

**St. Paul's  
Episcopal  
Church**  
Alexandria

# The Epistle

*Shine as a Light in the World to the Glory of God*

January/February 2006

## Welcome New Clergy

With the new year we welcome new staff members to St. Paul's. The Rev. Anne West and the Rev. Scott A. West bring a variety of gifts and we welcome them.

### The Rev. Anne Kersting West



Anne comes to St. Paul's after serving the past 7 + years as chaplain at Christchurch School, a Diocesan boys boarding/co-ed day high school in Middlesex County, Virginia. She is a native of Clarksburg, West Virginia, and she is a graduate of West Virginia University with a B.A. in education and an M. Div. from the Virginia Theological Seminary. Before going to seminary, Anne taught elementary school in Preston and Harrison Counties, West Virginia. Her ordained life has allowed her to serve as deacon at St. John's Church, Huntington, W.Va.,

Diocesan Youth Minister for the Diocese of Newark and the Diocese of West Virginia. She has also served a number of parishes as long-term supply and interim priest, including St. Thomas, White Sulphur Springs, W.Va., Olde St. John's, Colliers, W.Va. and Christ Church, Middlesex County, Va.

### The Rev. Scott A. West



Scott comes to St. Paul's after having served as rector for the past 7+ years of St. Mary's Whitechapel Church, Lively and Trinity Church, Lancaster Court House, both in Lancaster County on the Northern Neck of Virginia. Scott is a native of Weirton, West Virginia, and a graduate from Marshall University with a B.B.A. in marketing and M.A. in history. He also holds an M. Div. from the General Theological Seminary, New York City. Prior to coming to

the Diocese of Virginia, Scott served as a deacon at St. Stephen's Church, Beckley, W.Va. and deacon-in-charge and later rector of Christ Church, Wellsburg, W.Va.

Scott and Anne have one son, Sam, who is in the fifth grade at Alexandria Country Day School. Sam will soon join the ranks of the St. Paul's Acolyte Corps. The Wests are living at Cameron Station. One dog, Roxy, and one cat, Sweet Pea complete their new home.



### Ash Wednesday Services

St. Paul's schedule of services for Ash Wednesday, March 1 is as follows:

- 7:30 am Holy Eucharist
- 12:00 pm Holy Eucharist
- 5:30 pm Ash Wednesday service for families
- 7:30 pm Holy Eucharist

All liturgies include the imposition of ashes

**We are delighted to welcome into the Saint Paul's community:**

David and Marian Brant from St. Margaret's Church, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.

Joseph and Christine Washington from Christ Church, Georgetown, D.C.

**We bid farewell to:**

Wooten, Amelia, Wyly and Jed Johnson to St. James Episcopal Church, Baton Rouge, La.

**Marriages**

Congratulations to:

Donna Massie and David Wysong

**We Give Thanks for:**

The safe return of Carrington Lewis, Andy Guigni, and Norman Emery from Iraq

**Deaths**

We commend to God's loving care:

- Nancy Sharkey
- Ed Tracey
- J.D. Durand
- Edward Gaulrapp
- Allah Lewars
- Gwendoline Joan Shannon
- Melissa Gardner
- Sam Stetson
- Jean Brown
- Nicholas Hayes
- Angela Busheme
- Claudio Fontao
- Ann Newhouse Bernstein
- Ethel Fogt
- Cornelius Glenn McWright
- Bob Anderson
- Richard Cheeseman

Grant eternal rest to them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Scout Sunday**

On February 5th at the 9 o'clock service, we recognized the Boy and Girl Scouts of our parish. It was a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation to them for the good work they do as scouts. Six scouts completed the requirements for the God and Country award and were awarded a medallion at the service. These six were: Morgan Vaughan, Lee McCabe, Carter Holland, Harrison Tyler, Rice Tyler and Bennet Habliston. Congratulations to all.

