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Dear Friends:

For the Fourth Sunday after Easter, I preached a sermon based on Acts 2:42-47, suggesting that the early Church's growth was due to a devotion they had for four areas: apostolic teaching, fellowship, breaking of the bread (sacramental worship), and prayers. I exhorted our St. Paul's community to devote ourselves to these four key areas if we wish to see growth in our church as well. I believe very strongly that we as a community have devoted ourselves to "apostolic teaching" this past year, and I want to thank the many people who have been a part of making that devotion possible.

I will not name names as I am sure to inadvertently miss someone. Instead, I will thank groups of people. First, I would like to thank all those people who assisted me with developing our adult Christian formation series this year. I would also like to thank all our presenters for both the Bread for the Journey and Sunday Forum series. I also want to thank everyone who assisted with the Simple Suppers for our Bread for the Journey series. I would like to thank everyone involved in supporting our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. I would like to thank those who have been innovative in starting new small groups such as our Young Adult Bible



THE REV'D SHAWN STROUT

Study, On Matters of the Soul, and our CGS Toddler group, as well as our Adult Discussion Group, which has been a long-standing group. Thank you to everyone for your devotion to apostolic teaching!

I feel that we have been quite successful in allowing members of our community to be devoted to apostolic teaching through our various Christian formation programs. Next year, we will continue with our Bread for the Journey series, and the topic will be "A New Oxford Movement." Our Sunday Forum series will also continue with the topic being "A Journey through the Gospels and Acts." I hope you will join us for these excellent opportunities to devote yourself to apostolic teaching. I want to note that I will be leaving more room in the

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schedule next year than this past year. Therefore, if you have a ministry or topic you might like to present at a Sunday Forum, please let me know.

I would love to receive your feedback regarding our Bread for the Journey and Sunday Forum series. I have created a Survey Monkey to facilitate that feedback. Please consider completing it. You can find it here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AdultFormation2017>. And of course, you can always email me at strout@stpauls-kst.com.

It is tempting, though, for us to think that Christian formation is well in hand because we have some successful programs here at St. Paul's. However, Christian formation is not programmatic in nature. It is personal. Each of us, as baptized Christians, has a responsibility to grow in our relationship with Christ and to assist others in their growth in Christ.

I believe that the biggest obstacle to Christian formation for everyone is not desire, but rather time. The reality is that so many of us are already living over-programmed lives here in the Washington D.C. metropolitan area. Just commuting back and forth to work is a major commitment of time in our area, not to mention the additional demands our various careers place upon us.

I would like to try to meet the desire I know folk have for Christian formation through creative means that might allow people with less time to participate. One of the ways in which we have already done this is by videotaping all our Sunday Forums and Bread for the Journey presentations. They are available on our website under "Formation."

However, I am open to other ways in which we can meet the desire for formation within time-constricted lives. For example, I would encourage folk to consider hosting a small group at your home. Find a group of six or seven other people who live near you

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who might like to study the Bible with you, discuss a book, or watch one of our Sunday Forum or Bread for the Journey videos. This could be a wonderful opportunity to devote yourself both to apostolic teaching and fellowship without having to come all the way to the church to do so.

Also consider signing up for a daily devotional that can be emailed to your inbox. Ed Loucks is hosting such a devotional called the "Daily Bouquet," and I'm sure he would be delighted to add your name to his list.

The Society of St. John the Evangelist in Cambridge, Massachusetts also hosts such a daily devotional as does The Living Church and I am sure many other organizations. These daily devotionals take only a few minutes to read and can be a source of great nourishment.

Finally, I would like to ask everyone to please consider volunteering to support our Christian Formation min-

istries. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is always in need of volunteers. I could use regular volunteers to assist me with videotaping our series.

Linda Wilkinson has done a fantastic job in coordinating our Simple Suppers for our Bread for the Journey series, and she could use volunteers. And if you feel so led, please consider starting a small group of your own. I would be happy to sit down and talk with you about how to get that started.

St. Paul's has had a long history of devotion to apostolic teaching, which I believe is one of the reasons why it is such a vibrant parish. I pray that you will continue to support the Christian Formation ministries at St. Paul's through your active participation, financial contributions, and volunteer opportunities.

