

# The Angelus



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## From the Rector



*Fr. McDuffie*

Dear Friends in Christ,

What an exciting, and yet challenging time in which to be a follower of Jesus! On Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, I preached a sermon citing the injunction that Moses gave to the people of Israel, as they prepared to enter the Promised Land: “I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him and holding fast to him...” (Deuteronomy 30:19-20). I then asked the question, “What does it mean to choose life?”

We might well agree that choosing life could mean offering our prayers to God regularly and then loving our friends, families, immediate neighbors, and close colleagues at work or school. But the question becomes very difficult if we extend the question of choosing life to the arena of larger societal issues that affect all of us. Differing understandings of what it means to choose life have resulted in people voting for two different presidential candidates. Choosing life for some faithful people means protecting the sanctity of life for all unborn children, and thus advocating making abortion illegal. For others, choosing life means accepting the reality that there will always be abortions, for many regrettable reasons, but that women should have the legal right to opt for an abortion and receive adequate protection and medical care. For some, choosing life means guaranteeing Second Amendment rights to possess and bear firearms to as many people as is reasonably possible; to others, it may mean restricting in various ways that same right.

Choosing life for some people means finding advocacy for more employment and economic opportunities for those who have felt left behind and neglected in our society, and that means decreasing the availability of goods, services, and opportunities for immigrants. They may also believe that securing our borders is necessary in order to protect the nation against the potential insidious incursion of foreign terrorists. For others, choosing life means holding fast to an ideal of being hospitable and charitable to immigrants, as we historically have been a nation of immigrants.

For some people, choosing life might mean supporting the relaxation of environmental restrictions, so that greater economic and employment possibilities may be available. But for others, choosing life means increasing the number of restrictions, in order to protect us, and our descendants.

And for some, choosing life in the Church means living a faith that is private, and which does not intersect with the political issues of the day. But for others, choosing life may mean hearing the call to be a prophetic witness for justice in the midst of the political order.

These ideas and opinions are so at variance with each other that conflict can easily be a by-product, and the worst outcome can result in people pointing at each other and shouting, “I’m right – and you’re wrong!”. There is no possibility for dialogue, and in a church, people can potentially walk away from one another feeling excluded, misunderstood, or disenfranchised.

The earthly Jesus, who was certainly no stranger to conflict and controversy in his public ministry, nevertheless believed in the perpetual hope of reconciliation. In the Gospel lesson read on February 12<sup>th</sup>, Jesus admonishes those who would insult a brother or sister by saying “You fool!” by telling them that they are liable to the hell of fire. He goes on to urge offending parties to work for reconciliation (Matthew 5:21-24). It is this spirit to which I will continually call us at Christ Church. I can honestly say that I can never guarantee that I will not upset or offend someone if I speak to the affairs of the day in a sermon on Sunday – but if I do, I would hope that the upset party could speak to me and we could have a conversation that would have mutual understanding as its goal. I also hope that we can have educational forum opportunities to encourage dialogue. We have two Sunday Adult Forums coming up on “Faith in the Public Square” – on the Sundays of February 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

In my February 12<sup>th</sup> sermon I also reminded us that the Episcopal Church has been no stranger to controversy. In fact, as descendants of the Church of England, we were born out of controversy – between Roman Catholicism and the Protestant Reformation. Without papal authority to direct us, and without confessional statements to bind us, we have often differed with one another over the centuries in many different areas of faith and practice. But at our very best, we are able to seek to understand one another and to know time and again that we are sustained as a family in Christ by sacramental grace in our worship. At our best, we can be a model of reconciliation to the hurting world around us.

What an exciting and challenging time to be a follower of Jesus – but also, what a great time to be an Episcopalian! I pray that each of us may have a blessed season of Lent.

Faithfully in Christ,

John+

### **Vestry Nominating Committee**

A Nominating Committee of the Vestry has been appointed to work toward gathering and submitting a slate of nominees to be presented at our parish Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The office of Junior Warden and three three-year terms for the Vestry need to be filled. Additionally, the congregation will be asked to affirm 3 one-year terms of the office of delegate to our Diocesan Convention, and 1 one-year term of alternate delegate.

