



CONNECTIONS

All Saints Sunday – an SPR Tradition

Every year on All Saints Sunday our choirs offer a mass setting in the classical tradition and parish youth prepare a bountiful breakfast. On November 4 come and experience the Requiem in D Minor by Gabriel Fauré at either the 9:15 or the 11:15 Eucharist, then stay for breakfast. Even if you never make it to church on time, you may want to do so this Sunday. The music will begin 10 minutes prior to each liturgy.

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Our Mission

WELCOME

all seekers

NURTURE

one another in
our journeys of
faith

Serve

God's world



From the Rector - A Contemporary Dilemma

Dear Friends,

I have become increasingly concerned about an issue on which I invite your thoughts. I intend to write at least two articles on the topic in the coming months. This is the first. Here's the issue: I'm aware, as never before, that many members of our community are away on many Sundays. The issue is far from unique to SPR. My colleagues talk about it constantly. But SPR is where we live.

There are many reasons for this development. In post-modern society, attendance at worship is viewed as just one among numerous options for Sunday morning. For example, children's athletics and other events like birthday parties, which in earlier times would never have been scheduled on Sunday morning, now are. Another factor is increased affluence and mobility. An unprecedented number of people travel or have weekend homes. The pace of modern society is yet another factor. For some of us, work is so all-encompassing that, on occasion, it spills over to Sunday.

If we are honest, modern "liberal" Christians are little moved by the threats or fears that still serve as motivators in Evangelical and conservative Catholic traditions. And please don't think I intend to lambaste those who are only in church on occasion. There are often legitimate reasons for being absent, and it is better, in my opinion, that worshipers are in church out of a genuine desire to be there, even if in smaller numbers.

Nevertheless, my concern remains. In attempting to explain it, let me appeal to ancient notions that I believe have merit. Many of you know that in the Roman Catholic Church to be absent from Mass is viewed as a serious sin, one of those sins which could land you in hell. Although I am unmoved by the threat of this consequence, beneath the letter of the law there is an understanding which dates from very early Christianity: the community which gathers for the Eucharist is the body of Christ, and the body is incomplete when any of its "members" are missing.

This, in turn, is based on the understanding that Christ is as fully present in the gathered community as in the sacrament of bread and wine. I would go so far as to say that the bread and wine become the body of Christ in part because they are offered by the members of the body to and for one another. That is why our altar is in the midst of the community, not elevated, remote, or approached only by the clergy. And it is in order to recognize the presence of Christ in the gathered community - in one another - that we face our fellow communicants on the other side of the altar. For me, this is not just good Eucharistic theology. It is heartfelt. I miss you when you are absent and I rejoice at the presence of every one of you, fellow members of the body of Christ, as we gather for the Eucharist Sunday after Sunday.

Faithfully,



From the Assistant Rector - The Bishop Candidates Visit to SPR

The 12th Bishop of Chicago will be elected on November 10th at our diocesan convention. Whoever it is, he or she will already know a lot about St. Paul and the Redeemer. On Wednesday, October 24th, the eight nominees for bishop and some of their partners came to SPR. They came to learn about the Making Excellent Disciples program of the Diocese. SPR was exhibit A for the bishop-scientists as they tried to figure out how to better train clergy and I was like Algernon, running around in my little wooden maze. It was great sport.

The Making Excellent Disciples (MED) program is what we often refer to around here as the Lilly Grant program. It was begun by former Chicago Canon to the Ordinary Jim Mathes, now bishop of San Diego and husband to our consultant Teri Mathes. The idea behind the program is to take clergy right out of seminary and place them in strong, mentoring parishes for two years. During those two years, the new clergyperson should receive consistent and intentional mentoring from the rector and participate in regular training sessions with the other MED curates around the diocese. After completing those two years of training and mentoring, the curates go off to lead a 'mustard-seed' congregation for at least three years, during which time they continue to receive diocesan training and support. My two immediate predecessors, Sarah and Kara, are working hard at invigorating their mustard seed congregations. The whole program is supported by the largesse of the Lilly Endowment.

The bishop nominees learned all of that and they heard from Jim about his experiences with the program. Jim talked about how it had allowed SPR to invest more of its money in a full time music director and how the MED curates had brought life to the Young Adults ministry at SPR. I even had the opportunity to share my early experiences as an MED curate with the slate of bishops. I didn't learn anything about committee formation or newcomer bag procurement when I was in seminary. It's the MED program that is teaching me that stuff!

