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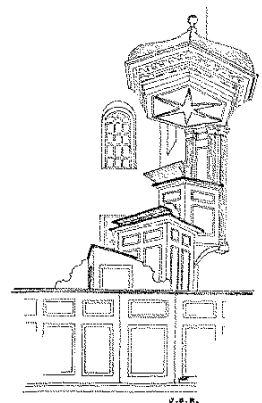
# Cross Section

*All of you are Christ's Body, and each one is a part of it.*

1 Corinthians 12:27



LET THE  
*peace of Christ*  
RULE IN YOUR HEARTS.  
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## FROM THE PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

### Three Special Events at the Start of Lent

**I**n February there are three special events to which you are invited because of how they can draw us closer to each other and to God.

The first is our celebration of Shrove Tuesday, also known as Mardi Gras (or “Fat Tuesday” in French). By tradition, this is the day when Christians use up their remaining fats, oils, dairy products, meats, and other festive foods in preparation for the start of Lent on the next day. We keep this custom by serving a feast of scrumptious pancakes, syrups, bacon, sausage, and juices at the parish-wide pancake supper. The ladies of the Saints Mary and Martha guild graciously cook the meats ahead of time in the morning, and the teenagers in our youth group cook the pancakes and serve the entire meal that evening. This year Shrove Tuesday falls on February 21, with the pancake supper served from 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.

The second is our annual observance of a holy Lent, which begins with Ash Wednesday services at 12 noon and 7 p.m. on February 22. Since Adam was made from the dirt or dust of the earth, the ashes imposed on our foreheads remind us of our mortality and weakness. That is why I will say to you: “Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” More than serving as a sign of our limited life, the ashes call us to humility before God; the ashes remind us of our humble origins. Ash Wednesday’s appearance at the start of Lent thus signifies to us that if we are to grow closer to God and closer to each other, we must re-enter the path of faithfulness and obedience by taking our first steps in humility.

The third special occasion occurs the very next day—Thursday, February 23—when we shall begin a short-term dinner-and-discussion series for Lent on the so-

called Seven Deadly Sins: Lust, Envy, Pride, Wrath/Anger, Sloth, Avarice/Greed, and Gluttony. (After reading that list, perhaps you have already identified your favorite one or two of those vices!) The Seven Deadly Sins do not appear in so simple or straightforward a list anywhere in Scripture, but together they constitute a traditional framework in literature and moral theology for understanding the kinds of behaviors and bad habits that become immense obstacles to a right relationship with God and to a right relationship with other people. Reflecting carefully on these sins that will seem so very familiar from everyday life will be not only thought-provoking for each of us, but also fun—I promise! With the help of some movies and television shows and books, we shall explore how these particular vices draw us away from the love of God and corrupt us, eventually leading to our death (hence the term ‘deadly sins’).

This dinner-and-discussion series on the Seven Deadly Sins will begin on Thursday, February 23, with a simple meal for the entire family starting at 6:30 p.m. and available throughout the evening. Discussion will start by 7:15 p.m. and will conclude by 8:30 p.m., so that you can be on your way home at a reasonable hour. The series will continue on Thursday nights until the arrival of Maundy Thursday on April 5. Childcare will be provided each night, and you do not need to bring anything for the meal (although your cash donations at the door will defray expenses). More details about this series will be available soon.

Let this Lent be a season for us to grow closer to God and to each other, and let these special events assist with that spiritual growth.

**Jay Morris**



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## “Aquia Youth Away from Home” Care Packages

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**A**YAH! A new year—a new semester, and time to collect items for the care packages.

Do you have a daughter or son at college or boarding school? One of Aquia’s ministries is care packages sent to young members who are away from home to remind them that wherever they are, God’s love is with them. Each care package includes snack foods (yes, let’s be honest—junk food!), fun items, and a note from the priest-in-charge.

What We Need:

- items to include in the care packages (see list below);

- monetary donations to offset mailing costs (please write “Care Package” on the memo line of your check);

- the addresses of Aquia youth away from home given to the church office.

We gratefully will be accepting donations January 15 - February 12. Please place your donations in the big blue care package tub.

Please contact the church office to give or update your youth’s address or if you need more information. Thank you!

### Suggested items:

Gum  
Granola Bars  
Cereal Bars  
Microwave Popcorn  
Packets of Instant Breakfast  
Individual packs of hot chocolate  
Instant oatmeal  
Instant Lunch Ramen Noodles  
Individual bags of Fruit Snacks  
Snack size packs of candy such as Starburst, Skittles  
Individual packages of cookies  
Rice Krispie Treats  
Individual bags of Chex Mix, Goldfish, pretzels, etc.  
Individual servings of nuts  
Crystal Light Lemonade

Snack size sunflower seeds  
Snack-size packs of M&Ms  
Lollipops  
Post-Its  
Highlighters  
Mechanical pencils  
Pens  
Band-aids  
Fun items

Please, no drink boxes—unfortunately they really increase mailing costs due to their weight. Approximately 15-20 care packages are sent each semester. Donated items need to be individually-packaged personal-sized portions.

