingly polarized society?

This three-part adult forum series will begin to examine what the practice of Christian Ethics entails and what is unique about the Anglican tradition. We will survey cases from everyday life and from contemporary society in putting these practices to use in healthy ways. We will also look at how our liturgy and daily practices impact and reflect our Christian Ethic.

Please join us in what should be a lively discussion on February 28th, March 6th, and March 13th.

Adult Forum Schedule

March 2016

Murdock Room, Sundays 10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Date	Speaker	Topic
March 6th <i>4th Sunday in Lent</i>	Brad Linboom	Does Morality Matter? An Anglican approach to Ethics
March 13th <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	Brad Linboom	Does Morality Matter? An Anglican approach to Ethics
March 20th <i>Sunday of the Passion</i>	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday SOS – Serving Others Sunday Outreach
March 27th <i>Easter Day</i>	Easter	Easter

Inside Outreach



An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

Hebrews 13:16 “And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices, God is pleased.”

Community Ministries of Rockville (CMR) has a mission of improving the quality of life for the most vulnerable Montgomery County residents. It traces its roots to two congregations which merged in 1967. Beginning with a strong focus on counseling and advocacy, the merged churches developed several solid community outreach programs and began to work with various churches, local government, and other groups to reach local residents in need.

The ministries that evolved led to a number of missions for the poor and vulnerable in Rockville. Today, CMR provides various services including the Kaseman Health Clinic, the Rockville Emergency Assistance Program, Elderly Ministries, Language Outreach, a Housing Program, Advocacy, and Holiday Giving. The Kaseman Health Clinic provides quality healthcare for low income uninsured adult residents. The Housing Program includes two shelter programs: the Jefferson House (for men) and the Rockland House (for women), both of which provide housing for people who were recently homeless and are now employed, and learning job skills or taking college classes. In March, we will be collecting cleaning supplies (such as tall kitchen trash bags, paper towels, paper plates and cups, hand sanitizer, and dishwashing liquid). These and other supplies are needed by CMR for the Kaseman Health Clinic, the Jefferson House, and the Rockland House.

Please look for more information and a complete list of needed items inserted in the church flyer. For more information on our March supplies drive for CMR, take a look at their website at www.cmrocks.org or email Emily Correll at egcorrell@verizon.net.

The Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. The next meeting will be March 8th, 2016. 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 Ben Shuman at benofwater@gmail.com.

Booktalk



The Secret Chord, by Geraldine Brooks, will be discussed at the Monday, March 14th meeting of **BOOKTALK**. This novel is a rich and absorbing recreation of the life of David, the Hebrew warrior king. Please join us at 1:00 P.M. in the living room of the Parish House as we discuss a novel which reads like a prose poem.

398 THRIFT SHOP
THE BARGAIN BOX

Spring cleaning has brought some cool stuff to the Bargain Box!



Go Raibh Maith Agat
That's "Thank You" in Irish.

Thank you to everyone who donated clothing, books, housewares, toys, and other items to the Bargain Box in 2015. Keep the donations coming in 2016. We depend on your donations for our business. Since we don't have pick up or drive-thru service like some of the bigger thrift stores we especially appreciate the extra time & effort it takes for you to bring your donations to us.



George, Paul, Sam, and George.

Not a Beatles revival group, but the stalwart male volunteers of the Bargain Box, holding their own amongst nearly 50 women. Take pity on these four fine gentlemen as they are begging for more men to join their ranks. Please, please! It's painful to see grown men cry.



For inclement weather, we use MCPS as a guideline. However, please call the store to check our open/closed status. Without risking life and limb, and if the power is on, we aim to be open!

The Bargain Box
Thrift and Consignment Shop
An Outreach Ministry since 1957

398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville 20850
 301-762-2242

Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4:30 pm
 Donna Wolohojian, Manager

Email: bargainbox@cecrockville.org

On the web: www.bargain-box.org



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

OUTREACH SUNDAYS



There will be no Outreach Sale in March since the third Sunday falls on Palm Sunday. We will be back in April.

There is still time to get **The Bargain Box Cooks** cookbook so you can make **Irish Soda Bread** for St. Patrick's Day and **Hot Cross Buns** for Easter. Cookbooks are \$10 each or 2 or more for \$9 each.

