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From the Rector

An epiphany is an experience of sudden and striking realization. Generally, the term is used to describe scientific breakthroughs or religious / philosophical discoveries, but it can apply in any situation in which an enlightening realization allows a problem or situation to be understood from a new and deeper perspective.

Epiphanies are relatively rare occurrences and generally follow a process of significant thought about a problem. Often, they are triggered by a new and key piece of information, but importantly, a depth of prior knowledge is required to allow the leap of understanding.

Famous epiphanies include Isaac Newton's realization that a falling apple and the orbiting moon are both pulled by the same force.

Another was Archimede's discovery of a method to determine the density of an object. When he stepped into the bath, he noticed that the water rose as his submerged body displaced it. At which he yelled "Eureka! Eureka! I have found it! I have found it!" He was so excited that he jumped out of the bath and ran through the streets of Syracuse naked.

That's the power of epiphanies!

I have found it! I have found it!

In more general terms, the phrase "religious epiphany" is used when a person realizes his faith, or when he is convinced that an event or happening was really caused by a deity or being of his faith.

The season in which we find ourselves during this time of year is the Epiphany.

The name "Epiphany" is derived from a Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "appearing."

Anglican Prayer Books interpret the word with an alternative title, "The Manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles." The last phrase, of course, is a reference to the story of the Wise Men from the East.

It is the revelation of the incarnation to the Wise Men.

One might imagine them proclaiming, "We have found him! We have found him!"

And they had an epiphany, about who He was, and what that meant.

So, they were reluctant to tell Herod the same, protecting the infant from the nefarious end planned by Herod.

Clearly, they followed the star, yet were struck by the magnificence of the light in the stable. They were struck by the perfect light.

One might say that they fell in love with the incarnation of God.

Pedro Arrupe, SJ wrote:

Nothing is more practical than finding God,
than falling in Love in a quite absolute, final way.

What you are in love with,
what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.

It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning,
what you do with your evenings,
how you spend your weekends,
what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart,
and what amazes you with joy and gratitude.

Fall in Love, stay in love,
and it will decide everything.

The Feast of the Epiphany signals the end of the Christmas Season. Yet it also is the beginning of new life. It serves as one of the four days traditionally designated for the Sacrament of Baptism in the church.

It represents commitment. It represents a commitment to finding God, and a life in Christ in baptism including his death and resurrection. It is a commitment to falling in love in a quite absolute and final way. It is a commitment to a lifetime relationship that will light our hearts on fire, transforming us in ways we never thought possible.

- The Reverend Lisa Zaina

Inside Outreach

An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington

*"...he asked Jesus 'And who is my neighbor?'"
Luke 10:29b*



Every year, the Outreach Committee looks over a list of organizations, deciding which ones best fit our mission: to partner with organizations that can create real change in the lives of people, while maintaining their dignity and independence. Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington, which we have supported since 1990, helps people facing poverty, homelessness, and debilitating challenges to make real changes in their lives through a unique neighbor-to-neighbor model.

Unlike many programs that work with people living in poverty, Samaritan Ministry maintains the independence and dignity of the person seeking help by pairing him or her

with a volunteer who acts like a friendly, trusted neighbor. Working together, the volunteer and participant work out a plan to change the participant's situation. The plan can be simple, such as getting a driver's license enabling the participant to apply for jobs. Sometimes, the goal can be as complicated as enrolling in pre-GED class.

Christ Church's yearly donation helps Samaritan Ministry provide a warm, well-lit office space and access to computers where the volunteers can meet with participants in one of five locations throughout the DC area, including an office in Silver Spring. In addition, our donation supports a small professional staff that raises funds to start new programs and trains volunteers to provide better, more targeted help to the participants.

Samaritan Ministry's success is not measured by how many participants go through the program in a given amount of time, but rather how many goals participants reached. Last year, the organization helped over 900 people complete 600 goals.

The Outreach Committee of Christ Church is grateful for the pledge money you have given us to help others in our community live in dignity. The parable of the Good Samaritan starts with the question of 'who is my neighbor'. According to the Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington neighbors are people helping others while maintaining the dignity of both the giver and he who receives the help.

The Outreach Committee September meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 8th from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish House beside the church. 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.

St. Francis Flock



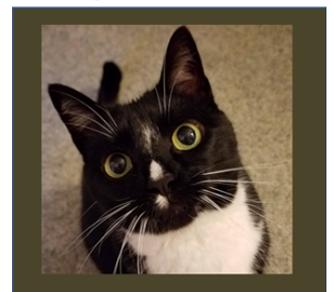
I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh. Genesis 9:15

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!
HAPPY NEW DACADE!**

Reflections on our annual Pet Memorial Service

With November comes Thanksgiving which, at Christ Church, has come to include thanksgiving for our animal companions. On November 24th, we gathered to honor and remember our beloved companion animals who we have loved and lost. In attendance were parishioners as well as members of the community, including those in the rescue community. It was a remarkable and moving service that the members of St. Francis Flock feel so privileged to put together and participate in.

