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When you are on a journey, most thoughts are not only for the journey itself but the goal that is the destination. The longer you are on the road, and the closer you come, the bigger it looms in your sight. And then there is a dawning as you realize that the question has shifted from “how much further” to the answer “nearly there!” Then something unexpected often happens – we realize that the journey was not so much about “getting there” but about how we used the time along the way to prepare and ready ourselves for the next journey that we have “only just begun.” Since it is a communal journey, it is also about how we grew in relationship with each other— learning to trust more, learning to hold one another up, learning how to live in hope together.

This month's Epistle sits in the particular time-space between a journey concluding and journey starting. And so we believe this moment gives us a breathing space to reflect on where we have come from and where we have arrived. It gives us an opportunity to give great and lavish thanks for all those who have carried, supported, guided, encouraged, and helped us in the journey of communal examination and preparation for the arrival of the 10<sup>th</sup> Rector, the Rev. Fr. Richard Wall. Now we begin the new journey.

We are also given an opportunity to thank God for all those who are now standing for election to the Vestry for the coming year. We have a wonderful slate of nine candidates to fill the four openings on the Vestry. (See candidate statements set out on pp. 4-7 below.) This slate seems to us to reflect the fact that something very exciting and hope-filled is happening at St. Paul's, which is why so many able and committed people are offering themselves to work side by side with our new rector. The Spirit is empowering us to move forward with great dreams and vision and enthusiasm.

And so we encourage all who can to come to the Annual Meeting on June 6 to hear the reports of the year gone by, to elect the incoming four Vestry members for the year to come and to hear Fr. Wall speak to us as a parish for the first time. For details of the Annual Meeting, please review the eblasts on May 22 and 29 and/or read the News & Notices for Sunday, May 24 and 31 (found in their entirety each week on the website).



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## Who is Mary?

*Fr. Dominique Peridans*



Many of us wonder what exactly it means to be Anglo-Catholic. Well, there is someone in our midst, who figures prominently on the Anglo-Catholic landscape, whom we acknowledge every time we celebrate Mass and whom we address here at St. Paul's in a special way each week-day evening. Her name is Mary.

Indeed, we have a Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham. A shrine is typically a sacred place where someone is honored. In reality, we have our own version of *the* Shrine of our Lady of Walsingham, found in Norfolk, England, where it is believed that Mary appeared in a vision to a devout English noblewoman Richeldis de Faverches in 1061. Lady Richeldis had a Holy House built in Walsingham which became a shrine of pilgrimage. As part of the English reformation(s), the shrine was destroyed in 1538. Over four centuries later, however, the shrine was reestablished and today welcomes over 250,000 pilgrims annually.

Who is Mary? She is the "mother of my Lord," as Elizabeth exclaims when Mary comes to visit her (Luke 1:43). *How* "mother of my Lord" is understood, of course, varies quite dramatically across the Christian Church. Does "mother of the Lord" simply mean biological vehicle for Jesus? Does "mother of the Lord,"

instead, suggest a relationship with Jesus of a particular spiritual quality? For Anglo-Catholics, the latter tends to be true. Allow me a few thoughts on why I think this makes sense (using the 2004 Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission/ARCIC document called “Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ”).

Some Christians believe that the New Testament’s relative silence on Mary suggests that she is unimportant. Could it be, however, that Mary is only really discovered as we draw closer to Christ? Bear in mind that we are not a Scripture-only (Protestant) Church. We are also a Tradition Church, that is, we believe that Revelation is first received in human hearts before the pages of a book. The discovery of Mary emerged in the early Church alongside the discernment of the Canon of Scriptures.

The ARCIC articulates well that Mary is more than biological vehicle for Jesus:

*Mary’s title Theotókos was formally invoked to safeguard the orthodox doctrine of the unity of Christ’s person. The Council of Ephesus (431) used Theotókos (literally ‘God-bearer’) to affirm the oneness of Christ’s person by identifying Mary as the Mother of God the Word incarnate. This matter takes more precise expression in the definition of Chalcedon (451). In receiving the Council of Ephesus and the definition of Chalcedon, Anglicans and Roman Catholics together confess Mary as Theotókos.*

This situates Mary in relation to Christ. But what about Mary in relation to us? Mother of God, she is recognized by many as a model of virtue and of exemplary gift of self. Can we go a step further, however? Beyond modeling exemplary Christian behavior, is she *present* to us? Do we believe that Mary is somehow *active* in the Church today?

