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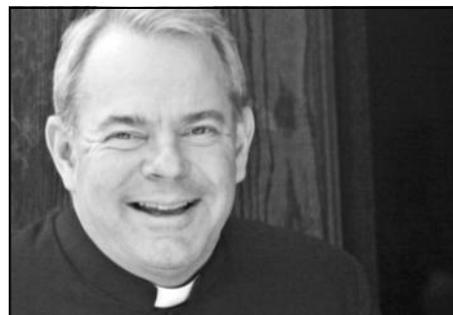
From the Rector

LENT— WHERE GOD TRIES TO REACH US IN THE DEEP PLACES OF OUR BEING

My Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Paul's,

I have to admit to writing this while looking at the Pacific Ocean near Del Mar in Southern California. I think in my former life I must have been attached somehow to the sea! Perhaps related to Jonah?! I am very grateful to friends who have so kindly made this apartment available to me for my time of post-Christmas vacation and study leave. It doesn't seem possible that it is six months since I returned from my sabbatical leave, but they say time flies when you are having fun!

March will find us in Lent in its entirety. Last month you read, I hope, of our Lenten offerings. Let me just broadly sketch them here. On Sundays, at the Rector's Forum 10:30 to 11:00 in the Dining Hall: following the superb presentations by Andrew Robison, John Orens and Nancy Work by way of introduction, I shall be presenting some of Forain's art and seeking to elicit from the class their own reflections on the art before providing my own. I hope that this (along with the Lent Quiet Day) will give us opportunities to flex the muscles of our imaginations and allow God to reach us at deep places of our being through our encounters with beauty and the



THE REV'D ANDREW SLOANE

miracle-workings of the mind's eye.

At our "Wednesdays in Lent" series, I and members of our Commission on Mission will be looking at the essential (a word used advisedly) nature of mission in the Anglo Catholic tradition in the past and in the present, under the title, "Ite, Missa Est." The evening will include Mass, a potluck supper, the presentation and time for questions and conversation, and then a meditation in the church on a biblical passage relevant to the presentation with silence following before the singing of Compline at 8:30 pm.

Fr. Humphrey will present another and final installment in the Narnia Series on Fridays in Lent leading us on a Lenten journey as we contemplate the end of Narnia—and of our own world—through the apocalyptic vision of *The Last Battle*. Beginning on the *second* Friday in Lent,

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March 3rd, this family-oriented program will go over five Friday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It will follow Mass and Stations of the Cross in the church, beginning in the Dining Hall with a potluck supper and continuing with an hour of multimedia presentation and intergenerational activities, including drama, discussion, crafts, and small group interaction.

On Saturday, March 10, I shall be leading the Lent Quiet Day from Mass at 9:30 am to Benediction at 2:30 pm under the title: "Sensual Spirituality: Bodies Broken and Bodies Glorified." We shall have as our focus three wonderful works by Forain: a great oil painting of the The Departure of the Prodigal Son and two etchings of the event at Emmaus. As usual, please bring your own bag lunch. Another opportunity, I hope, to engage our imaginations and allow God to speak to our hearts.

On Saturday, March 17, Hic et Nunc, the Monday evening monastic spirituality group, is sponsoring a visit to the Trappist Abbey at Berryville, VA. We shall simply have some time for worship with the monks, silence and reflection, and I shall offer some short, simple reflective meditations. In our noisy and all too thinking world, it will be good to stop and listen and join the silent conversation of the Trinity. Please speak to Sr. Lydia regarding details.

By way of advance notice, the very first day of April will be Palm Sunday and the beginning of Holy Week. More details in the next Epistle but let me here bring to your attention the importance of these days. This year we will resurrect the past tradition of a joint procession from Washington Circle with our neighbors at St. Stephen Martyr Roman Catholic Church. This will necessitate having one service only from the Circle that day, at 10:30 am, rather than our usual 9 and 11:15. The Low Mass will be at 7:45 as usual rather than at 7:30 as in

previous years—the earlier time being necessary in the past in order for the clergy to get to Washington Circle in time for the 9 am! Following the Blessing of the Palms at the Circle, our brass band and the combined choirs will lead us up Pennsylvania Avenue to St. Stephen Martyr, where our Roman Catholic brothers and sisters will enter for the beginning of their Mass, and we will continue around the corner, down 25th Street, and into the West Doors of the Church on K Street for ours—a longer but more joyful procession for the ecumenical fellowship it allows!

