

The Angelus

April 2014



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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this letter for our April issue of the Angelus, we are in the midst of Lent, and when you read it, we will still be in Lent. Easter seems a long way off – April 20th – and we have slogged through a long, long, winter. In her poem “March”, Louise Gluck writes, “The light stays longer in the sky, but it’s a cold light, / it brings no relief from winter.” This is a season of latency, a time of waiting for resurrection.

And yet, as we wait for Easter to come, I can celebrate with you the good news that we have already experienced a resurrection moment at Christ Church. On February 9th, I spoke to the congregation with the sobering news that we had a \$90,000 financial deficit, owing to two consecutive years in which our expenses had exceeded income, plus a gap in hoped-for pledged income to fund the 2014 budget (which had already been adjusted). On behalf of the Vestry, I made a simple appeal to all to consider making an additional contribution to the church or increasing their 2014 pledge.

The wonderful good news is that many of you responded with gracious wills and generous hearts, and as of March 9th, we had raised slightly more than \$100,000 in contributions and increased pledges! This is a marvelous testimony to your belief in Christ Church to be a blessed community where vital ministry is taking place. The Vestry is encouraged that we have a small budgetary reserve for the remainder of 2014 to deal with unexpected contingencies (as an example, believe me that snow removal costs will greatly exceed what we have paid in prior recent years). I can assure you that we are not now living extravagantly or foolishly, but rather are living prudently and carefully for the remainder of the year, with the pledge to be faithful stewards of the resources entrusted to us.

This resurrection event has been a great joy, but in the midst of managing our resources, the Vestry is also coming to a new understanding of where we are at this moment in the life of this congregation and in the life of the Church at this point in history. For the first time in a while, we have experienced vulnerability, which raises all

the questions of how we allocate resources when times are tight. These are questions with which many of our Episcopal Church neighbors are already grappling with. Of course, my prayer is that all can continue to give at their increased level of giving for 2014 after the appeal, but whether that can take place again for 2015 remains to be seen – and we certainly don't want to launch a special appeal each year.

At Christ Church, we don't have a lot of "wobble room" in our budget. Costs in maintenance and in staff compensation are rising each year. The three major programmatic areas of the church are music, outreach and social ministry, and Christian education and youth ministry. These programs are where we have to make adjustments when necessary. Three years ago, the Vestry embarked on a strategic planning process in which we identified the potential challenges of resource allocation in the future. That planning process was quietly put on hold, and now three years later, it is manifestly clear that we need to re-engage with some strategic planning. We need to be clear on who we are, what our mission is and where our mission field lies, and what we value in the life of ministry in this Church.

To that end, our new Vestry that will convene after the Annual Meeting in early May will launch into this process, and we hope it will also involve as many of you as are able to participate. You can look forward to hearing more about this important work in the near future.

For now, I say again "Thank you!" from the bottom of my heart, for your generous support of Christ Church. It is a joy to be here, and I wish a blessed remainder of Lent and glorious Eastertide to all.

Faithfully and Sincerely,

John+



Jazz Vespers Returns, Sunday, April 6th

Join us for another great service of evening prayer with jazz on Sunday, April 6th at 5:00 p.m. Father McDuffie leads the regular Jazz Vespers Quartet in a performance of the music of John Coltrane. A free-will offering will benefit the Empower the Homeless Campaign, sponsored by Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, of which Christ Church is a partner parish. The suggested donation is \$25 per person.

Seminarian News

Our prayers will go with Patrick Bush, our seminarian, as he journeys to his home parish, Trinity Church, in Tariffville, Connecticut, where he will be ordained a deacon on March 29th. Patrick did well on his General Ordination exams in January, passing in five of the seven canonical areas of examination, and the Diocese of Connecticut gave him the green light for ordination! So when Patrick returns to us on April 6th, he will be able to function in his newly ordained role. Patrick's last Sunday at Christ Church will be May 18th, and at this writing, he is anticipating returning for employment in parish ministry in his home Diocese.

I'm also happy to announce that Christ Church will have a new seminarian who will join us this fall for two years. Bradley Linboom is from the Diocese of Chicago, and comes

from a musical career into the ordination process. Brad has been an organist and choirmaster for three different churches in the past, the most recent being St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Dixon, Illinois from 2010 to 2013. He has also been a school band director. Brad's principal instrument has been the bassoon (which he sadly tells me he had to sell in order to help finance his seminary education!), and he also plays the double bass. Having obtained a Master's degree in music theory from the University of Akron in 2003, Brad also sang in the choir of St. Paul's, Akron, where Father McDuffie began his career in ordained ministry. Brad is married, and his wife is a clinical social worker.

