The Angelus



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From the Rector



Fr. McDuffie

Dear Friends in Christ,

As I write this letter in mid-May, I imagine that all of us, including myself, are looking forward to the summer months, in which the pace of life slows a bit (at least in the church) and we can anticipate times of rest and recreation. In that regard, I'm happy to say that although we can take vacations, God thankfully <u>never</u> takes a vacation from us! I pray that many of you will continue to worship regularly with us on Sundays, and that you can keep your pledge commitments up to date.

Our cash flow is sometimes an issue in the summer, and your staying current with your giving helps us to honor our financial commitments in timely ways. I have enrolled myself in the online giving program at Christ Church (see our website) and I know that even though I go on holiday, my pledge will reach the church without me having to worry about it. You might consider this option as well.

But keeping current with giving isn't the only reason to come to church during the summer. It is important for us to continue to be gathered in prayer and in fellowship with one another, particularly this summer and in the coming fall. As you know, we are currently in the midst of one of the most unusual political campaign seasons in American history.

At this writing, we have two presumptive candidates for president of the United Sates who each are strongly disapproved of by a significant number of our citizens. Sadly, I predict that each candidate will spend a considerable amount of rhetorical energy in defaming and insulting the other – sometimes to our entertainment and amusement. But this energy will only make our nation more divisive and make it more difficult for the ultimate winner to govern effectively and prudently, with helpful outcomes for our people and for the world.

I will not take it upon myself to tell you whom to vote for. I would only call us back to questions that Bishop Mariann raised when she visited Christ Church last November. When considering politically divisive issues, she asked, "What would Jesus do? And what would Jesus have <u>us</u> do?" Connected with those questions is our baptismal covenant, in which we promise to "seek and serve Christ in every person, loving our neighbor as ourselves" and to "strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being" (BCP, p. 305).

These are difficult promises to keep in an atmosphere consumed by insults and defamation, which the media ever delight in, because such an atmosphere sells more newspapers and boosts television viewer ratings. But in one of his addresses, Abraham Lincoln said, "We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we will save our country".

How can we collectively disenthrall ourselves from controlling forces and influences and intense societal anxiety, and work together, not in support of individual self-aggrandizement, but in support of ways that promote the common good? How can we promote civil discourse and steer away from negative, withering rhetoric? How can we seek to discern substantive policies that can help order our lives in better ways, instead of entertaining brief sound bites? I do not have the answers, but it is in moments like these that we can turn to the cross, and pray mightily that the spirit of the resurrected and ascended Christ can inform our hearts and minds, and set our nation and its leaders on new pathways. This is why being together in prayer and in worship is so important – at all times, but most especially now.

Let's continue forward, in a spirit of wisdom, knowledge, and understanding, and LOVE. I look forward to June, and for the times in which we will be together this summer.

Faithfully in Christ,

John+



Summer Sunday Book Study Group

This summer, on the Sundays of June 19th and 26th, and July 10th and 17th, Fr. McDuffie will lead a book study group in the Parish House at 9:00 a.m. We will be discussing Making Sense of the Cross, written by David Lose. This book is an imaginary dialogue between two persons who are concerned with the theology of Christ's crucifixion. Why did Jesus have to die? What is the meaning of his death and resurrection for us, his disciples?

The dialogue format is a way to explore theology in an informal conversation that is not difficult to grasp or follow. Lose explores the three primary theories of Christ's atonement, noting the positive and negative features of each, and then invites us to stop asking "Why?", and instead embrace the cross as a life experience that brings forgiveness and new life.

<u>Making Sense of the Cross</u> is available at <u>www.amazon.com</u> for \$12.00. Or, if you would like Fr. McDuffie to order you a copy, contact Judith Schneider in the church office at 301-762-2191or <u>jschneider@cecrockville.org</u> no later than June 5th. Our expectation is that all will have a copy and will have read chapters 1 and 2 of the book for our opening discussion on June 19th.

--Fr. McDuffie

Farewell

Dear members and friends of Christ Church,

Just a short two years ago, in September of 2014, I was fortunate to be called as your seminarian. I quickly fell in love with Christ Church because of you, the dedicated and committed people who have supported me and shown me your love. I could sense early on that there was a strong commitment to serving and to exploring and deepening faith within this community.