March 2016

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March



OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

MARCH 2016 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Regular Sunday 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 (6th & 13th only)

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: Preschool-7th Grade – Classrooms

10:15 AM Choir Rehearsal – Choir Stalls

10:15 AM Coffee Hour – Dining Room

12:45 PM Korean Worship Service – Chapel

2:10 PM Korean Congregation Coffee Hour – Parish House

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (DR)

Tuesday

9:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)

Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study (PH LR)

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

6:45 PM Lenten Film Series (MR) *March 2, 9 & 16*

8:00 PM Korean Prayer Group (PH LR)

Thursday

12:00 PM AA (PH)

4:30 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Church)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Church)

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

- 1 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 2 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 3 Yoga and The Spirit **7:15pm** (MR)
- 4
- 5 Adult Covenant Class **10:00am** (PH LR)
- 6 RHMS Concert **3:30pm** (Church)
- 7 Welcoming Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 8 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the April issue
Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 9 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 10 Yoga and The Spirit **7:15pm** (MR)
- 11 CES School Open House **9:00-11:00am**
- 12 Adult Covenant Class **10:00am** (PH LR)
- 13 Daylight Saving Time Begins
Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)
Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
Youth EGGstravaganza **3:00pm** (MR, DR)
St. Francis Flock Meets **4:00pm** (PH LR)
- 14 Booktalk **1:00pm** (PH LR)
- 15 *The Angelus* Printing
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 16 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 17 *The Angelus* Assembly
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- 19
- 20 **PALM SUNDAY Services at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am**
"MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (MR)
- 21 **HOLY WEEK**
Dine & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)
- 22 Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)
Vestry Meeting **8:15pm** (PH LR)
- 23 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm**
Holy Eucharist II **7:30pm** (Church)
- 24 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Ceremony of Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar **7:30pm** (Church)
Choir Rehearsal after the service **8:45pm** (Choir Room & Church)
- 25 **GOOD FRIDAY**
Liturgy for Good Friday **12 noon** (Church)
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament
Liturgy for Good Friday **7:30pm** (Church)
Veneration of the Cross
Holy Communion from the reserved Sacrament
- 26 **HOLY SATURDAY, The Great Vigil of Easter**
Lighting of the Paschal Candle **7:30pm** (Church)
Baptisms and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
The First Eucharist of Easter
- 27 **EASTER DAY**
Holy Eucharist I **7:30am** (Church)
Children's Flowering of the Cross **8:45am** (Children's Library)
Holy Eucharist II, **9:00am** (Church)
Celebration Coffee Hour **10:15am** (MR)
Easter Egg Hunt **10:30am** (Outside Foley Park) *bags provided*
Holy Eucharist I **11:00am** (Church)
- 28 Easter Monday (office closed)
- 29 Youth Spring Break Days of FUN Service **7:30am** (Church & DC)
- 30 Youth Spring Break Days of FUN Service **7:30am** (Church & DC)
- 31 Youth Spring Break Days of FUN Service **7:30am** (Church & DC)

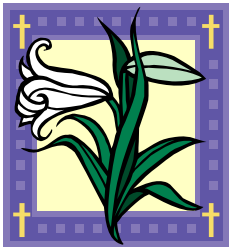
YOUTH GROUP

“EGG”stravaganza

Sunday, March 13



Making Dinner, Watching a Movie & Stuffing Eggs!
Meet in the Youth Room from 3:00 – 7:00pm.
Friends are welcome!



Easter Lilies 2016

We invite you to give a Memorial or Easter Offering of Lilies to decorate the Church, for the celebration of the Resurrection of our Savior. A donation of \$30.00 per plant is requested. The deadline for lily orders is Friday, March 18, 2016.

Given By _____ # of plants _____

Phone # _____ Amount enclosed _____

- In honor of _____
- In memory of _____
- In thanksgiving for _____
- Other _____

Please place your order in the offering plate or mail it to the office using a check separate from other offerings, and noting “Lily” on the memo line. Thank you!

Office Mailing Address:
107 S. Washington St., Rockville, MD 20850

Easter Sunday

March 27th

Flowering of the Cross
begins at 8:45am



Children are encouraged to bring a sprig of flowers
to place on the Cross as we
Celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord.

Easter Egg Hunt
begins at 10:30am....sharp!

