

Dear Cathedral Family:

As you know, our Search Committee under the direction of Dr. Reid Heffner, has been meeting since March. After more than 65 hours of meetings and the complete study, investigation and review of 81 candidate applicants, the number was narrowed to 12 in early Summer. Continued review, interviewing, reference checking and investigative undertakings determined that 5 candidates were worthy of a formal parish visitation. Over the course of several weeks, the Search Committee divided into teams of 2 or 3 and made parish visits to five different candidates. It was then decided that 4 of the 5 finalist candidates should be invited to Saint Paul's Cathedral for further interviewing. At that time one of the candidates withdrew for personal reasons and 3 candidates were brought into Buffalo over the course of two weeks. After a meeting on Sunday 16 October, the Search Committee presented its recommendation to an Executive Session of the Vestry on Tuesday the 18th. With unanimous approval of the Cathedral Vestry, we have the honour to announce that The Rev. N. DeLiza Spangler, Rector of Saint Paul's Episcopal Church, Saint Joseph, Michigan, has accepted our call.



The Reverend DeLiza Spangler

Rev. Spangler was ordained a priest in 1979 in the Diocese of Missouri having been awarded her M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary in New York in 1978, immediately after which she was ordained a Deacon in the Diocese of Missouri. Rev. Spangler has served as Rector in Saint Joseph's since 1995 prior to which she served as Rector and Co-Vicar at Saint Phillip's in Wrangell, Alaska for 10 years. Her Alaskan experience will certainly have her well prepared for our Buffalo Winter! Since most parishes in Alaska have difficulty supporting a full-time priest, Rev. Spangler attended law school and was awarded her J.D. from Willamette University in 1985.

Rev. Spangler brings with her many gifts and talents that we are confident are the perfect matches for our Cathedral parish. Early on in the search process the committee identified the experiences and traits that were important to us in a new Dean. Deliza Spangler is extremely well qualified for the position of Cathedral Dean.

Rev. Spangler will begin her ministry here at the Cathedral on Sunday 1st January 2006 when she will Preach and Celebrate. The parish will host a New Year's Day Champagne Reception following services that day to welcome DeLiza.

We would like to acknowledge the work of our Search Committee and its members:

Voting Members: Elva Jean Baeslak; Cheryl Fisher; Allyn Foster; Reid Heffner, Chair; Patti Kight; Martha Neri; Cos Polino; and Priscilla Wiedl.

Non-voting Members: Lynn Brunner; Beverly Fortune, Junior Warden; Roger Seifert, Senior Warden.

As we prepare for the arrival of Rev. Spangler as our new Dean, we must also, sadly, prepare to say good-bye to Bishop Joe Fricker as our much beloved Interim Dean. Joe and Shirley's last Sunday with us will be the 11th of December. Soon you will be hearing more about a parish event, which we have affectionately named the Fricker Gala to be held on Saturday evening the 10th of December. This will be a very special evening when we can take time as a parish to say thank you to a very Godly man who has guided us through a difficult time and helped us heal and grow not only as a Cathedral parish, but as individual Christians.

THANK YOU AND MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS THE PARISH OF SAINT PAUL'S
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL – BUFFALO.

Respectfully,

Roger Mark Seifert
Senior Warden

Beverly Fortune
Junior Warden

FROM THE INTERIM DEAN

With the recent happy announcement of the appointment of the Reverend DeLiza Spangler as your new Dean, my "In the Meantime" is soon to be concluded. I have notified Bishop Garrison and the Wardens of my intention to end my ministry as Interim Dean on December 15th. I want to leave an appropriate space between my leaving and the new Dean's arrival.

I will have an opportunity to say farewells and thank-you's on my last Sunday, December 11th, but I can never trust myself on these emotional occasions (for me at least) to say what I want to say. I have so much to be thankful for that I will truly miss. After two "stints" as interim covering together almost 35 months, you can perhaps understand why Shirley and I will always feel a part of the community of St. Paul's. Over these three years we have become attached to you, so detaching ourselves will not be easy. The clergy and lay Chapter members have been so very supportive and wonderfully creative, and a delight to share my ministry. The office and custodial staff have done their work so very faithfully, and they too have been fun to work with. I cannot speak too highly of the amazing amount of time and energy which the wardens, Roger Seifert, Beverly Fortune and Priscilla Wiedl have applied to these crucial roles. Their total commitment and devotion to St. Paul's has made my work here so much easier.