If you are interested in knowing more about our Vestry and would like to explore serving as a member or as a Diocesan delegate, please contact our Committee chair, Janice Musselman, at [jmm60@gmail.com](mailto:jmm60@gmail.com), or 315-265-6045.

## Mark your calendars this Lenten Season for the return of... Christ Church Goes to the Movies !!!



Starting March 8 through April 5, Wednesday evenings will feature another Lenten film series at Christ Church. We will meet in the Murdock Room, enjoy the fellowship of a simple meal (bring a dish to share!), and then watch a movie that will awaken our spiritual and religious selves. The films selected this year all deal with the wonder and mystery of our lives.

A brief discussion will follow each showing led by Fr. McDuffie.

6:45 - potluck meal & fellowship, everyone please bring a dish

7:15 - "action" - the movie begins (snacks & drinks provided)

- rector's reflections & discussion following the film

With questions, kindly contact the parish office at 301-762-2191 x13 or Cindy Simpson at [csimpson@cesrockville.org](mailto:csimpson@cesrockville.org). If you know what kind of dish you will bring, please let us know.

### SLATED LENTEN FILMS

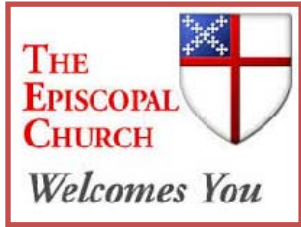
**March 8:** "Leap of Faith". This 1992 comedy/drama, starring Steve Martin, Debra Winger, and Lolita Davidovich, takes us inside the life of a travelling faith healing revival show, and asks the great post-modern question, "If something is an illusion but nevertheless helps us to regain hope and strength, is it worthwhile?" In the course of the film authentic faith emerges in a poignant and compelling way.

**March 15:** "Billy Budd". Released in 1962, and directed by Peter Ustinov and starring himself, Robert Ryan, and Terrence Stamp, this adaptation of Herman Melville's short novel is an allegory about good and evil, and what happens when innocence (in the person of a Christ-like Billy Budd) meets brutal domination and exploitation aboard a naval ship.

**March 22:** "Tokyo Story". Japanese director Yasujiro Ozu made films that explored the timeless universal themes of family relationships, particularly in times of life transitions. In this classic 1953 film, an elderly couple journey to Tokyo to visit their grown-up children, and find that the children have little time to be with them in their visit. It is a hauntingly beautiful film.

**March 29:** "Signs". Directed by M. Night Shyamalan ("The Sixth Sense"), this 2002 science fiction thriller explores the question of providential grace. Mel Gibson portrays a disillusioned Episcopal priest who has lost his faith after his wife died in an accident—and who then notices the occurrence of strange circles in his crop fields on his farm—suggesting that more frightening and challenging things are to come.

**April 5:** "Selma". Nominated for an Academy Award for best picture in 2015, this homage to the courage and faith of the Civil Rights movement stars David Oyelowo as Martin Luther King, and tells the story of the historic march from Selma, Alabama to Montgomery in 1965, which led to the passage of the Voting Rights Act.



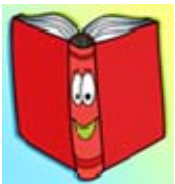
**“The Episcopal Church Welcomes You”  
A Saturday Morning Series  
March 11, 18 & 25**

There are many and various ways to observe the season of Lent. In the early Christian church, it was the final stage for converts to the faith to prepare for the sacrament of holy baptism, celebrated at the time of the setting of the sun on the eve of Easter Sunday. This Lent, I will offer a version of that preparation, designed for adults at Christ Church who wish to know more about our faith as it is practiced in the Episcopal Church, or who desire to be confirmed or received into the fellowship of the Anglican Communion. It is called the Adult Covenant Class.

This class will be offered on three successive Saturday mornings (March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>) from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Parish House Living Room. We will be looking at the rich scriptural tradition that undergirds the Anglican expression of faith; the many resources of the Book of Common Prayer, including sacramental worship; the history of the Church, and particularly Christ Church; and the gifts for ministry that each of us possess, and how we might think about sharing those gifts with others.

