

**My dear People:**

**It's quite difficult in some respects to write a letter to you about January when it is just past Thanksgiving and Christmas is weeks away! There is such a great difference in atmosphere between this time and early January that it makes it difficult to envision, much more so than writing in early July about August. In any case, by the time you receive this, Christmas will be very near indeed or perhaps even will have begun. The normal close to Christmas is the Feast of the Epiphany, 6 January, the fourth greatest feast of the Church Year, which this year falls on a Friday. We will be having High Mass with the blessing of chalk for you to take home and write the Epiphany blessing over your front door. The Choir will offer Gretchaninoff's lovely Mass, in all its Russian choral beauty. It is a little local touch that Gretchaninoff was a neighbour of ours, living in the East 90s for many years, and dying at Lenox Hill Hospital. We also bless gold, frankincense and myrrh that night, the gifts of the Magi.**

**On Sunday, 22 January, we shall have a very interesting presentation, which I hope you will all wish to attend. Our very talented parishioner Gayle Greene Watkins, who is a sought-after spiritual director and seminary graduate, as well as a gifted actress and occasional playwright has written a new play *Where Eden Was*, a one act, unstaged play, in many ways reminiscent of the old radio plays. I found it fascinating reading, and we both decided it would be good to have a reading of it after coffee hour one Sunday. Gayle chosen that Sunday, which is also her birthday, to have the reading after coffee hour. Our talented professional director, Craig Hutchison, will also be assisting with this project, and several of your parishioner friends will be reading. I hope you will all set aside a little extra time that afternoon, so that you can stay for the reading. I don't think you'll be disappointed!**

**Sunday, 29 January, will have an unusual feature in that Peter Saros, our parish development consultant, will be giving an address at High Mass that day. Peter is well accustomed to this kind of forum and, like Gayle Greene Watkins, is a non-ordained seminary graduate. He will undoubtedly have a lot of interesting things to say, and it is *especlally Important* that as many of our own people be here that Sunday as possible.**

**In order to accommodate the schedule of our development programme, we will be delaying our Annual Meeting to Sunday, 12 February. Our By-Laws provide for it to be**

**held on any day between the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday and although we have often had it in January, we have chosen the February date this year. The customary notice will be given to the electors in advance.**

**As is the case every year, I shall be away for the winter retreat of St John Fisher Chapter of the SSC in January, this year 18-20 January, meeting at St Edmund's Retreat House on Enders Island, just off Mystic, Connecticut. St John Fisher Chapter comprises the area from the Province of Quebec in Canada down to the border between Virginia and North Carolina, so we can say justly that it goes from the Arctic Circle to well below the Mason-Dixon Line! I have been the local superior of this branch since 2000, and we all gather in January and May. Our visit this winter is again to Enders Island, which is a private island once the estate of a very well-to-do family who left the house and its grounds (the entire island) to the Society of St Edmund, who built a retreat house on the premises. They have built other outlying buildings, and a few years ago, a new chapel, which is really among the most beautiful modern religious buildings I have seen. The island will have a rough beauty in mid-winter and I am looking forward to it. This means that the Mass schedule will be altered that week so do please watch the Sunday bulletins or call the church office to make sure about weekday masses.**

**Affectionately, your Friend and Pastor,**

January is the Month of the Holy Family

1	CIRCUMCISION OLJC	Parish
2	HOLY NAME OF JESUS	
3	Octave of St John	
4	Octave of the Holy	
5	Innocents	
6	Vigil	That Christ the King may rule in all hearts
7	EPIPHANY	For the conversion of all to Christ
8	Octave	Parish
9	THE HOLY FAMILY	
10	Octave	Mark, our Bishop
11	Octave	Our Parish Vestry
12	Octave	Sister parish of St Magnus the Martyr,
13	Octave	London
14	Baptism OLJC	Andrew, Bishop Coadjutor elect
15	St Hilary, BCD	Fidelity to Apostolic Order and teaching
16	EPIPHANY II	Parish
17	St Marcellus, PM	
18	St Anthony Abbot	Our Parish School
	CHAIR OF ST PETER AT	Pope Benedict
19	ROME	
20	Monthly Requiem	January Chantry List
21	SS Fabian & Sebastian,	For Catholic Re-Union
22	MM.	Those who suffer for the Faith
23	St Agnes, V.M.	Parish
24	EPIPHANY III (St Vincent)	
25	feria	St Timothy's Church, Fort Worth, Texas
26	St Timothy, BM	St Paul's Church, K Street, Washington
27	CONVERSION OF ST	Society of the Holy Cross (SSC)
28	PAUL	Preachers
29	St Polycarp, B.M.	The Sick
30	St John Chrysostom,	Parish
31	B.C.D.	The SKCM
	St Peter Nolasco, C.	Safety & Welfare of children
	EPIPHANY IV	
	King Charles the Martyr	
	St John Bosco, C	

January Agenda

Sundays: Low Mass, 8.30, High Mass, 11.00 a.m.