Faithfully,
Fr. Shawn



Stom Matthias, *Le Repas d'Emmaus*, (17th Century)

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SAINT PAUL'S PARISH

This Month in St. Paul's History

June 5, 1984

Grate Patrol established to distribute food to the homeless.



June 14, 1867

Organizers elect themselves as the first Vestry and wardens and organize as the first "free church" in Washington.

June 23, 1957

Ground-breaking ceremony for construction of Pillsbury House.



Reflections on Mission

John Orens

“We seek to restore all people to God and to each other through sacramental worship and Christ-like living.”

What is most striking about our mission statement is the word “restore.” To say that we seek to restore all people to God and to each other is to assert that the natural condition of human beings is one of loving communion with God and with the whole human family. The mission of St. Paul’s begins with the *affirmation* of our humanity. Our worship, our parish life, and all that we do for those beyond our doors should affirm the goodness of life and the dignity of human nature in all its wonderful variety, possibility, and vulnerability. As befits an incarnational people, St. Paul’s should be a place where our God-given gifts—our curiosity, imagination, intellect, passion, creativity, and love for others—are nurtured and celebrated in the sacramental tangibility of our liturgical life, the sacramental tangibility of our corporate life, and in the sacramental tangibility of our witness and service to the world.

But the restoration we seek cannot be accomplished by merely affirming our own goodness and resting content with whatever gifts we possess. Anglo-Catholics in particular can be tempted to treat the liturgical beauty they enjoy and the cozy theological niche they inhabit as ends in themselves or, even worse, as reasons for self-congratulation. If we are to restore the communion men and women are meant to enjoy with God and with others, we must direct our eyes and theirs Godward and cultivate the grace of *illumination* that allows us to see that it is God who is the source all that we are and all that we do. Our mission is to be faithful to the prayer that concludes the mass at

Epiphany: *“May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world.”* Insofar as our worship, our common life, and our service to the world are transparent to the light of Christ, we and those we serve shall be drawn more deeply to the divine life from which joy springs and to the Kingdom of God where joy is fulfilled.

Of course, light is not always welcome. The vision glorious is also the vision troubling. The more clearly we see the life for which we were created, the more clearly we see the darkness into which we have fallen, the sinful self-centeredness that sets us at enmity with God and with one another. Yet as light bearers we can acknowledge the darkness, help others to do so, and then work with them to dispel it. Illumination brings with it the paradoxical grace of loving *confrontation*. Many of us experience this grace as individuals through self-examination, confession, and absolution. But sin does not reside in individual hearts alone. It is embodied in unjust institutions and unjust laws. It infects our politics and our culture. The same mission that calls St. Paul’s to be a mending place for sinful souls calls it to be a seedbed for the Kingdom of God. Our worship, our parish life, and our ministry to the needy, like that of our Anglo-Catholic forbears, should incarnate this new world of God’s desire and, while avoiding partisan politics, bear witness against the evils that would hold us in thrall.

Ours then is ultimately a mission of *transformation*. In affirming joy, illumining truth, and confronting sin, we are helping one another and all to whom we minister grow into the full stature of Christ. He is the ground, the goal, and the measure of our mission. In the end, there is no other standard by which our plans may be judged or our hopes confirmed.

How Can I Keep From Singing

Jeffrey Smith, Director of Music

Hymnody has a chequered history along the Anglican timeline. Until the 19th century, hymns were only sung outside the bounds of the liturgy itself. Congregations sang metrical psalms and little else. Many of ‘our’ hymns are actually imports from the Methodists, Baptists, 19th century Romans—even the Quakers (in the case of ‘Dear Lord and Father of mankind’). And while we Anglo-Catholics rejoice in Solemn High Mass, we need to recall that hymns form NO part of its ancient structure. No matter. We muddling, middle-way Anglicans add hymns to extend or replace the ‘proper chants’ of the Mass. And we rejoice in them, especially those of us from Evangelical backgrounds.