Our life at St. Paul's, especially this second time here, has not been all joy and bliss. Like any human community we have had our problems. I wish I could claim to have dealt with all of them wisely, but in case you haven't noticed, I possess as much human shortcomings as anyone else. If in the exercise of my ministry I have offended anyone, I am truly sorry and ask your forgiveness.

There has been far more in our time here that we will always treasure. The beauty of the liturgy and music, along with the warm associations with you, has so enriched our lives. When I consider the privileges of liturgical leadership, I realize how spiritually fulfilling it has been to keep the ritual of the Church's changing seasons with you, for you "do" this treasured cycle so well here. From the late Pentecost season when I began a year ago, through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter and Pentecost, I have been able to share that rhythm with the same people, season by season. Nothing has sustained me more than that privilege.

I pray God's blessing on you all. May you continue to grow in grace and flourish in service to the One who has given us life in His Body the Church.

+J.C. Fricker

VESTRY HIGHLIGHTS October Meeting

The October Vestry meeting began with the usual order of business. Committee reports were approved, financial statements received and items of concern raised by members. Some questions about fundraising practices, specifically raffles, were addressed and actions were tabled for further investigation.

After routine business was completed, the Vestry went into Executive Session at which time non-voting members are excused. The important issue of discussion and action during that session of the meeting was, as you have been informed, a final recommendation of the Search Committee to call The Rev. Deliza Spangler to be the new Dean and Rector of St. Paul's Cathedral.

Reid Heffner, Chair of the Search Committee, thoroughly reviewed the search process to the Vestry after which time thoughtful questions were raised about various search issues. Being satisfied with the search process and recommendation the Vestry then voted unanimously to make the call to The Reverend Deliza Spangler. All departed after prayer with a renewed excitement about the future of St. Paul's.

Beverly Fortune, Junior Warden

Around the Cathedral To Search Committee, Vestry, Wardens

We are truly indebted to members of the Search Committee, the Vestry and Wardens who have served us so faithfully during the long period of searching for a new Dean. Many, many hours have been spent in meetings in which the primary question has always been "What is best for St. Paul's at this point in our life?"

On behalf of this community, I express our heart-felt gratitude.

The Rt. Rev. J. C. Fricker

Hunger ~ Outreach

The Hunger Outreach Committee will meet on November 6 after the 10 a.m. service to discuss budget items for HOR. We will be reviewing ideas for servicing our needy community at Christmas Please join us.

Also, action guides for election issues in our area are in Walker room. Please read our display, add items you wish and **sign up for Friends of the Night People**. Thanks, *The Hunger Outreach Committee*.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT: AN ADVENT PROCESSION

Sunday, 27 November 2005, 4:00 pm

The special mystical expectancy of Advent is captured by this candle-lit procession of lessons and carols, sung by the Men & Boys of the Cathedral Choirs. As the choir assembles in the darkened cathedral, the silence is broken by a single voice, singing from the Narthex. This voice announces the arrival of the Light, dim at first but growing in intensity. The service unfolds and the coming of the Light of Christ, a highly charged symbol for Christians across the world, is dramatically shown in powerful liturgy. Carols, motets, hymns and readings all reflect the yearning of the generations who waited for the birth of the Messiah and our own need for awakening into the spiritual life. They also provide an affirmation that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and will come again.

ADULT EDUCATION FORUMS

The Forums meets in the Walker Room from 9 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. We have coffee and cookies available, just like in the old days (ok, last winter.....). Join us as we cover a myriad of subjects: the four Sundays of Advent are a special series about the lives of those saints whom we commemorate during Advent.