This class is helpful to those who are new to Christ Church and/or the Episcopal Church, and will include the option to be presented at the Washington Cathedral on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, for confirmation, reception, or the public reaffirmation of baptismal vows. Teens who are at least 16 years of age can contact me about this class if they would like to attend. People who would simply like a short refresher course on Christian faith are also welcome to join us. If you would like to attend this class, please contact Judith Schneider at 301-762-2191, or [jschneider@cecrockville.org](mailto:jschneider@cecrockville.org) to sign up. There will also be sign-up sheet available at the entrance to the church.

## **Booktalk**



Come join us in the Dining Room of the Parish House on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 P.M., when **Booktalk** will discuss ***The Alchemist***, by Paulo Coelho. This book is a beautiful parable about learning to listen to your heart, read the omens strewn along life's path and, above all, follow your dreams. Santiago, a young shepherd living in the hills of Andalusia, feels that there is more to life than his humble home and his flock. One day he finds the courage to follow his dreams into distant lands.

## Inside Outreach

*An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program*



### **What Outreach Means to Me**

By Shona Bramble

Outreach has always been an important part of my life. I think it began very early for me in the form of sharing what I had with others growing up in my island home of St. Vincent. My family was always clear about giving to others regardless of how small it was. Coming from a poor family, we always reached out those who were in dire need because we believed it was what God wanted us to do. From that time to the present, I've always found ways to involve myself and give back to the community I live in and even in the one that I left behind. My family and I have always looked back to see how we can still help and be a part of the force that helps people in getting to a better state of life.

When I joined Christ Episcopal Church, there were a set number of things I wanted to do, and the top of that list was being a part of the Outreach ministry. It was important to me not just for my spiritual growth, but also for my personal growth. We participate in making decisions on how we help nearly a dozen organizations, and it fills my heart with joy knowing that this church and the people in it make such a difference to others. I think that is definitely walking in Christ's path and living up to his wish of taking care of each other – our brothers and sisters.

At one time, I was one of the liaisons to Samaritan Ministry and saw first-hand the work that the organization does and how it helps those in need that are homeless – an area and cause I have always been passionate about. I recall planning a toiletries drive over a year ago and how successful it was thanks to the people of this church, but also to those who were the recipients of that drive.

I can only hope that my continued involvement in this ministry will be one where I can grow and learn more about those who are in need. I hope and pray that God continues to give me the strength that is needed to continue this good work. I also pray that He blesses those in this ministry in bringing about more fruitful use of our talents and that we do so gladly in helping those in need. We all have the ability to reach out in some way, and I am fortunate that I belong to a church family that makes it such a priority. For that, I believe God will continue to bless us richly.

*The Outreach Committee meets the second Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. The next meeting will be March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017. 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](mailto:benofwater@gmail.com).*



## Worship

### **New Acolytes Installed**

At the 9:00 a.m. service on February 12<sup>th</sup>, Father McDuffie installed seven people as new acolytes at Christ Church – Charlie Cromwell, Emma Grace Cromwell, Jack Cromwell, Emily Marshall, Dylan Marshall, Marie Matulka-Nicely, and Olivia Yeatman. They each received a cross on a black ribbon to be worn during the first year of service. They participated in a seven-week training program in the Fall on liturgy, church history, and the mechanics of serving as we practice it at Christ Church.

Alex Hacopian, Jorgen Jackson, and Olivia Maust have been acolytes for six years and received a special cross. Annabelle Heister, Lily Nguyen, and Sophia Pirozzi have been with us for seven years. And Jack Jackson has been an acolyte for eight years.

Our acolyte roster is now 32 people strong! We are very fortunate to have these many youths who are willing to dedicate themselves to worship at Christ Church. Six acolytes will graduate high school this spring, so more acolytes will be needed in the fall. The next training class will take place in September. Basic requirements are 6<sup>th</sup> grade (or older). Anyone who would like to try us out, please contact Bob James at (240-731-9928) or [bobjames3@msn.com](mailto:bobjames3@msn.com) for more information.

It has been my pleasure to serve as acolyte master at Christ Church for over 40 years, and I hope to continue. I guess I'm still having fun. I feel fortunate to continue to be a part of the lives of so many of our youth as they have been growing up.

