

St. Paul's
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Alexandria

The Epistle

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

March 2006

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



There was good food, and plenty of it at the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. Chip Kelly and the Flapjacks entertained as many enjoyed food and fellowship.



We bid farewell to:

.....
Lucian Russell to Immanuel-on-the-Hill

We Give Thanks for:

.....
All in our parish involved in scouting

Deaths

.....
We commend to God's loving care:

Helene Thompson

Greta Blair

Meg Graham

Jean Olmstead

Richard Megles

Margery Arden Hall Fawcett

Harriet Whittaker

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

Choral Worship Service

A Service of Choral Worship, in the context of Morning Prayer, will be presented by St. Paul's Handbell Choir and Adult Choir at 11:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 2. The Handbell Choir will be featured in the Prelude based on the familiar hymns, "Humbly, I adore thee", "Ah, Holy Jesus" and "Wondrous Love", and will also accompany the morning canticles. The Handbell Offertory is based on "Lord, Jesus, think on me" and features our new set of hand chimes. The Psalm assigned for the day is Psalm 51 set to Gregorio Allegri's glorious composition for double chorus. The concluding work, in place of the sermon, will be Gabriel Faure's very famous Requiem for chorus, soprano and baritone. We hope everyone will be able to share in the offering by our parish musicians.

*Michael R. Heintz,
Organist/Choirmaster*

Organ Update

Our new 32-foot stop in the pedal division of our Casavant pipe organ has been installed and was heard for the first time March 5. This stop provides an underpinning sound for the instrument and is really more "felt" than "heard." Since this is a digital rank, there are no pipes involved, and the seven foot tall speaker is virtually invisible.



The stop will be used where called for in organ and choir music and during special, large services where there is a big congregation. Thanks to all who helped to made this addition possible! This completes phase 2 of organ renovations. If you wish to contribute to phase 3, the replacement of a rank of pipes in the Swell division, please make checks payable to St. Paul's Church with "Organ Fund" on the memo line.

Hello, Dolley!

Dolley Madison to attend OWLS' luncheon Thursday*, March 16th at 11:30 a.m.



LOST & FOUND

is located in the Parish Office in Wilmer 201. Please stop by and check on your lost item or call (703) 549-3312 x 10. We will be glad to help.



Although Representative James Madison of Virginia was 17 years her senior, and Episcopalian in background, they were married in September 1794. The marriage, though childless, was notably happy; "our hearts understand each other," she assured him. He could even be patient with Dolley's son, Payne, who mishandled his own affairs—and, eventually, mismanaged Madison's estate.

Discarding the somber Quaker dress after her second marriage, Dolley chose the finest of fashions. Margaret Bayard Smith, chronicler of early Washington social life, wrote: "She looked a Queen...It would be absolutely impossible for any one to behave with more

perfect propriety than she did."

Blessed with a desire to please and a willingness to be pleased, Dolley made her home the center of society when Madison began, in 1801, his eight years as Jefferson's Secretary of State. She assisted at the White House when the President asked her help in receiving ladies, and presided at the first inaugural ball in Washington when her husband became Chief Executive in 1809.

RSVP to Millie Tazelaar (703) 836-8745

* Please remember that OWLS now meet on a Thursday. See you there.

Steve Rideout is Recipient of VTS's Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans Award

Steve Rideout, retired Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Alexandria, Virginia, has been named as a recipient of Virginia Theological Seminary's seventh annual Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans (LPWE) Award. The award is given by the Seminary to an Episcopal layperson (or persons)

who, over a significant period of time, has given leadership and unique witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ within his or her congregation, community, diocese and in the world.

As Judge of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court in Alexandria, Virginia, and member of St. Paul's, Steve Rideout has spent his career creatively changing the philosophy and operations of the court system to benefit at-risk children. Questioning the traditional "lock 'em up or let 'em go" attitude toward juvenile delinquents, Judge Rideout required a total assessment of a child's home and school life to be taken before developing a treatment plan. He also set up special tutoring programs for truants, recruiting tutors by voluntarily going to civic and faith-based organizations, and recruited foster and



Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans was a devoted member of the Episcopal Church and gave unselfishly to its activities.

adoptive parents, and mentors for fatherless children. Additionally, he developed a new way of settling domestic relations cases, particularly disputes between divorcing parents, thus keeping children out of the court judicial process. Because of this, the Alexandria Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court was one of four courts in the country to receive

the Model Court Award from the Federal Government. Steve's example has helped innumerable at-risk children overcome lives of destruction so that they could grow up to be healthy, productive individuals.