Saint Paulinians have discriminating taste in hymns, for which I am grateful. And while parishioners unsurprisingly guard their canon of favorites, no one here has, in my time, exerted undue pressure against the unusual or the unfamiliar. Unfamiliar music is not always ultra-modern; in some case, rather the opposite. For example, we are among the very few congregations who dare attempt the ancient sequence hymns (i.e., *Victimae paschali*, *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, and *Lauda Sion*) in the liturgies for which they have been sung for centuries. Or the three-fold Great Alleluia of Easter. These are not easy tunes, but we are committed to them, much as we are committed to sing the *Pater Noster* chant—perhaps the earliest surviving piece of Church music.

Some years ago a New York Times correspondent reported that during a wedding in a prominent Fifth Avenue church: “...the greatest silence occurred, in the very best Episcopal fashion, during the singing of

the hymns.” Composer Charles Ives told of a visit to an Episcopal church, where he unthinkingly thundered out the hymns with Yankee vigor. An usher quickly sidled up, whispering, “Please sir, we pay our choir to do that.”

But if a church is devoted to good choirs, must it consequently falter in congregational singing? The great American conductor Robert Shaw was fond of saying--with a glint in his eye--that “*singing, like sex, is too important to be left to the professionals.*”

One of the strengths of sung liturgy is its assumption that music-making is to be a shared responsibility. This is formative, especially for our youth. Much like a Pentecostal church, where the pastor’s energy lifts his speech into a kind of exultant chant, Anglo-Catholics come to expect call and response. At Saint Paul’s we aim for a balanced oscillation of choral and congregational items. In our tradition we expect clergy to sing, however beautifully, tentatively or functionally. The clergy are soloists, yes, but not performers. By singing their bits, they model for us a risk we all take when raising our voices publicly. To my mind, the foundation of liturgical singing is not so much how it is done, but THAT it is done.

Our May hymn sing reminded me once again how fortunate we St. Paulnians are to enjoy robust participation. Your enthusiastic singing generates many a goose-bump round the corner on the organ bench. Never slacken! I close with advice from a tree to a singer:

- Stand Tall and Proud*
- Go out on a limb*
- Remember your roots*
- Drink Plenty of Water*
- Be content with your natural beauty*
- Enjoy the view*



Celebrating 150 Years with Joyous Saturday Hymn Singing

Ann Korky

Seventy-five parishioners, choir families and friends of the parish turned out for the old fashioned hymn sing and ice cream social that was held on Saturday afternoon May 20 as part of St. Paul's sesquicentennial celebration. Aply led by Music Director Jeffrey Smith (with help from a number of choristers and visiting organist Sonia Sutton), participants sang some old favorites and tried out some new (at least to St. Paul's) pieces.

The free will offering taken will serve as the nucleus of the parish's

annual donation to the Georgetown Ministry Center (GMC), a street front counseling and referral service that helps to connect homeless individuals in Georgetown and the West End with sources of needed assistance. St. Paul's partners with GMC in hosting their annual Winter Shelter. It is also a valuable resource for parish clergy and staff in responding to requests for help from individuals that exceed what St. Paul's itself can provide. Many thanks to those who organized the event and all who attended.



Vestry Candidates

Ed Britton



My wife Katherine and I began attending St. Paul's when we returned in 2008 from a five-year stint in London. Since that time, we have found a church home in the St. Paul's corner of the very large tent that is the Episcopal Church. Prior to our stay in London, we had been parishioners at our sister parish in Washington, St. Albans, for 17 years.

Katherine has been involved in a host of parish ministries, and Katherine and I have both been part of the acolyte corps almost since we came to St. Paul's. We regularly worship at the 11:15 service, and also frequently at Evensong and Benediction.

Katherine and I have lived in Washington since 1986, when we moved here as young lawyers. We have three children, Peter here in Washington, Jill in Taos, New Mexico, and Matthew a rising senior at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

I practice law with Covington & Burling LLP, primarily dealing with corporate and commercial matters. As part of my practice, I serve as legal counsel to the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation, which is the umbrella foundation that includes the Washington National Cathedral and National Cathedral School, St. Albans, and Beauvoir.

I did my undergraduate studies in economics at Princeton, then took a second undergraduate degree in philosophy at Oxford. After Oxford, I completed my law degree at Harvard.

