

The Angelus

April 2016



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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

This April issue of the *Angelus* should come to you just as we are moving into what the Church calls “the Great Three Days” – the triduum, which is Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. I hope that you can join us in worship as often as you can, as we dive into the central mystery of our faith: the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Our Maundy Thursday service, at 7:30 p.m. on March 24th, commemorates Jesus’ last supper with his disciples, and the church thereafter descends dramatically into the darkness of Good Friday.

Good Friday is on March 25th this year. In the early western Christian Church, March 25th was marked as the actual day of Jesus’ crucifixion, and was framed also by the remembrance on the same date of the Annunciation to Mary and the conception of Jesus – so it is always a special time when Good Friday actually falls on the 25th. We offer the Good Friday liturgy at 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. in the church, with holy communion from the reserved sacrament.

The Great Vigil of Easter is my favorite service of the Church Year, and it is observed at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 26th. We journey on that night from the darkness of death into the glorious light of the resurrection. And on Easter Sunday morning, our services are at 7:30, 9:00, and 11:00 a.m. And remember – Easter is not just one day, it is fifty days! – and the successive Sundays after Easter lead us from the drama of the empty tomb into the full light of restoration and renewal.

I’m looking forward to a special week in April in which I will be away from Christ Church. Those of you who know our Good Friday liturgy will recall that for several years I have offered a saxophone solo during the devotional part of the service known as the veneration of the cross. Typically, I have offered spirituals, but this year I will be playing “Alabama”, which was written by John Coltrane. This piece was composed in remembrance of Denise McNair, Carole Robertson, Addie Mae Collins, and Cynthia Wesley – the four girls who were killed in the bomb blast at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama, in September of 1963. I am perennially moved to deep tears, after I learned that in the wreckage of that blast there was found a blood-spattered Sunday School lesson pamphlet entitled, “Dear God – we are sorry for the times in which we have been so unkind”.

From April 3rd through April 10th, I will be joining the Historic Civil Rights Tour, sponsored by the Montgomery County Office of Human Rights. We will travel by bus through the South – North Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Arkansas – to visit some of the places where the struggle for civil rights for African-American citizens was lived out in the 1950’s and 1960’s.

I'll be at the 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, and many other landmarks – and I am sure I will not fail to be reminded that the call for deeper racial reconciliation is still of paramount concern and importance in this nation. I believe that we are in a climate at present where civil discourse is deteriorating, and our potential treatment of others different from ourselves can only suffer. We can risk ignoring that part of our baptismal covenant that asks if we will strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Martin Luther King was one of the Christians of the twentieth century whom I have especially admired, and I look forward to this travel opportunity as a significant chapter in my own spiritual journey.

We will also look forward in April to our annual Meeting Sunday on April 24th. There will be just one service that day, at 9:00 a.m., followed by our Annual Meeting in which we elect new Vestry members and Diocesan delegates, and give thanks for our life and ministry as a parish church. A wonderful brunch follows, hosted by our Youth Group. The list of Vestry nominees will be posted shortly, as well as our roster of qualified voting members of the church.

In all, I greatly look forward to springtime, April, and Easter! God bless you all, the faithful, generous hearts who together make Christ Church such a special place.

Faithfully in Christ,

John+

Enjoy the Convenience of Online Giving!

Christ Church wants to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for individual parish members and provides much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

Direct Debit Giving is used to automatically transfer funds from your checking or savings account to the church's bank account.

Credit & Debit Card Giving allows you to make offerings automatically on a pre-determined schedule using a credit or debit card.

Online giving allows you to go to www.christchurchrockville.org at any time to set up an automatic donation plan, change your donation plan, make a one-time gift (such as an Easter offering!) or view your online donation history.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving.

Music at Christ Church

The National Philharmonic Singers will present a spring concert, "Songs of Love and Beauty", at Christ Church on Saturday, May 7th 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

The concert will include music from well-known composers such as J.S. Bach, William Byrd, and Claude Debussy, to stunningly living composers such as Eriks Esenvalds and American composers Daniel Elder and Jake Runestad. The chamber chorus rounds out the program with a couple of uplifting choral spirituals.