**Calling All Acolytes**

There will be mandatory acolyte training on February 19th and 26th at 10:00 in the church. You can choose which one to attend. With the Easter season approaching, this is a good time for a refresher course. Speaking of Easter season, many thanks to all who have let us know of their availability for Palm and Easter Sundays and the Bishop's visit. It's not too late to hear from the rest of you. Palm Sunday is April 9; Easter Day is April 16 and the Bishop will visit April 30.

**First Friday**

Please join us March 3rd for First Friday! Socializing begins at 6:00 p.m., and blessing and dinner are around 6:45 p.m. Kids are in Wilmer for dinner (kids eat pizza early) and age-appropriate activities. RSVP to TGIFirstFriday@hotmail.com. Questions? Call Courtney and Tom Dillaplain at 703-684-5203.

**An Invitation to Singers**

Additional singers are invited to join the St. Paul's Choir as it prepares for the Service of Lenten Choral Worship on April 2, at 11:00 a.m. Beginning Thursday, February 23, the first hour of each rehearsal, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., will be devoted to the music for this service, which will feature the *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure and the *Miserere* by Gregorio Allegri. All voice parts are welcome. Additional singers are free to leave at 8:30 p.m. If you like to sing, but are unable to commit to singing each Sunday, this is an excellent way to employ your musical talents where they are very much needed and will be very much appreciated. If you wish additional information, please leave a message for Michael Heintz at (703) 549-3312 ext. 17.

*Rehearsal Schedule for Service of Lenten Choral Worship:*

- Thursday evenings from 7:30 to 8:30
- Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30
- Saturday, Apr. 1, from 10 a.m. to noon

**Welcome Former Rector**

The Rev. Geoffrey M. St. J. Hoare, rector of All Saints' Church in Atlanta, and former rector of St. Paul's Church will be the preacher at the 11 o'clock service on Feb. 26. We welcome Geoffrey among us.

Questions? For More Info



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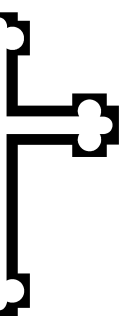
## Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



*The only missing ingredient is you.*

Come join us on Feb. 28 in Norton Hall for delicious pancakes, sausage, and applesauce. There will be two seatings at 6:00 and 6:45 p.m. No waiting in line, just find a seat and you will be served. For the children we have high chairs, booster seats, and sippy cups, for older children we have Mardi Gras decorations, and for all we have a jazz trio to liven things up. Please contact Judith Proctor at [judith@stpaulsepis.com](mailto:judith@stpaulsepis.com) or call (703) 549-3312 and dial \* 8 24. See you there.

Reservations?  
Information?



### Crossing

by of Norton Hall

## Calling all Senior High Skiers

Andrew and Jessica Taylor have offered their home at Blue Knob Ski resort for a weekend getaway.

We will leave Friday, Feb. 10, by caravan, ski all day Saturday and Sunday returning to St. Paul's by dinner on the 12th.

What a great opportunity to get to know other Senior High St. Paul's parishioners. For more information call Anne West at 703-549-3312 or email her at [anne@stpaulsepis.com](mailto:anne@stpaulsepis.com).

## Preparing for Lent

On Sunday, Feb. 26, we will distribute mite boxes and Lenten calendars to the children in Sunday School.

The Lenten Calendars offer families a way to reflect on their many blessings and to give financially in thanksgiving for those blessings.

On Easter Sunday the children will be invited to bring in their mite boxes as their Easter offering. They will also have the opportunity to bring fresh flowers to decorate our Easter cross that morning.

Questions? Call Anne West at 703-549-3312 ext. 20 or email her at [anne@stpaulsepis.com](mailto:anne@stpaulsepis.com)

## Anne West Headed to Sudan

Anne West will represent St. Paul's on a mission of goodwill and celebration to the Diocese of Renk in Southern Sudan in late February. Anne will travel with the Right Rev. Francis Gray and other representatives from the Diocese of Virginia as well as a team from the Diocese of Chicago to witness the consecration of St. Matthew Cathedral in Renk. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be present for this historic occasion.