The ARCIC documents states:



Giovanni Battista Salvi Sassoferrato,  
The Virgin at Prayer 1640-1650,

*In the early centuries, communion in Christ included a strong sense of the living presence of the saints as an integral part of the spiritual experience of the churches. (Heb 12:1, 22-24; Rev 6:9-11; 7; 8:3-4). Within the “cloud of witnesses”, the Lord’s mother came to be seen to have a special place. Fathers as early as Justin Martyr (†c.150) and Irenaeus (†c.202)...developed, alongside the antithesis of Adam/New Adam, that of Eve/New Eve. The New Eve shares in the New Adam’s victory over sin and death.*

So, beyond a model of virtue and of exemplary gift of self, presence and action. Such presence and action are, of course, purely instrumental, that is, occur by virtue of being in God’s gracious hands. Being in God’s gracious hands implies availability. True availability means no obstacles to love which means sanctity. Sanctity is the work of grace.

A few more words about this divine instrumentality. In human relationships, there is a crowd. Mediation, in human relationships, diminishes intimacy. Does mediation in *divine* relationships diminish intimacy? In other words, can God make use of a third-party to convey His gifts and this

third-party not diminish the intimacy? Could Mary’s mediation, instead of obscuring the unique mediation of Christ, magnify it?

The ARCIC suggests this to be true: *The Scriptures teach that “there is one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom for all” (1 Timothy 2:5,6). It is also true, however, that all ministries of the Church, especially those of Word and sacrament, mediate the grace of God through human beings. These ministries do not compete with the unique mediation of Christ, but rather serve it and have their source within it. For example, asking our brothers and sisters, on earth and in heaven, to pray for us, does not contest the unique mediatory work of Christ, but is rather a means by which, in and through the Spirit, its power may be displayed.*

God makes use of instruments not because of any deficiency on His part. God is indeed more than self-sufficient. Thus, any mediation aside from that of Christ is, strictly speaking, unnecessary—when it comes to salvation. But we are not called simply to be saved. We are called to be loved, and, in being loved, to be divinized. And, for this, God gives “unnecessary” gifts. Love is characterized by gratuitousness, and thus goes beyond necessity.

Mary and the Saints are a salvation option, but, beyond salvation, they are gifts of love.

If Mary is a gift, and a person to be experienced, then theological reflection will never suffice. In the end, we must go to Jesus, and honestly ask: “Who is Mary for you?” “Who is Mary for me?” “How am I to receive her?” We have nothing to lose, and perhaps much to gain...



# Nominees for Vestry



**Laurel Pyke Malson**

Time at St. Paul's

I first came to St. Paul's in 1985-86, and have been a parishioner since then.

St. Paul's Activities

Choir Parent (1994-2007); Vestry/Jr. Warden (late 1990s-2002); Interim Rector and Ninth Rector Search Committees (1998-2000); Co-Chair, Capital Campaign (2007-2009); Lay Seminary Committees (2005-2014); Tenth Rector Search Committee (2014-2015)

Educational Background/Occupation

Partner, Crowell & Moring  
Harvard Law School, JD, 1979;  
Wesleyan University, BA, 1976

Personal/family information

Two children: Alex (now 28); Hilary (now 25)

Interests/hobbies

Reading, yoga, running, ballet, travel, dogs, my children, gardening. After many years on the Governing Boards of Grace Episcopal Day School, the Bishop Walker School, and the St. Albans School for Boys, I now serve on the EDOW's Protestant Episcopal Foundation Board (which oversees the National Cathedral, St. Albans School, the National Cathedral School for

Girls, and Beauvoir Elementary School).

Statement

As a result of my work on the Search Committee, I am enormously hopeful and energized by the possibilities of growth and transformation for our parish, now that we have called Fr. Richard to St. Paul's. As we enter this new phase of ministry with our new Rector, I believe that because of: 1) the strong relationships developed with Fr. Richard through the Search process; 2) the experience gained through my past leadership positions in the parish in various ministries; and 3) my work and relationships in the larger Diocese, I could be useful in helping us and Fr. Richard move forward together to realize some of this potential.