I am delighted that for a second year we shall have Bishop Dorsey Henderson with us for the whole of Holy Week. Bishop Dorsey is a former seminarian here at St. Paul's and the retired Bishop of Upper South Carolina. He is really back by popular demand and, with the gracious permission of Bishop Budde, Bishop Dorsey will preside at the Great Vigil of Easter and baptize and confirm. Since there are no funds this year from the budget to cover the bishop's travel and honoraria, donations will be gladly accepted to the rector's Discretionary Fund!

I urge you to set aside now the evenings of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday for this one liturgy in three acts that constitutes THE liturgy of the Christian Year. Note a change in Service times (6:45pm for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, and 8:00pm for Holy Saturday). On Easter Day, we will take a page from our Sunday Christmas Day playbook and have Solemn Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 11:15 mass. The 6:00pm service will be said Evening Prayer only, officiated by Matthew Welch.

Father Humphrey is considering holding a special service in the Atrium from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm on Holy Saturday, April 7th for families with children that would take participants

through the great events of the Triduum, ending before the Eucharist, which baptized members would receive on Easter Day itself. (A pizza lunch or simple potluck would probably follow the service.) Such a service will not happen, however, unless there is a commitment to attend in advance from at least a dozen families. If you would like to commit to attend such an experimental, family-friendly liturgy, or to volunteer to be a part of its execution (acolytes, lectors, etc.) and hospitality (including Nursery care and food), email him at humphrey@stpauls-kst.com.

At a parish meeting on Sunday February 5, David Schnorrenberg, our Senior Warden, presented the details of our 2012 budget. It was, I think, a good and constructive meeting at which all our financial cards were put on the table and a helpful and healthful conversation was held. The number of our pledges is up from last year with 53 brand new pledges; our average Sunday attendance last year was up by about 20 each Sunday. In other words, we are a growing parish and we are bucking the trends at large in the wider Episcopal Church. This gives cause for great thanksgiving. Our dollars however are down and our expenses like so many others' are growing.

The vestry has passed a balanced budget which we believe is realistic and will avoid the deficits of the last three years. So there are cuts of about 32% to our choir section leader salaries—a difficult area where we are already spoiled by offering a greater number of choral services in the year than most of our equivalent parishes musically and liturgically, and at a fraction of the cost of any of them thanks to those who are paid being willing to sing for way below the going rate. The cuts will however mean no choirs in the summer months—a blow to evangelistic efforts I believe in the summer months when many

move to the city and try out churches. We shall be able to maintain a choir for both the 9 and 11:15 am sung Masses on Sundays outside of the summer months. The number of feast days with choral music will be reduced, and the remainder will be funded from income from music endowments whose restrictions allow such use. There will be no orchestral Mass offered this year.

I must here give kudos to Robert McCormick who has struggled over many weeks of uncertainty regarding the music budget to hold things together and to plan responsibly. The cuts will mean we cannot any longer afford to fund the position of the Assistant Director of Music after the first Sunday in June, and that means that it has been with great pain that we have given John Bohl notice of this. We have I fear taken John for granted in not only his extraordinary musical talents, but also all the administrative work he has done behind the scenes. Most of us have no idea what it entails to administer so many adult and boy and girl choristers, along with the parents of the latter. His departure will mean noticeable changes to the repertoire of music at choral services, and I am very aware of the load that will now fall on Robert McCormick and I am mindful of the adjustments which he will not want to make but must make in his schedule and in our expectations of his work. We have been able to retain Fred Murdock, our maintenance manager for the year, but we have had to let go his helper, Michael, of two days a week, so the work of two and a half people will now fall to one with no increase in pay. Again, we need to be sensitive to the pressures that will result from this. Also cuts by 32% have been made to our missions' budget and, embarrassingly to my mind, our diocesan pledge. Reduced to zero are hospitality, adult and children's formation, visiting clergy and supply clergy,

among other items. Many of these areas will be covered by the generous giving of our volunteers who we must all the more not take for granted.