Bob James  
Acolyte Master

## Environmental Stewardship

"Climate change is an issue that impels us to think about God's justice and how we are to echo it in our world."  
Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams



The Environmental Group will present the third and final copy of the Church energy audit to the Vestry on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Skip Hyberg, Charlie Griffiths, Don English, Mark Wright, Charles Bevington, and Janice Musselman all worked diligently in initiating, managing, and reviewing the audit.

### **Did You Know?**

Iceland today generates 100% of its electricity with renewables: 75% of that from hydroelectric, and 25% from geothermal sources. [www.reneweconomy.com.au](http://www.reneweconomy.com.au)

## St. Francis Flock

*I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. --Genesis 9:15*

In January, several members of St. Francis Flock had the pleasure of attending Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary's Special Comedy Night to Benefit the Animals. Mexican food, stand-up comics, and helping animals – a fantastic combination! What is Poplar Springs? Glad you asked. Your question makes Poplar Springs our first Flock Feature of the year!



### **Flock Feature**

Poplar Springs Animal Sanctuary ([www.animalsanctuary.org](http://www.animalsanctuary.org)) is a 400-acre non-profit refuge for farm animals and wildlife located in nearby Poolesville. Their mission is to provide care, rehabilitation, and sanctuary for abused, neglected, and abandoned farm animals and to provide a protected habitat for wildlife. Located along the Potomac River with streams, ponds, and open fields of preserved natural habitat, it is an idyllic home for both the farm animals and wildlife. In 2016, St. Francis Flock accepted and sent donations to Poplar Springs to aid in the

care of Wee Wee the pig, made famous by his rescue from the highway during Snowzilla. You can read about his harrowing story and rescue on the Sanctuary's website. The Flock plans to schedule a tour of Poplar Springs (including a visit to see Wee Wee the pig) in the near future so we hope that you will plan to join us!

## **Upcoming and Ongoing Activities**

- All Creatures Great and Small Fair – May 6<sup>th</sup> 2017, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Mark your calendars now for our Spring event showcasing local, non-profit, animal welfare organizations and their amazing work with animals. A perfect event for families and anyone who loves animals. The fair will be held on the grounds of the church. Music, popcorn, and more! Stay tuned!
- Pet food drive to help keep pets with their families. Please provide unopened donations in the shopping cart in the main dining area of the basement (same cart as Manna donations) and the Flock will deliver to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County's *Chompers Pet Food Bank*. Pet food donations benefit local families struggling to provide for their pets. In many cases, providing pet food to families makes the difference between being able to keep their pet or having to surrender them due to a lack of food. With our donations, Christ Church is making a difference!
- Pet grievance ministry. St. Francis Flock provides ministry to those grieving the loss or illness of a beloved pet. Please contact Eva Lin at [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org) for more information.
- Assistance to the elderly and/or disabled. St. Francis Flock provides assistance to Christ Church elderly and/or disabled parishioners in driving them and/or their pet to the veterinarian. Please contact [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org) if you need assistance.

New meeting time: 12:30 p.m. All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us! Our monthly meeting is the second Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. For more information, contact [stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org](mailto:stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org).



## **Music at Christ Church**

### **Benefit Choral Concert**

Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m.

For a seventh successful year, Christ Church will be hosting the Choirs of Richard Montgomery High School in their major concert of the of the year. Come hear the vibrant voices of 100 singers in imaginative repertoire including Vaughan Williams' Serenade to Music and the famous Easter scene from Mascagni's opera Cavalleria Rusticana. Ron Frezzo will conduct, a chamber orchestra of strings and winds will accompany, and our own Tad Cavuoti will be at the organ console. Enjoy an hour of delightful music. Admission is free and open to all. Please bring an item of non-perishable food to help the hungry through Manna Food Center of Montgomery County.

## **From our Director of Music**

I must thank all the people of Christ Church for their prayers, well wishes, and help during my recent medical difficulties. I am delighted to be back with you, helping to lead the music in our liturgical services. It is quite therapeutic to be playing the organ once again, conducting the choirs, and being lifted by our congregation's singing.