The National Philharmonic Singers 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. This is the eleventh year of performance at Christ Church by the Singers. Please come and join us!

All donations will benefit the Community Ministries of Rockville. For more information, please visit nationalphilharmonic.org or call 301-493-9283, Ext. 116

Environmental Stewardship Committee “Tending the Garden”



Our gardeners are busy and need some extra hands in the coming months as they work to enhance the landscaping around the Parish House and Church. On behalf of the Environmental Stewardship team, we invite you to share in some of the upcoming activities for both gardeners and stewards alike. All are welcome.

Saturday, April 9th, Parish Workday: Preparation for planting. Carolyn Oakford and Greg Lin will lead the cleaning and planting project in the Columbarium area. Greg is working on his Eagle Scout credential and will guide his fellow Boy Scouts throughout the project. Extra help is needed in advance of spring planting.

Saturday, April 16th, 28th Annual Alice Ferguson Potomac River Watershed Cleanup: 9am - noon: Join this hands-on adventure at Swains Lock, which is both a part of the scenic C & O National Historic Park and is also one of the 800+ sites comprising this impressive event. Located off of River Road 7.9 miles from the church with limited parking, we will carpool to the Lock from our parish parking lot. This exciting effort--our second year to be involved-- draws volunteers from Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and D. C. Last year over 33,000 folks gathered over 1.2 million pounds of trash plus recyclables. We have only a few spots remaining and sign up is required. Please contact djay3579@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us!

Saturday, April 30th, Montgomery County Prescription Drug Collection: Details will be posted in Sunday bulletins after April 1st. Safely recycle your expired prescription drugs.

Saturday, May 7th, Spring planting in the Columbarium: Greg Lin and the other Boy Scouts are again leading this effort but welcome any able hands. See the donation sheet on page 10 to financially support this wonderful project.

Saturday, May 14th, Parish Work Day: Bring your garden gloves and a bag lunch and join in the spring planting of our grounds. Drinks and dessert will be provided. The Youth Group will work from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and we encourage any and all Parishioners to join on this day. Imagine how lovely our surroundings will be!

Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

Luke 14:13 “When you give a feast, invite the poor”



The Outreach Committee is a group of people who want to make a difference by helping people who are suffering. Part of that involves making sure that Church funds going to local charities are wisely spent. Another part is in organizing church events or teaming with community partners to help those in need. There are so many ways to reach out. Each person on the Committee brings a bit of compassion for others and together we make things happen.

If you give to Christ Church you are already a part of this effort, but maybe you would like to do more? Doing more does not take a lot of time, but it can have many benefits. Direct benefits include the incremental changes we make in our community and the peace you feel when you know you are walking the walk!

So what are the causes Christ Church supports through Outreach and related ministries? They are covered regularly in this column, but some are: The Diocesan Hunger Fund, Loaves and Fishes, Community Ministries of Rockville, Transitional Housing Corporation, Rockville HELP, Samaritan Ministry, Stop Hunger Now, The English Conversation Club, and The Bargain Box. In addition, we partner with the Children's and Youth Ministries to reach out to Sophia House, Heifer International, St. Ann's Infant & Maternity Home, Manna, Community Based Shelter, Martha's Table, McKenna's Wagon, Interfaith Works, DC Thrive, and the DC Central Kitchen. As you can see, there are many causes your church supports!

If you feel called to help your neighbor, there are many things you can do, but let's start with one simple one. Come to a meeting to see what your church is doing to reach out to others. Remember that, "when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed," (Luke 14:13).

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 April 12th, 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.

Christ Episcopal School



CES is in the midst of a particularly robust admission season, with full classes expected in a number of grades. Admissions will continue in the upcoming weeks for classes with space available. To schedule a tour and conversation, contact Janet Gerber, Director of Admission (301-424-8702 or jgerber@cesrockville.org).

