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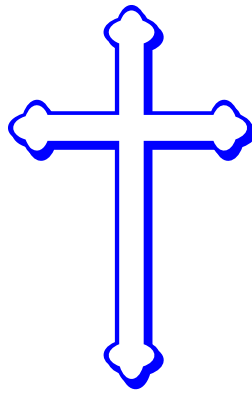
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Lord of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of thy Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

LISTEN UP

AN ANGLICAN MUSIC MINISERIES: V. A QUIET CENTURY

Upon the death of George Frideric Handel 250 years ago (1759), the bright light of English church music began to fade. The strengthening popularity of secular music, particularly that of opera and the emerging symphonic and chamber music scene, did not do any favors toward rekindling that light. I won't go so far as to say it was a dark age for the Anglican Church, but undoubtedly the greater luminaries were outside its sacred spheres. Moreover, Vienna was quickly becoming center stage for music in Western Europe competing with and finally supplanting Italy to its south. This is the age of large-scale Mass settings for choir and orchestra, which, for the most part, are now heard in the concert hall on these fair shores.

There is no doubt that Franz Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) was the "Supreme Commander" of the musical world. He brought to fruition the modern symphony, string quartet, piano trio, and the sonata form. His influence cannot be overstated with friends and pupils the likes of Mozart (1756-1791) and Beethoven (1770-1827) who both settled in Vienna.

It's during this "Classical" period – that is, the end of the 18th century and first quarter or so of the 19th century – that we see a rapid shift in patronage of music away from sacred institutions and more toward secular courts and families, especially as the church weakened, the state strengthened, and separation of the two widened. However, don't forget the English Crown is still "defender of the faith," and the Sovereign has maintained a "Master of the King's (or Queen's) Music(k)" in one form or another since the 15th century. The post is held currently by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies (b.1934).

So, don't get me wrong. England was not without her own musical life, to be sure. William Boyce (1711-1779) and John Stanley (1712-1786), both Masters of the King's Musick, were widely regarded as worthy English counterparts to their continental colleagues. And it would fall to one of Mozart's favorite students (in Vienna!)

and a close friend to Mendelssohn, Thomas Attwood (1765-1838), to carry the torch of high standards in church music amid the receding refinements of his day. In fact, Attwood was a chorister in the Chapel Royal, the same place that Tallis, Byrd, and Purcell found favorable royal appointments, and upon his death was buried under the organ in St Paul's Cathedral, London, where he had been chosen organist at the age of only 31. As if that weren't enough, he was appointed composer of the Chapel Royal that same year. Although not as widely heard today, his finely crafted music remains in the repertoire of the wider Anglican Communion where good music is valued.

Thanks to Attwood and the small circle of musicians keen on keeping high the standards of English church music where they could, a key figure enters the scene and is able to take that inheritance and lead the way into what is now known as the "Anglican Revival." It may surprise you to know that he was born illegitimately of a teenage domestic servant girl into the family that founded the Methodist Church. His middle name was given in honor of arguably the greatest musician in history, Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). His name was Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876), son of the musician Samuel Wesley (1756-1791 – the same exact years as Mozart), and grandson of the incomparable hymn-writer, Charles Wesley (1707-1788).

This is where we'll pick up next time as we wind our way toward the conclusion of this series. It's a bitter-sweet ending as we see an explosion of great music written for the church, only now composed by those mostly outside her keep.

Stay tuned.... Gary Davison, O-C

ADULT CHOIR BEGINS

The Saint Francis Choir will begin its fall term schedule with rehearsal on Thursday, September 3rd from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the choir room. Please contact the church office with queries or if you are interested in joining.

SENIORS' SHENANIGANS

Our thanks to those of you who responded to our letter asking for thoughts about and ideas for programs for the coming year. We have tried to include as many of these suggestions as possible. While some enjoy our field trips, there are a number of you who, due to physical limitations, prefer programs at St. Francis. Hopefully the following selection will have something for everyone. As we did last year, our meetings will be scheduled on Thursdays and detailed descriptions will be in each month's *SOUNDS*.