Tuesday & Thursday, Low Mass 6.30 p.m.

Wednesday, Low Mass 12.15 p.m., Friday, Low Mass, 9.00 a.m.

Saturday, Confessions 11.30; Low Mass, Noon; Rosary 12.30

JANUARY

6 EPIPHANY, Procession & High Mass, 7.00 p.m.

22 Gayle Greene Watkins' new play

***Where Eden Was***

Following coffee hour. It's not long, do stay and enjoy!

29 Special Presentation at High Mass by Peter Saros

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**At High Mass on the Epiphany, you'll be given a piece of blessed chalk. The above line should be written on the lintel above the front door of your home (on the street door, if a house, on the front door of your apartment otherwise) with the chalk you take home. It contains the first letters of each of the Magi's names. Following the writing, this prayer is said:  
O Lord, Holy Father Almighty, everlasting God, we beseech thee to hear us: and vouchsafe to send thy holy Angel from heaven, to guard, cherish, protect, and visit, and evermore defend all that dwell in this house. I call upon thy Saints Gaspar, Melchior and Balthasar, to protect my family and y home from every harm and danger, and I place this mark over my door to remain as a constant reminder to us, and all who enter here, that my**

house is truly a house of the Lord. O God, make the door of my house the gateway to thine Eternal Kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. Amen.

### FRIENDS OF THE RESURRECTION

We thank the following for their gifts:

Elizabeth Clark, Greenwich, Conn., \$500

Peter Barakate, Sydney, Australia, \$100

Anonymous, New York, \$50

Drs Carol & Richard Hook, Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich., \$200

Father John Lancaster, Southfield, Mich., \$100

Paul W. McKee, Washington, D. C., \$100

Ronald Kopnicki, New York, \$100

William Charron, St Louis, Mo., \$50

*Have you renewed yet for 2012?*

### **THE EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION OF EASTER MMXII**

*(sung at High Mass of the Epiphany)*

**K**now ye beloved brethren that as by God's favour we rejoiced in the Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, so too we announce to you the glad tidings of the Resurrection of Our Saviour. The Sunday of Septuagesima will fall on the fifth day of February. Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the most holy Lenten fast on the twenty-second day of February. On the eighth day of April you shall celebrate with greatest joy the holy Pasch of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Ascension of Our Lord will occur on the seventeenth day of May. The feast of Whitsunday on the twenty-seventh day of May. The seventh day of June is the Feast of Corpus Christi. The second day of December will usher in the Advent of Our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be honour and glory eternally. Amen.

### **Our School**

*By Father Swain*

*Many who attend our church, even those who come weekly, know little about our school. There are often misunderstandings about the relationship between church and school, or about what the purpose of our school is. We hope this article will both provide information that will be useful and also clear up any remaining misunderstandings.*

Week after week on Sundays at High Mass, we pray for "our parish school". For me, this is perfectly natural, as I am as much a member of the School community as I am of the church community. This makes me forget sometimes that for most of you the School is simply a concept, you may have heard of it, you probably have a favourable idea of it, but it is no more than that. The reality, of course, is quite different!

If you come into the Bishop Chambers Building or the Undercroft of the Church on any weekday school is in session, you will find it a buzzing place of vitality. Children's voices are heard, and there will be many children, parents and members of the staff of Resurrection Episcopal Day School. The School was founded by the Church in 1990 and begun shortly thereafter. We cannot thank Father Cupit, Miss Wiltshire and the members of the Vestry of that time enough for their courage and foresight in doing so. Not only has the School contributed to the education and formation of hundreds, probably now thousands, of children, but it is an important part of the life and ministry of this church. It is now twenty years old.

The School had a slow beginning at first, as it is quite a difficult enterprise to begin a parish day school, especially in New York, which is why so few have been started in the period since the War. Laurie Hogen, who retires as Head of School this June, came here in 1999, regularised the structures of the school, put enormous thought and effort into establishing it, and has put it on the map. Every year, hundreds more apply than we have spaces for, and REDS (as it is often called) has a very fine reputation both with educational professional and accrediting agencies who visit regularly (NYSAIS, ISAAGNY, NAES and AMI), and also with the on-going schools which our children attend, which are among the best in the city.