The high point of every school tour is the Church sanctuary. Prospective families always pause, awed, as they hear that the church is not only the physical foundation of our campus, but also the spiritual foundation and the place where we begin every school day. They love to hear the long history of the parish and the church building. They gaze at the stained glassed windows, the organ and pipes, the rich wooden interior, the balcony, and the needle-pointed kneelers at the altar rail. They are drawn to the description of the school's Chapel Partner Program, through which our students are paired with a chapel friend who becomes a companion throughout one's CES years. And, it is compelling for every visitor to hear that the church's Rector leads chapel once every week, and the church's Assistant Rector is the CES Chaplain and leads chapel four days each week. Thank you John and Cindy!

CES is truly fortunate and unique among peer independent schools in having such a remarkable daily worship space and such a strong church connection.

To the leadership and congregation of Christ Episcopal Church: **Thank you from CES!**

St. Francis Flock

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

The St. Francis Flock Flies to Days End Horse Farm Rescue

Mark your calendar for May 7th, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a drive to the Maryland countryside to visit Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR).

Your visit will include an educational tour of the very impressive facility, with horse interactions and a blessing. Brown bag your lunch for a picnic on the front lawn, and enjoy an inspirational day with God's creatures.

The St. Francis Flock will conduct their monthly meeting after lunch. All are welcome to stay and participate, if desired.

This will be a rain or shine event. Recommended dress is farm casual with close-toed shoes.

For questions or to register your interest in attending this parish-wide function, please email: stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org or call Debbie Thompson at (301) 919-1946.

Attention Artists and Graphic Designers

The St. Francis Flock is looking for a graphic designer to volunteer and donate their expertise to help create a logo for the St. Francis Flock of Christ Episcopal Church. Please email interest to: stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org or call Lori Nicely at (703) 869-9572.

All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us! Our monthly meeting is the second Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish House. For more information, contact Debbie Thompson, Eva Lin, or Lori Nicely via stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org.

Newcomer Corner

Jackie and Nora Darus

Jaclyn (Jackie) Darus and her daughter, Nora, began attending Christ Church last spring. Originally from Long Island, Jackie is the youngest of six children. She moved to the DC area for college in 2005. She now lives in Rockville and works as an analyst for the government.

Jackie grew up Catholic, but was drawn to Christ Church's welcoming environment. She looks forward to getting Nora, age 7 months, involved in the children's program as she gets older. Nora was baptized at CEC on All Saints Day.

Welcome to Christ Church, Jackie and Nora!



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THE BARGAIN BOX

National Volunteer Week
April 10 - 16 2016

National Volunteer Week 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.

If you would like to volunteer at the Bargain Box, but only have a bit of time here and there, we would still love to have you join us. All we need is a half hour or so, at your convenience, once a week, or even once a month, and you can make a difference. Contact Donna at 301-762-2242 or (bargainbox@cecrockville.org) for more details.

SPRING CLEANING?

Don't know what to do with those clothes that don't fit? Not sure how to get rid of those dishes that you never use?



Hate to throw out those toys now that your kids are in college? What can you do with all those books you always intended to re-read? The



Bargain Box gratefully accepts gently used clothing, housewares, toys, books, small pieces of furniture and other re-saleable items.

Unfortunately, we don't have the ability to pick things up but you can bring your donations to the Bargain Box Monday - Saturday, from 10 am to 4:30 pm and we will provide you with a tax receipt.



OUTREACH SUNDAYS

The third Sunday of the Month is Serving Others Sunday. The Bargain Box will be back in the Dining Room on April 17 with lots of new spring merchandise, gifts for Mother's Day, and a raffle for Spring & Mother's Day.

Some Ideas for Mother's Day or a Rainy Day...



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
Follow us on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/BargainBoxRockville
All our profits fund outreach projects in the community and diocese.



YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, April 3

12:30 – 4:00pm

Murdock & Youth Room

Chipotle Lunch & Games!