As I reflect on my time at Christ Church, I am amazed at all the ways God has brought us together to share with each other. It has been an honor to share in the life of this community and to walk alongside each other as fellow members of the Body of Christ and disciples of the Christ called to share the Gospel. I have enjoyed worshipping with you regularly, spending time getting to know you individually, entering into deeper conversations during forum hours, and studying the Word through Bible study together. To those who allowed me into your homes or hospital rooms, I will be forever blessed.

Thank you to the staff and vestry of Christ Church for allowing me to be part of your ministry to the greater community of Rockville. I am particularly thankful for my Lay Committee: Nancy Small, Kerry Cross, Lauren Hyberg, Henry Mulzac, and Katherine Schexneider who have taken so much time to support me, to guide me, and to embark on a mutual journey of discovery and Christian formation. Most importantly, I will be forever grateful for Fr. John McDuffie and his willingness to give of his time and energy to mentor me and teach me how to be not just a priest and a pastor, but also what it means to live out the Gospel and build meaningful relationships.

After a period of mutual discernment, I have accepted the call to become the next priest-in-charge at Church of the Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills, Illinois. Christina and I are excited and look forward to what God has in store for us as we move back to Chicago.

Finally, I want to thank you all for the constant love, support, and prayer that has been extended during my time at Christ Church. The reception on my last Sunday was wonderful. I was overwhelmed and am deeply grateful for the thoughtful gifts, and I will cherish the home communion kit thinking of you each time I use it. Even as I write these words, the smell of the floral arrangement and roses fills the air. As I continue to learn how to live out my faith and vocation, I will be deeply grateful for the formation I received during my time with you over the past two years. I am excited about what God has in store for Christ Church, and you will continue to remain in my prayers.

Grace and Peace to you all,

The Rev. Bradley A. Linboom

Inside Outreach



An Update on the Christ Church Outreach Program

Proverbs 19:17a "Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord"

Sophia House, located on Wilkins Avenue in Rockville, is a 30-bed short-term emergency shelter for homeless women who struggle with issues related to mental illness, substance abuse, trauma, and long-term disabilities. The Case Manager at Sophia House provides a clinical assessment and helps the women connect appropriately with housing, medical, mental health, and social services that enable them to work towards recovery and self-sufficiency. Over 150 women are served here each year.

Interfaith Works (formerly known as Community Ministry of Montgomery County) runs Sophia House. Members of more than 165 interfaith congregations work together to meet the needs of the poor and homeless in Montgomery County. Their programs house, feed, and clothe our neighbors as well as advocate on their behalf. Christ Church has been a member of Interfaith Works serving Sophia House and the CBS Shelters since its inception. Christ Church provides the evening meal for the Sophia House on all fifth Sundays (July & Oct in 2016 and Jan & April in 2017) including breakfast for the following morning.

Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome to help shop, prepare, serve, or donate money for each meal. Our next opportunity to serve at Sophia House is July 31st!

CAN You Help Christ Church Make a Difference?

Christ Church is now collecting food weekly to help the hungry in Rockville and Montgomery County. All donations will be given to MANNA – one of the local nonprofits who strive every day to lift people out of poverty. Manna is featured in "The Unseen Montgomery" http://www.mymcmedia.org/the-unseen-montgomery-video/ – a look at hunger and poverty here in Montgomery County. Take a moment to watch this incredible video, and to learn more about Manna, an organization that works hard every day to support thousands of county residents in need.

This is where you fit in...one person CAN make a difference! Every member of Christ Church is asked to bring a CAN a week to church and help us FILL THE BASKETS! Together we CAN make a difference in the lives of others! Baskets are located in the Dining Room and the Narthex with MANNA signs on them. If you have any questions or would like to become more involved with MANNA or Sophia House, contact Michele Craig at mcraig@cecrockville.org or 301-762-2191, ext. 15.

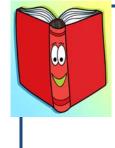
<u>Items most needed by MANNA:</u>

Can of Vegetables or Fruit Cans of Salmon or Tuna in Water

Cans of Chili, Beans, or Soups Cans of Tomato Products

Peanut Butter Bags of Brown Rice, Quinoa, or Whole Wheat Pasta

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. Our next meeting will be July 12^{th} , 2016. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the opportunities to live our faith through service to those who need us most. For further information, contact Ben Shuman at benofwater@gmail.com.