November 6th : The Book of Revelation

November 13th : Revelation, (*continued*)

November 20th: Revelation, (*continued*)

November 27th: Advent I: Kamehameha and Emma

December 4th: Advent II: Nicholas of Myra

December 11th: Advent III: Our Lady of Guadalupe

Christian Education

Seeking Talent for Christmas Pageant

Any teen or child interested in participating in this year's Christmas Pageant, contact Dr. Lynn Brunner at the Cathedral Office, 855-0900.

Nursery News

We have taken several steps toward upgrading our nursery care. Sarah Wolf, a medical assistant with two of her own small children, has been hired specifically to care for infants and toddlers. We will soon have a separate room just for infants and toddlers.

Sarah Bunt, mother of a toddler, has been hired to provide care for Wednesday night book club and 20's and 30's Group meetings as well as help on Sundays. On a recent Saturday, Sarah Wolf, Sarah Bunt and Noel Kraebel, our nursery assistant, spent five hours being certified in infant and child CPR and first aid.

In addition, we are following New York State guidelines for health and safety of child care facilities. We view our work as a ministry to the children of our parish.

TWO OF THE LEGS OF STEWARDSHIP

Our Stewardship Committee, with Michael Lehman and Barbara Hole as co-chairs, is engaging us creatively and with appropriate regularity in the current campaign. They remind us that our stewardship is not just about the sharing of our treasure. However, in the context of our needs at St. Paul's, it is fervently hoped that our responsible sharing will translate itself in an increased pledge to meet our financial need.

However, our Christian stewardship should involve us in offering more than our money. We are called to offer our time and talents as well. Of course that offering ought not to be confined to serving in the ministries of St. Paul's, for there are abundant calls for Christians to live out their baptismal ministry in their families, their communities and their places of work. But there is an abundance of opportunities to utilize our time and talent right here in our parish.

I want to highlight a few of these that need you urgently. *The need for more people to share in Altar Guild duties is perhaps the most critical.* The workload has become the heavy burden of a very few. There is an urgent need for more people, young and old, men and women, who will take a turn, probably just once a month, to prepare our sanctuary on Saturdays, and then to clean-up after service on Sundays. There is also a need for people to take responsibility for one of the weekday Eucharists.

There are other opportunities for service. More people are needed as ushers, as acolytes, and as lectors (lesson readers). If you are willing to explore any of these, here are the appropriate contacts: Please consider giving one of them a call.

For Altar Guild, call Dorothy Pope at 881-4907

For Ushers, call Philip Neiderhauser at 646-6078

For Acolytes and Lectors call Patti Kight at 839-3871

One more urgent need: If you are moved to take on one of these areas of service, or if you are already in service, please remember that the offering of your time should be accompanied by your dependable faithfulness. Once a person is assigned to a place on the rota is so very important that that person fulfill the commitment. If you miss your turn without giving notice, you create problems and disappointments that can be difficult to handle.

+J.C. Fricker

Are you harboring a fugitive Tablecloth ?

Did a tablecloth travel home with you for washing and never make it back to church ? Quite a few are missing, and we really need to have them for use over the next few months. Please check your laundry and return any wandering tablecloths to the kitchen. Thank you.

A Questionnaire on the Combined Services Experiment

Bishop J. C. Fricker

We began the combining of the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services to one service each Sunday at 10 a.m. at the beginning of April, assuring you that we were entering an experimental period to determine if this would be a suitable and acceptable pattern for St. Paul's Cathedral. We did so on the recommendation of the Worship Committee and with the approval of the Vestry. We decided that the experiment would continue until the new year. We gave you an opportunity to hear the rationale for this experiment, and to express your opinion of it at a congregational meeting, which was held on June 5th. Though there was not a large attendance, most people present spoke favorably of the experiment.

Here's why we thought, and still think, that the experiment is worth trying:

- *The combining of the two congregations *can* serve to develop a greater sense of community among us.
- *A more consistent attendance of children in Church School can greatly enrich our education program.
- *A larger congregation, sometimes well over 200, before the summer, is an inspiring sight especially to the visitor and newcomer, revealing St. Paul's as an active, thriving parish.
- *The presence of our three choirs at one service greatly enhances the possibilities of what can be achieved musically at our services.