**While the education our eighty-eight children receive is of paramount importance, and their continuing education at their next schools is also a matter of great significance to us, we also put enormous stress on the human child as a gift of God, and make certain that everything in the School's life and work aims at respecting the dignity and individuality of every child. This is not only a Montessori value but a Christian one, and it is at the heart of what our school is about.**

**The children spend their day in what is called a "casa" which is Italian for house, of course. They are not called classrooms, but casas because Montessori encourages teachers and students to view their school life as a family. Each casa has children of mixed ages, races and sexes, and work at creative projects is always part of the day. Time with music and art is important, and the children occasionally make visits outside the school which have included the Metropolitan Museum, a zoo, and time for gardening at Carl Schurz Park. We have also had projects which the whole school shares in, such as planting bulbs in the front garden, and looking after the plants in the back garden, an earthworm farm, and every year our perennially popular chicken eggs which are in an incubator and bring forth their wonderful chicks in the spring.**

**Occasionally people wonder why there isn't more connection between the School and the Church. The answer I always give is that there is an enormous connection, it may just not be visible to you personally! Both David Enlow and I are intimately involved in the School, as he plays for Thursday chapel services and Friday singing, and I am at the weekly Thursday chapel service, and do the lesson or Bible story every week. This has been a labour of love for the last ten and a half years I have been here. Every parent and child in the school knows both of us, and we have both been sought out by many over the years, me for pastoral needs or in times of difficulty, or to baptise a new child (which has happened often), and David often when a child has shown musical interest or is fascinated by the organ. Every casa comes to engage with the organ, and David is happy to present it as a musical instrument and as a matter of fascination with the children, which it clearly is! I am always amazed at how much of the weekly stories the children take in, and parents and teachers regularly tell me of the questions they've had later which show how their minds have worked.**

**We must remember too that having a weekly chapel service, which most all of the parents attend, every Thursday means that we have a large group of young families who worship at this church every week, *just not on a Sunday when you can see them!***

**They love this church and regard it as an important part of the School's life and therefore of their own. Almost all of our School families chose this school for two reasons: they were committed to Montessori and they wanted a school with deep Christian values, even when, as occasionally happens, they are not Christians themselves. Most of the School families happen to be Christian and when this is the case, we find almost invariably that they are already very much involved with a Christian church. Many have been Roman Catholics, and often their children go on to Roman Catholic schools. We have often had a strong Greek Orthodox presence too. Many are Episcopalians and attend church with their children either at one of the other churches in the neighbourhood or elsewhere in the city. Often that connection is a long-standing one, usually at a church which has a Sunday school though not a parish day school. The other church meets their needs with a Sunday school, our church meets their needs with a parish day school. There is nothing wrong with this situation, and indeed it is one we should celebrate. There is no reason why a child MUST attend Sunday school in the church he attends day school, any more than there is any reason that a child MUST attend day school where he attends Sunday school. So when we are asked why don't School families attend this church and support it, the answer is, they do! They attend it weekly, just not when you're here. If, therefore, it occurs to you that they should come Sundays, they might just as well think that you ought to be here Thursdays! The reality, of course, is that it is wonderful to have people who love and care about this church here and worshipping either Thursdays or Sundays or both! The school families support the church very strongly, through the school's financial support of the church, which is integral to our continuing operation. The answer therefore is that seventy-five families with eighty-eight children DO attend the church regularly, most weekly, and DO support the church financially. Sunday attendance isn't more important or real than Thursday attendance, and giving through a pledge isn't more important or valuable than giving through the School, which is also a major part of our support.**

**When we began to talk to parents about what they valued in our school and what they wanted to see continuing as we went forward with new leadership, we came back over and over to the same two things: the Montessori method of the School and its religious and spiritual connections. Indeed, I have to say I myself was surprised at how strongly the latter was voiced and how universal a concern it was. Don't lose the religious and spiritual connection we've built up, was the clear message, don't change chapel and don't lose our spiritual foundation of believing and making sure**