September 10 at 12 noon at St. Francis. Lunch will be \$10. Reservations by Sept. 8. Nancy Hoke will be our presenter. Her subject; "Quirky Quires, Teetering Towers, Scattered Saints, Commemorative Critters and other Cathedral Oddities". Nancy has traveled extensively in the British Isles and literally knows most of the cathedrals inside and out. Her presentation will be educational, interesting and amusing!

October 15 A trip to the Cryptology Museum with lunch in a local restaurant(s). We will carpool from St. Francis, leaving about 9:30 am, returning about 2:30. (details will follow)

November 19 12 noon at St. Francis with Pot Luck lunch. Montgomery County Historical Society speaker. (details will follow)

December 17 Normandy Farms. Our traditional Christmas celebratory luncheon at 12 noon. (details will follow)

The remaining programs, January through June, need a bit of fine-tuning but will be announced in plenty of time for your planning!

Don Harrison, Mardy & Hugh O'Neil,
Sue & Bill Tull

JOY AND CONCERN

Please pray for Gertrude (Traudel) Supik who died on August 8th.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday, September 6th, the much anticipated Annual Ice Cream Social will take place after the 10 am Service. This is a lovely time to catch up with friends and their comings and goings throughout the summer. Please plan to come and enjoy the company and a cool refreshing treat!



REMINDER: If you are planning to have an information table at the Ice Cream social please contact Francoise Williams (301-365-2996) or the office.

SAVE THE DATE:

**THE 3RD ANNUAL ST FRANCIS GOLF OUTING & COOKOUT
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16TH.**

As everyone who attended last year will tell you, this is a fun-filled event. The golfers clearly enjoyed themselves, as did those who came for the Cookout by itself. The awarding of the Golfer's "prizes" was particularly amusing for golfers and non-golfers alike.



The event was marked by good company, good humor, and delicious food and drink. Mark your calendar now so you won't miss it.

The Golfers will tee off about 1:00 pm and the Cookout will start between 5:30 and 6:00 pm on Friday, October 16th

All golfers are welcome no matter what their skill level. Please look for our flyers and ads for more details.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 13TH.

Please return your Registration Forms as soon as possible so we can prepare for your child's arrival
THANK YOU!

POTOMAC COUNTRY HOUSE TOUR MORE ABOUT THE ON-LINE AUCTION!

Two weeks ago, we announced the first PCHT ONLINE AUCTION. We are excited about this foray into web technology and hope you will be as well. We will still be having the Friday evening auction for some items, but this will give everyone without the time or inclination to venture out in the evening a chance to participate in the fun.

Right now, we are searching for auction items to add to our on-line catalogue.

Here are a few ideas: artwork; autographed items; use of vacation homes; gourmet dinners; hunting/fishing excursions; and golf outings.

Also popular are: TICKETS for concerts, sporting events, wine tastings, and events of all kinds; LESSONS in gardening, flower arranging, gourmet cooking, or fitness training; health club memberships; GIFT CERTIFICATES for manicures, spa packages; business or personal services, and other unique and interesting items. Be creative, the sky is the limit!



You can even make your donations on-line. The process is simple, and we have step-by-step instructions for those who are not quite sure of their computer skills. They are too long to include in Sounds, but if you e-mail Cindy Buck at cbuck903@yahoo.com, or Margie Scott at mccscott30@verizon.net, they will send you the instructions by return mail.

PUBLICITY TEAM NEEDS YOUR HELP FOR THE HOUSE TOUR.

Having handled publicity on and off for many years, we have realized this year that our ways of promoting the House Tour need to change. The Paper publications that we have used in the past have gone out of business, leaving us without our major method of getting information out. Word of mouth is more important than ever.

If you would consider:

- placing **an announcement** about the tour in your neighborhood newsletter or e-mail letter
- posting **a yard sign** like the one below on your front lawn for 2 weeks prior to the tour or asking a neighbor with a more visible location to do so. This size would be the identical to a political campaign sign.