**Chris Mixer**

Time at St. Paul's

1982-1983; 1987-present

St. Paul's activities

Usher; Grate Patrol volunteer; Co-Chair, Rector Search Committee

Educational Background/Occupation

B.A. 1974, Ohio State University;  
J.D. 1977, Duke University School of Law.

I am an attorney in private practice.

Personal/family information

Married in 1977 to Linna Barnes; two

daughters, Sara and Laura

Interests/hobbies

Travel, ideally to new places

Statement

The next three years will be all about growing St. Paul's while maintaining the wonderful elements that we already have in place. I believe that my experience, which includes past Vestry service as well as much thinking about the future with the Search Committee, will allow me to help in both respects.



**Charlene Mui**

Time at St. Paul's

Attending since Memorial Day 2005  
Baptized in April 2006

St. Paul's activities

Acolyte Guild (May 2009–Present); Member, Adult Christian Formation Teaching team (September 2010–May 2011); Food deliveries for Homeless Outreach (March 2006–May 2010); Middle School Sunday School Teacher (Sept 2009–Oct 2010)  
Treasurer, Commission on Mission and Ministry (Sept 2007–July 2008)  
HR Committee (2012-2014)

Educational Background/Occupation

Graduate Certificate in Survey Design and Data Analysis George Washington University 2015

M.A. Public Policy University of Chicago 2002  
B.A. International Affairs -- George Washington University 1997

Personal/family information

I have been married to Michael Welch for 13 years and Sophia Mui-Welch just turned 2 years old.

Interests/hobbies

Outside of my daughter. Hmmm, interesting questions.  
Reading, running and travelling.

Statement

With my experiences in various ministries, I think I can be a useful member of the vestry. And a mother to a two year old, I also want to ensure that all members have a voice in our parish, including our youngest members.



## Simona Dumitrescu Murnick

I have been at St. Paul's since 2011 when my family moved to DC from Boston where my husband, Jonathan, and I both completed medical residencies and had our two children, Madeleine and Nico. In Boston, I sang in the choir at Trinity church in Copley Square and taught my daughter's Sunday school class. Once we knew we were moving to DC, we made a beeline for the best church

music, and the rest is history! Through the portal of Evensong, and then the Pilgrims class, I have been wading ever-deeper into the Anglo-Catholic tradition and have come to find this particular way of being with God profoundly sustaining.

I am grateful for the warm welcome our family received in this congregation four years ago, particularly as newcomers both to this part of the country and this way of worship. I would like to serve on the Vestry as a way to honor the many gifts my family and I have received at St. Paul's.

In terms of my background, I was born in Romania and immigrated with my family to New Jersey in 1980 during the Ceausescu dictatorship. I was seven years old and did not speak a word of English, but I met a friend on the playground who took me along to her choir practice at Trinity Church in Princeton. I was a girl chorister there for the next ten years! I went on to an undergraduate degree in comparative literature at Princeton University, followed by an MD from Rutgers medical school and a residency in psychiatry at Harvard. I now maintain a solo private practice in psychotherapy and psychopharmacology in Tenleytown. I am fascinated by the soul's journey both personally and professionally. At St Paul's, you can find me in meetings related to our ministry resident program, formation committee, singing in the choir at Evensong, and sitting in the Atrium during the choristers' weekday practices!



## John F. O'Dowd

Time at St. Paul's

10 Years

St. Paul's activities

Helped out with the Flower Guild, and Grate Patrol

Educational Background/Occupation:

Graduated from Loyola University in Chicago IL. Over 25 Years of management experience, currently working as a Project Manager for Fannie Mae.

Personal/family information:

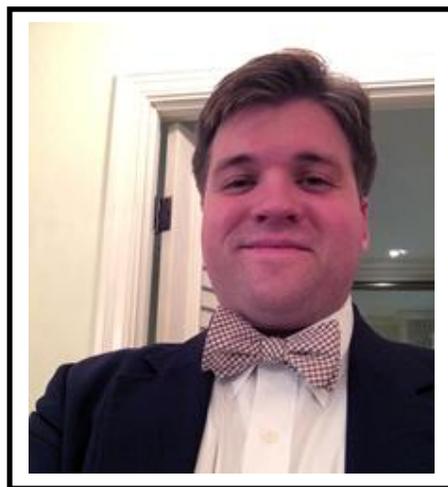
In a committed relationship with Michael Houdek for the past 13 years.