Thank you to all the good people of St. Paul's who have given so generously to the work of the Church in Sudan. Your commitment now has a very visible sign.

Please keep Anne and the mission team in your prayers as they prepare for their journey. Also keep the people of the Diocese of Renk in your prayers as they prepare to celebrate the completion of this Cathedral. Pray for continued peace throughout Sudan.

## Births

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We give thanks for the birth of:

Georgia Maureen Livingston, daughter of Philip Livingston and Renee Macri and granddaughter of Bill and Betty Livingston

Richard "Jackson" Trumbo, son of Hunter and Stacy Trumbo

Carson Krieger Cassidy, son of Sean and Sharon Cassidy

Kathryn and Carter Flemming, granddaughters of Mike and Carter Flemming

Alec Riley Dillaplain, son of Tom and Courtney Dillaplain

Marielle Patricia Hollins, daughter of Hunter and Christine Collins

## We receive into the household of God:

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Lucille Heffron Duncan, daughter of Leon Arnold Duncan, Jr. and Elizabeth Harper Johnson Duncan.

Couper Elizabeth Cram, daughter of Marc and Elizabeth Cole Cram

Sydney Alice Martin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Martin

John Bernard Murphy III, son of Christopher Condon Murphy and Katherine Fitzgerald Murphy

## Parish office closures

The parish office  
will be closed on

**Monday, February 20**

in observance of  
Presidents' Day.

## The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes

21st Annual Conference

Feb. 23-25, 2006

Alexandria, VA

St. Paul's and Christ Church will join

together to welcome more than 400 lay, clergy and stewardship professionals to Alexandria in just a few short weeks! The conference will be held at the Hilton at Mark Center. There will be two worship services in Old Town, Evensong at Christ Church on Thursday, Feb. 23, at 5:15 p.m. and a closing Eucharist at St. Paul's on Saturday, Feb. 25, at 12 p.m. where Bishop Lee will be preaching.

The 2006 conference will offer dozens of workshops and include keynote speakers Jim Wallis, author of *God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It* and Nathan Dungan, a specialist on



stewardship for children and young people and the author of *Prodigal Sons and Material Girls: How Not to be Your Child's ATM*.

As you can see a wealth of talented and inspired individuals are coming together to learn and share information about how we can be good stewards of our resources as we bear witness to the Gospel here at St. Paul's and throughout the world.

Special thanks to the local arrangements committee of St. Paul's that has been planning tirelessly since last fall: Amy Babcock, Ann Benson, Karen Grane, Julia Hall, Temple Moore, Alicia Ragsdale, Cindy Roscoe, Penny Saffer and Lynn Walker.

There are a number of volunteer opportunities available during the conference. The times are mostly in 4 hours stints, and we will be working with volunteers from Christ Church, too. It will be a lot of fun and may provide you a chance to

get to sit in on a few of the conference sessions also. For more information visit [www.endowedparishes.org](http://www.endowedparishes.org) and to volunteer your time please contact Lynn Walker, 703-837-0124.

## Adult Inquirers' Classes

Curious to know more about your faith? Desiring to be confirmed or to reaffirm your baptismal vows? Are you interested in being received into the Episcopal Church? Has it been too many years since your confirmation class, and do you want a refresher?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, please join us for classes that meet in the Johnston Room on six consecutive Tuesdays during Lent from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. beginning Mar. 7. Classes are meant for adults who want to inquire more deeply into an understanding of the Episcopal Church, its history, its traditions, and its worship.

Most of all, the Adult Inquirers' Class is meant to provide a relaxed and accepting environment where questions can be asked and ideas exchanged. Sessions each week will focus upon such topics as the Church's history and mission, the Church's liturgies, prayer, being a follower of Jesus, and Holy Scripture. There will be snacks to enjoy, time to socialize, and opportunities to get to know each other.