We, as Aquia Church, joyfully respond to the grace, love, and fellowship of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit at work in our midst by celebrating His presence, sharing His abundance, and proclaiming His word throughout the world.

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## AQUIA YOUTH AWAY FROM HOME

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*Jan Van Metre, President*

**AQUIA CHAPTER**  
Fourth Tuesdays at  
10:30 a.m. in the Parish  
Hall.

*Jan Van Metre, Chairman*

**SAINTS MARY &  
MARTHA GUILD**  
First, Third and Fifth  
Thursdays in the Parish  
Hall.  
*Mary Jane Cole and  
Lascetta Patton,  
Co-Chairmen*

## Episcopal Church Women

### Sts. Mary and Martha Guild

**S**ts. Mary and Martha Guild is very excited about starting our new study, *His Way to Pray*, by W. Phillip Keller. We have enjoyed this author in the past, and feel that studying his book about prayer before and during Lent will enhance our spiritual journey.

Our first service opportunity of the year comes on February 21. We will be cooking the bacon and sausage for the J2A's Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. This is a big job, and we would appreciate any extra help from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the parish hall kitchen. Please come if you can, just drop by.

We continue to look for new craft ideas for the Fall Fest. If you found any fun handcrafted Christmas decorations

over the holidays that you think we could make, please be sure to share them with us.

Do consider joining us for Morning Prayer, a simple study, and wonderful fellowship on both February 2 and 16. Our meetings begin at 9:30 and end by noon. We have a sitter in the nursery for your little ones.

For further information, call Mary Jane Cole or Patricia Springer.

P.S. Sts. Mary and Martha Guild observes all Stafford County School closings and delayed openings. We do not meet when weather closes or delays the opening of the schools.

### First Communion Classes

**T**he Season of Lent is the time when Aquia Church offers a special Communion study and preparatory class for children. First Communion will take place at the 9:00 service on Sunday, April 1st.

Classes will be held from 4-5 p.m. on February 19, February 26, March 4, March 11, and March 18. A make up class will be held on March 25. On Saturday, March 31, we will have a First Communion practice followed by a Celebration Dinner for First Communion students and their families. Even if your child has been receiving communion, but has not had formal instruction, we encourage you to take advantage of the classes being offered.



If your child was not baptized at Aquia Church, the office needs to have a copy of their baptismal certificate before they can start classes.

Registration forms are available on the Christian Education bulletin board and in

the church office. If you have questions about First Communion classes, please contact Kristen Morgan at [christianed@aquiachurch.com](mailto:christianed@aquiachurch.com).



## FUTURE BAPTISMS

The next scheduled date according to the Book of Common Prayers for baptisms is May 1, 2011. If you would like to have a baptism on this date, or if this date doesn't work for you and you would like to request another date, please contact the church office so that counseling with the clergy can be scheduled.



## FROM THE PARISH REGISTER

**Transferred in:** *And the Lord added to their number day by day ... Acts 2:47*

Recorded as transfers: William Johnston, Jr., Ascension and St. Agnes, Washington DC.

**Baptisms:** ... *sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever*  
Sadie Lee Rea and Harper Thomas Rea, January 15, 2012.

**Burials:** *Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord; and let the light perpetual shine upon them*

Kathleen "Kat" Marie Feagans, 1989-2012.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

**New Babies:** Thanksgiving for the birth of a child will be offered as part of the service on the second Sunday of the month (youth Sunday). This will be scheduled as needed. Please call the church office the week prior, if your family would like to be included.

Also, please call the church office after a birth so that a red rose can be placed on the altar in thanksgiving.

**Those being deployed:** Please call the church office so that we can offer special prayers at a service prior to your departure. Also we want to put you on our prayer list for all those in the service of our country who are deployed.

## NEWCOMERS

*Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2*

The following families have recently turned in visitor cards: Mark and Jo Marie LaFave, Germaine Bolton.



