

THE CHRONICLE

Grace and Saint Peter's Church
Baltimore's Traditional Anglo-Catholic Parish

September 2010

From the Rector

Dear Friends in Christ,

September is upon us and with it comes a new school year. The children of the Wilkes School at Grace & St Peter's return on Wednesday, September 1. We are looking forward to learning together. The School has a new program this year and with it a new name. The name of the Wilkes School reminds us of the service of Father and Mrs. Wilkes in parochial education. On October 22 we shall celebrate the Wilkes School with a visit to the Walters Art Gallery. There will be a silent auction and an exhibit of the work of Walter Wick. The cost is \$30 per adult and \$50 for couples. More information about that event will be found elsewhere in the Chronicle.

The Sundays of September are usually taken up with Sundays after Pentecost. However, we shall keep the 12th of September as the solemnity of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross and on Sunday the 19th we shall observe the Solemnity of Our Lady of Sorrows.

Please remember that the nominating committee of the Vestry, Faye Lee, Louise Tapper, Nona Porter, and Charles Peace, will meet soon. The Vestry is an important part of parish life and thus we need people who take their responsibilities seriously. The election will take place at the annual Parish Meeting on the first Sunday of October, the Feast of the Dedication of the Church. Nominees must be people who both are members of the parish for over two years and must be givers of record. That is taken to mean that they pledge to the Church. Regular observance of the Sunday Obligation is important as well. On any given Sunday, most if not all the members of the Vestry are present at Holy Mass. As I mentioned, the Feast of the Dedication will be celebrated on the 3rd of October. Canon Scott Slater who is Canon to the Ordinary at the Diocese of Maryland will be our guest preacher. Please join us for the brunch and meeting after High Mass.

Another future event is on the Solemnity of Christ the King at 4:00 p.m. At that time, we shall have a concert by our choir under the leadership of our choirmaster, Mr John Marks. I hope that all of you will mark your calendars for these special events as well as your Sunday-by-Sunday attendance.

I remain faithfully your parish priest,

The Rev'd Frederick S. Thomas, SSC
Rector

From Father Speer

The Thesaurus or Treasure Window stands third from the front of the nave on the epistle side. This diptych is a reading of Luke 12.31-46. At the top the angel holds the scroll. "Sell that ye have and give alms." At the bottom stands the Beatitude, "Blessed is the servant whom his Lord shall find so doing." This true diptych tells two chapters of one story reading from the right to the left.

Begin on the right. The master sits inside the house dressed in his red robe tallying his ledger. The master gives a bag of money to a servant boy. The master obeys the command to sell what he has and give alms to the poor. This action flows from right to left. The people in this panel wear slippers for walking indoors on the expensive carpet. The city is visible outside through the window. Behind these two people a serving woman dressed in blue carries a platter of baked rolls perhaps to give to the poor. Or perhaps she is preparing the meal at which Jesus will call his servants to recline at the meal he will provide.

In the left hand panel a serving man opens the door and meets Jesus. The man hands Jesus a ring of keys to the house. This actions flows from right to left, continuing the action of the master of the house giving the bag of treasure to the serving boy. Be ready to open the door when Jesus knocks at any time. Where your treasure is there will your heart be also. Blessed are those servants whom their master will find ready when he comes.

Outside the house on the porch, Jesus and the man servant wear sandals for walking on the dusty roads. Jesus carries a tall staff. He returns from a wedding banquet. He knocks at the door. Will I be ready? The serving man opens the door with his keys. He hands the keys to Jesus. We know this is Jesus for his red halo is the only halo in the picture.

See the memorial. In grateful and loving memory of Samuel G. Wyman, born March 11 1809, died March 6 1883, & Mary his wife, born May 4 1819, died October 20, 188- (last number not clear). Were they ready when the Lord knocked at the door? Will I be ready? Where do I invest my treasure?

Father Speer
Priest Associate

September Kalendar and Mass Intentions

September is the Month of the Holy Cross

1 St Giles, Ab.	The Church in France
2 St Stephen, KC	The Church in Austria
3 St Pius X, PC	Pope Benedict
4 Of Our Lady	The All Saints Sisters
5 PENTECOST XV	Our Parish Family
6 Feria	Eugene, our Bishop
7 Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
8 NATIVITY BVM	Devotion to the Mother of God
9 St Peter Claver, C	Work among the poor
10 Feria	John, our Bishop
11 Of Our Lady	Increased use of the Rosary
12 SOLEMNITY OF THE HOLY CROSS	Our Parish Family
13 Feria	The Joseph Richey House
14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross	The Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)
15 Our Lady of Sorrows (Ember Day)	For Ordinands
16 St Cyprian, BM	For the Church in Africa
17 Stigmata of St Francis (Ember Day)	The ministry of the clergy
18 Ember Day	The ministry of the laity
19 SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS	Our Parish Family
20 Vigil	Rowan, Archbishop of Canterbury
21 ST MATTHEW, Ap. Ev. M	Apostolic Zeal
22 Feria	Christian Witness
23 Feria	The City of Baltimore
24 OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	Greater devotion to Our Lady
25 Of Our Lady	The Wilkes School
26 PENTECOST XVIII	Our Parish Family
27 Feria	Witness to the Faith
28 St Wenceslas, KM	Fidelity to Apostolic Truth
29 ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS	Preservation of Apostolic Faith
30 St Jerome, CD	Christian Scholarship

SAVE THE DATE

Sunday, November 21 - 4:00 p.m.