Booktalk

Speakers of the Dead, by J. Aaron Sanders, is a mystery novel set in 1843 in New York City and centers around the investigative exploits of a young Walt Whitman, the reporter-cum-poet, as he attempts to exonerate his friend of a wrongful murder charge. This is a fast-paced and gripping reimagining of one of America's most beloved literary figures. Please join **Booktalk on Monday**, **July 11**th **in the Living Room of the Parish House at 1:00 p.m.** for a discussion of this novel.

Environmental Stewardship Committee

Did You Know?

Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go out to the many volunteers who worked at last Saturday's Parish Workday. These folks planted, pruned, and trimmed the entire area on the left side of the church building – and had fun while doing it. Laughter could be heard throughout the morning from these good spirited and hard working people. It is our hope that you will enjoy these improvements to the grounds at Christ Church and will personally thank those who made this possible:

Carolyn Oakford Nancy Thompson Ann English Don English Bobbie Power The Rev'd Cindy Simpson Michele Craig Dave Craig Brian Maust Gave Maust Max Maust Tomas Kressina Anne Gordon Tyler Norman Mark Wright Diana Locke Barbara Hunt-Wolper Donna Gentry Tom Gentry Robert Toense The Ntumba Family: Scholastique, Honore, Beatrice, Jean Claude, Christine, Julian



Altar Guild

Additional Altar Guild Members Needed



You have probably not given much thought to how bread and wine appear for our worship services, how the stack is assembled, or what's involved in getting the candles to burn well. Now is your opportunity to learn and participate in the process. Altar Guild needs YOU. We are a small group of about 15 active volunteers, women and men of all ages, who serve on a crew of three for two weeks at a time. We prepare for all services including regular Sunday worship, the Wednesday healing service, baptisms, weddings, funerals, and school holy communion.

If you are interested in working behind the scenes to provide a valuable service to our church community, learning new things, and meeting other fine volunteers, or would like to know more about what Altar Guild does, contact Anna Von Arx at 301-838-9284 or advonarx@comcast.net.

Current active Altar Guild volunteers are: Cheryl Burruss Renfroe, Michelle Dawson, Doug Dawson, Barbara Fennelly, Connie Heister, Sally Jones, Moss Kendrix Jr., Eva Lin, Karen Mulzac, Steve Sells, Mie Shukutani, Gwen Snowden, Anna Von Arx, Sharon Weston-Dawkes, Linda Wright, Alice Yator, and Sheryl Zwerski. Any of us will be happy to answer your questions.

St. Francis Flock

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

Days End Farm Horse Rescue (DEFHR) Rescheduled!



Mark your calendar for June 11th, 2016, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for a visit to the Days End Farm Horse Rescue, located in the beautiful Maryland countryside at 1372 Woodbine Road, Woodbine, Maryland. Bring your family and friends for this parish-wide opportunity. We will be meeting at the farm at 10:00 a.m., and your visit will include an educational tour of this very impressive facility, with horse interactions

and a blessing, including 2 newborn foals named Primrose and Qadira, born in April! 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 closed-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. For more information about DEFHR, visit their website at www.defhr.org or call 301-854-5037.

Ongoing Activities

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 them 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!

Assistance to the elderly – 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!

Music at Christ Church

Mass of the Month

On Sunday, June 12th at the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist, the Choristers, Scholars, and Choir will sing Joseph Haydn's <u>Missa brevis St. Joannis de Deo</u> accompanied by a string trio.

This was most likely written in 1775 for the monastery of the Brothers of Mercy in Eisenstadt, near Vienna. In the past decade, it has become a favorite at Christ Church to celebrate the end the Easter and formal choir season.

On June 12th, we will also recognize the boy and girl Choristers for their faithful musical offerings. St. Nicholas medals are presented with ribbons representing experience and years of service: Light Blue, Dark Blue, Red, Gold, and Purple.