Please e-mail or call Carol Jarvis, (301-299-4296), jarvis.carol@gmail.com, or Devar Burbage at devarburbage@yahoo.com if you can help out.

PCHT WEBSITE LAUNCHED

MANY THANKS to Henderson Tozer, Anne Baker and Jim Baker for creating the PotomacCountryHouseTour.org web site for us.

This is a first for the PCHT and we thank them very much for the many hours spent designing the site, getting the information and pictures together and doing such great work.

Please visit the site and enjoy the fruits of their labors.

- Fran Baker

VESTRY CORNER:

THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

The Parish Life committee strives to promote a sense of Christian Fellowship among all the parishioners at St. Francis. We encourage all our members and their families to participate in these parish activities. We hope that all members will come to realize the full love of Christ in their lives through the ties they make at these events. This group is made up of many subcommittees creating the community of St Francis Episcopal Church.

One of the activities is the Ice Cream Social, this year on Sunday, September 6th. It is a great time to come and see the events and activities planned for the upcoming year. They include the Potomac Country House Tour (October 3rd & 4th) and the Third Annual Golf Tournament and Cookout (October 16).

Other groups/activities include the: Senior Travelers; Newcomers; Pastoral Visitors; Movie nights at Glenolden House; the newly published Parish Directory and Petal Pushers. Finally there are the receptions and dinners which follow the numerous musical performances offered by our choir throughout the year.

Without a group of committed men and women these activities would not be possible. Our dedicated committee chairpersons are: Steve Harper, Don Harrison, Nancy Hoke, Phil Ellsworth, Carol Jarvis, Anne Wallace, Dana Semmes, Françoise Williams, Matt and Lee Anne Jillings and Sue Tull.

The Parish Life committee meets on the third Thursday morning of each month in the Kinkaid Library, 8:30 am. We welcome new members. Join in the fellowship at St Francis.

Feel free to e-mail or call me with any questions at Stendall2004@comcast.net or 301 294-2646.

Sue Tendall

POTOMAC COUNTRY HOUSE TOUR

20 FABULOUS NEW VENDOR

BOUTIQUES!

GET READY TO SHOP!

Saturday, October 3, 10-5 &

Sunday, October 4, 11-5

**Also open during the Preview Party &
Auction on Friday, Oct. 2**

Bring all your friends, have lunch and enjoy a marvelous shopping experience at the exciting new Vendor Boutiques this year! We have doubled the number of vendors and have worked very hard to bring you a fantastic mix of vendors with outstanding products and price points for your shopping pleasure. Treat yourself, treat others, start your Christmas shopping, and have a blast!

We have fantastic group of warm and wonderful vendors offering children's clothing and gift items, handmade and fashion jewelry, women's clothing and accessories, bed and bath linens, skin care and wellness products, stationery with onsite printing, home accessories, photography, luxury dog products, fused glass creations, quilted designs, ceramic treasures, delightful gifts for everyone, and much, much more!!

More details about all the vendors will be on the House Tour website at www.PotomacCountryHousetTour.org. Look for more information in future issues of *Sounds* as well!

Spread the word! St. Francis is the place to be on October 3 and 4!

Thanks for your support!

- Cindy Boinis and Shelley Stuart
Questions or want to help...contact Cindy at cindysbags@verizon.net or 301-320-1898

COMING UP AT ST FRANCIS

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Loaves & Fishes Delivery
10:00 am Holy Eucharist

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

7:00 pm Centering Prayer—Undercroft

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

5:00 pm *Sounds* Deadline for 9/13

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

RENEWAL SUNDAY

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
10:00 am Holy Eucharist
Ice Cream Social follows



The Scripture appointed for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost:
Song of Solomon 2:8-13, Psalm 45:1-2, 7-10 or Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9, Psalm 15; James 1:17-27;
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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