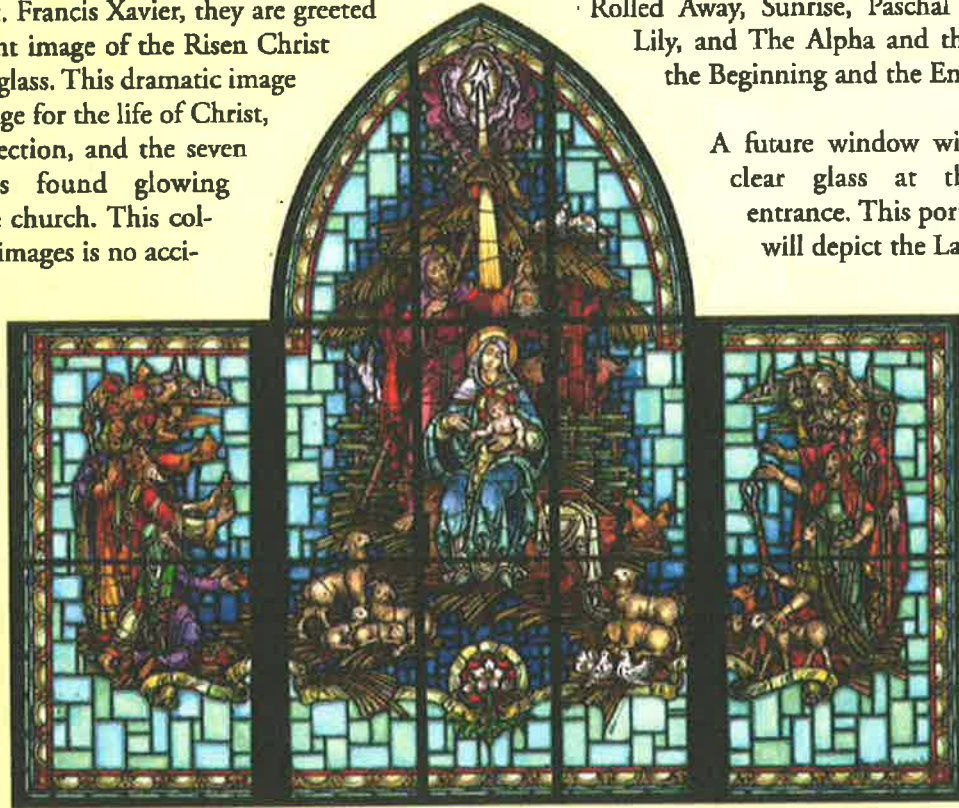


As parishioners and guests enter the narthex of the new St. Francis Xavier, they are greeted by a radiant image of the Risen Christ etched in glass. This dramatic image sets the stage for the life of Christ, His resurrection, and the seven sacraments found glowing within the church. This collection of images is no acci-

Draped with Shroud, Empty Tomb with Stone Rolled Away, Sunrise, Paschal Lamb, The Lily, and The Alpha and the Omega – the Beginning and the End.

A future window will grace the clear glass at the Church entrance. This portico window will depict the Last Judgment

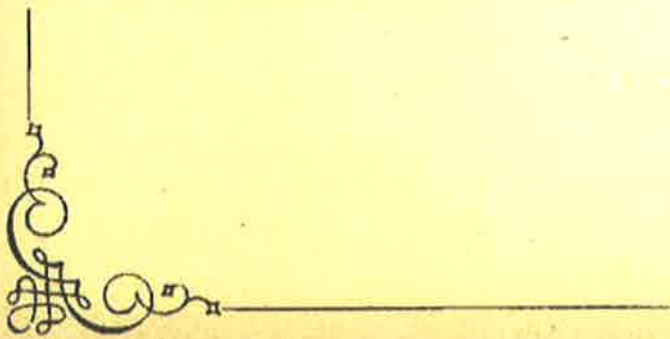


dent. The Stained Glass committee worked in tandem with The Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, known worldwide for their remarkable stained glass, to create this magnificent story.