The Grace and St Peter's Choir will offer a concert of liturgical music in an effort to reach out to the City and attract people to the Church.

The Wilkes School at Grace and Saint Peter's

New Beginnings, Cherished Traditions

With the beginning of the 2010-2011 academic year, Grace and Saint Peter's School will be known as The Wilkes School at Grace and Saint Peter's, opening a new and exciting chapter in the institution's rich history of educating young children. Founded in 1946 by The Reverend Rex B. and Bernice Wilkes, the School has long been dedicated to the intellectual, social, aesthetic, and ethical development of each child. Today, The Wilkes School preserves its cherished ties to the Episcopal tradition, but with a 21st century focus:

- Core subjects in grades 2-5 will be taught by subject specialists
- Interdisciplinary thematic units will be designed to spark student engagement, guide inquiry, and help students make meaningful connections
- Special subjects – art, music, science, foreign language, and world religions – will enrich the core curriculum

The Wilkes School remains committed to the core values of its heritage, to racial and social diversity, and to maintaining small classes in an intimate and nurturing environment. Located in the heart of Mount Vernon, it is the most diverse, dynamic and joyful place to learn in Baltimore. Nearby cultural institutions – including the Walters Art Museum, the Enoch Pratt Free Library, the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, and the Eubie Blake Cultural Center – are extensions of The Wilkes School classrooms and inspire students' study and appreciation of classical heritage and civic pride.

Wilkes • Walters • Wick

The Wilkes School will celebrate the launch of its innovative and distinctive programs, its new name, and its 64 year legacy of serving diverse Baltimore families on Friday, October 22, at the Walters Arts Museum. The *Wilkes • Walters • Wick* festivities – including a wine reception, a silent auction, and a preview of the new Walter Wick exhibit – will take place from 6:00-8:30 pm and will be open to the public. Fraser Smith, WYPR Senior News Analyst, is the honorary co-chair. Individual tickets are \$30 each; \$50 for couples.

For more information about The Wilkes School at Grace and Saint Peters, please contact Sandra Shull, Head of School, (sshull@graceandstpetersschool.org) or visit online at www.WilkesSchool.org. For additional details about the *Wilkes • Walters • Wick* celebration, please contact Ann Koch, Event Chair, (akoch@jhu.edu).

What Happens When I Am Not at Mass?

- Somebody who was looking forward to seeing you, missed you.
- Somebody who expected to see you wonders if you are ill.
- Your neighbors, children, or houseguests get the idea that church doesn't matter to you.
- There is one less voice in the hymns and prayers to God.
- You do something else instead, which you could do at any other time, OR, you do something else that you could do only then, either way thus proclaiming your priorities.
- You lead into temptation someone who is in church – the temptation to feel superior.
- The church is less prepared for its daily work.
- Someone who admires you thinks, "If it isn't important to *N.*, why should it be important to me?"
- Your family follows your lead and doesn't come either.
- Your family wishes you were with them at Mass.
- There is one less person praying for the troubled, sorrowful, and sick, for the church and for the world.
- Jesus is saddened.
- Your life is not offered up at the Offertory.
- You cannot receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.
- The work of the priest who baptized, taught and presented you for confirmation is mocked.
- You make communication of parish news harder.
- You are not reminded BY the Word of God, OF the Word of God.
- Departed loved ones are remembered by one fewer person.
- You start to form one new bad habit.
- You treat as optional something Our Lord commanded.
- People who are working to build up the church are discouraged.
- You break the promise which you made, or which was made on your behalf, at your baptism, and the promise which you made at your confirmation.
- The church is not full, and not being full, lacks just that much exuberance and joy.
- The Devil is delighted.

From the Church of the Resurrection, New York.

Practical Precepts for the Christian Life

*“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.”
James 5:16*

There are three resolutions which every Christian should make the foundation of his spiritual life.

First, let him make a strong resolution to safeguard a time of prayer and meditation. Just as everyone should try to get away to the seaside or the country for a part of the year, to keep himself in good physical condition, so it is necessary some time in the day to ascend the mountain of prayer, and breathe the fine air of the spirit, and get a true vision of life which only spiritual detachment can give.

Second, a regular attendance at the Eucharist, that the life may open its door to the incoming of the Divine Guest: for what the Incarnation is to the world, that his communion is to the life of the Christian. Christ alters life by entering it. He must do that of necessity, but it rests with us to open the door to let Him in.

Thirdly, let us take stock of ourselves regularly, and consider whither we are tending, and, if need be, make known our spiritual condition, as far as we understand it, to our spiritual physician. We do not want a morbid self-centeredness, or to throw away our legs in order that we may go on crutches! But, avoiding that extreme, we shall practice a sensible self-examination and have periodical recourse to an experienced priest, for this is not only a precept of the Church but a most salutary practice, without which the spiritual life will never rise to the height it may.

Weekly Schedule

Sunday

7:45 a.m. Matins & Low Mass

9:30 a.m. Confessions

10:00 a.m. High Mass

Monday

6:00 p.m. Low Mass

Tuesday

12:00 Noon Low Mass and Holy Unction

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Low Mass

Thursday

6:00 p.m. Low Mass

Friday

6:00 p.m. Low Mass

Saturday

11:30 a.m. Rosary (First Saturday of the month or when noted)

12:00 Noon Low Mass

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