We have experienced the combined service for the past seven months, and will continue until our new Dean can make a decision about our future pattern. We know that one thing that has not worked well has been holding the Forums in the Richmond Chapel after the coffee reception following the 10 a.m. service. So, we changed the Forums to 9 a.m.

We promised to have periodic congregational check-ins through the experimental period at which you can register your reactions thus far. The next of these will be held on Sunday, November 13, following the 10 a.m. service.

We have included in this issue, a questionnaire which I urge you to complete and return to the Cathedral either by bringing it to church no later than Sunday, November 6th or by mail no later than November 9th.

I think the experiment is worth it. But I assure you that the final decision as to our future service times will depend not on how I think, nor on how staff members think, nor on how the Worship Committee thinks, nor even on how Vestry members think, **but on how you think and what you want to see continued. Please fill in and return the following one-page questionnaire.**

You are invited to
A PLACE AT THE TABLE

*A series of culinary events
to benefit the many ministries
of Saint Paul's Cathedral.*

We still need hosts !
*Please consider hosting an
event in 2006.*

Contact Henrik Borgstrom
at 834-6987 or hcb@niagara.edu.

The Feast of All Saints

The Feast of All Saints is when we lift up the phrase from the creed: *We believe in the communion of saints.*

Our Christian fellowship with one another stretches beyond those we see in our midst to those all around the world whom we will never meet or know by name.

It stretches to those faithful departed whose names we will read in the Necrology who are even now growing in the love and service of God in ways we can barely imagine.

It stretches to those women and men we traditionally name "saints" whose examples of holy living inspire us to deepen our own Christian commitments.

It is such a major feast because we are celebrating all the men and women everywhere who have ever lived who have been redeemed by God in Christ: those known to us and unknown, those living and those dead, those who were great heroes of the faith and those who simply, like we are trying to do now, walked the Christian walk throughout their lives in an ordinary way by the grace of God.

THE October PARISH REGISTER

Deaths

Sally K. Stewart - October 2

Jack R. Manko - October 22

10 O'clock Worship Opinion Survey

Each member should individually fill out one form.

1 In general, what is your feeling about the combined Sunday 10 o'clock Eucharist?

strongly like like unsure dislike strongly dislike

Briefly explain _____

2. What do you believe has been the overall effect of the combined 10 o'clock worship for parish life?

Positive Negative No Opinion

Briefly explain _____

3. What is your opinion of music at the 10 o'clock service?

	Like	Dislike	No Opinion
Overall style	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Choral preludes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Both choirs at one service	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mix of congregational/choir music	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Briefly explain _____

4. What do you believe has been the result of changes to other Sunday programs? (Check any for which you have an opinion.)

	Positive	Negative	No Opinion
Forum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bible Study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coffee Hour	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children/Youth Christian Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Children's Liturgy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nursery Services	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Briefly explain: _____

5. What is your experience of the new bulletin format?

Easy to follow Difficult to follow No Opinion

6. If there is anything else regarding the liturgy, music and accompanying programs of the 10 o'clock worship at St. Paul's Cathedral, please comment on another sheet of paper.

7. In your opinion, which Sunday service schedule do you think best serves the community of St. Paul's Cathedral?

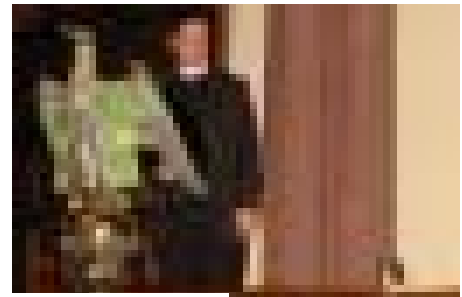
8am and 10am 8 am, 9am, and 11am no opinion



The photo album



St. Paul's Seniors and friends enjoy lunch after a trip to the Botanical Gardens



Blessing the Animals
(try to find Ethan's very small dog!)