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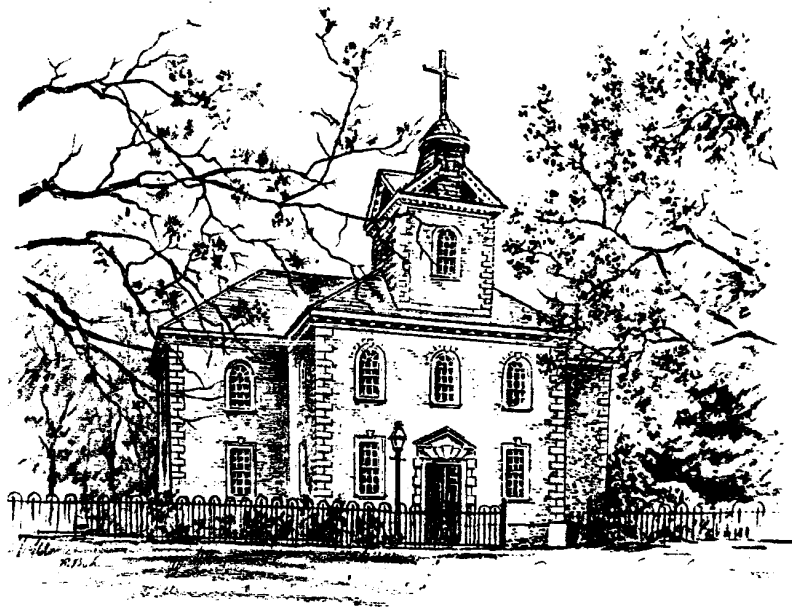
## Historic Highlights

Modifications to the interior of the church in 1933 would create considerable debate. Money made available from the Moncure Robinson fund permitted the modifications. At this time the wooden chancel floor and communion rail were replaced, marble being installed on the chancel floor. The panels below the tablets were replaced and the "House of Moncure" memorial set in the chancel floor. The church was also connected with electricity.

The dispute over these modifications was widespread, eliciting an article in *The Washington Star*. Bishop H. St. George Tucker felt compelled to address the "misunderstanding." In a letter bearing his signature, his comment is applicable at present:

"The colonial churches had no provision whatever for heat or lights, nor for a vesting room, nor a choir. Consequently in order to continue to use these old buildings under present day needs it is necessary to make provision for them. In making these changes it is our constant desire to retain every colonial feature that is possible and to preserve the colonial atmosphere. If the Church is to continue a living, vital force in the life of today the necessary changes must be made otherwise we must keep these old buildings simply as museums having no vital part in present day life."

*From the book "The Story of Aquia Church by Thomas M. Moncure, Jr & Molly A. Pynn*



## Thoughts From One of Our Youngest Parishioners About the New Roof

On Sunday, January 15th, I left the church building having just attended the 7:30 a.m. service and was standing in conversation with a few of the parishioners arriving for the 9 a.m. service when a young parishioner age 6 came running up to me exclaiming, "Look, over the weekend, they painted the roof gold!"



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## New Building Committee

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If you were at the church's Annual Meeting a couple weeks ago, I brought you on a tour of the 2014 Aquia Episcopal Church's campus with our new "Multifunctional Building." The committee worked hard with an architectural firm from Williamsburg, John Hopke Associates, and created a building that not only will fit the bill to 'compliment and not copy' our historic church as prescribed by Stafford's Architectural Review Board, but also will accommodate the needs of our growing congregation and our youth.

There is still much to do. We're polishing up our "Request For Proposal"

and plan to have it out to six qualified firms by mid-January. Their submissions should arrive back in February and then we can look forward to starting the interview process in March. The committee is continuing to work hard to make progress towards our ultimate goal.

If you haven't seen the new building design and site location yet, you'll find the renderings posted on a bulletin board in the fellowship hall. Take a look and feel the pride and excitement that the rest of us are feeling.

**Gary Perkins**



*Thank you so much for the flowers, the many cards, cookies, and the precious letter covered with notes of sympathy and condolences in the sad loss of my son, Bradley. I have been wrapped in hugs that still haven't stopped coming. No one should ever be without the kind of church family we have at Aquia. It makes all the difference. Our thanks to Father Jay who steadfastly supported us at the funeral home and at the graveside. His officiating at the chapel service and graveside in Manassas brought our church home to us, and was such a comfort to our whole family. Thanks, all of you, for helping to make Brad's send-off as lovely as we ever could have made it. We are at peace with that part of it.*

*Thanks, In God's Love,  
Ken and Jeanette Lempka and family*



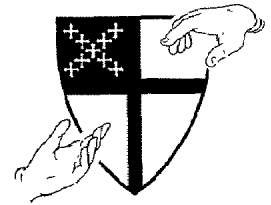
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## **Come Join Us in February!**

- February 4:** Concert “A Traverso Tour de Force” at 3 p.m.  
featuring The U.S. Army Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps  
Baroque Flute Ensemble  
and Washington’s Camerata
- February 11:** EYC Valentine’s Dinner  
2 seatings, at 5 & 8 p.m., advanced tickets \$25 per person
- February 21:** EYC Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at 5 p.m.
- February 22:** Ash Wednesday services at noon and 7 p.m.