St. Paul's is a light on the hill within the Episcopal Church and the broader Christian church. The dedication of its clergy, staff and volunteers as they carry forward the parish's ministries of worship, mission, education and charity is extraordinary, and the result has been a community in which God can truly be felt at work. Yet as a parish we are also at a moment of constrained resources, which means careful and prayerful decisions must be made as to what can be done to increase the resources available to us and how to best spend and allocate those resources that we have to maintain the parish's ministries. In serving on the vestry, I would hope to join with my fellow parishioners in discerning the route to maintaining, and also renewing and expanding, the vibrant and caring Christian community that is St. Paul's.



Patricia D. Byrd



I have been a member of St. Paul's K-Street along with my husband Roy,

since 1998.

Born in New York City, my roots were transitory, being the daughter of an Army officer. I met my husband while attending Purdue University. A year after being commissioned as a Marine Corps officer, I joined him in Hawaii where we soon married. Despite numerous military moves, I honed a successful career in training and organizational development across various service related industries; and currently oversee strategic operations for knowledge development within the certification division of the Society for Human Resource Management.

My introduction to Anglo Catholicism began in 1990 when Roy attended the German Armed Forces Command and General Staff College in Hamburg Germany. One of the few English-speaking churches in the city was the Anglican Church of St. Thomas Becket. Prior to this experience my religious affiliation was limited to various protestant denominations. However, I never experienced a sense of belonging or a faith commitment. St. Thomas Becket ignited a deeply repressed need. A few years later the spark became a flame. My husband and I desperately sought to regain what we encountered at St. Thomas Becket. A friend suggested finding an Anglo-Catholic parish within the Episcopal Church. Soon after we stumbled upon St. Michael's by the Sea in Carlsbad California. We attended Mass the following Sunday and knew we had had found a spiritual home. Within a year, the entire family was baptized and Roy went on to be confirmed.

Still new to the Episcopal church, we were uprooted once more when Roy was selected to attend the Naval War College in Rhode Island. Our son, Sean, and I remained in Califor-

nia until Roy's subsequent assignment to the Pentagon. We settled in Alexandria Virginia. Prior to leaving

California I feared we were being set adrift, having learned Anglo-Catholic parishes were the exception within the Episcopal church. Our Rector directed us to St. Paul's K-Street. However, finding St. Paul's proved to be difficult. Over succeeding Sundays, we found ourselves driving up and down K-Street unable to find St. Paul's. We were beginning to think the parish no longer existed. On our third and final attempt my husband took the wrong exit off Washington Circle, instead of proceeding on the main thoroughfare which descends toward Georgetown, we found ourselves on an upper parallel street, only then did we see St. Paul's. We attended the Sung Mass and knew immediately, this was our new parish home.

My initiation and commitment to Parish life came when I participated in the initial Catechumenate class and was confirmed the following Spring at the Easter Vigil. I went on to serve on the Grate Patrol and as an Usher. I was elected to the Vestry twice since joining St. Paul's and served as Junior Warden. Additionally, I served on the New-Comers Committee, conducted orientation classes for visitors unfamiliar with the St. Paul's, the Episcopal Church or Anglo-Catholicism; and served on a stewardship campaign committee.



Matthew Leddicotte

Matthew S. Leddicotte has been a member of the Episcopal Church since 2000, and started attending St. Paul's in 1999. He has a BBA from The George Washington University and a JD from Georgetown University Law Center. He is Counsel at White & Case LLP, primarily specializing in federal court litigation, antitrust/



competition, and international arbitration.

Matthew has served in variety of roles and ministries at the parish, including: Senior and Junior Warden; Vestry; Finance, Stewardship, Human Resources, and Evangelization Committees; Seminarian Lay Committees; Sunday and Daily Mass Acolyte and Lector; Carpe Deum; and Pilgrims.

Matthew lives in the West End, within a short distance from the church.

David Schnorrenberg



David and his family have been attending St. Paul's since 1994 after relocating to the DC area from New York. His family includes wife Ann and children John (25), Sarah (22), Laura (17) and Elizabeth (15). David is a lifelong Episcopalian and was drawn

to St. Paul's by its engaging liturgy and community.