While it would be impossible to name everyone who contributed to the musical efforts during the past six months, we owe parishioner Carl Schwartz special thanks for the amazing work he did behind the scenes in identifying and securing suitable interim organists and choir directors. Jim Walton, Jason West, and Sonya Sutton came to us through Carl's recommendations. He provided sage guidance in deciphering for them the detailed music lists I had compiled ahead of time and in utilizing the unique capabilities of our excellent pipe organs. He generously donated his time to work with our Choristers in rehearsal.

Further thanks must go to our Staff Singers and members of the congregation in the Choirs for providing continuity in choral leadership within the Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, at All Saints', and on Christmas Eve. In the delicate balance of rehearsal elements, stylistic judgments, and personal concerns, their diplomacy and musical experience has proved invaluable.

As we look forward to the joyous music which closes the Epiphany season, the intense music of Lent, and the glorious music of Easter, let us give thanks for the special musical gifts God has given us to be able to celebrate together at Christ Church.

Tad Cavuoti

## **Newcomer's Corner** **The Trost Family**



Meet Amy and Bryant Trost and their son, Victor, age six. The Trosts moved to the area from Washington state in January and began attending Christ Church shortly thereafter. They were drawn here by the style of worship and the excellent children's ministry.

Amy is originally from Gaithersburg, and her mother and sisters still live in the area. While on the west coast, she completed a degree in library science and now works as a librarian at NIST. Bryant is originally from Colorado. As a commander in the Navy, he was often deployed while the Trosts were in Washington state. Here in the DC area, they are enjoying the opportunity to spend more time together as a family.

Welcome to Christ Church, Amy, Bryant and Victor!

## **Adult Forum** **Faith in the Public Square** With Dr. Hemchand Gossai

February 26<sup>th</sup> and April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 a.m. to 10:55 a.m. in the Murdock Room

Engage in this two-part series exploring the manner we are able to be people of faith and action in the political realm.

This title presupposes that as Christians, we have both the invitation and responsibility to be involved in the life of the community, the nation, and the world, and so by definition this involves a voice and action in politics and everyday life. But Christian communities are not uniform in beliefs and worldviews.

In the US, the current political climate is often tense and anxious, and on a daily basis there are a variety of concerns that touch the lives of many of us. In these sessions, we will begin a conversation as to how we speak and relate with each other, particularly when we have disagreements, and sometimes deep political disagreements.

How do we understand each other? What biblical principles do we have to guide us? How do we determine what is worth fighting for, and what is not? How do we ensure that we nurture the relationship that we have as members of the community of faith and use our voices for the voiceless? What happens when we feel frustrated and fatigued?

We are not the first people of faith to struggle with this issue, nor are we likely to be the last. We are a people of faith seeking understanding. But in this day, we have particular matters that confront us and like the saints who have gone before us, we seek the guidance of scripture and each other to ensure that in the midst of the noise, we can be still and listen. What does Jesus' mandate mean for us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, and with all your **soul**, and with all your **strength**, and with all your **mind**; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27)? To put it mildly, this is not an easy task, and every day it takes singular grace and goodness for each of us to live this mandate, to be caring and compassionate. One of the principal teachings of Jesus is Table Fellowship. How can this model of community ensure that we are united in what matters to us and speak with each other with grace?

We will explore three biblical texts:

- Journey to Sabbath in Exodus;
- Jeremiah's Letter to the Exiles;
- Jesus *Parable of the Good Samaritan*

What might we learn from Martin Niemöller and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, both Christians whose faith led them to action. Come and be a part of this important conversation. Alone, each of us does not have complete and ultimate answers to complex and challenging questions, but together, listening to the words and voices of each other, we might arrive at a place on our journey where we are able to travel together.

Deeply blessed as we are to claim The Rev. Dr. Gossai and his wife Viera as parishioners, Hemchand also serves as a Member of the *Council on Foreign Relations*, a Washington/NY Think Tank, and is a part of the *Religion and Foreign Policy* discussion group. In the last year, he met with the Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby and a month ago with Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, discussing Religious Violence and the Syrian Crisis. Clearly he brings a wealth of perspectives to this expansive topic. In his "spare time" he continues his full-time work as Associate Dean of Liberal Arts at the Northern Virginia Community College's Annandale Campus. Last but not least, he authored *The Hebrew Prophets after the Shoah: A Mandate for Change* along with several other books. Don't miss this award-winning educator and priest.