It was fun to have SPR singled out by the diocese as a place to admire. Many of the eight candidates walked around the church longing for the opportunity to worship in the round, admiring our organ and the artistry of the altar hanging. Parishioner Kim Hart helped put together a wonderful lunch where I had the privilege of talking with the candidates. I am excited about many of them. And I am excited that this place, which so many of you have been committed to for some time, could share its witness to the wider church. Sincerely,



Over the Horizon: Capital Campaign



Be Our Guest

Sunday

November 18, 2007

for a very special event

and launch of the

SPR Capital Campaign

Music & Mingling *6 PM*

Dinner & Program *7 PM*

RSVP Please No Later Than **November 9, 2007**

via **one** of the following options:

Enclosed Postcard

Phone: 773-624-3185 ext. 226

e-mail: tcugas11@msn.com OR lpgatt@comcast.net

Please Mention in RSVP if Vegetarian or Gluten-Free menu is required

And if Child Care is requested

This will be an adults-exclusive program. Thank you for understanding.

Over the Horizon: Annual Giving

Much as we want the Capital Campaign to succeed – and it's off to a great start – We need to remember that it's our annual giving to SPR that makes our mission possible and provides the financial sustenance for our many ministries, year after year. In short, annual giving is the first priority.

During the past several years, our giving has increased in a manner that can only be described as phenomenal. In 1998 79 pledges to the annual campaign totaled \$110,000. In 2007 200 pledges total \$500,000. This might lead you to assume that we have plenty of money already. However, a hallmark of a vital parish is that it's reach and its grasp are in constant tension. SPR is no exception.

How do we spend all that money? For 2007 it breaks down like this:

Worship and Music	\$168,000
Outreach	\$168,000
Christian Formation	\$89,000
Pastoral Care	\$62,000
Hospitality	\$81,000

The Total of these costs is \$568,000. Besides pledges we receive income from non-pledge giving, facilities use, and other sources. In addition to the expenses listed above, we currently pay \$68,000 per year on the mortgage, which we hope to eliminate with the proceeds of the Capital Campaign.

This year we are asking every pledging household to increase your annual giving by 10%. If we achieve this average increase, we will have a balanced budget for 2008. Please stay tuned for more information.

David Steward and Kim Hart, Giving Ministry Co-Chairs



Outreach

Fair Trade Happenings at SPR

CHOCOLATE BARS are back again. Equal Exchange only ships chocolate bars from October through April so no warm weather damage happens. Purchase bars with almonds or without, along with the *minis* at the next Fair Trade product sale November 11th. Much of the world's cocoa used for making chocolate, is grown on huge farms using hundreds of thousands of children, at near slavery conditions, in dangerous work environments. Cocoa that is certified fair trade is produced without child labor and was purchased at a guaranteed minimum price that protects farmers from unfair price competition and helps strengthen their local communities.

Don't forget how handy and healthy our *FAIRLY TRADED SNACKS* are. The dried cranberries, tamari roasted almonds and roasted, salted pecans all come from farms in the US. With the continuing loss of family farms eroding rural communities, small farmers in the US face challenges similar in many ways to those of farmers in the developing world.

DO-IT-YOURSELF-HOLIDAY BASKETS are coming up on December 2nd and December 16th. Because the Parish Auction has been postponed until early next year, the Fair Trade Task Force is providing an *Alternative Christmas Shopping Happening*. Various baskets, lined with colorful cloths, will hold your choice of delicious coffees, cocoa for baking, or chocolate and nuts for eating. Religious items including Advent calendars, tree ornaments and crèches made by small co-ops around the world will also be available.

For more information or to help with these events, contact Mary Naftzger at maryandbob.n@sbcglobal.net , or 373-7805.



- Mary Naftzger

Worship: Director of Music Search Committee Report

The Search committee for a new Director of Music has created the following statement to circulate as we begin our search. We hope it will stimulate your thoughts. We would be delighted to hear your suggestions as we proceed.

Maurice Charles, Chair; Will Bouvel; Barbra Goering; Charlene Jones-Foster; Jim Steen

The people of St. Paul and the Redeemer Episcopal Church are as diverse in our backgrounds, lifestyles, ethnicities, and theological perspectives as we are united in the common belief that God's generosity and hospitality are at the heart of the Gospel. In this spirit, we are seeking a Director of Music and Organist who will become a part of the leadership team of our parish by supporting and expanding our thriving musical program. We have invested in our music program by commissioning a two manual, Pasi tracker organ, details of which may be found at www.pasiorgans.com, opus 15. We also enjoy the privilege of providing for a full time Director of Music.

