

St. Stephen's News

St. Stephen's Traditional Episcopal Church, Timonium, Maryland

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Cook the Cookies, then buy some!

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Cookie Walk is set for Saturday, December 5

THE COOKIE WALK is not just a parochial affair. It is an event that has become a celebration for the entire community -- one of modern Timonium's earliest institutions.

This was brought home to us a few years back when we awoke on Cookie Walk day to discover we were in the midst of a major blizzard and that the whole of Baltimore County was blanketed in snow.

Disconsolately, we decided it would be best to open the church just in case a few particularly conscientious volunteers managed to struggle through the snow to man the sales tables.

To our amazement, not only did all of our volunteers turn out, but a host of customers as well. Certainly we did not do the amount of business we usually expect to do, but, then, the

opportunity to buy gifts for everyone on their list without breaking their piggy banks.

Greens of as many varieties as possible, especially magnolia, nandina, aromatic cedars, junipers and hard to find variegated hollies are also badly needed. Without them, we will be unable to make our hot-selling small baskets for table arrangements.

Greens should be brought to the church the weekend following Thanksgiving. We could use help assembling table arrangements and decorating wreaths. If you can spare some ornamental pinks for wreaths, we could use those too!

Another thing we need very badly is folks -- on Wednesday, December 2nd and Thursday, December 3rd to help us make our table baskets, wreaths and greens arrangements. We would also very much appreciate volunteers on Friday, December 4th, and Saturday, December 5th -- the big day -- to help set up and take down.

Last, but far from least, we need sales help on sale day. Please call the parish office at 410-560- 6776, Stephanie Verhage 410-667-6370, or Charlotte Hawtin at 410-665-1278 to volunteer. Thank you for your help! **DONNA**

FROM THE RECTOR

Thoughts on precautions against H1N1 Swine 'Flu

THIS YEAR'S 'Flu Season is even more worrisome than usual. Not only are we facing the onslaught of the usual seasonal influenza, we are also anticipating an epidemic of the Swine Flu or H1N1 Virus to give it its proper name.

With this in mind, Dr. Mathu Santosham, a former vestryman and a leading professor at the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health, dropped me a note last week with some thoughts on the "common cup" from which we receive communion.

Among his other responsibilities, Dr. Santosham is the Director of the Center for American Indian and Alaskan Native Health. Thus when he speaks it is worth paying attention.

Dr. Santosham emphasised that he didn't want to frighten folks unduly, but he pointed out that there might be a risk of infection in "the common cup."

He adds, however: "I want to make it clear that to date there have been no documented cases of transmission of H1N1 as a result of sharing the common cup."

Many parishioners already partake of the cup by intinction, But others take the view that history and statistics both indicate the risk is modest.

Experience in the early years of the AIDS epidemic demonstrates that it is impractical to offer both "common cup" chalices and intincting cups at the same time. It simply leads to confusion.

The most practical solution is for people concerned about infection not to receive from the chalice. It is by no means obligatory to receive communion in "both kinds." Priests are merely instructed "not to deny" the cup to the laity. This is to make it clear that there are not two classes of Christian.

Theologically speaking, it is impossible to separate the Body and Blood of Christ. Thus whoever receives the bread alone also receives the blood, and whoever receives the Blood alone receives the Body.

People who suffer from gluten allergies need not feel obliged to receive the cup. Rather they should notify either the director of pastoral care or the clergy before the communion service as we have a supply of gluten free hosts. **GPH**

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

Advent Lessons & Carols

THE St. Stephen's Choir of Men & Boys will present its annual Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent Sunday at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore, at 5.30 PM on Sunday, November 29th. Through

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19TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

9 AM to 1 PM, Saturday, December 5th

St. Stephen's Parish Hall

roads were virtually impassable. The vast majority of the people who turned out for the sale arrived on foot, braving driving snow and freezing wind gusts.