David has previously served as Senior Warden, Junior Warden, Vestry member, member of the St. Paul's Finance Committee, member of the St. Paul's Human Resources Committee, Chair of the St. Paul's Stewardship Committee, Co-chair of the last St. Paul's capital campaign, Lay Delegate to Diocesan Convention, member of the Diocesan Committee on the Constitution and Canons of the Diocese, children's formation teacher, lector, and usher. David is also a past and present parent of a member of the children's choir.

David is an attorney by training and a partner at the law firm of Crowell & Moring LLP, where he practices in the areas of antitrust, commercial and patent litigation. He also serves as his law firm's Deputy General Counsel. David received his law degree from Columbia University in New York City, and his BA degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a graduate of The Episcopal High School in Alexandria, Virginia.

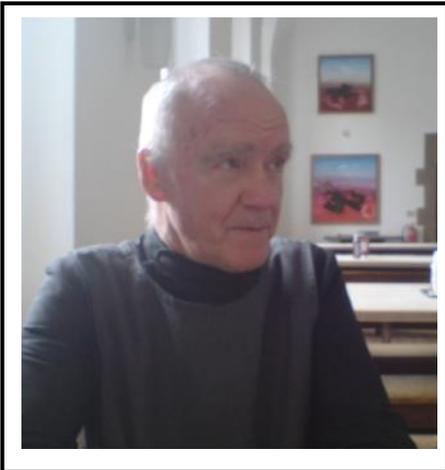
In his spare time, David enjoys running and vacationing with his family. David would be honored to serve on the Vestry again to provide whatever support he can to the continuing mission and vitality of the Parish.



SERMON SERIES

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
EASTER,
APRIL 30, 2017**

**Fr. Nicolas Stebbing, Community
of the Resurrection, Mirfield**



May it be given to me to speak to you in the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Amen.

That wonderful story of meeting Jesus on the road to Emmaus is so full of riches, I can only pick out three points to talk about to ask you to think about. The first is that the disciples were sorrowful and sad; depressed, disillusioned and in despair. The second was that Jesus came to them, but they did not recognize him because they were too sad, too wrapped up in their own troubles. And finally, Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Some of you may know that I come from Zimbabwe via Yorkshire in England. A few years ago I was in Zimbabwe with a little group of Americans, can you believe it, from Dixon in Illinois. And we went to a rural mission where I was asked to say Mass there on Sunday. This would be a wonderful experience for this little group of Americans to see how we celebrate the Mass in the Shona community. There was a complication. Our Anglican church was at war with the government. The government had driven us out of most of our churches. And going to this mission, we did not know whether we would be allowed in, whether we would be able to celebrate the Mass or what would happen to us.

It was quite a scary situation. We arrived at this beautiful place up in the mountains. Nobody was there, except two policemen, standing outside the door. So I went and explained to them that we had come to say Mass. They said "Sorry you can't." So I said: "this is our church." "No" they said: "this belongs to Bishop Jakazi's people" and so a discussion went on.

Then the rival priest turned up and he said, "You have to go." I said: "No, I am staying, my people are coming." He said: "I am staying, my people are coming." And the police sort of separated us. And we wondered

what would happen next and whether or not our people had indeed disappeared. At this moment, along came a group of our wonderful Mother's Union ladies in their white shirts, and their black skirts and their blue hats. If you have never met any of those you would know that this is point that you know things are going to be alright, because the Mother's Union in Zimbabwe are quite scary.

These wonderful ladies started talking to the policemen and the policemen gradually started giving in. They said: "Well alright, you can celebrate the Mass outside the church." Then they argued a bit more and policemen agreed that we could take the benches out of the church. I think it was at this point that one of the Mother's Union ladies said to me: "You know when the renegade Bishop came last week, I emptied a bucket of water over him." So I knew what I was dealing with. Finally, the policemen let us take our vestments, everything we wanted from the church and we celebrated the Mass outside. About a 150 people turned up. It was a blue sky. The sun was shining. We had a fabulous service. I am sure that my American friends have never forgotten that little moment of persecution, followed by triumphant joy.