We are blessed in being able to offer polyphonic Mass settings as part of the monthly musical cycle at Christ Church. We hope you are able to join us for these wonderful occasions.



Summer Choir Begins

Singers of all ages are invited to help lead the music during June, July, and August. Join us for one Sunday, or as many as you can. We rehearse in the Choir Room at 9:15 a.m. directly before the service to prepare a simple anthem, metrical psalm, and service music. While a number of regular Choir members and Choristers sing through

the summer, the relaxed schedule allows additional members of the congregation and visitors to sing for specific Sundays. This summer, we will also have the delightful help of our quartet of Staff Singers. Speak to Tad Cavuoti at the organ console, or call 301-762-2191 ext. 14 for more information.

Call for New Choristers

It's an excellent time for Boys and Girls in grades 3-8 to plan on joining the Choristers of Christ Church in September. Previous singing experience, while welcome, is not necessary.

Woven into each rehearsal is instruction in voice production, music reading, following the bulletin, and the mechanics of leading a congregation in worship. Choristers are introduced to a wealth of

glorious liturgical music, which will last a lifetime. Perhaps in no other area of church work can they aspire to function on the level of adults.

Thursday Rehearsals will resume on September 8th from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the excellent acoustic of the Choir Room. Choristers sing each Sunday at the 9:00 a.m. service, and on the first Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. Speak to Tad Cavuoti at the organ console, or call him at 301-762-2191 ext. 14 for more information.

Call for New Acolytes

Youth in grades 6 to 12 – training classes for new acolytes will begin in late September and run for seven weeks. Sessions are one-hour long. My preferred times are 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on either Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday (whatever is convenient for most of the candidates). Here's your opportunity to actually participate in worship services at Christ Church. We would love to have you join us. Once you have completed training, you will be scheduled to serve on Sunday mornings about once per month. Choristers are welcome too – participating as an acolyte does not interfere with singing as a chorister.



To sign up, or for more information, give Mr. Bob James a call. Thanks for considering this service to Christ Church.

Bob James Acolyte Master 240-731-9928 bobjames3@msn.com

Year End Parish Picnic

Celebrating our
Graduates and Teachers,
Choristers and Choir!

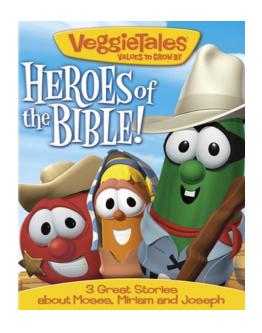
Sunday, June 12th 11:15 am -12:30 pm



Please bring a side dish to share!

Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Watermelon, Drinks & Ice Cream will be provided.

Questions? Contact: Michele Craig at mcraig@cecrockville.org or 301/762-2191



Veggie Tales

Summer Sundays
Young Children
June 19 -August 14
10:00 -11:15 am
Murdock Room

Summer Sundays are a fun time for a chance to worship using **Veggie Tales** DVDs.

We spend our time learning Bible stories, playing games, making crafts, singing songs, going outside & eating snacks!

Veggie Tales is for children Pre-Kindergarten thru Second Grade.

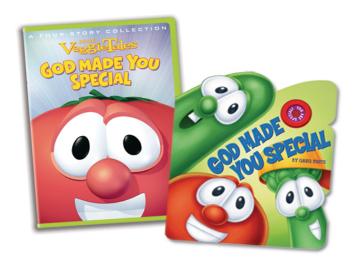
We begin at 10:00 AM in the Murdock Room and conclude immediately after the service.

Dress is casual attire. We play with paint, glitter, dirt, food, outside, inside, on the floor, with water and glue, etc.

Snacks provided, but it's NOT a balanced breakfast or lunch! Please feed your growing, hungry children before they arrive.

Thank you for supporting this exciting program!

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





We have some items that would make GREAT Father's Day Gifts!





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OUTREACH SUNDAYS

The third Sunday of the Month is Serving Others Sunday. The Bargain Box will be in the Dining Room of the Parish House on June 19 with summer merchandise and a picnic/beach-themed raffle. Lemonade will be served on the Parish House porch so come enjoy shopping and refreshment.

"I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who have sought and III found how to serve."

-- Albert Schweitzer

Come be really happy by serving at the Bargain Box! No experience necessary. Good companionship! Great snacks!