We're hosting the St. James Episcopal School Choir for lunch with the Choral Scholars of Christ Church.

RSVP so we will have food for you!

Questions? Mrs. Craig at 301-762-2191 #15 or mcraig@cecrockville.org



'What are you doing for others?'

Sometimes we can help others & have fun at the same time!

Tuesday, April 5th

7:30am – 1:30pm

Drop-off & pick-up is the Rockville METRO.

Bring money for your lunch!

SSL Hours will be given for the day of service.

RSVP mcraig@cecrockville.org by Sun, April 3.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE in someone's life!

Youth Group Work Day



Who: Youth Group Members



What: Yard Work, Cleaning Gardens
Prepping & Cooking the “Thank-You” Dinner

Where: Church Grounds & Church Kitchen

When: Saturday, April 9th from 9am – 2pm



Why: Earn SSL (Student Service Learning) hours
Drinks & Lunch will be provided!



Questions? Call Michele Craig at 301/762-2191 #15 or mcraig@cecrockville.org



Chicken and Waffles



PARISH BRUNCH

Sunday, April 24th

following the Annual Meeting!

Boy Scout Gregory Lin of Troop 759, an acolyte, Youth Group member and choral scholar is working on his Eagle Rank, which requires him to lead a community service project. The landscaping committee has developed a plan to replant most of the columbarium with native shrubs and ground cover, but keep the dogwoods. For his project, he will remove any weeds and non native plants, recondition the soil, and then add new plants to the area, such as Lenten Roses and Boxwoods. The budget to buy the new plants is about \$1500, and Gregory is asking for donations to the church's Columbarium Landscaping Project fund. You can make these donations in memory or thanksgiving to someone or something, and they will be so labeled in the columbarium. On April 9th, he will be removing the plants and reconditioning the soil, and on May 7, he will be adding the new plants and mulching the area. He is inviting fellow scouts, youth members, and members of the Congregation to help him with the project. If you would like to help out on either of those days, or if you have any questions, he will have a station set up during Coffee Hour, or contact Gregory at gregdudetkd@gmail.com.

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**Donation To the Environmental Stewardship Committee for
Gregory Lin's Eagle Project**

Amount Given: _____ Given by _____

In memory/Thanksgiving For...

_____ **This money will go to buying a(n):**

Quantity:

_____ Boxwood - \$50

_____ Astilbe - \$15

_____ Lenten Rose - \$20

_____ Fern - \$15

*Checks to Christ Episcopal Church, Memo: Columbarium Landscaping

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OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

APRIL 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

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-7th Grade
- 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)
- 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)

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- 3 Youth Group Lunch w/St James Choir **12:30pm** (MR)
- 4
- 5 Youth to DC Central Kitchen & Lunch (\$5.00) **7:30am**
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 6
- 7
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- 9 Youth Group Work Day **9am-2pm** (Parish Grounds)
Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (TBD)
Youth Mission Trip "Thank You" Dinner **6:00pm** (MR, DR, K)
- 10 Faithful Professionals Meeting **10:15am** (PH LR)
Adult Forum: Meet the new vestry nominees **10:10am** (MR)
Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm**
St. Francis Flock Meets **4:00pm** (PH LR)
- 11
- 12 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the May 2016 issue
Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 13
- 14
- 15 CES School Musical **6:30pm** (Church)
- 16
- 17 "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
SOS - Serving Others Sunday Outreach Project **10:15am** (MR)
- 18 Dine & Deal **6:30 pm** (MR)
- 19 *The Angelus* Printing
Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 20
- 21 *The Angelus* Assembly
Governing Board Meeting **7:00pm** (MR)
- 22 Private Recital **6:15pm** (Church)
- 23 CES Open House **10:00am** (MR)
- 24 **Annual Parish Meeting – One combined service at 9:00am**
Chicken & Waffle Brunch **11:00am** (MR, DR)
- 25
- 26 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 27 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood Nursing Home **2:30pm** (Rockville)
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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