All this is being realistic and responsible, returning us to a stable financial position from which we can continue to grow our parish. As I have always said, stewardship and evangelization go hand in hand. I hope you will express your appreciation to the members of the stewardship committee, the vestry and its officers, and the finance committee for the countless hours and the huge amounts of dedication and energy they have given to make the outcome of all this as good as it is, and better than we had feared at the end of last year. And of course thanks to you the generous faithful of this parish who make our mission and ministry possible. 97% of our budget comes from the giving of our people so what I say here is true indeed and unusual in a parish with so ambitious a program, equal if not surpassing many cathedrals and far wealthier parishes. Again, I hope we do not take this for granted. This is a case very much of NOT "getting what we pay for"!

In these days of Lent I pray that we may all find time for silence and solace as individuals and as family and friends and congregation so that we may be still and know God and allow God to lift us to his own life in that silence which is the language of God, and that looking on Him we may be radiant with his love and Grace. Let us lift up our hearts in this springtime of the soul and allow God to renew and restore us again in the mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection by which we are defined- or should be—and saved.

With my love and gratitude in the One who died and rose again for us,

Father Andrew+



Virginia Theological Seminary Honors Tina Mallet

Tina Mallet is this year's recipient of the Virginia Theological Seminary 2012 Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award. (See note below)

The award is given each year by the Seminary to honor an Episcopal layperson who, over a significant period of time, has given leadership and unique witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ within his or her congregation, community, Diocese and in the world. Tina's leadership and unique witness have been as inspiration, direction, prime-mover, and principal volunteer to the Grate Patrol for over 25 years.

Almost every weekend of the year, Tina is there at 5:30 am (or earlier) on Saturday and Sunday to deliver breakfast to the homeless sleeping on the streets of our city. Our homeless clients look forward to Tina's visit – and are a little disappointed when another volunteer brings breakfast, even though the breakfast is so needed. Tina makes their lives brighter.

And her gift extends to all the volunteers. She teaches us to see the individual in each person we serve and to be open to the blessings we receive in serving. We take with us Tina's prayer before the cars depart that we may see Christ in those we serve and that Christ may be known to them through us.



Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans was born February 21, 1872, in Bedford County, Virginia. She was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church and gave unselfishly to its activities. During her lifetime, she contributed to over 130 different charities and institutions, including Virginia Theological Seminary, with the intent of fostering religion and education and relieving and comforting the underprivileged and the afflicted. Mrs. Evans was known for her concern for others and a genuine benevolent spirit. She died in 1953. Virginia Theological Seminary established The Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award in 1998 in order to more fully honor her life and ministry.



Be NICE to Your Sister!

Barbara Hicks

I recently had my first child, and I find myself now At Home With The Baby, most days. A new lifestyle! My neighborhood in Fairfax City is now my primary habitat, and I've been seeing more of my neighbors.

One of them, Sarah, has three young kids herself and a baby just a month older than mine, and what with borrowing breastpumps and exchanging loaves of bread and using sewing machines and other errands of astonishing domesticity, I'm at her house quite a bit. (It's oddly like being at my own house, actually, because our neighborhood is composed entirely of duplexes, constructed all the same. If you go to a neighbor's, you're either in your own house or a mirror image of it. You never have to ask where the bathroom is!)

When talking about a Bible study course she recently joined, Sarah told me this "motherly" insight she had about the divine relationship:

John, Sarah's 5 year-old son came to her before Mother's Day last year. When he told his mother that he loved her SO much and asked what he could get her that she would really love, Sarah was surprised at how instantly, and with what conviction, came her response: "If you really want to please me, honey, just please be nicer to your sister." "I love you both so much. Just stop giving her a hard time." "Yes, I know she annoys you. Yes, I know she sometimes does it on purpose."

If you really want to please me, just be nicer to your sister.

It might be simplistic to make a one-to-one correspondence with what God says to us ("Just Be Nice! That's all religion is!") But it's worth noting that this is actually a pretty difficult directive—for five year-old boys and

for us. It's much easier to smash open the piggy bank and go to the perfume counter for God. It's easier to wake up at five and make an omelet:

"What? Be NICE to my SISTER?