**we acted out the fact that every child is a gift from God. It's not that anyone on the Board of Trustees, last of all me, had any intention of changing that, but it was a pleasant surprise how universally the parents valued this and how fiercely they, too, wanted to guard it. One of the interesting things over the years, too, has been how strongly that same opinion and the value placed on the church connection to the school, has been voiced by parents who were themselves of a different faith tradition: whether a different Christian tradition such as the small difference with Roman Catholicism, Greek or Russian Orthodoxy, or a Protestant tradition like Presbyterianism or Methodism, or even a non-Christian faith tradition, whether they were Jewish, Muslim, or Hindu, just to name the main ones we have had. This tells me two things: first, that to some extent we are getting it right, and secondly, perhaps the divisions that people always tell us that exist so strongly among these groups might not be either so strong or so divisive as we are told, nor so indelibly opposed. The Head of our Search Committee right now is from a different faith tradition, and she and I have worked very closely in the search committee. I have been very impressed by her work, and she is just as fiercely interested in preserving the church-school connection as I am!**

**Many times over the last ten and a half years I have been here, our school has been visited by outside groups. These include the New York State Association of Independent Schools (NYSAIS), the Independent School Association of Greater New York (ISAAGNY), the National Association of Episcopal Schools (NAES), the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI), other groups for occasional visits, and most recently our consultant who is helping us with the Search for a new Head of School. All of these groups and people are objective, they have no particular attachment to our school or any reason to tell us things they think we'd like to hear. They are here to evaluate us and put before us ways they think we could improve. Every single group and person says more or less the same thing: they are impressed by our school, by the way it operates, by the values it teaches and acts on, by its governance, by its relationship to the church, and by the way we teach and form our children for their futures, and by the way we respect and value every person who is here, child, parent, teacher, staff member. I take great pride in that and I feel it is a comment not only on Resurrection Episcopal Day School but also on the parent Church which is also part of the community and family which we all belong to on this small patch of real estate on the Upper East Side. None of this happened by accident; it happened because people from church and school communities have been working at it for years. You can be**

**proud of that too. The consultant we have retained told me that in September in very blunt terms: "This school works. It does what it says it's going to do. It is what its mission statement says it is. It values what it says it values and it acts on that. Those things are important and that is not all that common."**

*The following was the text of a brief talk given by Father Swain at the luncheon for Bishop Sisk, Canon Dietsche, and church and school members on Sunday, 11 December, Advent III, when the Bishop made his visitation.*

When families get together, and at this time of the year we think about that at Christmas, one of the things they do is take stock of where they are, and what changes are happening: a new baby, a marriage, deaths, sickness, people moving from one place to another, all the milestones that happen in life. The Resurrection family gathers together today just two weeks before Christmas – we have here members of this parish church, both old and new, school families, clergy, laity, people who belong to this family in all kinds of ways. There are two changes we want to acknowledge today.

The first is that we are in the midst of a change of Fathers in God. For the whole of the ten and a half years I have been here, I have prayed at every single Mass, and you have all heard it so often it's rather a punch line, for Mark, our bishop! I do so because it's the custom of the church from the earliest days, but more personally because when I went to see Bishop Sisk just before I took over this church, and just before he himself took over from his predecessor, I had some things to bring up, about which he was very gracious and helpful. Before I left I asked him if there was anything I could do for HIM. He said, "Just pray for me". And that's what we've done for ten and a half years, together and separately. I doubt there's any church in this Diocese that the Bishop visits where they agree with everything he's said and done, and we're no exception! What we have done is to pray for him, as he has prayed for us, and to understand that we are part of this diocesan family, just as are those who are different from us. We welcome the Bishop of New York today, whose visit expresses that truth. We are very grateful for his ministry, over ten years now, and we are happy to have him with us. Just as the Apostle Paul visited all over the known world with missionary companions, so Bishop Sisk has come to us with his missionary companion, Canon Andrew Dietsche. He has been quietly mending his nets all these years in this Diocese, doing the work God asked him to do. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of November,

Christ came to him asking him to lay them aside and do a new work, which he is going to undertake. I don't always vote on the winning side in secular elections or in church elections, but I am glad to say that this time, my vote was for the winning candidate! Now St Andrew was known for two things, the first was being crucified on an X shaped cross, the second being that haggis is served on that day to Scottish people. Our fervent prayer is that you escape both fates! And our prayers are very much with you.