In Memory of
Oliver Mock



In Memory of
Jillie Matulka-Nicely



Thank you Meghan Matulka for opening our service with her welcome message. In it, she paid tribute to her “heart ♥ dog” Jillie. As she explained, “You know the one. That one amazing animal that uniquely grabs ahold of your heart and doesn’t let go. The one that melts your heart at a glance and you can’t breathe when you think of losing them.” Meghan shared a clear message that all of our animals matter to us and to God. Thank you to Lisa for

presiding over our service and providing biblical support for our grief and remembrance. She spoke on the Book of Genesis where she reminded us, before God made Woman to be a partner and companion to Man, He made the animals for companionship. Thank you to our greeters, Jim & Laurel Pepper; readers, Carolyn Cole, Barbra Johnson, and Sara Timlin; and to our acolyte, Marie Matulka-Nicely.

In Memory of
Dulce Palestine



Our reception after the service was exceptional and well-attended. A big thank you goes to our fellowship team. Leslie Porter made beautiful flower arrangements to decorate the tables and made delicious vegan foods, including spanakopita, quiche, and sweet & sour meatballs. Debbie Thompson provided the drinks and cookies. Jim and Laurel Pepper provided yummy cupcakes. Many attendees to the reception remarked that they were thrilled that all of the foods and drinks were animal-friendly.

A huge thank you goes to Lori Nicely. We are grateful for the time, attention to detail, talent, and love that Lori gives each year to creating the music and the slideshow for the service.

Special this year was that part of the slideshow that was dedicated to 18 dogs that never made it out of the shelter. We invite you to say a prayer for them when you see their photos below and consider going to an area shelter or rescue when next you are looking to open your hearts to a new family member. One hundred sixteen pets were included in the



service. Lori played the music live and she offered truly moving piano arrangements that were timed with the slides and included a mix of traditional hymns, contemporary, and original underscore music created specially to honor the memory of the pets. There was not a dry eye at the service. May all of our companion animals rest in peace. We loved them so.

Ongoing Activities – Great Opportunities to Help Animals and People!



Drop off donations in our new cart (thank you Leslie Porter)

Donations of gently used dog beds, old towels and blankets, and (new) pet toys are ALWAYS welcome. Many dogs, cats, and other critters are waiting for their forever families at the Montgomery County Animal Services and Adoption Center. They would love to have toys (gently used or new) to play with, soft blankets to lay on, and towels & blankets to be cleaned up with.



Donate to our pet food drive

Please provide unopened donations in our NEW cart in the main dining area of the basement, 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 Bereavement Ministry

St. Francis Flock provides ministry to those grieving the illness or loss of a beloved pet. Please contact Carolyn Cole at 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 if you need assistance.

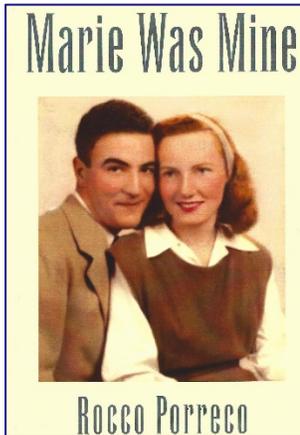
All who feel called to expand their circle of compassion, please join us!

Regular Meeting Time: Second Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House!

For more information contact stfrancisflock@cecrockville.org or on Facebook [@StFrancisFlock](https://www.facebook.com/StFrancisFlock)



MARIE WAS MINE



The Bargain Box recently received a book, entitled *Marie Was Mine* by Rocco Porreco. It is essentially a loving diary, kept by Rocco, of the last two years of his wife, Marie's, life. Rocco and Marie were married for 58 years and had five children, and the book also includes remembrances of Marie by her children as well as some of Marie's own written memories. One of these memories comes in the chapter, entitled "The Missing Raincoat (What Apparel Goes Around Comes Around)" and features an anecdote involving The Bargain Box, "an up-scale consignment shop in a busy section of Rockville." Marie's daughter had purchased an Italian Nino-Cerutti raincoat for her husband at another thrift store. He did not want to wear it so she gave it to her mother and told her to take it and give it to anyone who would like to have it. Marie brought it to the Bargain Box and consigned it for \$12 (it retailed for \$200). About a month later, her daughter called to say that her husband had changed his mind and wanted the raincoat back. Her daughter was not happy that Marie had taken it to a thrift store, even an up-scale one. So, Marie came back to the Bargain Box and happily discovered that the raincoat was not only still there but had been reduced by 1/3 because it had been there a month. She bought the coat back for \$8 and returned it to her daughter. Turns out, her husband decided he didn't want to wear the coat after all; however, Marie's grandson saw the coat, liked it and now happily wears it when it rains.



Don't forget that your Rockville Rewards Card gets you 10% off your entire purchase at The Bargain Box and other discounts all over town.

WINTER WEATHER CLOSING POLICY

For inclement weather, we use MCPS as a guideline. However, call the store to check our open/closed status. If driving is safe and the power is on, we aim to be open!