Our greatest investment, by far, is in our people, as we believe that the chief duty of the Music Director is to support the congregation in our worship of God while encouraging the continued growth and development of those with various musical gifts. In the past few years, we have grown from one volunteer choir to four, in part so that we may embrace all ages and levels of musical ability. We invite you to learn more about our parish by visiting our website, www.sp-r.org.

Our ideal candidate is one who is experienced in Western Classical sacred music as well as different musical expressions of the world, in keeping with our spirit of hospitality. We prefer candidates who have acquired at least a Master's Degree in Music, AAGO certification, or an equivalent combination of training and experience. As a professional member of the staff, s/he will be compensated according to AGO guidelines, commensurate with qualifications. In addition to expanding continually the musical horizons of our parish, s/he will share with us a vision of music as a mode of outreach for our parish, as we have identified sacred music as one of the cherished gifts that Saint Paul and the Redeemer has to offer the community. Interested parties who reflect and are inspired by the diversity of our parish are heartily invited to apply. If this vital ministry fires your imagination, please submit materials including resume, recordings, service leaflets, and other materials that give evidence of the breadth and scope of your abilities before 1 December 2007 to Maurice Charles, Chair

Pastoral Ministry: A Unique Opportunity

“What Shall Separate us from the Love of God: Ministry in the time of death and grieving.”

This is the topic for the Enrichment Morning that we are offering to all past, present and future lay ministers, as well as anyone interested in this topic. Who are our lay ministers? All of us, but especially those who have been visiting, taking communion, transporting, and bringing food to those in our parish who have been unable to attend services.

Jay Risk, Director of the Lay Parish Chaplain’s Training Program at Bishop Anderson House will lead us in a reflection and discussion from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 1, in the Byllesby Room. If you would like to participate, please either sign up on the sheet in the Narthex, or call me, Ruth Woll, at 773-955-3680.

I first learned of the training program Jay directs through fellow parishioner Connie Bonbrest, and was able to take the twelve week course last year. It was well worth it, as we heard speakers and explored the nature of pastoral ministry. On October 13, 2007, Hyacinth Evans, Eloise Frye and I attended a seminar at the Bishop Anderson House on “Depression and the Spirit,” which explored how illness and religious questions are related, with practical suggestions on how to respond. Besides enjoying the seminar, we found the experience of meeting with about thirty other lay ministers inspiring.

In many ways, the service of lay Pastoral Care Ministers at SPR is invisible, but rewarding. At this time regular home visits (often with communion) are being provided by Sylvia Clark, Mary Naftzger, Matt Patton, Kate Spellman, Anna Mary Wallace and me to Laura Banks, Lyra Bloom, Ann Jackson and Andrew Mowatt. Transportation to church services is another vital ministry to help people stay in touch with their faith community. We are grateful to all those who have assisted in this in the past, and who have already volunteered to help this year. Many others have responded to calls for “Love in a Dish,” when parishioners have had surgery, or after a birth.

We look forward to offering this enrichment morning to all who would like to attend. It’s another way for us to become more effective at “nurturing one another in our journeys of faith.”

Ruth Woll



November Calendar

Date	Event
Friday, Nov. 2	Young Adults Bible on Tap at Jimmy's Woodlawn Tap
Sunday, Nov. 4	All Saints Sunday Fauré Requiem at 9:15 & 11:15, Breakfast after both liturgies; 8:00 liturgy as usual
Wed., Nov. 7	Liturgy Committee at 7:00 p.m. (Note: one week early)
Fri.-Sat., Nov. 9-10	Diocesan Convention, election of new Bishop of Chicago
Wed., Nov. 14	Vestry at 7:30 p.m. (Note: one week early)
Friday, Nov. 16	Young Adults Bible on Tap at Jimmy's Woodlawn Tap
Sunday, Nov. 18	Capital Campaign Kickoff Celebration; All Parish Dinner at 6:00 p.m. (see page 4 for details)
Thurs. Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day, Hyde Park/Kenwood Community Service at Rockefeller Chapel at 11:00 a.m.
Sunday, Nov. 29	Last Sunday after Pentecost, Feast of the Reign of Christ

Sine Nomine Choir on first Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

SPR Yoga on Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m. and Fridays at 9:00 a.m.

St. Nicholas Choir on Wednesdays at 4:15 p.m.

Treble Choir on Thursdays at 4:15 p.m.

SPR Singers on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Bible Study on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m.

Also consult www.sp-r.org for weekly events.



Return to Central Standard Time
Remember to turn your clocks back
one hour before you go to bed on
Saturday, November 3rd.