The narthex clerestory windows depicting symbols of Christ's resurrection are just the beginning of the series of inspirational scenes, which include: Cross

scene: "Come, you blessed of my Father...I was hungry and you gave me to eat...I was thirsty and you gave me to drink..."

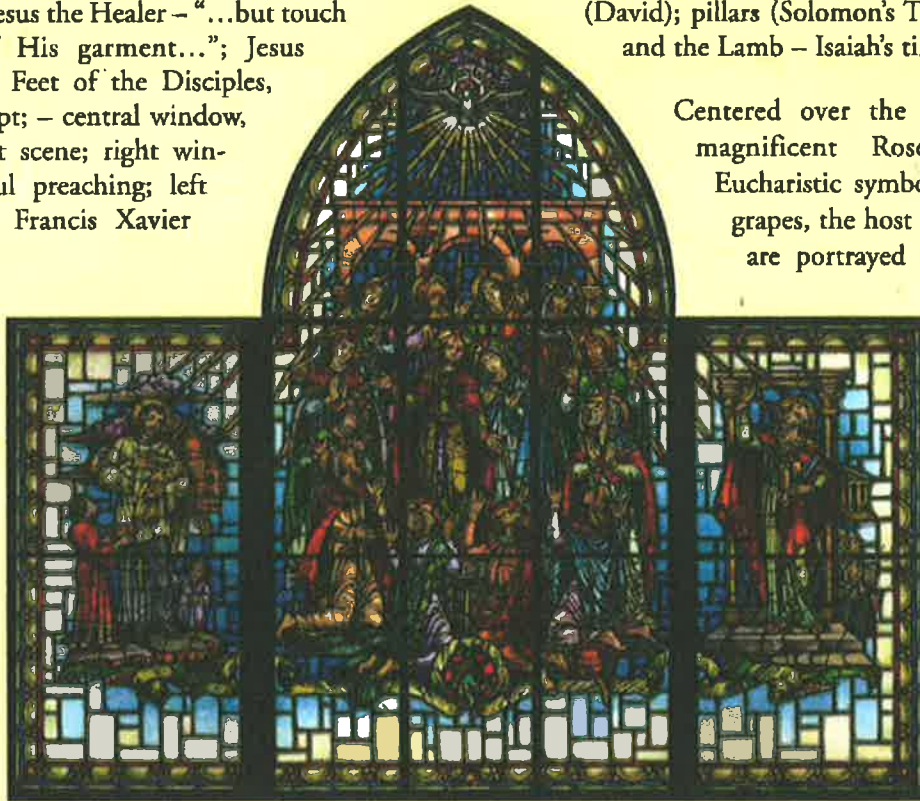
The nave windows depict the life of Christ. Counterclockwise around the church: South transept – the Nativity Scene with Magi arriving from the East; Baptism of Jesus; First public miracle of Jesus – the Wedding Feast of Cana; Jesus with



the Children; Jesus the Teacher – Sermon on the Mount; Jesus the Healer – “...but touch the hem of His garment...”; Jesus Washing the Feet of the Disciples, North transept; – central window, the Pentecost scene; right window, St. Paul preaching; left window, St. Francis Xavier baptizing.

five books of the Bible; The Kings of Israel – harp (David); pillars (Solomon’s Temple); Lion and the Lamb – Isaiah’s time of peace.

Centered over the altar is the magnificent Rose Window. Eucharistic symbols of wheat, grapes, the host and a chalice are portrayed in this awe-



The nave’s clerestory windows depict significant Old Testament events or stories.

Counterclockwise around the church you’ll find: Creation – the Hand of God; Noah’s Ark – the Rainbow; Abraham’s Sacrifice – Wood, Knife, Jar with Flame; Jacob’s Ladder; The Passover – Blood on the Door Lintel; The Ten Commandments; The Ark of the Covenant; The Pentateuch Scroll – first

inspiring window. Another window of epic proportions can be found in the Bride’s room. It features the Annunciation scene.

The stained glass windows, and the themes and significant events they portray, leave a lasting impression upon those who enter the church and complement the overall beauty and serenity captured within the church’s architectural design.