Interests/hobbies:

Enjoys reading, running and helping people.

Statement

This will be an interesting time for Saint Paul's K Street and I want offer the parish back the same love and support I have enjoyed through my time to date. If offered the privilege to serve on the vestry I will work hard to sustain the prayerful life of the parish.



## John C. Raffetto (Jack)

Time at St. Paul's

Seven years.

St. Paul's activities:

Secretary of the Vestry, Acolyte Guild, Sometime Grill-Master.

Educational Background/Occupation:

Wake Forest University, B.A.; University of Pennsylvania, M.S. Ed.; Catholic University, J.D. I am an attorney at Goodwin Procter LLP.

Personal/family information:

My fiancée, Lindsay Lane, is also a parishioner, and my father, Edward Raffetto, celebrated his first Mass at St. Paul's after his ordination in 1969.

# Nominees for Vestry continued

## Interests/hobbies:

Cycling, cooking, and reading.

## Statement

When I came to St. Paul's from St. Mark's Philadelphia, I found a Parish committed to mission and filled with the Holy Spirit. As a Vestry member, I would work diligently to preserve and nurture those critical components of our shared sacramental worship and Christ-like living. Over the past year, I have had the opportunity to observe the Vestry do just that, and I would be honored to serve the Parish in this way.



## Jeanne Smith



A cradle Episcopalian, I came to St. Paul's at a critical time in my life. In 1988, having recently lost my husband, David Smith to cancer, I joined the wonderful St. Paul's choir, devoted myself to the music program for around 20 years, and branched out from there. I most recently served as Co-Chair of the Search Committee, and have served in the past as Pilgrims in Christ candidate sponsor and leadership team member (six years), Stewardship Chair one year and Committee member three others, Visitor in the most recent Capital Campaign, Seminarian Lay Committees member, Vestry member, Junior Warden, and Senior Warden.

I was raised (with four siblings) as a child of the military (many relocations but solid home and Church life).

I am a graduate of St. John's College in Annapolis, MD, with a BA in Liberal Arts. I went on—while employed by the University of Maryland as a Program Analyst—to study undergraduate music theory and history and complete graduate coursework in higher education administration. In 2003, I took an early retirement buyout from the Smithsonian Institution, where I had worked as a writer, editor, and policy analyst and administrator.

Music is a constant thread for me. I have sung as chorister and soloist for over 50 years in church choirs (professionally and as a volunteer), symphonic choruses, and small professional ensembles, in addition to recitals and roles in musical theater. Life changer: As a participant (1980) in the eight-week Summer Course for Overseas Musicians at the Royal School of Church Music at Addington Palace, East Croydon, England, I studied vocal technique under Alfred Hepworth, formerly a tenor at Westminster Abbey and received performance instruction under John Rutter and Alan Wicks. Other interests are travel, reading, and time with friends and family.

I am very excited about the potential of St. Paul's to continue to blossom as we begin life with our new Rector, and would be honored to have the opportunity to use my leadership experience and my love of this community to help make the transition as smooth as possible for both my fellow parishioners and for Fr. Richard.



## Scott Spaulding

I grew up in a small town in upstate NY. My mother (now retired) was an elementary school teacher and my father is a funeral director. I grew up in the same Congregational (UCC) Church that my family have attended for over 200 years, and still worship there when I visit my parents and sister. While active there (Sunday School, youth choir, youth group, mission trips), I also regularly attended



Mass with my grandfather, who was Roman Catholic. This exposure to the Eucharist and the fullness of the catholic faith planted a seed that eventually resulted in my journey to the Episcopal Church.

I graduated from St. Lawrence University in 1986 with an A.B. in Government. I was actively involved in the University Chapel, singing in the choir and serving on the Chapel Board (Vestry). I sang in the select a cappella choir. I moved to Albany NY in 1986 to attend law school. It was during this time that I started to explore more fully the catholic faith, worshipping both at the Cathedral of All Saints and the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

I was commissioned as an officer (Judge Advocate) in the U.S. Navy after graduating from law school in 1989, and was posted to the Naval Legal Service Office in Philadelphia, PA. I began searching earnestly for a church home, and found myself at St. George's, Ardmore, and in the care of a wise and holy priest, Fr. James McKendrick (may he rest in peace and rise in glory). It was here that I completed my journey to the Episcopal Church, and was confirmed by Bishop Bartlett in 1992. I sang in the choir, served on organist search committees, on a rector search committee, and served as a delegate to both the Diocesan Convention and the Merion Deanery. I was a member of the Board of Directors of the Children's Ark at St. George's (recognized by the

Philadelphia Inquirer as one of the premier child care facilities in the Philadelphia area). I was also licensed as a Chalice Bearer.