## March 5 & 12

### **Keep Your Eyes on the Prize: A Journey Through the Civil Rights Era**

with Fr. John McDuffie



### Meet Our Volunteers

"If you want something done,  
ask a busy person."

Ben Franklin is attributed with this quote which fits **Christie Carrico** to a T. Christie became a Bargain Box volunteer in 2003. At that time she was still working full time as the CEO of a not-for-profit scientific professional membership organization. The first time Christie visited the store to drop off some donations, Marion Schreyer asked her if she would like to work one Saturday a month. She admits she hadn't really thought about volunteering before, but fortunately for us she agreed and began on the second Saturday working with Ella Weston-Dawkes. When she retired three years ago, she volunteered to work the full day on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of each month. Christie has been a member of CEC since 1986 when she and her late husband, Wally Keene, were married there. Now that she is retired, her day job seems to be Christ Church. She is currently in her second term as Senior Warden and serves many Sundays on the altar as a LLEM. She is a member of the Fellowship and the Communications Committees and serves as Communications Manager for the BBox Board, as well. She writes the monthly Angelus article, updates our Facebook and web pages with news and photos, creates the store sales flyers and keeps volunteers, customers and consignors informed with regular emails. She also sorts and prices donations to set up seasonal and holiday displays. Christie adds extra shine to her halo by filling in as store Manager several times a year. When not busy with "all of the above" Christie enjoys reading, knitting, cooking and waiting on her cat, Izzy. Christie would say that one of the best things about working at the Bargain Box is shopping for bargains. She also has fun getting to know the other volunteers who work the front desk while at the same time knowing that her time and efforts ultimately benefit those in need in our community. She wishes that more people would realize how much fun it can be to volunteer. Many of the customers are regulars and

it is interesting to get to know them. The store is staffed with a great group of people who like to laugh and joke. You could be one of them!

### HELP WANTED

#### Purse Manager

6-8 hrs/month spread over the month;  
Requires knowledge of and love for purses; and  
Get 1<sup>st</sup> dibs on purses!

#### E-Bay Sales Manager

We need someone willing to manage the sale of some of our more unusual donations on E-Bay.



### WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

Monday - Saturday March 13-18  
80% off clothing with CLEAR, PINK, BLUE, RED  
& PURPLE price strings.  
50% off shoes and boots. Holiday "H" clothing  
and consignments **not** included.



### SPRING FLING

Monday, March 20 - Saturday, March 25  
Shop for Spring Clothing—All New Arrivals!



### OUTREACH SUNDAYS

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month

The third Sunday is Outreach Sunday at Christ Church. We will be in the church dining room on March 19 with a Spring/Easter raffle and a nice selection of toys, books, jewelry and household items.

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# Children's & Youth Ministries



## Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>

Wednesday Services at 7:00am, 12:10pm & 7:30pm in the Church

## Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>



Worship Services are at 7:45am, 9am & 11am in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 9am in the Murdock Room

Lenten Crafts for ALL AGES from 10:15 – 11am in the Dining Room

## Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>



Worship Services are at 7:45am, 9am & 11am in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Children's Church meets at 9am in the Dining Room

Sunday School from 10:15 – 11am in the Classrooms

Youth Group from 3 – 7pm in the Murdock Room – dinner included!

## Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>



Worship Services at 7:45am, 9am and 11am in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 9am in the Murdock Room

SOS – Serving Others Sunday at 10:15am in the Murdock Room

**Smart Sacks, Sandwich Making, Cards for the Troops** - We make 500 sandwiches for McKenna's Wagon and fill 280 bags of food for 70 children at Meadow Hall Elementary School who need food on the weekends. We'll make Dog & Cat toys for the animals in Shelters & Rescues, and Bookmarks for the Troops serving in Afghanistan.



## Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>



Worship Services at 7:45am, 9am and 11am in the Church

Nursery is available 9am – 12:15pm for infants & toddlers

Children's Church begins at 9am in the Murdock Room

Sunday School from 10:15 – 11am in the Classrooms

Youth Group from 3 – 6pm in the Murdock Room – Eggstravaganza!