Among other things, Brad is interested in seeing how the church might intersect more meaningfully and powerfully with the local neighborhood, including the Town Center. I know you will welcome Brad warmly when he joins us at Christ Church.

--Fr. McDuffie

Adult Forum



Mitzvah Moments

In Hebrew, 'mitzvah' means to follow God's commandments, especially to do acts of human kindness. Through the work of the Outreach Committee, Christ Church is able to feed those in need (Rockville HELP, Diocesan Hunger Fund, Sophia House, and Stop Hunger Now) and support those who want to make a change in their life (Samaritan Ministry, Community Ministries of Rockville, and English Conversation Club). Come to the April 6th Adult Forum to hear what we do. Contact: Mary Belknap 301-251-1486.

Adult Forum Schedule for April 2014 10:15 to 11:00 a.m., Sundays in the Murdock Room

Date	Speaker	Topic
April 6 <i>5th Sunday in Lent</i>	Outreach Committee	Mitzvah Moments
April 13 <i>Passion Sunday</i>	Palm Sunday	Palm Sunday
April 20 <i>Easter</i>	Easter	Easter
April 27 <i>2nd Sunday of Easter</i>	Vestry Candidates	Meet the Vestry Candidates

Booktalk

The Invention of Wings, by Sue Monk Kidd, is the novel chosen by Booktalk for its May 12th, 2014 meeting. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish House to discuss this book. The novel is set in Charleston, and the story is set in motion when, on her 11th birthday, Sarah is given ownership of 10 year-old Handful, who is to be her handmaid. The story follows their remarkable journeys over the next 35 years, as both strive for a life of their own, dramatically shaping each other's destinies and forming a complex relationship marked by guilt, defiance, estrangement, and the uneasy ways of love.



Palm Sunday Music
Bach's Mass in B-Minor
National Philharmonic Chorale

Three members of the Christ Church Choir will be part of the National Philharmonic Chorale in the very beautiful *Mass in B-Minor* by J.S. Bach, to be performed on Saturday, April 12th at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, April 13th, 2014 (Palm Sunday) at 3:00 p.m. at Strathmore.

This exquisite composition, a beloved part of the classical repertoire, is renowned for its musical complexity and personal, political, and religious intrigues.

The *Mass in B-Minor*, an autobiographical summary by Bach himself of his life's work of choral composition, was the last work of his life, completed shortly before his death in 1750. This masterpiece elevated the choral art form to a state of transcendence that reflects Bach's deep religious and aesthetic convictions.

For a 25% discount on tickets, please call the Strathmore Box Office at 301-581-5100 and mention the promo code NPBach or visit nationalphilharmonic.org (online code: 4555). Tickets are available for purchase in person, by phone, or online. Not applicable to previously purchased tickets. Kids 7-17 are free. Parking is complimentary.



National Philharmonic Singers
La Musica da Tavola!

Christ Church
Saturday, March 29th, 2014 at 8:00 p.m.
Stan Engebretson and Victoria Gau, Conductors

From Renaissance times until now, people have entertained with a varied “menu” of music at their table. In this tradition, the Singers offer up a light spring fare to please your discerning taste – a concert that has it all: stars, animals, mysticism, love, dance, and humor!

The madrigal comedy **Festino**, written by Italian monk Adriano Banchieri, features choral depictions of dances, wine-tasting, and the *Counterpoint of the Animals*, while contemporary Norwegian Ola Gjeilo expands in a mystic style with **Unicornis Captivator**. The music of love comes forth in Brahms' eloquent vocal quartets, paired with a heavenly gaze in a regional premiere of **Stars** written by Latvian composer Erik Esenvalds accompanied by the sheen of tuned water glasses. Comedy fare rounds out the program with Eric Whitacre's zany **Animal Crackers** and the gossipy **Neighbors' Chorus** by Offenbach.

The National Philharmonic Singers, led by Stan Engebretson and Victoria Gau, is a chamber choir and one of several performing ensembles of the National Philharmonic, which is in residence at the Music Center at Strathmore. As such, it promotes works suited for smaller ensembles, whether with accompaniment or *A cappella*. Its repertoire ranges from 15th to 21st centuries, and it often premieres new compositions by local composers. In the summer of 2013, the group was invited to participate in the international choral competition in Llangollen, Wales. This is the ninth year of performance at Christ Church with free-will offering benefiting the Community Ministries of Rockville.