Like, all the TIME?

Didn't you SEE what she DID to ME at dinner just last NIGHT?"

Yes, please. I love you both so much.

Is it possible that this is a big part of what the Father, as much as any stay-at-home parent, really wants? A peaceful house, where the children are constantly lifting each other up in natural response to how deeply the parent loves them. What other gift would give as much joy?

Just be nicer to your sister, your brother. Your neighbor. I think most Christians would say that that is pretty much everybody else. And into the St. Paul's Atrium, everybody can come, when the doors are open before or after Mass. And different folks do walk in. Sometimes they're sober and respectable, sometimes not. Sometimes they are homeless or materially needy, and have walked in to a church looking for social services.

Have you ever been in such a situation? You're talking to someone in the Atrium, and it becomes apparent that he needs something more than a donut. You know that we don't have a food bank here, or a shower, or job referrals... "There must be some place around here that does this stuff," you think...

You're right! Enter St. Paul's **Pink and Blue Social Service Info Sheets** (patent pending)! Multiple copies live in the manila folder at the visitor's table, and are meant to be referred to and distributed in just these situations.

These Pink and Blue Social Service Info Sheets are two lists of

social service organizations in our part of DC – a great variety, from food trucks to overnight shelters to legal aid. They are complete with maps, locations, phone numbers, and hours.

I sometimes feel sad and angry at myself, that what I give the needy in the few minutes in the Atrium is not enough to make a big change in their lives, before I drive back to Fairfax County to cultivate my little chunk of creation: my own small family, who will probably never suffer real want. And sometimes I feel embarrassed that St. Paul's doesn't offer services for which people sometimes come through our doors.

But, you know: these thoughts are born from anxiety, which is actually born of a certain egotism. The anxiety of not being enough, not doing enough, to Earn Righteousness. But you know, they tell me: Righteousness is not an earned thing. It comes incidental to doing faithfully and with love the small responsibilities that present themselves.

Be nice to your sister. Yes, all the time.

...Ugh. I'm trying to do my thing here. Couldn't you have asked for an omelet?

I find that worshipping where I do, sometimes these small responsibilities come walking through the Atrium door, with lots of bags and hollow eyes. When that happens, it's useful to have data like the info sheets on hand. Check them out. Visitor's table, manila folder, pink and blue sheets.

For more opportunities to serve the materially needy in our neighborhood through Grate Patrol, please contact Glenn Marsh at 703-622-6484 (marsh_glenn@emc.com), or Tina Mallett at 202-965-9324 (tmallett@si.edu).



Helping Meet the Needs of Hungry Neighbors:

Katherine Britton, from interview with Louisa Nickerson

The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry is a mission of The United Church located at 19th and G, just a few blocks from St. Paul's. Twice a month, on the second and fourth Saturday, The Pantry provides bags of food to over 150 families and individuals who demonstrate need.

The volume of food is amazing: some 900 bags each month, about 15,000 pounds, at a cost of nearly \$3,000. And yet, despite that volume, there is always a greater need. What is given out has to be rationed, and latecomers on the distribution are likely to miss out on some items.

The amount of food each person receives depends both on what is available and how many people are in the household. The Pantry provides non-perishable goods along with a limited selection of fresh foods, which on a given Saturday may include meats, cheese, fruit and vegetables. In addition, The Pantry offers bags of ready-to-eat food for homeless people with no access to cooking facilities.

Money and food for the program come from The United Church, individual donations, FEMA, International Monetary Fund, student groups of the George Washington University, and others like St. Paul's. All funds raised go directly to purchasing food and supplies. Most of the purchased items are salvage food from the Capital Area Community Food Bank. There are no overhead costs because the program is run entirely by volunteers using the church's facilities.

It takes a small army of volunteers to run The Pantry. A retired parishioner at The United

Church, George Madill, coordinates the whole program, including organizing all the purchasing, collecting and storing of food. On the two Saturdays each month when bags are distributed, 20-25 volunteers are needed from 9am to 12:30 pm: to sign-in recipients, to repackage bulk donations for individual distribution, to pack the bags of non-perishable goods, to guide recipients through the process of picking up items from multiple stations, to help the mobility impaired receive their bags, and to clean up and restock shelves after the food distribution is over.