**The Bargain Box will be closed
Tuesday, December 31 & Wednesday, January
1 for New Years.**

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

CASH ONLY

Children's & Youth Ministries

Sunday, January 5th



Worship Service at 10am – Epiphany and the Arrival of the Kings!
Nursery is available 10am – 11:15am for infants & young toddlers
Epiphany Fellowship Coffee Hour and CRAFTS for ALL - 11am

Sunday, January 12th



Worship Services at 8am & 10am in the Church
Nursery is available 9:30am – 11:15pm for infants & young toddlers
Children's Story Time at 9:30am in the Murdock Room
Children's Church begins at 10am in the Murdock Room
Fellowship & Coffee Hour for All at 11:15am in the Dining Room

Sunday, January 19th



Worship Services at 8am & 10am in the Church
Nursery is available 9:30am - 11:15pm for infants & young toddlers
Children's Story Time at 9:30am in the Murdock Room
Children's Church begins at 10am in the Dining Room
Fellowship & Coffee Hour for All at 11:15am in the Dining Room
SOS – Serving Others Sunday at 11:15am in the Murdock Room
Smart Sacks, Sandwich & Granola Making & Valentine Cards for the Shelter
We make **350** sandwiches & granola bags, pack 200 bags of food for 50 children & make Valentine's Cards for the residents of Interfaith Shelter & Sunrise, too!



Monday, January 20th

MLK DAY of SERVICE from 11am – 3:30pm Meet in the Parish House – a day to celebrate the life of Martin Luther King doing service for those in need. SSL hours will be given for work completed – bring \$5 for lunch. **RSVP** by Jan 15th to mcraig@cecrockville.org.

Sunday, January 26th



Worship Services at 8am and 10am in the Church
Nursery is available 9:30am - 11:15pm for infants & young toddlers
Children's Story Time at 9:30am in the Murdock Room
Children's Church begins at 10am in the Murdock Room
Fellowship & Coffee Hour for All at 11:15am in the Dining Room
Ice Skating for EVERYONE from 6 – 8pm at the Rockville Town Center



YOUTH GROUP & PARISH ICE SKATING PARTY

ALL Ages & Abilities!

Sunday, January 26

6:00 – 8:00 PM

An evening of Ice Skating, Hot Cocoa, Cider & Donuts
Cost is \$5.00 pp (skates included!)

Meet at the Rockville Town Center & friends are welcome!

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. said,
“What are you doing for others?”

Well, some of us are meeting at the Parish House on Monday, Jan. 20th at 11am - where we'll be spending the afternoon doing projects like making dog blankets for Best Friends, packing hygiene bags for shelter residents, making Valentine Bookmarks for the Troops and packing food boxes for Manna. We'll have lunch before joining over 1000 other youth volunteers from around the area at the Bethesda Marriott to work on the projects.

We will return back to the Parish House by 3:30pm for pick-up.

The day is FREE and you earn SSL Hours!!!

RSVP by Jan. 15th to mcraig@cecrockville.org.



For questions – please contact:

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Director of Youth & Family Ministries

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OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

- 1 New Year's Day (*office closed*)
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- 6
- 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 8 Zumba Gold[®] **7:00pm** (MR)
- Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 9
- 10
- 11 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (hosted by PA Magee & Jay Renner)
- 12 St. Francis Flock Meeting **12:30pm** (PH LR)
- 13
- 14 *The Angelus* Submission Deadline for the February 2020 issue
- 15 Zumba Gold[®] **7:00pm** (MR)
- 16 Board of Governors Meeting **7:00pm** (MR)
- 17
- 18
- 19 "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
- Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- Bargain Box Outreach Table **11:15am** (DR)
- SOS** - Serving Others Sunday **11:15am** (CEC DR)
- 20 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (*office closed*)
- 21
- 22 Lay Eucharistic Visitation at Collingswood **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- Zumba Gold[®] **7:00pm** (MR)
- 23
- 24
- 25
- 26 Parish & Youth Group Ice Skating Party **6-8pm** (Rockville)
- 27
- 28 Vestry Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 29 Zumba Gold[®] **7:00pm** (MR)
- 30 CES Admissions Open House **9:00am** (Jefferson Bldng)
- 31

JANUARY 2020 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Regular Sunday Schedule
Services at 7:45 & 10:00am**

8:00 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I
A Spoken Service

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II
A Service with Music for All People and Ages

10-10:30 AM Children's Church – Murdock Room
A Service for Young Children
Using a Story-Telling Theme with Music (Jan 12, 19 & 26)

Nursery 9:45 AM – 11:15 PM *for infants*

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

9:00 AM Studies in Christian Faith (*led by Nancy Lewin*)

9:00 AM Adult Forum – Murdock Room

9:30 AM Children's Story Time – Murdock Room
(Jan 12, 19 & 26)

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday

7:00 PM English Conversation Practice (CEC DR)

Tuesday

11:00 AM Staff Meeting (PH)

Wednesday

12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II (Church)

7:00 PM Zumba Gold[®] (MR)

Thursday

12:00 PM AA (PH LR)

4:45 PM Chorister Snacks & Rehearsal (Music Suite)

5:00 PM Chorister Rehearsal (Music Suite)

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal (Music Suite)

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