The other change which will occur several months from now will be the retirement of Laurie Hogen as Head of School. There will be plenty of time for us to say good-bye when the time comes, and that time is not now. One of the nice things about a milestone though, is that we have the opportunity sometimes of saying thank-you when we're not also saying good-bye! When my immediate predecessor, Father Warren, selected a Head of School in 1999, I suppose he had the same feeling we all have when choosing a curate, an organist or a head of school. "I hope I've done the right thing and I won't regret it too much!" He barely had time to work with Laurie, and then left for Boston. So I am the one who can answer that question, and my answer is unequivocally, I don't regret his decision at all! From the time I met Laurie in the spring of 2001, I have been impressed by her dedication to her vocation, her love for children, her fierce advocacy of what she believes is right, her quest to advance learning wherever it is found, and her belief in fostering the creative spirit of the child who has been created in Love in God's image. Those concerns, those beliefs, have coloured the school for the whole of her twelve years here, and it is largely due to her. She inherited a fledgling school which had organisational problems and had to see clear its way into the future. It was her vision which did that. She saw that the school could grow, and she doubled its size and fitted out two new classrooms on the third floor. She realised that the governance structures of the school would not be up to its future, and she carefully guided those towards its pattern of growth. She has fostered in her teachers the quest for advanced learning and never growing stale or complaisant. She has often seen when it was necessary for her to be intensely involved with solving a problem, and other times when she wisely saw that it was best to stand aside and let others tackle it.

For the most part, we have exactly agreed on how we saw this school, and for that I am very grateful. Occasionally, we have had a few pointed disagreements!

People who know both of us will not be surprised at that! But I never, ever, for one moment thought that this was because she was trying to get out of something, was lazy, was unconcerned, didn't care, or was prepared to settle for the shoddy and second-rate. It was because we both passionately believed in what we were doing. And that is what I respect about her above all, her passion for education, her passion for children, her passion for Christ in her life and in the school's.

When Christopher Wren was buried in his newly finished St Paul's Cathedral, his masterpiece, this was written as his epitaph: LECTOR, SI MONUMENTUM REQUIRIS, CIRCUMSPICE, "Reader, If you seek a monument, look around yourself." If someone walks into Resurrection Episcopal Day School in a year's time and asks about Laurie Hogen, I shall be able to say the same thing.

I have here a small gift for Laurie which I hope she will use to remember. It is a key, a silver key, and it has a heart on its top. I hope it will remind her of several things: first that she opened so many children's minds and hearts in this place. Secondly, that she opened the hearts and minds of so many teachers who learned about their vocation and about themselves because she cared and because she opened her heart to them. I hope she will remember that she opened the future of this school up and leaves it as a gift to the future. And I hope she will remember that this key opens up the front doors, and she is always, always welcome to come back!

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Music: du Caurroy, *Requiem des Rois de France*. Sermon: Father Robert Kerr. \$10.00

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## FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

I certainly wish to promise to continue my prayers for the Parish Church of the Resurrection and for its work and witness. In addition:

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to join/renew at the level of \$100 or more. I understand that I will receive the parish magazine in 2012, the music list in September 2012, and also a copy of the DVD of the Guild of All Souls 2011 Requiem and the 2012 ordo kalendar.

\_\_\_\_\_ I wish to join/renew at the level of \$50. I understand that I will receive the parish magazine in 2012, the music list in September 2012, and the 2012 ordo kalendar.

\_\_\_\_\_ Although I cannot join/renew at this time, I do wish to receive the parish magazine and the music list in September, and I enclose \$10 to cover postage. *If you no longer wish to receive our mailings, could you please return this sheet to tell us this? Thank you!*

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## THE FRIENDS PRAYERS

*A candle burns for you every day at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart with this prayer:*  
Almighty and everlasting God, we beseech thee to look with favour upon our friends and benefactors; grant that they may so run the race that is set before them that they may receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*And we hope that you will pray for us:*  
Almighty God, who by the passion, death and resurrection of thine only-begotten Son hath purchased for us the rewards of everlasting salvation: behold this parish church dedicated to thy Son's Resurrection. Grant that many may seek thee there and find thee, visit them with thy presence and blessings and guide them to Eternal Life in thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**JANUARY MUSIC**

**Friday, 6 January, 7.00 p.m.**  
**The Epiphany**  
**Alexandre Gretchaninoff,**  
***Missa 'Et in terra pax' (1942)***  
**& *Svete tihly***

**8 January, The Holy Family**  
**Mozart, *Missa Brevis in C, K. 49***  
***(1768)***

**15 January, Epiphany II**  
**Juan Gutierre de Padilla,**  
***Missa 'Ave Regina Coelorum'***  
***(1653)***

**22 January, Epiphany III**  
**Franz Gruber, *Hornmesse***  
***(ca. 1850)***

**29 January, Epiphany IV**  
**Francis Poulenc, *Messe en Sol***  
***(1937)***