Every distribution day several members of The United Church volunteer at The Pantry, but many non-members also volunteer either directly with The Pantry or through DC Cares, a non-profit organization that matches volunteers with needs. DC Cares usually sends 14 volunteers on a distribution day. The IMF, World Bank and various GW student organizations also send volunteers regularly.

St. Paul's connection with The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry began with

one parishioner, Louisa Nickerson. Louisa, a choir member since 1997, began volunteering at The Pantry in 2006 through DC Cares. At the time, Louisa was specifically looking for a volunteer activity that was a feeding ministry – a ministry that was “concrete and tangible.”

As Louisa said, this ministry is one way to respond to God's call for us to be each other's servants and to serve Jesus in the poor around us. Louisa sees this ministry as an opportunity to shift one's focus away from self and to recognize what others are facing.

Just imagine volunteering to help provide bags of food to people whose need is so great that they may have taken a good part of the morning and multiple buses to get there hours before the distribution check-in begins to be sure they receive a full selection of items! It is in giving that we receive, as St. Francis aptly put it.

In 2009, at the height of the recession, when the need for supplies at The Pantry was acute, Louisa realized that there was an opportunity for St. Paul's to help by doing a food drive. She proposed the idea to Fr. Andrew and the Commission on Mission, which enthusiastically agreed to support the drive.

The first food drive at St. Paul's took place in April 2009 and was timed to take advantage of a matching grant that doubled the value of the parish's donation to The Pantry. As the need continued, annual food drives were held again in spring 2010 and spring 2011. The 2010 food drive resulted in contribution of \$324 worth of canned goods.

The 2011 annual drive was even more successful, but the COM hoped



Louisa Nickerson

St. Paul's Supports The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry

that St. Paul's could help meet the hunger needs in our community on a more frequent, ongoing basis.

So, beginning in fall 2011, COM organized a regular collection of non-perishable goods for The Pantry: every Sunday there is a basket at the back of St. Paul's to receive any non-perishable items that parishioners are able to donate. The COM collects the food from the basket and stores it securely for a once monthly delivery to The Pantry.

To continue and extend St. Paul's support of The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry, there are several pressing needs. Donations of perishable goods are vitally important on a regular and ongoing basis. And with the basket at the back of the church, it is easy to donate. The COM will make the delivery to The Pantry.

The COM needs volunteers to



help deliver goods to The Pantry once a month. The COM can use volunteers on a one-time only basis or on a regular basis. Please contact Ann Korky at akkorky@gmail.com to volunteer.

The Pantry needs volunteers to help with food distribution on the 2nd

and 4th Saturdays of the month. To volunteer, either contact The United Church directly or go through DC Cares. Contact information for The United Church: (202) 331-1495 or info@theunitedchurch.org. To volunteer through DC Cares go to www.greaterdc.org. DC Cares will require a 15 minute online orientation.

Charitable contributions can be made directly to The United Church with a note designating the contribution to The Foggy Bottom Pantry.



Fr. Martin Celebrates 50 Years of Ordained Ministry

Father Richard Cornish Martin, St. Paul's Rector from 1989 to 1996, returned to celebrate the magnificent gift from and to God of his 50 years of ordained Ministry at St Paul's Patronal Festival on January 29th. He is pictured here with Father Andrew, after the service.



Volunteers at work at The Foggy Bottom Food Pantry

Evangelization in the Twenty-first Century

Kyle Babin,
Chair, Commission on Evangelization

Rapidly evolving information technologies are giving the Church powerful new means to aid evangelization: with websites, social media, and email, instant messages, etc., parishes can now reach far more people, far more quickly than in the past. All it potentially takes is a Google “hit” that brings up St. Paul’s Parish, K Street, as the result of a search for “Episcopal church, Washington, DC”—or, say, “Anglo-Catholic parishes, Washington, DC.” Indeed, it seems that a fair number of newcomers to St. Paul’s have discovered the parish in precisely this manner. Therefore, as part of our efforts to reach out and connect with people searching for a spiritual home and faith, the Commission on Evangelization (COE) has made it a priority to update and enhance our internet-based communications.