I was discharged (honorably) from the Navy in 1996, and worked for a while for the Sisters of Mercy in a program that provided health care and housing to indigent people who were HIV positive. In 1997 I accepted a job with the U.S. Department of Justice Inspector General, and moved to Dallas, TX where I attended the Church of the Incarnation. I joined the Incarnation Choir which was an incredible experience for me. In addition to Masses and Evensongs, I recorded 5 CDs with the choir, and went on 3 pilgrimages to England; singing for a total of 3 weeks at Westminster Abbey, and 1 week each at Chichester, Lincoln, and Wells cathedrals. My work in Dallas required extensive travel, which afforded me the opportunity to attend a wide variety of Episcopal churches throughout the country.

I was transferred to Washington D.C. in 2005, and still work at the Department of Justice Office of the Inspector General, now as the Director of the Office of Policy and Planning. Because of my travels, I had a pretty good idea that I wanted to join St. Paul's when I moved here. I went to St. Paul's my first Sunday in D.C. and realized that I was home.

I was drawn to St. Paul's for several reasons: the welcome I received; the liturgy, which is solemn but not stuffy; the glorious music that serves beautifully as the handmaid of the liturgy; the strong commitment to outreach, especially Grate Patrol; and the absolutely first rate preaching. I cherish these aspects of St. Paul's, and am very optimistic about the future, which is why I agreed to be nominated to serve on the Vestry. St. Paul's has a wonderful witness, not only to our community, but to the wider church. This place helps me know Jesus, and it nurtures my relationship with Him. It also gives me plenty of opportunities to entertain angels unawares. I look forward, in whatever capacity I may be called, to work and pray to hasten the spread of the Kingdom of God in and from this place.

I served on the Search Committee for the 10<sup>th</sup> Rector, and currently serve on the Commissions on Evangelization and Mission. I've sung in the choir for the past 9 years, but have told Robert McCormick that I expect my tenure in the choir will soon come to an end. I'm sure my leaving will make room for a more accomplished singer. I'll miss singing, but am looking forward to being able to participate in other things, like the Rector's Forums. I also serve as cantor for Compline on Monday nights. I am an alternate delegate to the Diocesan Convention and previously served on the Vestry. Over the past few years I've tried to increase the number of times I attend Mass during the week. In addition to Sundays, I try to make it to St. Paul's at least 3 times a week for Shrine Prayers, Evening Prayer, and the evening Mass. I also participate in Hic et Nunc.



## Allison Freeman Winter

Time at St. Paul's  
14 years (since January 2001)

St. Paul's activities  
Catechist for children's formation, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd; lector; Fidelitas. Over the years I have volunteered with Grate Patrol, served on the Commission on Evangeliza-

tion, been a pilgrim and sponsor for Pilgrims in Christ, edited "The Epistle," served on vestry, participated in a variety of adult formation opportunities, and helped start Carpe Deum, the young adult's group.

Educational Background/Occupation  
BA in English (minor in Theatre) University of South Carolina, 1999.  
I worked as a reporter in environmental journalism for over a decade. Currently, I am in the market for freelance work and spending most of my time taking care of my young children.

Personal/family information  
Husband: Preston Winter, married at St. Paul's in 2006.  
Sons: Ezra Campbell Winter, 4.5 years old, baptized at St. Paul's in 2011; Simon Jeremiah Winter, 20 months, baptized at St. Paul's in 2013.  
I grew up in a small Episcopal church in Cayce, SC, where my family was very involved – in vestry, Sunday school, VBS, yardwork, taking out the trash, you name it.

Interests/hobbies  
I am a runner and cyclist, and I love music, art, and theatre (I'm an usher at The Shakespeare Theatre Company). These days, I spend a lot of time at playgrounds and enjoy museums at a different pace with small children. I help with the PTO at Ezra's public charter school, Shining Stars Montessori Academy.