*The Reformation Sunday Reception
Hosted by Christa & Mike Schlegel
was a great success!*

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
November	12:05 Eucharist	12:05 Eucharist	12:05 Eucharist <i>Followed by Healing Service</i>	12:05 Eucharist	12:05 Eucharist	
6 8 & 10 Eucharist and Baptism 11: Hunger/Outreach	7 12:30 AA	8 5:45 Evensong 6:30-8 FOM 7:00 Archive Comm.	9 5:45 Evensong	10 5:45 Evensong	11 VETERAN'S DAY 12:30 Recital 1:00 ALANON	12 10: Tour
13 8 & 10 Eucharist	14 12:30 AA	15 11:30 St. Paul's Seniors 6:15 Vestly	16 7:30 Annual St. Cecilia Concert – Free to FOM \$25. Door \$20. in Advance \$10. Students \$5. Children	17 5:45 Evensong	18 12:30 Recital 1:00 ALANON	19 10: Tour
20 8 & 10 Eucharist 4:00 Evensong	21 12:30 AA	22 5:45 Evensong	23 5:45 Evensong	24 THANKSGIVING DAY 10:00 Eucharist w/ Girl Choir	25 OFFICE CLOSED	26 10: Tour
27 8 & 10 Eucharist 4:00 Advent Procession "From Darkness to Light"	28 12:30 AA	29 5:45 Evensong 5:30 Properties	30 5:45 Evensong			

SUNDAY, November 6
The 25th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 Eucharist

9:00 Forum - The Book of Revelation
10:00 Eucharist, Rite I
Sermon by Bishop Fricker.

SUNDAY, November 13
The 26th Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 Eucharist

9:00 Forum - Revelation,
(continued)
10:00 Eucharist, Rite II
Sermon by Canon Cole

SUNDAY, November 20
The Last Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 Eucharist

9:00 Forum - Revelation, *(continued)*
10:00 Eucharist, Rite I
Sermon by Bishop Fricker

SUNDAY, November 27
The First Sunday of Advent
8:00 Eucharist

9:00 Forum - Kamahameha and
Emma
10:00 Eucharist, Rite II
11:15 - 12:15 Adult Studies - Advent:
November 27, December 4, 11, 18th.



Music Department

Friends of Music **ST CECILIA CONCERT:**
Wednesday 16 November 2005, 7:30pm

Tickets: \$25 (at the door); \$20 (in advance, call 842-6933); \$10 (students); \$5 (children)

In this, the most prestigious concert of the Friends of Music season, the Cathedral Choirs will be joined by James Burritt (tenor), Debi Overton (conductor/piano) and the Cathedral Orchestra (Ansgarius Aylward, concertmaster). The program features two cantatas by Benjamin Britten: '*Rejoice in the Lamb*' and '*St Nicholas*'. '*Rejoice in the Lamb*' was written in 1943, and is a setting of texts from Christopher Smart's poem '*Jubilate Agno*'. The 18th century poet was in an asylum when he wrote the work, and although there is a delightful sense of madcap about the poem, the religious character of '*Rejoice in the Lamb*' is most striking. The performance will be conducted by Debi Overton, Organist-Choirmaster of Calvary Episcopal Church, Williamsville, with Andrew Cantrill at the cathedral organs.

'*St Nicholas*' is a slightly later work and was written for the Boys' Public School, Lancing College. Nicholas, the patron saint of sailors, travellers, children and prisoners, is much more a creature of legend than fact. The most bizarre of the Nicholas legends is included as the 5th movement of Britten's cantata - the tale of the 'Pickled Boys'. While on a journey, Bishop Nicholas is offered meat, in the midst of famine, by an innkeeper who has butchered three boys and placed their dismembered remains in a tub of brine; Nicholas warns the travellers of the crime and restores life to the boys, who enter singing 'Alleluias'. One writer suggests that the story may have been inspired by the resemblance of Nicholas' symbolic gold purses to the heads of three boys. Britten, ever the dramatist, makes the story the emotional high point of the cantata. The role of Nicholas will be sung by James Burritt and the performance will be directed by Andrew Cantrill.

Other works in the program include folksong arrangements for piano and tenor by Benjamin Britten and Britten's two 'hymn' anthems, '*A Hymn to the Virgin*' and '*A Hymn for St Columba*'.

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