For each of us in our own lives, there are times of sadness, times of loss, times of fear. Often these are personal to do with our health, our age or our family. Sometimes, it is to do with the state of the world around us. In Zimbabwe, I have watched for twenty years as the country has slithered into ever greater disaster and never seemed to come right. In England, we suffer from Brexit and the confusion in Europe itself, as violence and right-wing forces seem to be taking over the countries and breaking up the unity that had been growing there. In America...well I had better not say any more...I don't have the right, but I sus-

pect that you know where I am going. In these depressing disillusioning circumstances, when the church also seems to be unravelling, falling apart, and not growing at all, where is Jesus? That is our question.

Each of us needs to look honestly at the despair and at the sorrow, but remember that Christ disappeared into the greatest darkness and sorrow and evil that ever existed upon earth, when he died on the cross on Calvary, and he came back out of that darkness. Almost always when we look hard and long at the causes of our sorrow and despair, but don't get wrapped up in ourselves and look for Jesus, Jesus will come. I can't tell you how he will come. He comes in ways that are different for each one of us, appropriate to each of one of us; usually as a surprise, sometimes not always a pleasant one. But Jesus does come out of the darkness, and we will recognize him if we expect to see him.

Jesus comes to us, of course, in the breaking of bread. And in a few minutes, each one of us will have that amazing privilege of receiving Jesus under the species of bread and wine. What do you expect from that — a moment of peace, a moment of joy, a moment of glimpsing something of the greatness of God? But maybe there is something else. Maybe, if we are looking for it and expecting it, we will find some extraordinary gift coming to us in the Jesus we receive at that moment.

Some of you may know the wonderful Caravaggio painting of the story of Jesus at Emmaus, breaking bread. But Jesus is a very surprising Jesus. He is not beautiful. He is not ethereal. He is solid, big, fleshly, even ugly. But he is powerful and he is there. And the two disciples are leaping up in surprise, or maybe in horror. This Jesus, risen from the dead, turns out to be quite different from

what they expected — a Jesus who would turn their lives upside down. He wouldn't simply come back to them and they could all get on happily as disciples with their beloved rabbi. No, he was going to turn their lives around, send them out into a world to tell other people about him. Some of them would die, horribly. Some would suffer. But their lives would never be the same again.

And that I believe is something for each one of us to look for, as we come today to the moment of receiving Jesus, asking him to show us something he wants of us and being ready to do it.

God, grant that I have spoken to you in his name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



TARIRO: Christian Hope in Zimbabwe

Editors' Note: Fr. Stebbing also spoke at the Sunday Forum on April 30, 2017. In the Forum, he described the work of TARIRO which aims to provide hope and health for Zimbabwe's Orphans. His full presentation can be watched at <http://stpaulskst.com/formation/sunday-forums-2016-2017>. It is a wonderful summary of the history of Zimbabwe and its challenges, especially as they relate to the large number of orphans. The following excerpt follows his introduction to these challenges.

So we started TARIRO. And TARIRO means hope. And you know of course that hope is a Christian virtue: Faith, Hope, and Love. We tend to hear quite a bit about Faith because we need faith in order to be saved by Jesus. And we hear a lot about Love because that is reckoned to be the greatest of all three. But I think we need to know more about Hope.

Hope is not optimism, not for us

Christians. Hope is the belief that Christ is there in even in the darkest situation, as he was on the cross, in Golgotha, and came out of that and brought new life. So that for us Christians, Hope is that confidence that no matter how bad the situation gets Christ is still able to bring good out of it and to change it.

And so with our youngsters we want to give them hope. If they have hope they can survive, they will learn, they will believe they can go somewhere in the future, and that is what we want to encourage in them.

So we how we've done it: we de-

cided at the beginning that we would use the resources we had to do a good job with any child that we took on. It is difficult. There are thousands of children who need help, but we felt if we spread the resources to wide we don't make much difference to their lives individually. So we take our youngsters usually in their early teens, mid-teens and from then on will see them until they can stand on their feet and not need us at all. We will be a home for them that will never kick them out.