The first major project has been revitalizing our parish website. Fortunately, for several years, we have had an attractive, detailed, and highly functional website made possible by the generous labor of the late Robert Maddox and currently by the hard work of Robert Eikel, with assistance from Ken Simmons. As the COE has explored the role of our website in evangelization, we have found it helpful to expand the number of people working together on the project. We have also realized that because website content had been added piecemeal by many different persons over a long period of time, the current site has lost a sense of focus and organization. Therefore, a working group from the COE has combed through the entire website content, rewritten it in a more

comprehensive fashion, and solicited suggestions and feedback from our parish clergy. With this material, a new website is currently being built by Barbara Barry, Robert Eikel, Remington Gregg, and John Stowe.

Our goal in redesigning the website has been to create a visual and auditory presentation that will allow newcomers to explore and learn about our faith community in an intuitive, easily accessible way, that encourages them where possible to come to St. Paul’s in person. To this end, we are working to make the new format more easily navigable, with a focus on helpful morsels of material for the inquiring mind rather than an overload of too much information. On the visual side, we have done three things. First, we hired a wonderful local design consultant to produce a new “image” for our parish, which will be the graphic scheme for the new website. This image incorporates our familiar shield logo but melds it into a visual display with a modern, elegant, and sleek new look—one that will be easily identifiable as “St. Paul’s, K Street” and that will be useful in our other communications. Second, the website will include a welcome/introductory video filmed and produced by COE member, Gwyneth Zakaib, featuring footage of parish life with explanatory audio from Fr. Andrew. Finally, the redesigned site will feature beautiful new photos by parishioner Janet Wamsley.

On the auditory side, also, available from the new website will be podcasts of our Sunday 11:15 a.m. Masses, and other services that we wish to record and broadcast. Thanks to the major efforts of John and Will Stowe, this gives web visitors the opportunity to listen in to what we do in worship week after week. It is also a means for homebound parishioners

and friends of the parish to perceive an audible connection with St. Paul’s. Finally, the website is also designed to provide economical access to the Parish’s monthly magazine, *The Epistle*, and a regularly updated electronic way for parishioners, newcomers and visitors to update themselves on service times as well as social, community and formation activities for all age groups.

The second communications project has been to tie the parish into social media. You might remember an article on Social Media in the May 2011 edition of the *Epistle*. Gwyneth Zakaib has created a St. Paul’s Facebook page, on which Facebook users can comment and have dialogue. This page will be tied to our website and other communication channels so that we can have yet another means of advertising Masses, services, and other special events. Furthermore, there are tons of great pictures on the Facebook page!

The final important communications piece of the COE’s initiative involves purchasing and establishing a new means of conveying mass emails to parishioners and friends of St. Paul’s. We have purchased an account with Constant Contact, a very efficient, minimum cost communications service available to small business and non-profit organizations. This gives us the capacity to produce visually attractive mass emails that include the weekly parish notices, announcements, and notices of various celebrations, events, and special services. The Constant Contact email system also allows a great deal of flexibility in who can send out a parish email. Our past system only allowed one person to activate it, and this caused major problems when that person, for whatever reason, was not available to send emails.

Upgrading the functionality of the website, launching more effectively a presence in social media, and introducing the Constant Contact communications service are three parts of a broader parish communications plan that the COE has been developing. As this plan has been evolving, the COE has recognized the need for broader parish involvement. For example:

- Let us know if you are not currently receiving parish-wide emails and would like to. Contact me at kbabin80@yahoo.com.
- Make sure your own lay ministry or parish group at St. Paul's is taking full advantage of the communications and technology resources available. Specifically, be sure to submit updates and other important content changes

to the website administrators on a regular basis. Stay tuned for more details on procedures.

- Visit our Facebook page and post a comment or a great photo you took of an event.
- Let us know if you are interested in helping administer the new website. We need to expand the number of tech-savvy people involved!
- Share constructive criticism: keep us posted on aspects of the new site that are confusing or lacking in clarity or organization.
- Let your friends and other affiliates of St. Paul's know that we want their email addresses for contact purposes. They need not be parishioners. We want to expand our communications base as much as possible.