Though now retired, Judge Rideout consults on the improvement of court systems, lectures to judges on juvenile court work, and teaches a course at Northern Virginia Community College based on the success of his work. He hopes that, one day, schools offering legal and social work degrees will create a degree in juvenile court work as the court often serves as the last avenue of hope for many children.

Established in 1999, the award honors the legacy of Lettie Pate Whitehead Evans, an Episcopal laywoman, philanthropist and friend of Virginia Theological Seminary.

Margery Hall Fawcett

Margery Hall Fawcett was the only daughter of Rev. Percy Foster Hall, St. Paul's 7th rector. Born February 3 in Catonsville, Maryland, where her father was the rector of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Margery came to Alexandria with her family in 1921.

Even as a teenager, she was an enthusiastic member of our church, helping to found its first Young People's Service League, attracting young men and women from other churches as well as Seminary students. It is said the young folks often adjourned after meetings to play parlor games in the rectory around the corner. A picture of the handsome old rectory can be seen in *St. Paul's History* (page 98); on the same page is a photo of Margery and her parents in 1922. On April 24, 1971, Margery became the second wife of Lawrence Fawcett (d. 1985). Immensely interested in the history of St. Paul's, she was the church's first historian, compiling a brief history of the church, which was immensely helpful in forming our present bound history.

Margery was the aunt by marriage of Dick Cheeseman, who died recently at age 90, and the stepmother of two adopted children of her husband's: William Lloyd Fawcett and Louise L. Fawcett Martini.

Margery died February 12, age 102. To those who knew her well, she always seemed young at heart.

FOUNDATION CORNER

The Foundation continues to be active in the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes (CEEP). This year, St. Paul's and Christ Church hosted the event in Alexandria from February 22–25. Many thanks to all those who were involved with hospitality throughout the 3 day affair, which culminated in a Eucharist on Saturday at St. Paul's. There were many wonderful seminars and inspirational speakers—including Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. Several trustees attended and have returned recharged and rejuvenated with some wonderful plans to increase and grow our own St. Paul's Foundation. Please remember that memorial gifts, gifts in thanksgiving or celebration or making St. Paul's Foundation part of your will or estate plan are wonderful testimonials to the importance of this parish community in your life and the lives of those who are involved in our vibrant and exciting spiritual life.

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. Items may be edited for content and length.

Deadline for the April 2006 issue: Monday, March 20

St. Paul's History

Two long-time members of our church, Margery Hall Fawcett, 102, and Richard L. Cheeseman, 90, recently passed into glory. Both had family ties to our founders in 1809.

Margery was the only daughter of our seventh rector, the Rev. Percy Foster Hall (See story on page 5). She came here as a teenager and formed the very first league of young people. As time went on, she became so interested in the history of our church that she wrote its first written history about sixty years ago. At age 67 she married Laurence Fawcett (d. 1985) who, with Dick Cheeseman, counted our first Senior Warden, Lawrence Hooff, as their ancestor. Dick served twenty years on our vestry and until a few years ago was the acting head of trustees for our cemetery. Another of his ancestors, James Wallace Hooff, took our valuable silver communion goblets home during the Civil War and buried them in the sideyard at 517 Prince Street to keep them safe.

In another historic note, recent research in the old deed books at the Courthouse has disclosed that our rectory and Damascus House at 411 and 413 Duke Street were built 150 years ago, in 1856. This fact makes them a vital part of the history of our town.

Ruth Lincoln Kaye, St. Paul's Historian

Oran Warder Becomes Honorary Canon

On Tuesday, February 28, amidst great celebration, the Cathedral of St. Matthew in the Diocese of Renk, Sudan, was consecrated. Leaders throughout the Anglican Communion were present, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, The Most Rev. Rowan Williams. St. Paul's Church received a great honor, in that, our rector, the Rev. Oran E. Warder, was made an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral. The Rev. Anne West, Assistant Rector at St. Paul's, was present on Oran's behalf as well as represent-

ing our parish. Other Virginia Episcopalians were also made Honorary Canons: the Rt. Rev. Francis Gray, the Rev. Pierce Klemmt, the Rev. Andrew Merrow, and Mr. Russ Randle, all of whom, along with Oran, have been deeply involved in the life of the Diocese of Renk for many years.

Congratulations to Oran!

Don't Miss ALIVE's Havana Nights

A Caribbean Celebration on March 25. This fun-filled evening hosted at the George Washington Masonic National Memorial, features Caribbean food, dancing and a silent/live auction to benefit ALIVE! (Alexandrians InVolved Ecumenically). St. Paul's supports ALIVE! and its programs to shelter, feed, educate and provide furniture, housewares and medical care to those in need in our community. Tickets are \$75.00/individual and \$130/couple. Contact Gail Evans at 703-836-4965, call the ALIVE! office at 703-837-9300 or visit www.alive-inc.org.