 **TARIRO** Hope for
Youth in
Zimbabwe

Notice of St. Paul's Annual Meeting

St. Paul's Annual Meeting
 Saturday, June 17, 2016
 9:45 p.m., Church
 Childcare will be available
 Light refreshments will be
 provided

Schedule

8:30 a.m.: Registration opens
 8:45 a.m.: Morning Prayer –
 Church
 9 a.m.: Mass, Church (Registration
 is closed during Mass
 9:30 a.m.: Registration re-opens
 9:45 a.m.: Annual Meeting begins
 – Church

Agenda

1. Opening Prayer
2. Establishment of a Quorum
3. Appointment of Secretary and Tellers
4. Introduction of Nominees and First Ballot (Subsequent balloting to be conducted if necessary)
5. Approval of Minutes from 2016 Annual Meeting
6. Rector's Remarks
7. Grate Patrol Report
8. By-laws Amendment of Article II, Section 1, "Lay Delegates and Alternates"
9. Finance Report
10. Closing Prayer and Blessing

2017 Vestry Nominees (4 Vacancies)

Ed Britton
 Patricia Byrd
 Matthew Leddicotte
 David Schnorrenberg

Continuing Vestry Members

2018	2019
Laurel Malson	Ann Korky
Chris Mixter	John Orens
Jeanne Smith	Preston Winter
Scott Spaulding	Gwyneth Zakaib

April Vestry Report



Scott Spaulding

The Vestry held its monthly meeting on April 25, 2017. Dr. Jeffrey Smith briefed the Vestry on several issues, including his meeting with choir parents, plans for the summer and early fall, and the upcoming fundraising gala. Kris Brown has agreed to chair the gala. The Rector reported on the Holy Week/Triduum and Easter services, the Moberly-Mazariegos wedding, the upcoming brunch for young adults/young families hosted by John Murton, the upcoming hymn sing, and upcoming visit of Fr Bob Cooper. Laurel Malson reported that the Executive Committee approved \$1,500 to train parish staff and volunteers on the new Parish database (ACS Realm).

Katherine Britton provided the Treasurer's Report. Year-to-date stewardship income and parish expenses are both as expected/normal, although building and utility expenses are under budget (providing a cushion for later in the year). \$250,000 from undesignated bequests was transferred on April 20, 2017 to create a General

Endowment equity account for St. Paul's within the Diocesan Investment Fund. \$240,634 in undesignated bequests remains after this transfer, as well as the previous transfer of \$126,000 to the Operating Fund. Finally, the 2013 audit is (still) almost complete, and no reportable issues have been identified.

Chris Mixter, chair of the Buildings and Grounds Committee, reported that it would cost \$650 to paint the first floor ladies room. The committee also received a second estimate to add a doorway between two of the CGS atria. The Thursday CGS program is currently at capacity, and the door will provide flexibility needed to increase the Thursday program and to include toddlers on Sundays. The Vestry approved funding this project.

John Orens discussed the Strategic Planning Phase II Report on Strategic Goals. The Vestry will reflect on the report, and how the parish church is an outpost of the Kingdom of God, during a Saturday afternoon retreat that will take place after Memorial Day. Jeanne Smith re-

ported on needed changes to the By-laws regarding the election of lay delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention. The report was adopted and forwarded for discussion and approval at the Annual Meeting. The members of the nominating committee for the next Vestry election are Steven Chlapecka, Roy Byrd, Ed Loucks, and Paul McKee. Jeanne also reported on a proposal from the Foggy Bottom West End Village to increase Wi-Fi coverage. Steven Chlapecka provided an update on the website/social media working group. Three people have volunteered to help with social media (Facebook). The committee is also receiving proposals to update/refresh the parish website, and to make the Epistle more mobile/social media friendly.

The Vestry thanked Linda Wilkinson for her work on the recent upgrades to the Carwithen apartment, and for helping Dr. Smith with his move. The Vestry also noted that Patrick White will be honored with a Seabury Award.



June ON K STREET

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AT ST. PAUL'S PARISH

1 Ivan Ojaruega	21 Silvia Maza
3 Rex Granum J. Douglass Ruff	22 Octavia Johnson Allen Payne Randy Summerfield
7 Rhoda Geasland Evelyn Simpson	23 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
12 Cathy Downes	30 Laurel Malson Jack Sutphin
14 Vita Pierzchala	
15 Phyllis Altrogge	
20 John Herrmann	

Marking Carwithen House's History as Manila House

Excerpt from letter to St. Paul's from Rita Cacas, President of the Rita M. Cacas Foundation, Inc. "Preserving the History of Filipinos in Washington, DC.," thanking the parish, and particularly Patrick White and Mauro Franco, for help with logistics for the May 6, 2017 event to install a historic plaque recognizing Carwithen House as the former Manila House.