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PAPER OR PLASTIC?

Donate your shopping bags to us. We do not buy bags. Shopping bags, paper or plastic, especially with handles are always needed. Like most of us, our customers often forget their reusable cloth tote bags in the car, and need a bag to carry out their purchases.

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The Bargain Box Thrift and Consignment Shop

An Outreach Ministry since 1957 398 Hungerford Drive, Rockville 20850 301-762-2242

Monday - Saturday, 10 am - 4:30 pm Donna Wolohojian, Manager Email: bargainbox@cecrockville.org On the web: www.bargain-box.org

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

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Happy Summer!

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JUNE, JULY, AUGUST 2016 WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY SUMMER SERVICES: JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26

JULY 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 AUGUST 7, 14, 21, 28 SEPTEMBER 4 & 11

7:45 AM Holy Eucharist Rite I a spoken service with Sermon

10:00 AM Holy Eucharist, Rite II

with Sermon, Service Music, Hymns, and Anthems Christ Church Summer Choir

10:00 AM Summer Sunday School – Murdock Room

a service for young children (ages 4-8), using Veggie Tale videos, games, stories and crafts

June 19 & 26 July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 August 7 & 14

Nursery 10:00 AM – 11:15 AM for infants and toddlers 6 months to 4 years old

ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

9:00 AM Summer Studies in Christian Faith – Parish House

9:15 AM Summer Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

1:00 PM Korean Worship Service – Chapel

2:10 PM Korean Congregation Coffee Hour – Parish House

REGULAR WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

Wednesday

11:00 AM Bible Study – Parish House 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist Rite II

8:00 PM Korean Prayer Group – Parish House

Thursday

12:00 PM AA – Parish House

LR = Living Room K = Kitchen DR = Dining Room N = Nursery MR = Murdock Room YR = Youth Room

OTHER PARISH EVENTS

(Date/Event/ Time/ Location)

JUNE

- 6 Welcoming Committee Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 7 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 11 Outreach Committee Meeting 9:00am (PH DR)
 Adult Supper Club 7:00pm (George & Donna Wolohojian hosts)
- 12 Recognition Sunday Sunday School Teachers & Grads Year-End Picnic for EVERYONE 11:15am-12:30pm Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home 1:30pm St. Francis Flock Meeting 4:00pm (PH LR)
- 14 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR)
- 19 EDOW Appalachia Work Trip to West Virginia 6/19-6/25 "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*) Bargain Box Outreach Table (PH DR) Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 20 Dine & Deal **6:30pm** (MR)
- 21 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 22 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)

JULY

- 1 Workcamp Heifer Farm & Boston Mission Trip 7/1-7/10
- 4 Independence Day/ Office Closed
- 5 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 9 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Gary & Emily Correll)
- 10 St. Francis Flock Meeting **4:00pm** (PH LR)
- 11 Booktalk **1:00pm** (PH LR)
- 12 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR) Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 17 Workcamp Heifer Farm & Boston Mission Trip 7/17-7/23 "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
 Bargain Box Outreach Table (PH DR)
 Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 19 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 24 EDOW Summer Camp, Nanjemoy, MD 7/24-29
- 26 Vestry Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 27 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- DC Urban Mission Trip 7/31-8/5
 EDOW Summer Camp, Nanjemoy, MD 7/31-8/5
 Sophia House Shelter Meal Prep & Serve **4-8pm** (K, Shelter)

AUGUST

- 2 Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 9 Adult Christian Formation Meeting **7:00pm** (PH LR) Outreach Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH DR)
- 13 Adult Supper Club **7:00pm** (home of Bobbie Power)
- 14 Holy Eucharist at Rockville Nursing Home **1:30pm** St. Francis Flock Meeting **4:00pm** (PH LR)
- Pastoral Care Committee Meeting **7:30pm** (PH LR)
- 21 "MANNA" Sunday (*Third Sunday of each month*)
 Bargain Box Outreach Table (PH DR)
 Loaves & Fishes carpool **10:15am** (leave from Church)
- 26 Holy Eucharist at Collingswood **2:30pm** (Rockville)
- 28 Youth Group Back to School Event **5:00pm** (Church & Rockville)