Statement  
It is a privilege to worship, serve, and fellowship in this congregation. As we begin this next chapter of our parish life, I hope we can continue to be a place of transcendent worship and improve how we care and serve those in our church, the neighborhood and the world. Our parish has made great strides in recent years to be more welcoming to young families. I want to make sure we continue to grow in this area and meet some of the unique needs of parents with young children.



# Remain and Proclaim!

## SERMON SERIES

ST. PAUL'S,  
17 MAY 2015, 6 PM

The Very Rev'd Andreas Loewe,  
Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral,  
Melbourne, Australia.

Alleluia: Christ is risen!  
Thank you, Bishop Jim, for your kind invitation to share in your liturgy tonight. It is a real delight to be back at St Paul's—eighteen years after I had the privilege of spending a busy summer working here, and learning about ministry in this wonderful parish.

Since then, my ordained ministry has taken me to parishes in the West of London and in the historic centre of Cambridge; Down Under to the oldest College of the University of Melbourne with its Theological School for the Province of Victoria and, for the last three years, to the Seat of the Primate of Australia and Metropolitan of Victoria, St Paul's Cathedral Melbourne, which I am privileged to serve as Dean.

'Our' St Paul's is a stunning neo-gothic stone-built Cathedral designed

by the English architect William Butterfield who last year would have celebrated his two hundredth birthday. Our Cathedral, with its iconic three sandstone spires, stands at the heart of Australia's second largest city. During the day, it is visited by countless tourists and pilgrims — some 400,000 people visit our Cathedral every year. And at night, our illuminated building gives a degree of safety and shelter to those out on, or living on, the streets of Melbourne.

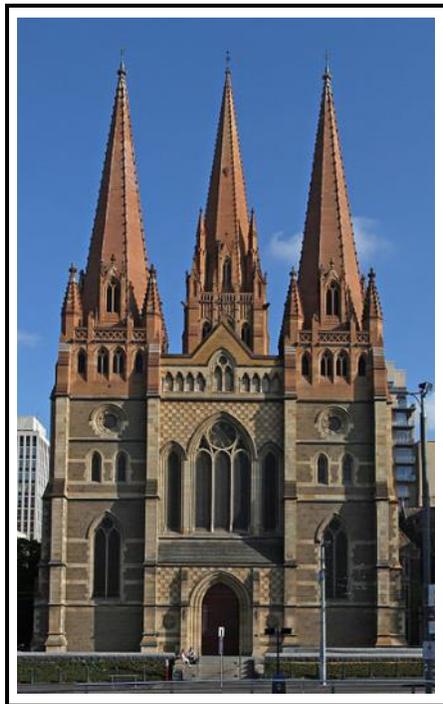
Two striking mosaics, fashioned in costly gold, lapis-lazuli, and Venetian glass, dominate our Cathedral: a High Altar Reredos, with its depiction of the Crucifixion above an image of the Last Supper; and a smaller reredos showing Christ's Ascension in our Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Both images provide a focus for prayer and devotion, and both images provide a motivation for the ministry we undertake at 'our' St Paul's—a ministry that is also shared by 'yours'.

Our Sacrament Chapel Reredos shows the risen Christ as he ascends to his Father. Heaven has been opened: supported by a cloud, Christ has opened a way through the blue and gold starry skies with his left hand, and has raised his right in blessing on his disciples. Eleven apostles, led by Mary and John, are kneeling in worship. Some rest their hands on the rocks of the Mount of Olives—almost as if to steady themselves—some tensely cling to their robes, others have lifted their hands in prayer: all look up at this incredible sight.

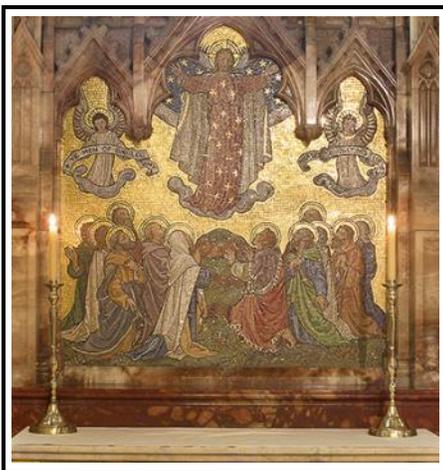
Looking down on the twelve are two angels. Two scrolls give voice to



The Very Rev'd Dr Andreas Loewe



*Editors' Note: On May 17, 2015, Dean Andreas delivered a meditation at Benediction, which was taken from this homily prepared for St. Paul's K Street.*



their unspoken message for us, the present day worshippers: ‘Ye men of Galilee’, the scrolls they hold in their hands read, ‘why do you gaze into heaven?’ Why do you keep on looking up: ‘This Jesus who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven’ (Acts 1.11).