Pastoral Care

Sharing Our Sources

I think many of us have trouble finding time to pray, so I thought this meditation, which appeared in the Washington Cathedral's newsletter in March 2007, might offer inspiration. It was written by the late John Miers, who was a parishioner at St. James in Potomac.

"I Pray on Escalators

I am always in a hurry.

I never have enough time.

How could I possibly have time to pray like I should?

How can I possibly be aware of the other people in the world – those who need my prayers the very most? And have the time to follow through on it?

Well...

There is a time when I have this time by myself.

There is a time when I am aware of other people.

There is a time when I wonder about other people and their needs.

It is on the escalators in the Metro system. I have at least eight such opportunities – two rides down, and two rides back up, twice a day.

What do I pray for – what should you pray for? Well, to start, look at the other people on the escalator – either going the other way, or those rushing and bumping past you.

Go ahead and look at them.

I find myself wondering:

What are their needs?

Are they sick?

Are they happy?

Are they grieving?

Are they hungry?

How are their families – if they have families?

Do they have nice clothes – or not enough clothes?

Are they illegal immigrants?

What can I do – what should I do? I can pray about any and all of this.

Try it yourself: This opportunity also presents itself while riding on the Metro and on buses. There are times for prayer on elevators, too, and also at stop lights, while standing in line, or on hold on the telephone.

We are blessed with an abundance of opportunities to pray (while waiting for the trainee at the Post Office to figure out what combination of stamps is needed to put \$2.44 on an envelope). We can all learn – and start availing ourselves of these wonderful opportunities in our lives.”

The Pastoral Care committee meets the first and third Tuesdays of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House Living Room. New members and visitors are always welcome.

Elizabeth Scanlon

Newcomer Corner

The DelSordo Family

Alex and Emily DelSordo and their daughter, Grace, began attending Christ Church this summer. When the DelSordos began searching for a church family, they were drawn to CEC by its outstanding children’s ministry and by our clergy’s meaningful and relatable words on Sunday mornings.



Alex is originally from New Jersey, and currently splits his time between his Baltimore-based business repairing rowing boats, and his job in cloud marketing software sales for Vocus in Beltsville. Emily was born and raised in the area. She lived briefly in Southern California and in Seattle, and currently teaches physical education at Seneca Academy. She and Alex met while coaching rowing in Washington, D.C. Grace, age four months, was baptized at Christ Church in November.

Welcome to Christ Church, Emily, Alex, and Grace!



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Contact the store at bargainbox@cecrockville.org to get on our email list to receive sales flyers and other notices.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK April 6-12, 2014

From the Points of Light Website: "National Volunteer Week, April 6-12, 2014, is about inspiring, recognizing, and encouraging people to seek out imaginative ways to engage in their communities. It's about demonstrating to the nation that by working together, we have the fortitude to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals."



During this season of Lent, consider joining the Bargain Box volunteer crew. Service to others is truly one of the sweetest things in life.

DONATIONS WELCOME!

We welcome your donations of seasonal clothing and shoes, jewelry, books, household items, and toys. We accept most non-upholstered furniture. (Side chairs with seat cushions are fine). Paper and plastic shopping bags are also a hot commodity, as well as newspapers for wrapping up purchases.



Furniture Best Sellers

Book cases, Buffets, Bureaus, Chairs, Coffee tables, Desks, Dinette sets, Drop-leaf tables, Dining room tables, End tables, File cabinets, Hutches, Lamps, Magazine racks, Night stands, Patio furniture (in season), Plant stands, Rugs, Stools.

No, thank you Beds, bed frames, head boards, Cribs, play pens & high chairs,

Mattresses & bed pillows, Sofas, Loveseats, Futons, Upholstered, or stuffed items.



ANNUAL SPRING BOUTIQUE – SUNDAY, APRIL 27th

AT THE BARGAIN BOX

8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

April

April 2014

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APRIL 2014 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 (April 6 & 27)

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-8th Grade
(April 6 & 27)
- 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)
- 6:30 AM The Story Discussion Group (CEC DR)

Wednesday

- 11:00 AM Bible Study (PH LR)
- 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)
- 6:45 PM Lenten Film Series (MR) *April 2 & 9*
- 8:00 PM Korean Congregation 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)