The cost of the course is \$20 for all the sessions. Childcare will be provided if there is sufficient need. Here are the dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4 and 11. Please call or email Scott West to enroll, 703-549-3312 extension 19 [dial \* 8 before the 19 if calling outside business hours] or [scott@stpaulsepis.com](mailto:scott@stpaulsepis.com). We hope you can join us.

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*Your hands made me and  
formed me; give me  
understanding to learn  
your commands.*

—Psalm 119:73

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## Shine as a Light—Capital Campaign Update

The new year brings excitement with the knowledge that we will be breaking ground on our building renovation this summer! There are several key milestones leading up to that point in time including continued fund raising and a meeting to garner parish approval for the renovation and funding plans.

To date \$4.2 million has been pledged to the capital campaign with a goal to raise an additional \$1.5 million in the next few months. As many of you are aware, your vestry is actively engaged in pursuing a variety of avenues to raise the needed funds. First, there is still considerable outreach taking place within our parish inviting those who are not a part of the campaign to join by making a pledge. Second, St. Paul's School is reaching out to its friends, family and alumni for support and sharing the good news about the improved school facilities

that are a part of the renovation. Finally, grant applications are being gathered and submitted in an effort to secure dollars for renovation of this historically significant property.

A special meeting will be convened this spring where the parish will receive an update from the Vestry and the Construction Management Committee and will have the opportunity to approve the recommended building and funding plans.

In the mean time what can you do? Learn more about the planned renovations. Talk with your vestry representatives regarding questions or to provide input. Get involved by talking with fellow parishioners about this important project and tell them why you support *Shine as a Light*.

And finally, share your gifts and prayers. Each is essential in order to fully realize the awesome potential of this project.

## Highland Education Project (HEP) July 9-16

Now that the 2006 calendars are taking entries, why not consider setting aside all or part of the second week of July to help build community, serve others, and repair a home or two in West Virginia's poverty belt? We'll be back to traditional repairs and rebuilding tasks, as our people-power and numbers allow, and will partner with the Rev. Maria Eddy Tjeltveit and Lee Cox from points north once again. Mark your calendars. Questions can be posed to Bo Miller, Martha Martin, or any of the scores of HEP veterans at St Paul's. Its an opportunity of a lifetime—to shine!

## 2006 Operating Fund

Thank you to all of those who made a pledge to the 2006 operating fund as part of the "A Pledge to One Another" campaign. Your pledges are vital to the ongoing mission of St. Paul's Church and its ability to be a force in the community and throughout the world. If you have not made a pledge to the 2006 operating fund your pledge is still welcome, so please contact the parish office for a pledge card or stop by the St. Paul's Crossing to pick up one. Additional pledges are needed to continue the important ministries of outreach in our community and support of our thriving parish.

*By The Numbers*

<b>Pledging Units</b> .....	<b>.395</b>
<b>New Pledges</b> .....	<b>.47</b>
<b>Total Pledged</b> .....	<b>\$.951,077</b>

## Make a Difference in the New Year

Have you made your New Year's resolutions? Was one of them to volunteer more? What about becoming a tutor for the Alexandria Tutoring Consortium? The Lyles-Crouch Traditional Academy has approached the ATC about becoming a new school in the Consortium. Lyles-Crouch at 530 S. St. Asaph Street.

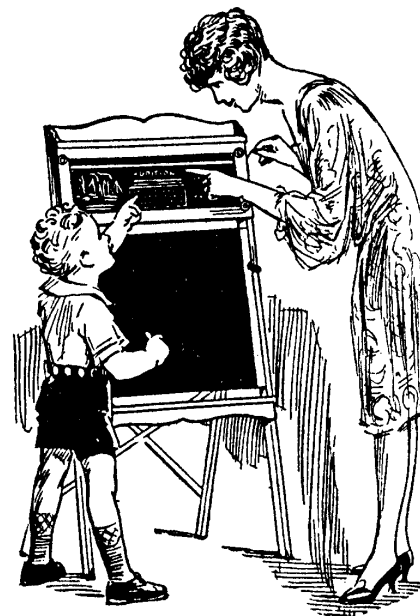
If you can spare as little as 30 minutes once a week to tutor at Lyles Crouch or at one of the other public elementary schools in the ATC, please give Meredith Wade a call at 703-549-6670 for more information and to sign up. This will be one New Year's resolution you'll be glad you kept!