While our electronic "touch" is only one way in which we reach out to those in human and spiritual need, we hope you will find these communications initiatives will extend, improve and support the parish's mission and ministry to the wider world. The internet is aptly called the *world-wide* web, and we therefore should not baulk at evangelizing globally. Through technology, we can now enhance the way we "seek to restore all people to God and to one another, through sacramental worship and Christ-like living"! Please feel free to share your thoughts with members of the COE or me by email (kbabin80@yahoo.com) or in person.



Vestry Report

Robert Eikel, Vestry Secretary

At its January meeting, the Vestry adopted a balanced budget for 2012, the first balanced budget in three years. This required significant and difficult cuts to every area of the parish's work and mission. The Vestry nevertheless concluded, after many hours of discussion, prayer, and thought, that it had no viable alternative.

Based on pledges received and promised as of the meeting date, the parish expects 2012 pledge income of approximately \$845,000, compared to about \$855,000 in 2011. The parish also will not have several one-time items that added about \$33,000 to its income for 2011. If the Vestry had made no changes to expenses, the 2012 deficit would have been about \$98,000. In order to balance the budget, the Vestry decided to:

- Cease funding the Assistant Music Director position after June 3;
- Trim administrative and overhead expenses prudently;
- Eliminate extra help for the Maintenance Manager;
- Cut formation, worship, and evangelization significantly;
- Cut choir section leaders, mission, and the diocesan pledge equally by about 33%.

Parishioners likely will notice

fewer paper bulletins, fewer parish mailings, less thorough cleaning, and a church that is warmer in the summer and cooler in the winter. The choir will take a hiatus in the summer and for some feast days as well. Some cuts will be invisible to the parish at large, but very apparent to our staff, whose take-home pay will be frozen for at least the next year—including staff whose pay remains below the diocesan minimum guidelines for their positions.

The Vestry made clear that it has not eliminated the position of Assistant Music Director, and that it greatly values the talent and contributions of the current Assistant Music Director, John Bohl. The Vestry believes that the music program needs an Assistant Music Director, but that it is not affordable to fill the position for all of 2012. The Vestry hopes that increased income in the future will allow the hiring of an Assistant Music Director and even to expand that position from part time to full time.

Finally, despite the painful cuts, the Vestry took note of the very heartening news that the parish had 51 new pledgers in 2012, the most since the late 1990s. This is a wonderful sign of parish growth and of hope for the future. The Vestry believes that the parish must retain all of these new givers, and welcome yet more parishioners and friends, to continue to make possible the worship, music, mission, and ministry that are St. Paul's gifts to the world.

Please share your thoughts and

concerns about the budget, or any other parish matters, with one or more Vestry members, whose names and email addresses can be found on the parish website at <http://stpauls-kst.com/vestry> or on the Vestry bulletin board in the hallway in Pillsbury House.

St. Paul's Parish 2012 Budget Summary		
	2011 (actual) \$	2012 (budget) \$
Income		
Pledges	854,910	844,833
Plate	44,075	43,398
Christmas/Easter	22,179	20,817
Building Use	1,901	1,900
Grants and Endowments	32,727	--
Misc	4,425	--
Total Income:	960,217	910,948
Expenses		
Clergy Salaries and Benefits	286,774	285,667
Music Dept Salaries and Benefits	132,585	110,384
Admin/ Maintenance Salaries & Benefits	135,126	138,593
Choir Section Leaders	41,782	28,266
Other Music Expenses	4,866	3,500
Utilities	122,676	117,600
Maintenance and Cleaning	44,445	36,431
Building Repairs	93,450	67,000
Building Security and Insurance	19,201	18,000
Office and Administrative	84,070	74,129
Worship Expenses	13,387	4,900
Evangelization	2,400	1,500
Nursery Caregivers	5,881	6,000
Formation	1,325	-
Mission and Outreach	18,169	12,228
Diocesan Pledge	10,000	6,730
Total Expenses:	1,016,137	910,928
Surplus/Deficit:	(55,920)	20

PASTORAL CARE NEEDS?