As the risen Jesus is taken from them, the apostles are told not to keep on gazing at the miracle of the Ascension, and heaven opened by their risen Lord. Rather, they are to let go of this wonderful sight, and are charged to return to the ministry with which they had been entrusted. They are told to look no longer up, but around them. Gaze not on heaven opened, but look on the city and community of which they are a part.

And they are told that by looking on the city, they will forge a way for others to share their sight of heaven opened. They are told that by bringing others to friendship with Christ, they will enable them to share having glimpses of heaven opened in the here and now, and, finally, will come to enter heaven themselves.

And the way by which they will enable others to share in this marvel is through their faithful witness: ‘You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth’, Jesus had told them (Acts 1.8). As he himself prepares a

way to heaven for them, the disciples are charged to enter into the new ministry allotted them—the ministry of showing others the Way.

In the forty days after Easter, Jesus had prepared his friends for his departure from them. As he made his final farewells in the Upper Room, Jesus had told them not to disperse, or return to their former trade as fishermen in Galilee. Rather, he instructed them to ‘remain in the city until you are clothed with power from on high’. There, in Jerusalem, they were to proclaim to all people that the death of Jesus was not an tragic accident, and his resurrection an unbelievable miracle. They were to tell others but that the death and resurrection of Jesus, and the new life they have wrought, were, in fact, the very reason that heaven would be opened to all who believed.

Remain in the city, and proclaim the Good News that sin and death have been overcome by the cross, Jesus told his friends before he departed from them. Bear testimony ‘that the Christ had to suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, to bring repentance and forgiveness of sins to all people’ (Luke 24.46-47).

Remain and proclaim, so that this good news may be made known throughout the world: ‘beginning from Jerusalem’ (24.47). You have been witnesses of this good news, Jesus encouraged his friends, you were able to learn for yourselves the truth of this incredible news. Now testify to the same news to all who have yet to hear it, Jesus charged them.

Remain in the city. Both our St Paul’s and yours deliberately were placed at the heart of our great cities. Both were built in areas that, at our foundations, were the socially deprived Foggy Bottom area in your case and a burgeoning tent city of new settlers in ours. Both would over time, become,

signs of the church’s commitment to the inner city. Because for generations inner-city churches like your and our St Paul’s have been a sign to the Good News of Easter: that lives can be reshaped and restored by Christ—physically and spiritually.

Both our St Paul’s and yours continue to take seriously the command to be witnesses to the Good News of Easter, through our welcome and our care, our giving and our worship, that broken lives can be transformed where people come to know and follow the risen Christ, and in this knowledge reach out to others in need.

At ‘our’ St Paul’s we exercise this ministry of witness to Christ’s at the heart of our city by our welcome and care to our many visitors and pilgrims, by our persistent vocal advocacy for refugees, and our outreach to recent migrants.

We share in this ministry by partnering with others to provide immediate care for those who go hungry on our doorsteps. Just as we seek to enable others to share in the glimpse of heaven opened by our rich music ministry, and through our preaching and exploring the Scriptures together as a multicultural community with members from more than 25 nations, and since last year in multiple languages, including Farsi and Chinese.

I give thanks for the witness to Christ’s resurrection power at our St Paul’s and yours: I am delighted that you remain in the heart of your city, looking out for those who have yet to hear the good news that God cares for them. Through your wonderful liturgy and music, you also give people a glimpse of the beauty of heaven. When I was working here in the late 1990s, your ministry of witness was lived out by ministering to those suffering from (and then, often, dying from) AIDS; by our praying at or after Mass with those whose lives had been shattered by conflict—those who bore

the scars of war, and the scars of life; and through your early morning grate patrol—your longstanding, selfless ministry to the city’s homeless. Thank you for your faithful witness to the message of the resurrection in this place.