## Vestry Meeting Summary

The Rector opened the meeting with prayer and a short meditation about the meaning of the holiday season. The October financial statement indicated that the end-of-year projections should be on target within budget. Discussions of the proposed 2006 budget will be held next month with a vote in February. The stewardship campaign for operating budget is continuing with more pledges anticipated.

The Construction Management Committee reported that revised drawings on the Duke Street entry configuration will be submitted to the Alexandria Board of Architectural Review in January for approval. A pre-construction site survey of the entire proposed project was conducted in mid-December. This survey will be used to provide information which will refine existing drawings and provide firmer estimates of construction costs. The Shine as a Light campaign has raised \$4.2 million to date; the campaign is still underway for additional pledges.

With regard to upkeep of existing church facilities, the Wilmer boiler room experienced minor flooding because of the failure of two sump pumps. Fortunately these were under warranty. The Rector closed the meeting with evening prayers.



## FOUNDATION CORNER

The Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP) will hold its annual meeting in Alexandria later this month. St. Paul's and Christ Church are co-hosting the event and several of the trustees will be attending. Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to help with the details and arrangements of this conference. Each year those who attend find themselves rejuvenated and inspired by the exchange of ideas with our counterparts from all over the country. We hope to find suggestions and ways to grow and nurture our own foundation over the course of the next months and years.

If you have items to include in upcoming issues please contact Maude Hales at 703/204-4601, by fax at 703/204-4602, or by e-mail at [news@stpaulsepis.com](mailto:news@stpaulsepis.com). Items may be edited for content and length.

**Deadline for the March 2006 issue: Tuesday, February 21**

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**The Rev. Oran E. Warder** Rector  
**The Rev. Judith Harris Proctor** Vicar  
**The Rev. Anne West** Assistant Rector  
**The Rev. Scott A. West** Assistant Rector  
**The Rev. Andrew Akuak**  
Pastor to the Sudanese Community  
**The Rev. Sean H. Cavanaugh**  
Parish Associate  
**The Rev. Thomas D. Clay**  
Parish Associate  
**Dr. Amelia Dyer** Parish Associate  
**The Very Rev. Martha J. Horne**  
Parish Associate  
**The Rev. Robert H. Lyles**  
Parish Associate  
**The Rev. Dr. Judith McDaniel**  
Parish Associate  
**Stephen Mazingo** Seminarian  
**Michael Heintz** Organist/Choirmaster  
**Molly Khatcheressian** Music Associate  
**Jane McCabe** Parish Administrator  
**Katherine Murphy**  
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**Louise Forstall** Parish Secretary  
**Miguel Diaz** Sexton  
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## Vestry

Steve May, Senior Warden, Jim Kahl, Junior Warden, Alicia Ragsdale, Register, Larry Campbell, Treasurer, Chris Campagna, John Cole, David Condon, Alex Cordia, (youth representative), Denise Dunbar, Tucker Eskew, Carmen Guzmán Lowrey, Morrie Hoven, James Jacob, Al Kalvaitis, Frank Hyre, Robert Mackay, Katie May (youth representative), Maggie Mitchell, Jeff Walter, Glenn Zirbser

## Church Services

### Sunday

7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9:00 a.m. Family Eucharist  
11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (3rd Sunday Holy Eucharist/Morning Prayer)  
2:30 p.m. Southern Sudanese Service (second and fourth Sundays)  
5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist (Healing Service 1st Sunday)

### Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist

### Monday-Friday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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