"On behalf of our three sponsoring organizations, POPDC, PALM, and the RMcF & Tobibio family, we extend heartfelt thanks to you both for facilitating and being a part of the ded-

ication event to honor the former Manila House.

I can't even begin to describe the joy and pride that I felt watching the crowd of people willing to stand out in the cold, drizzly weather to witness and remember a past community. . . .

We have also posted Titchie's blog: "Remembering the Manila House in DC" on our website at:

<http://rmcacas.foundation/stories-and-other-gems/remembering-the-old-manila-house-in-dc>



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SPECIAL SERVICES/ MAJOR FEAST DAYS

The Day of Pentecost Sunday, June 4, 2017

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 & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

Trinity Sunday

Sunday, June 11, 2017

7:30 a.m.: Morning Prayer
7:45 a.m.: Low Mass
9:00 a.m.: Sung Mass
11:15 a.m.: Solemn Mass & Solemn Te Deum
6:00 p.m.: Solemn Evensong & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The Solemnity of Corpus Christi Sunday, June 18, 2017

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 & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

The Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul Sunday, June 25, 2017

9:45 a.m.: Morning Prayer
10:30 a.m.: Procession & Solemn Mass
6:00 p.m.: Solemn Evensong & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament



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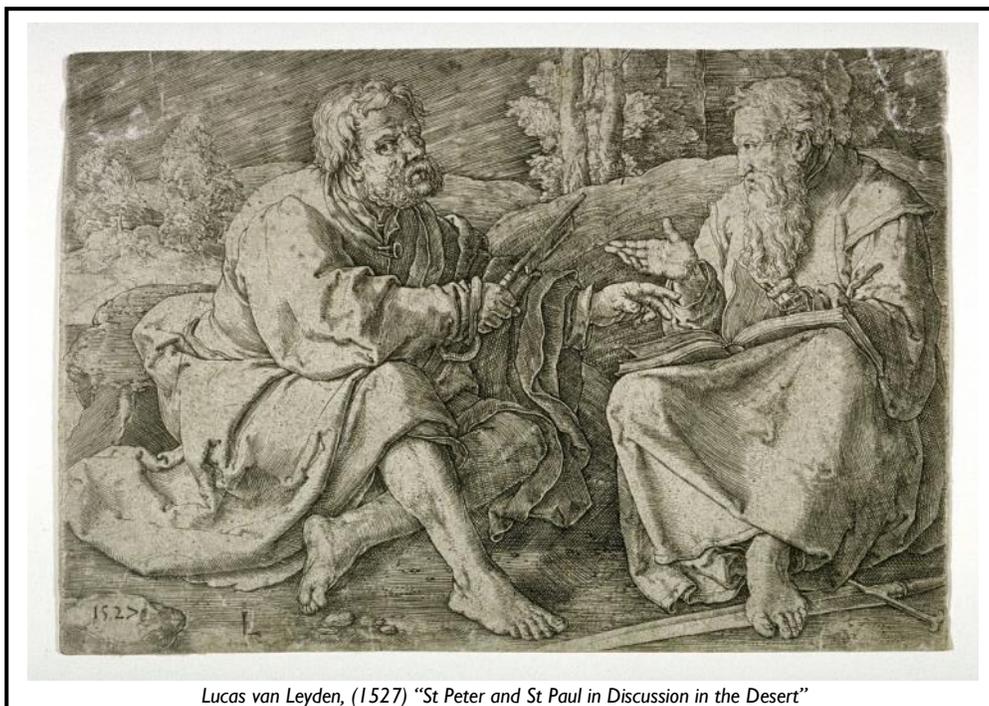
Remember to mark your Calendar:

Pentecost, Sunday, June 4

Trinity Sunday, Sunday, June 11

Solemnity of Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 18

Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul, Sunday, June 25, Combined Mass at 10:30 am



Lucas van Leyden, (1527) "St Peter and St Paul in Discussion in the Desert"