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June 6, 2010

Parish Picnic & Carnival on Sunday

Come to service in casual clothes with your favorite children, grandchildren and their friends. **Please RSVP to the office** so the Boys of the BBQ will have enough for everyone.



Authentic Texas BBQ

for only \$5.00 a plate with beverages for just \$1.00.

Bake Sale afterward.



Carnival Booths & Prizes



Spoon Races,

Horseshoes,

Sponge Relays,

Broom Hockey and the

Moon Bounce.



OR just relax in your chair or on your picnic blanket, have some BBQ, and enjoy yourself with friends.

FROM THE RECTOR

St Francis is a traveling congregation, and I appreciate (and encourage) the kindness of those who thoughtfully bring me service bulletins from churches visited in other parts of the world. I read these carefully, noting carefully the music offered in other places, as well as mining the bulletins for the occasional good idea that can be put to use here.

Not long ago, I received the bulletin and some other materials from St Paul's Within the Walls, located on the Via Napoli in Rome. St Paul's is a member of the European Convocation of American Episcopal Churches. The convocation most closely resembles a diocese: There is a bishop who presides over eight parishes, a dozen or so mission congregations and several "other language ministries" – congregations less formally organized but meeting regularly. All of these are part of the Episcopal Church and are to be distinguished from their cousins in congregations of the Church of England located in Europe. More information on the Convocation can be found at their website: www.tec-europe.org.

St Paul's Within the Walls traces its immediate lineage to a visit in 1859 by the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, Bishop of Pennsylvania, when he celebrated Holy Communion in a private house for a group of Episcopalians. Indeed, "house churches" had been standard during the time of St Paul, so Bishop Potter was in direct apostolic line in more ways than one. He encouraged the organization of a congregation, and in the years following a group was taken under the oversight of the Presiding Bishop. After the Italian governmental reforms of 1870, the city of Rome was no longer governed by the Vatican. The Epis-

copal congregation changed its name and was given permission to erect a building in the city: Thus St Paul's Within the Walls came to be, consecrating their church in 1873. Their website is www.stpaulsrome.it.

Their parish newsletter is called *Awakenings*. It was interesting and informative, providing a perspective that is at once both familiar and exotic – exotic in that the parish is in Rome, but familiar in those things that mark the life of many parishes these days. Part of what struck me was the different categories in the newsletter: Awakenings in mission, in leadership, in music, in meditation, in stewardship, in art, and in education. Those were the "vital signs" of that parish's life, and they were areas any parish – ours included – would do well to make priorities. The old adage, "When in Rome, do as the Romans do" came to mind in a favorable way reading this newsletter.

My purpose here is not to extol a sister congregation across the sea. Rather, in thinking of a congregation of Episcopalians anywhere in the world we can learn from their strengths and frustrations, just as they could from ours. Parish life is often very similar regardless of the setting of the parish, and the more one learns about the Anglican family, the more that familial tie matters. Prelates often seem to have trouble working together, but the work and mission of the Church is carried on in hundreds of congregations around the world, and that is very good news indeed. Please look for that good news when you travel, and continue to bring it home to Potomac.



SENIOR'S CANAL CRUISE

On **Thursday, June 17th**, we will meet at Great Falls Historic Tavern to end our season with an 11am cruise on the C & O Canal aboard the packet boat Charles F. Mercer. **Please be at the Tavern by 10:45 am** to purchase your ticket for the boat. Cost is \$5.00 The boat is handicapped accessible which will allow everyone to enjoy themselves comfortably.

You can reach the Tavern by driving to the end of Falls Road (at McArthur Blvd.) and taking a right into Great Falls park. After our boat trip, those who wish will drive down McArthur Blvd. to Old Angler's Inn for lunch.

Please call Christine at 301-365-2055 to **make your reservation by June 14th** for the boat trip and for lunch.

BOOK CLUB - SPECIAL MEETING IN JUNE

Come and join us in the Youth Room, June 24th at 7:30pm. Bring favorite books, book lists and wish-you-had-time-to read books so that we can make our reading plans for the summer. Just think how nice it will be to sit on the beach and READ, or curl up on the most comfortable chair on the porch and READ, or just relax anywhere and READ!!

POTOMAC PARISH MUSICAL HIGHLIGHT

The St. Francis Church Organist & Choirmaster, Gary Davison, will have a commissioned anthem premiered during evensong at Wells Cathedral by the cathedral choir on June 8th.

This is part of the larger "new music wells" festival taking place during the first full week of June in the City of Wells. Mr Davison has been asked to set a text by Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells in the latter part of the 17th century.

2010 SOUNDS SUMMER SCHEDULE

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
July 4	June 24
July 18	July 8
August 1	July 22
August 15	August 5
August 29	August 19

SAMARITAN MINISTRY SEEKS COMMUNICATIONS/VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR

Samaritan Ministry of Greater Washington seeks dynamic professional to plan and implement comprehensive communications, volunteer and education programs, and to maintain and grow relationships with over 45 partner parishes.

Excellent communication and time management skills, and a cheerful, collegial demeanor are essential. Must have a proactive, can-do attitude and be committed to the mission of helping people who are homeless and in need make changes in their lives.

Electronic media skills highly desirable; knowledge of the Episcopal Church helpful; must have own car.

If you have extensive experience in communications, excellent writing skills, a degree in a related field and want to make a difference in a job that will move and inspire you, please send a cover letter, resume and two writing samples to ddownes@samaritanministry.org

COMING UP AT SAINT FRANCIS CHURCH

For more information, please visit our website at www.stfrancispotomac.org

SUNDAY, JUNE 6

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
All Parish Picnic & Carnival until 2:00 pm

TUESDAY, JUNE 8

10:30 am Grounds Committee
7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Undercroft
7:30 pm Communications Committee - Library

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 am Holy Eucharist
11:00 am Rector's Bible Study

THURSDAY, JUNE 10

5:00 pm *Sounds* Deadline for 6/20/10

FRIDAY, JUNE 11

7:00 am Men's Bible Study

SUNDAY, JUNE 13

HUNGER SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
1000 am Holy Eucharist



The Scripture appointed for the Second Sunday after Pentecost
1 Kings 21:1-21a, Psalm 5:1-8, Galatians 2:15-21, Luke 7:36-8:3

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