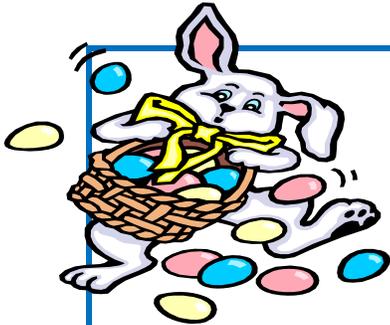
- 1 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 2 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 3
- 4 Youth Camp Out **5:00pm** (Cathedral)
- 5 Youth Group Service Day (DC)
CES School Open House **9:00am** (Church)
- 6 Adult Forum: Mitzvah Moments **10:10am** (MR)
Jazz Vespers **5:00pm** (Church)
- 7
- 8 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 9 Lenten Film Series **6:45pm** (MR)
- 10
- 11 Easter Lily Order Form Due
- 12
- 13 **PALM SUNDAY Services at 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am**
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (CEC DR)
Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)
Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
Youth Group EGGstravaganza **3-6pm** (DR)
- 14 Holy Eucharist **7:30pm** (Church)
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 15 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the May 2013 issue
CES Literary & Fine Arts Festival, this week (MR)
Holy Eucharist **7:30pm** (Church)
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 16 Holy Eucharist **7:30pm** (Church)
- 17 **MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Ceremony of Foot Washing & Stripping of the Altar **7:30pm** (Church)
Choir Rehearsal after the service **8:45pm** (Choir Room & Church)
- 18 **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
Children's Stations of the Cross & Hot Cross Buns **7:30pm** (CEC DR)
- 19 **HOLY SATURDAY, The Great Vigil of Easter**
Easter Vigil **1:00pm** (Church)
Lighting of the Paschal Candle **7:30pm** (Church)
Baptisms and Renewal of Baptismal Vows
The First Eucharist of Easter
- 20 **EASTER DAY**
Holy Eucharist I **7:30am** (Church)
Children prepare for Flowering of the Cross **8:45am** (Lending 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)
- 21 Easter Monday *office closed*
Dine & Deal **6:30 pm** (MR)
- 22 *The Angelus* Printing
Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH)
- 23 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:00pm** (Rockville)
- 24 *The Angelus* Assembly
- 25
- 26
- 27 Adult Forum: Meet the new Vestry nominees **10:10am** (MR)
Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)
- 28
- 29
- 30

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

Animal Welfare Session - April 13, 1pm, Parish House.

Our newly formed animal welfare team, St. Francis' Flock, meets on Palm Sunday, April 13 at 1pm in the parish house. All are welcome.



HELP WANTED... Easter Treats for a Bunny in Need!

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

We need NEW Plastic Eggs & Small Treats-- items can be 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!
by Sunday, April 13th.

Youth Group

“EGG” stravanza

Sunday, April 13, 3:00 – 6:00 PM

Ice Cream Sundaes & Cupcakes
followed by

Stuffing Easter Eggs.

Meet in the Youth Room. Friends are welcome!



Holy Week & Easter for Families with Children & Youth



Palm Sunday Family Service: Sunday, April 13 at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Maundy Thursday Service & Foot Washing: Thurs, April 17 at 7:30 pm.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross for Families & Hot Cross Buns
for Children, Youth & Families: Friday, April 18 at 7:30 pm.

Easter Vigil & Baptisms: Saturday, April 19 at 7:30 pm – bring a bell!

Flowering of the Cross: Sunday, April 20 at 8:45 am. Please bring a sprig of flowers to donate and help us decorate the Cross.

Easter Morning Family Service: Sunday, April 20 at 9:00 and 11:00 am.

Easter Egg Hunt: Sunday, April 20 at 10:30 am. Bags provided!



Environmental Stewardship



Did You Know?

The Rockville Police Department collects unused prescription and over-the-counter drugs for environmentally safe disposal. These collections are in April and October of each year. The next collection is soon – Saturday, April 26th, 2014, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Rockville Police Station. For other locations please check out the DEA website.

The **Environmental Stewardship** team will meet next on Sunday, April 27, 12:40pm in the Parish House Conference Room. All are welcome!



"FAITHFUL PROFESSIONALS, CEO GOD"

Interested in finding God's plan for you in your work life? Please consider joining "Faithful Professionals, CEO God," a new study, support and strategic ministry group of Christ Church. Members will discuss the challenges faced by professionals of faith and study inspiring scripture and religious scholars, such as Martin Luther, to find and keep joyful meaning in what we do with our God given talents. Parishioner Lynn Perry Parker, Esq. and Seminarian Patrick Bush will facilitate the discussions, which will be held at 10:15 **Sunday mornings in the Parish House**. Questions? Ideas? Please call Lynn at 301-444-4513 or email Lparker@LPP-Law.com.



Easter Lilies 2014

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 \$25.00 per plant is requested. The deadline for lily orders is Friday, April 11, 2014.

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 note "Lily" on the memo line. Thank you.