The ascending Christ told his friends not to look only to heaven, the hope of their final longing. Nor did the ascending Christ tell his friends to gaze on with saddened hearts as they bade farewell to a much loved friend they already had once lost.

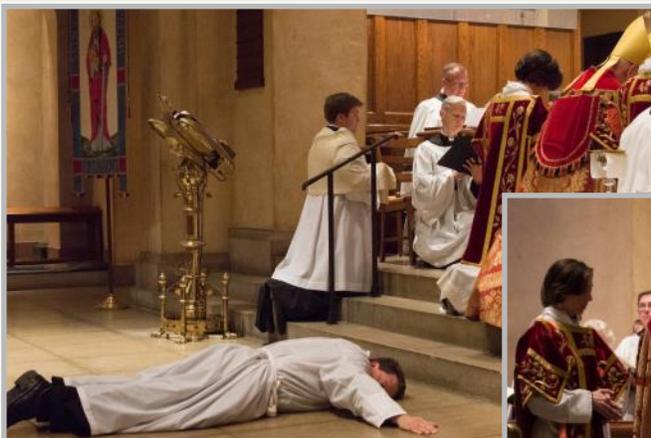
Rather their risen friend charged his followers to remain behind in the place where they worshipped, and make known the radical Good News that lives can be changed, transformed, where people join in remaining and proclaiming. And, in order to help them in their task, the ascending Christ promises them gifts of power: ‘you will be clothed with power from on high’, Christ tells his friends who take on his ministry of reconciliation and transformation.

As our gaze turns from the Ascension to the Day of Pentecost, at which we give thanks for the fulfillment of Christ’s promise that we will be equipped with gifts of the Spirit to sustain our work of remaining and proclaiming at the hearts of our great cities, I pray that we may be encouraged and strengthened by Christ’s command: ‘remain in the city until you are clothed with power from on high’ (Luke 24.46).

May the risen and ascended Christ richly bless us, and our ministry in his name at the heart of our cities.



## FATHER Jeff Hual!



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# JUNE ON K STREET

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

1	Ivan Ojaruega		Thomas Morrison
3	Rex Granum J. Douglass Ruff	22	Octavia Johnson Allen Payne
7	Rhoda Geasland	23	Jack Ramsay Donald Reinecker
8	Remington Gregg Jean Litwin Charlotte Simmons	24	Allison Winter
9	David Butler	25	Scott Spaulding
10	Sarah Stoycos	26	June Barnes Jeffrey Gasta Kurt Wallner
11	Charles Barrientos	29	Alexander Baumgarten Charlene Mui
14	Vita Pierzchala	30	Mary Brown Laurel Malson Richard Stone
15	Phyllis Altrogge		
21	Silvia Maza		



## SPECIAL SERVICES/ MAJOR FEAST DAYS

### CORPUS CHRISTI

**Sunday, June 7, 2015**

7:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer

7:45 a.m.: Low Mass

9:00 a.m.: Sung Mass

11:15 a.m.: Solemn Mass

6:00 p.m.: Solemn Evensong, Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (sung by the Parish Choir)

### THE SOLEMNITY OF

**ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL (tr.)**

**Sunday, June 28, 2015**

7:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer

7:45 a.m.: Low Mass

9:00 a.m.: Sung Mass

11:15 a.m.: Procession &  
Solemn Mass

6:00 p.m.: Solemn Evensong and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



*By the grace of God  
and the people consenting  
The Right Reverend Eugene Taylor Sutton  
Bishop of the Diocese of Maryland  
will ordain*

***Emmett Bernard Anderson, Jr.***

*to the Sacred Order of Priests  
in Christ's one Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church  
on Thursday, the ninth of July  
two thousand fifteen  
at seven o'clock in the evening  
Saint John's Episcopal Church  
9120 Frederick Road  
Ellicott City, Maryland  
Your prayers and presence are requested  
Clergy: red stoles  
A reception in All Saints Hall follows the service*



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**Remember to mark your Calendar:  
Annual Meeting — Saturday, June 6  
Corpus Christi — Sunday, June 7  
Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul — Sunday, June 28**



Altar Prepared for the Feast of Corpus Christi, detail from an Antiphony, Italy, Milan, ca. 1470–95.  
Commissioned for Lodi Cathedral by Bishop Carlo Pallavicino and illuminated by Francesco Bettini and others.