

The Courier

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Praise God with A New Song!

Engines and steel, loud pounding hammers,
sing to the Lord a new song!
Limestone and beams, loud building workers,
sing to the Lord a new song!
He has done marvelous things!
I, too, will praise him with a new song!

Herbert F. Brokering

Dear Friends,

As the hustle and bustle of the renovation of the Rectory begins to draw to a close, before we can take a breath, the Tower Renovation Project is underway!

On the Last Sunday after the Epiphany we executed the contract between Christ Church, Lichten Craig Architects, and Monaco Restoration Company. We hope to see the scaffolding go up on the Tower during the month of February. Monaco anticipates doing a good bit of preparatory work during the late winter months, and to really get going in the spring. This first phase of the project will include the renovation of the

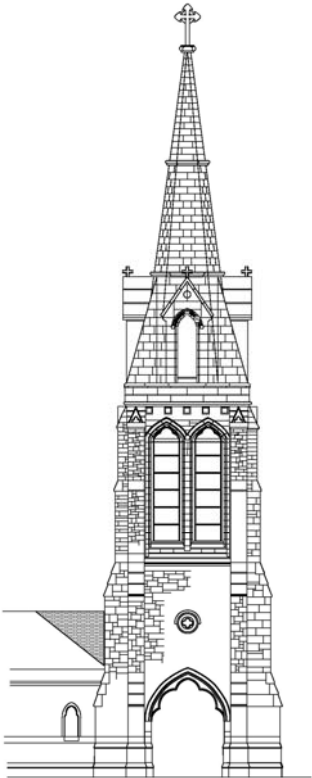
entire 'spire' – marked with an arrow in the drawing and the North Façade. That is the side that connects to the church Narthex – to the 'left' in the above drawing.

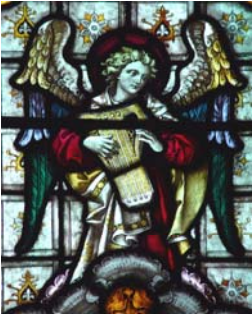
Our parish has been blessed by many people who worked for years to bring this project together – writing grant proposals, meeting with state agencies, the Diocese, and local foundations. And of course the many who contributed to the last capital campaign, and who had the courage of a vision to see this new thing happen at Christ Church.

By the time this edition of *The Courier* reaches you, I should be getting ready to unpack in the Rectory. The movers are due to show up with my belongings on Tuesday, February 12th. We won't be finished with the renovations, but far enough along for me to safely and comfortably live in this historic and once-again beautiful portion of our heritage as a parish.

My thanks to all who have worked so hard to make this a reality. Space prevents my saying as much as I would like here. Stay tuned for a round of parties and thank-yous. And if you see anyone around the parish with Antique White Trim around their fingernails – give them a thank you as well. Many have been painting on the second floor for untold hours the last few weeks.

Blake+





Concerts Con Brio Spring 2008

Friday, February 15th at 7:30PM

Flute and Piano Concert

Bonnie Ham – flute, Ruthanne Schempf – piano

Sunday, March 16th at 7:00PM

Palm Sunday Concert – Faure Requiem

Sunday, March 23rd at 10:00AM

Easter Service with special Choral music

Friday, April 11th at 7:30PM

The Cantatrice Art Song Ensemble

Sunday, April 20th at 7:00PM

Special Earth Day concert

Sunday, April 6th at 7:00PM

Brian Hoffman Organ Recital – all Bach program

Lunch N Listen Series to host Evergreen Chorus

The free Lunch N Listen concert series will present a musical Valentine from the Evergreen Chorus of Sweet Adelines International at noon on Wednesday, February 13. Lunch N Listen concerts are presented monthly at First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Poughkeepsie, at the corner of Mill and Catharine Streets, in Poughkeepsie.

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. BCP p. 217

Parish Clean-up Day - Saturday March 15 beginning at 9:00am

Plan to stop by for an hour, or two, or three. Enjoy a bit of breakfast and/or lunch while we polish brass, dust, etc.