## Sunday School ROTATIONS

	3/5	3/12	3/19	3/26
Preschool	Lenten Crafts	Art & Drama	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Art & Drama
K & 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lenten Crafts	Art & Drama	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Art & Drama
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lenten Crafts	Bible Games	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Cooking & Science
4 <sup>th</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lenten Crafts	Cooking & Science	SOS <small>Serving Others Sunday</small>	Bible Games

For questions relating to Children's & Youth Ministries – please contact:  
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 301/762-2191 #15 or [mcraig@cecrockville.org](mailto:mcraig@cecrockville.org)

# HELP WANTED

## Easter Treats for a Bunny in Need!



**Donation Baskets** are in located the Church, Parish House & Dining Room

**We need NEW Plastic Eggs & Stuffing Treats -**  
 Individually wrapped candy, erasers, stickers, tattoos or other items  
 that can be stuffed in eggs for the EGG HUNT on Easter Sunday!

**THANKS IN ADVANCE  
FOR YOUR DONATIONS!**

March 2017

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# March



## MARCH 2017 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 (5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>)*

**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-7<sup>th</sup> 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 8, 15, 22,  
29 & April 5*
- 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)

## OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

- 1 **Ash Wednesday**  
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes **7:00am** (Church)  
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes **12:10pm** (Church)  
Holy Eucharist & Imposition of Ashes **7:30pm** (Church)
- 2
- 3
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- 5 Richard Montgomery High School Choral Concert **3:30pm** (Church)
- 6
- 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 8 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 9
- 10 CES School Open House **9:00-11:00am**
- 11 Adult Covenant Class **10:00am** (PH LR)
- 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins  
Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)  
St. Francis Flock Meets **12:30pm** (PH DR)  
Youth Group Event **3:00pm** (CEC DR)
- 13 Booktalk **1:00pm** (PH LR)
- 14 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the April issue  
Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)  
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 15 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 16 Governing Board Meeting **7:00pm** (MR)
- 17
- 18 Adult Covenant Class **10:00am** (PH LR)
- 19 "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)  
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)  
Bargain Box Outreach Table (DR)  
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (MR)
- 20 Dine & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 21 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 22 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm**  
Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 23
- 24
- 25 Adult Covenant Class **10:00am** (PH LR)
- 26 Youth Group EGGstravaganza **3:00pm** (YR, MR)
- 27
- 28 Vestry Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 29 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 30
- 31

#### KEY

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

**122<sup>nd</sup> Annual Convention**  
**Episcopal Diocese of Washington**  
**28 January 2017**

Seven representatives attended from Christ Episcopal Church: Rev. John McDuffie; Rev. Cindy Simpson; Father Choi; Janice Musselman; Joyce Bryant; Henry Mulzac; Peggy Gilliam; Susan Stonesifer; and Reenie Prettyman. The Convention opened with a service of Holy Eucharist. The Bishop addressed the gathering. There were four main areas of business: consideration of three Resolutions; adoption of amendments to the Constitution and Canons; adoption of the 2017 budget; and diocesan elections.

Bishop Mariann Budde has focused during the past year, following the change in regional structure approved last year, on meeting with congregations to take stock of key areas of congregational vitality and vulnerability. She is emphasizing meeting the Diocese's obligation to provide 15% of its operating budget for wider Church support and on increases in contributions to the Diocese to meet the goal of a 10% contribution from each parish church. She is also in the process of shifting certain budgeting practices, particularly shifting operating expenses away from the interest on the Soper endowment so that those funds increasingly can be devoted to grants back to congregations to effect changes that can promote growth. Initial grants this year included two youth projects; neighborhood Latino outreach; and several other initiatives. Vulnerabilities include aging buildings; the aging of church members who often form the pledge base of the churches; and dependence upon a few who provide a large proportion of funds pledged. Her vision is to see churches serve their communities and be beacons for justice. She noted, however, that "Hope is not a strategy", and this year's assessment activity is related to setting up a process in 2017 for development of a strategic and financial plan for the diocese. To date, about 15% of parishes are trending positively; 15% are showing worrisome decline; and 70% are stable, with modest growth or decline. A particular concern was the objections raised over the Cathedral hosting the prayer service for the inauguration. She clarified her commitment that the Diocese be a continuing presence in matters of our public life under the new presidency. She will convene a group to discuss and define the appropriate role of a National Cathedral.