You Are Invited!

Virginia Theological Seminary's Faith, Work, and Vocation Breakfast Forum on Tuesday, April 18, will feature the Hon. David M. Abshire, former ambassador to NATO, president of the Center for the Study of the Presidency, and co-founder of the Center for Strategic and International Studies. A St. Paul's parishioner, Dr. Abshire will talk about how his faith has informed and influenced his work. The event is at 8 until 9:30 A.M., with a continental breakfast, at the National Press Club. Seating is limited. Please call Eliza Saunders at VTS at 703.461.1715 if you would like to attend. There is no charge.

We receive into the household of God:

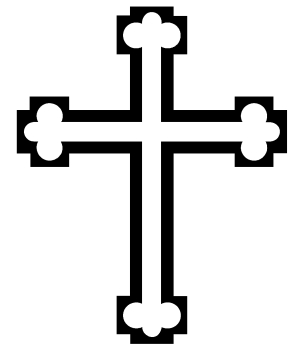
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Carson Kreiger Cassidy, son of Sean and Sharon Cassidy

Nicholas Joseph Ferko, son of John and Allison Ferko

Sheppard Dobbs Henson, son of Geoffrey and Heidi Henson

Cady Kathleen McDowell, daughter of Alan and Suzanne McDowell

Questions? Reservations?
More Information?



St. Paul's Crossing

Located in The Lobby
of Norton Hall



Youth and Family Formation

St. Paul's offers a fabulous Sunday school for children ages 2 through 18 every Sunday. Beginning in March welcome carts will be stationed at both the Johnston Room doors and the front entrance of Wilmer Hall to help you find your way. Come and join us!

Mite Boxes Still Available

Mite Boxes and Lenten Calendars were given out in Sunday School. If you did not receive one and would like one, they are available in the narthex.

How to Keep a Holy Lent and Prepare for the Miracle of Easter

Families with children ages 3 through 5th grade are invited to join us Sunday, March 12, at 6:00 p.m. in Norton Hall for a potluck supper and some wonderful, hands-

on ideas for the Lenten and Easter seasons for your family. Call Anne West at 703-549-3312 to make a reservation.

Family Communion Class

Saturday, April 8th from 10:00 a.m. until noon Explore the Eucharist with your children and ask all the what, why, and how questions about Holy Communion. Join Anne West and other families for an informative morning designed for children 4 years and older and their parents. This is the ideal class if you have wanted your children to learn about Holy communion before receiving it. Easter will be a wonderful Sunday for first communion.

Et cetera...

- Remember we set out a Sunday School collection basket after the 9:00 service. The money collected from Sunday School goes to support our two adopted children

through Compassion International:

6-year-old Jimmy Juan Sulenaung and 16-year-old Allen Korutaro

- A March Junior and Senior High schedule is posted on the Web: www.stpaulsepis.com
- Say thank you to those wonderful Sunday School teachers who give so generously to our children.

Mark Your Calendars Now for Vacation Bible School

VBS 2006

*June 26 through 30
program for children
ages 3-5th grade*

Planning meeting for VBS
Saturday, March 18th
at 10:00 a.m. in Norton Hall

Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes Conference A Success

Thank you to all of those who volunteered their time and talent as St. Paul's hosted the conference for the Consortium of Endowed Episcopal Parishes February 22-25. Many of you came together to participate as ushers, acolytes and choir members

in the Closing Eucharist where Bishop Lee celebrated.

A special thank you to the conference volunteers who showed that amazing St. Paul's hospitality including: Amy Babcock, Barbara Ballentine, Ann Benson, Barbara Day, Tal Day, Kirk Denkler, Jane Anne Gleason, Karen Grane, Vance Hall, Julia Hall, Elizabeth Henry, Al

Kalvaitis, Suzanne Kalvaitis, Ruth Kaye, Bob Lyles, Joy Lyles, Martha Martin, Bo Miller, Pam Miller, Temple Moore, Caroline Norman, Jim Norman, Bill Pryce, Joan Pryce, Lee King, Marcia Kierscht, Alicia Ragsdale, Cindy Roscoe, Penny Saffer, Currie Smith, Phyllis Sidorsky, Teresa Taylor, Mike Unger and Lynn Walker.



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The Rev. Anne West Assistant Rector
The Rev. Scott A. West Assistant Rector
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 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
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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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