Rite 13:

"This Is The Church, And This Is The Steeple..."

In the coming weeks and months, one of the subjects that the Rite 13 youth group will be learning about is places of worship and prayer. As one element in this, the group will be observing and recording the work on the restoration of the Christ Church steeple, scheduled to begin in the near future. Stay tuned for further details!

Epiphany Evensong

Our Epiphany Evensong, held in competition with the Super Bowl pre-game activities was a great success. Over 150 people were present to listen to Merellyn Gallagher's Organ Recital and join in worship with a 40+ voice choir.

The Evensong was co-sponsored by Christ church and the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

CDs of both the Recital and Evensong are available for a donation of \$5.00. Please contact the parish office if you would like a copy.

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Monthly Collections for Area Human Needs



The Parish Community Ministry team invites you to bring a can-or-two of fruit to church on Sunday March 9th.

Once each month we designate a Sunday for the collection of a specific item of food or clothing, which is then passed onto community organizations. So far this year we've had Sock-it-to-em Sunday, and Souper Bowl Sunday. In March – bring a can of fruit!



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Holy Week Schedule

Passion Sunday, March 16 **Services at 8:00 & 10:00am**

Traditional Liturgy of the Palms at both services, with festive procession at the ten o'clock service.

Palm Sunday Vespers at 7:00pm

Our Choir and Orchestra will present an evening of sacred music that is open to the wider community, as a beginning of our Holy Week devotions. Featuring Faure's *Requiem*

Maundy Thursday, March 20 **Supper at 6:00 followed by the liturgy**

This service will bring together our congregation and the congregation of La Virgen de Guadalupe. We will worship together in a bilingual service, inclusive of the Maundy Thursday foot-washing and Stripping of the Altar.

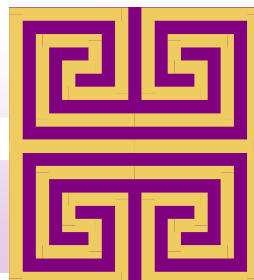
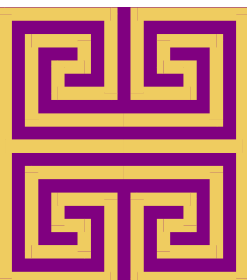
Good Friday, March 21 **at Noon and 7:00pm**

We will observe the Good Friday liturgy, with hymns and the choir, at noon. The evening service will feature the traditional liturgy, without music.

Easter Eve **Saturday, March 22 at 7:00pm**

We will hear the re-telling of our salvation history in story and song followed by the first Eucharist of Easter.

Easter Day – March 23 **Festival Services at 8:00 and 10:00am**



Worship Schedule

Sundays

8:00AM EUCHARIST AND SERMON

A quiet, traditional service.

10:00AM EUCHARIST WITH MUSIC

*Music arranged by Laura Russell,
Director of Music*

Childcare available in the nursery

10:00AM SUNDAY SCHOOL

*For pre-school and elementary school
aged children*

11:30AM YOUTH PROGRAMS

*Rite 13 – Middle School Program
J2A – High School Program*

1:00PM MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Wednesdays

11 AM EUCHARIST

In the Rector's Study

Lenten Study Program at St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Our parish will join with St. Paul's Episcopal Church in a weekly study group during Lent. Beginning on Wednesday, February 13th we will engage in a study and reflection based on *Seeking to Serve – A Lenten Exploration of the Millennium Development Goals*.

Taking the 25th Chapter of the Gospel of Matthew as our framework, we will reflect and discuss how we as individuals, as local parishes, and as national Episcopal Church can have an impact on the accomplishment of the MDGs:

- Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger
- Achieve Universal Primary Education for Children
- Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women
- Reduce Child Mortality
- Improve Maternal Health
- Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases
- Ensure Environmental Sustainability
- Create a Global Partnership for Development

Each week we will gather at St. Paul's at 5:30pm for a simple supper, followed by a time of reflection, discussion, and worship.



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