Please make your needs known to the Pastoral Care Team. Also, let them know of others who may need assistance. Complete one of the blue pastoral care cards found in the pews and put it either in the offering plate or in the box at the Visitors' desk in the atrium. You can telephone 202 337 2020 and leaving a message on extension 31; or email pastoralcare@stpauls-kst.com, or go to the website, www.stpauls-kst.com, click on "ministries," then "pastoral care request." If you would like to volunteer to be part of the pool of pastoral care volunteers providing assistance please email pastoralcare@stpauls-kst.com.

MARCH ON K STREET

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

1 Gary Green	19 Edith Stowe
4 Mary Jo Clark Betty Eckart	21 Tina Mallett Naomi Pomerantz Sebastian Braw-Smith
8 Robert Jones Sarah Peckham	22 Anna Chiriboga
9 Sister Lydia	25 Suzanne Cox Rebekah Tucker
10 Jeremiah deMichaelis	26 Bronwen Okwesa
12 Michael Cunningham John Klein	27 Frederick Grill Omotunde Johnson
13 Peter Martin Christian Mixer	28 Nancy Bush Michael Guishard Bette Spencer
16 Robert Groves Cassandra Metzger Alfred Toombs	29 Nedra Agnew Preston Winter
17 Scott Dettra	30 Edward Hand James Rich Linda Wilkinson
18 Laura Mixer Eugene Stone Charles Toftoy Douglas Wood	31 Christian Crane John Orens

Transfer In: Richard J. Giarusso from St. Francis, Holden, MA



MAJOR FEASTS

Monday, March 19, 2012 |

St. Joseph

7:00 am: Low Mass

6:00 pm: Low Mass

Monday, March 26, 2012 |

The Annunciation

7:00 am: Low Mass

6:00 pm: Low Mass with hymns

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday, April 1, 2012 | Palm Sunday

7:45 am: Low Mass

10:30 Liturgy of Palms at Washington Circle, procession and Solemn Mass following. NOTE: 9:00 am and 11:15 am services consolidated on Palm Sunday.

April 5-7 Triduum: Maundy Thursday

Good Friday; Easter Vigil— Note new service times on back page!

YOU ARE NEEDED! - CAN YOU HELP

St. Paul's strives to apply our talent, time, and treasure to reach out and uplift those in need, both in our neighborhood and across the world. We welcome your involvement in:

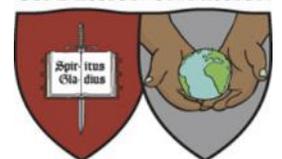
Grate Patrol – Delivery of Breakfast to Washington's homeless population

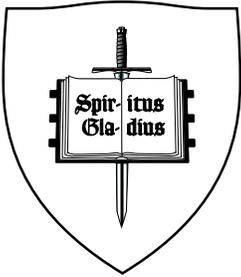
- Food Preparation: 2.30-4.30pm every Friday; Contact Lucky Ajueyitsi: akpoyoma@hotmail.com
- Food Delivery: 5:30am each Saturday & Sunday, Contact Glenn Marsh: Marsh_Glenn@emc.com
- Bag Set-up: Anytime before 3pm Friday; Contact Tina Mallett (202-965-9324 or tmallett@si.edu).

First Fridays – On the first Friday of each month, St. Paul's provides an evening meal for 100 homeless persons to be delivered from a special Salvation Army vehicle. Preparation help is needed (5:30 - 7:00 pm in the church kitchen). Contact Nancie Majkowski at (nmajkows@ngs.org, 202-857-7115 or 301-513-9563).

Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) is committed to training and developing neighborhood leaders, to addressing community issues such as homelessness, poverty, and injustice, and to holding elected and corporate officials accountable in Washington. Volunteers are desired to join in advocacy efforts and represent St. Paul's at meetings. Contact Deacon Eric Lobsinger: elobsinger@stpauls-kst.com

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March 26, 2012—The Annunciation

April 1, 2012—Palm Sunday

April 5, 2012—Maundy Thursday—6:45pm

April 6, 2012—Good Friday—6:45pm

April 7, 2012—Easter Vigil—8:00pm



Leonardo Da Vinci, The Annunciation, painted 1472-75