Two resolutions were adopted. The first is on the observance of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation, and encourages each parish, school and chaplaincy of the Diocese to invite a Lutheran congregation or institution to a worship service, educational or social event, service project, or other joint activity. The second reaffirms the Church's commitment to social justice, welcoming all people in our communities of faith and supporting other communities of faith, particularly Muslim communities who may fear persecution. It also recommits to fighting discrimination in all of its forms, including racism, Islamophobia, homophobia and sexism. A third resolution relating to the nature of the sermon given at St. John's, Lafayette Square in connection with the Inauguration was tabled with the suggestion that it be included in upcoming discussions that seek better to define the national role of the National Cathedral.

Amendments to the Diocesan Constitution and Canons aimed primarily at reconciling the Canons to the Constitution as it was restated and adopted last year. The remainder eliminated redundancies in representation at various levels of the broader Church.

The 2017 budget represents a modest increase over the 2016 budget, and was adopted.

Four individuals were elected to three year terms as Clerical Deputies and four individuals as Lay Deputies to the General Convention. Two individuals were elected as presbyters to two year terms as Clerical Members of the Standing Committee, an advisory group to the Bishop; and two were elected to two year terms as lay members of the Standing Committee.

The names of churches that were at the 10% diocesan contribution level or had increased their contribution were read. Christ Church increased its contribution by 1% in 2016.

It was announced that on February 25 and 26 there would be a festival of sacred music at the Cathedral. Prior to adjournment, next year's Diocesan Convention was set for the Washington Cathedral on Saturday, 27 January 2018.



## Christ Episcopal School

Have you seen the Church's mission Christ Episcopal School "in action"? The CES administration would love to give you a tour of the campus and classrooms to see the teachers and students engaged in learning on a school day. See the conversations, the individualized instruction, the writing process, reading groups, and math instruction. Observe student teams collaborating, problem solving, and researching together. Enjoy seeing students in their five-day per week PE classes. And, of course, start your visit with our daily Chapel if you can arrive by 8:00 a.m. A tour can be arranged through the Admissions Office at your convenience, or you can attend an Open House on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. or Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Come see why CES, celebrating 50 years of academic excellence as a mission of Christ Episcopal Church, has been known as Rockville's educational gem since 1966!

### **Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys**

A School of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington



***Please join our Assistant Rector, Cindy Simpson, along with parishioner and Bishop Walker School board member, Stephanie Cromwell, on a tour of the Bishop John T. Walker School for Boys in South East Washington, DC.***

The school, named in honor of the first African American bishop of our diocese, is a tuition-free independent school, rooted in the traditions of Episcopal education. BWS strives to alter the educational and social trajectory of children from traditionally underserved communities and prepare them for leadership and service in their communities and well beyond.

We would love to share this school with the members of Christ Church! We will be scheduling a tour in April, so please watch the Bulletin and Angelus for the date as well as additional information about the school. Contact Stephanie Cromwell for additional information:

[stephaniecromwell@me.com](mailto:stephaniecromwell@me.com).





# Easter Lilies 2017

*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, April 7, 2017.***

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.* **Mail to: Christ Church**

**107 South Washington St.  
Rockville, MD 20850**



## COMMUNITY MINISTRIES OF ROCKVILLE

### CLEANING SUPPLY DRIVE

for

**CMR's Kaseman Health Clinic and Housing Program**

Most needed items include:

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| Tall Kitchen Trash Bags      | Paper Plates       |
| Small Garbage Bags           | Paper Cups         |
| C-Fold Paper Towels (#2 Box) | Plastic Ware       |
| Paper Towels                 | Bottled Water      |
| Antibacterial Hand Soap      | Napkins            |
| Hand Sanitizer               | Disinfecting Wipes |
| Scouring Powder              | Windex             |
| Facial Tissue                | Bleach             |
| Toilet Paper                 | Pine Sol           |
| Lysol Toilet Bowl Cleaner    | Dishwashing Liquid |

**Please put donations in the CMR box in the Dining Room.**

*Thank you!*