October Birthdays and Anniversaries, Prayers, Attendance

November 2007 BIRTHDAYS

11/01 Ben Nelson
Louise Schneemann

11/02 Michele Peterson

11/03 Zayda Stewart

11/04 Chinjere Agina
Alicia Maule
Daryl Ramsey
Max Schleusener

11/06 Herbert Allen

11/07 Peggy Jackson-Edwards

11/09 Micah Materre Jackson

11/10 Sam Murphy

11/12 Robert Naftzger
Welton Taylor

11/13 Emmeline Karafiol

11/15 Stephenie Landers
James Tonsgard

11/18 Declan Bigger
Adam Lindner
Ethan Mowatt

11/19 Daniel Follmer
Max Follmer
Sarah Follmer

11/20 Dennis Irvin, Jr.
Eranthie Mendis

11/21 Winifred Lewis
Gayle Diggs

11/22 Hardy Williams

11/25 Robert Grant
Stephen Jonassen
Shelley Taylor

11/26 Olive Whitley

11/28 Fred Grier
Ashley Jones

11/29 Anthony Green
Andrew Baldwin Heyman

November 2007 ANNIVERSARIES

Nov. 1 Steve Foster & Charlene Jones-Foster

Nov. 15 Robert Naftzger & Mary Naftzger

Nov. 27 Jeffrey Dugas & Tina Dugas

October Sacraments

Oct. 27 Marriage of Joshua Daniel & Margaret Hoover

Please Remember In Your Prayers...

Spencer Roane – to be Baptized Nov. 4

Bill Beach– awaiting surgery for prostate cancer

Winifred Benade – problems with balance

Lyra Ann Bloom – under hospice care

Michael Collins – awaiting trial

Peggy Grant – recovering from hip surgery

Sean Knight – Heart Attack

Ran Lincoln – declining health

Judith Reinhart – auto accident

Jim Robinson – brain tumor

Zena Tolbert– undergoing treatment for cancer

October Attendance

Sunday	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Ave.
2007	275	269	255	257	264
2006	285	311	271	252	281
2005	267	283	256	246	263
2004	249	230	226	274	245
2003	246	230	199	240	229
2002	223	203	274	229	232
2001	211	191	245	234	220
2000	215	201	182	194	198
1999	149	158	189	167	166
1998	131	124	123	152	133
1996	106	101	105	124	109
1986	170	168	186	185	177
1976	154	163	134	133	146
1966	100	118	107	109	109

October Newcomers

Welcome to October Newcomers and guests who made themselves known to us:

Joseph and Julie Tasosa

Mijeong Shin and daughter Cherie

Marty Billingsly and daughter Alex

Lisa Rademacher and daughter Julia Rademacher-Redd

Colin Reynolds

Did you know that...

- St. Paul's Church founded Church of the Redeemer as a parochial mission in 1889 at the corner of 56th and Blackstone?
- In 1968 Redeemer and St. Paul's merged at the site occupied by St. Paul's since the late 19th Century?
- The average pledge to SPR in 2007 is \$2,458?
- The average pledge to SPR in 1998 was \$1,389?
- The narthex, which some have called Episcopospeak, is the vestibule at the Dorchester Avenue entrance to the church?
- The chancel is the area where the organ and choirs reside?
- The proper term, in Episcopospeak, for what has come to be called the sanctuary is the nave?
- Hyde Park and Kenwood were suburbs of Chicago until 1895 when the city annexed them?
- To become an Episcopalian requires only that one attend and contribute to a parish or mission and work for the spread of God's kingdom and desire to be a member of this branch of the Church? Of course, there are also more formal avenues.
- The difference between a parish and a mission is that a parish is self-

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Jack Seymour, Deacon
D. Maria Neighbors, Pastoral Associate
Michael Kozakowski, Organist
Majel Connery, Adult Choirs Director
Robyn French, Treble Choir Director
Irene Claude, St. Nicholas Choir Director
Frenchelle Hoskin, Administrative Assistant
Daryl Ramsey, Financial Secretary
Virginia Woodward, Nursery Director
Charline Jones, Nursery Assistant
Ron Hoskin, Sexton
Fern Turner and Jake Bitner, Parish Interns

Vestry

Barbra Goering and Gail Williams, Wardens
Tim Bohrer • Rahsaan Morris • Christena Nippert-Eng
Hank Underwood • Ruth Woll • Kate Collins
Beth Angell • Charline Jones-Foster • Eric Pelander
Tyler Simons, Clerk

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Sunday Worship

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite I (no music)
9:15 & 11:15 a.m. Choral Holy Eucharist, Rite II
With Children's Chapel
10:20 a.m. Christian Formation for all ages
Nursery care available 8:45 a.m.—12:45 p.m.