That day we sold more than \$3,000-worth of cookies. And the fact of the matter is that sales were greatly increased by folks who, having gobbled up their first load of cookies on the way home, turned around and came back for more!

In any event, Saturday, December 5th is the date for our Nineteenth Annual Cookie Walk. It will take place from 9 AM 'til 1 PM in the Parish Hall.

We have a great sale in the making -- wonderful cookies, jams and jellies, peanut brittle, bean soup, greens, table arrangements, wreaths, candied nuts, and so much more.

But we need your help to make this event a success. Use your favorite cookie recipe and get baking. We ask for five pounds of cookies (10 pounds if you can manage it) from each parish family to reach our goal of 1000-plus pounds of cookies! Cookies may be dropped off at the church from Tuesday, December 1st, onwards.

Last year we had the best selection of cookies yet, thanks to your efforts, but, sad to say, we could have sold many, many more if we had had them.

Please don't let the changeable weather lull you into inaction. We know it's easier to get into a baking frame of mind when it's 40 degrees outside than when it's 65, but if you don't get busy in the kitchen you'll disappoint all those people who are depending on us to bake for their families this Christmas.

We also need modestly priced items suitable for all the family for our Children's Table. The idea is to give kids an

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

Sunday, December 6th, 2009

8:00 AM, 9.15 & 11.15 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Romans 15:4--13

The Gospel: St. Matthew 21:25-33

FOR YOUR MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 25

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:1-10

Second Lesson: St. Luke 1:26-56

scripture readings, carols and hymns, the service reflects the mystery and anticipation of the Advent season.

Music will include works of Palestrina, Prætorius, Gibbons, Mendelssohn, Wood, McKie, Alain, Gardner, Guest, Twynham, Pärt, Ledger & Cleobury.

Visitors from all faith traditions are always heartily welcomed. A freewill offering in aid of Dr. Bob's Place will be gratefully accepted at the rear of the church.

FROM HAPPY RILEY & MARTHA MILLER

Knit shawls, not your brows

BRING your knitting needles or crochet hooks and join us at St. Stephen's at 11.00 AM on Monday, November 30th to knit or crochet prayer shawls for patients at Joseph Richey Hospice.

No experience is necessary. There will be help for beginners and novices. Future meeting times are to be decided. Call Martha at 410-321-9038 or Happy at 410-252-8674.

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

The First Sunday In Advent

ALMIGHTY God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that on the last day, when

he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal, though him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. *AMEN. Book of Common Prayer. Page 90*

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the office at 410 560 6776.

RECOVERY: Rachel, Louisa, Perry, Shirley, Deborah, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Frank, Carl, Charlotte, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Doris, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Polly, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Wendell, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Dorcas, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Harriet, Karen, Steve, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Edith Anne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Ernie, Pat, Lynn, Michael, Ray, Leslie, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Robert, Danny, Billy, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, Alma, Christine, John, Henry, Naomi, Pam, John, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, Elizabeth, Gloria, Lee Emily, Elsie, Bruce, Regina, Lewis, Madolin, Eudora, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, Mackie, Jody, Sheila, Jo Anne, John, Geradine, Thomas, Jeanne, Sister Catherine-Grace, Maxine, Ann Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Rebecca, Dorothy, Joanne, Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Debbie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Georgetta, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Robert, Doris, Drake, The Norris family; Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Tom, Susan, Debbie, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, Jo Anne, Mary, Gregory, Isabel, Bobby, Dorothy, Harriet, Darren, Scott, Rebecca, William, Charles, Joyce, Asfa, Eleanor, Kathy, Linda, James, Barry, Ann, Evelyn, Jeanette, Elizabeth, Virginia, Mildred, Chris, Micki, Stephen, Erik, Carol, Sandra, Elsie, John, Robert, Mary, Michael; David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Col. Scott Taylor, U.S. Army, Alex Bursi, U.S. Navy; Capt. Charles Bursi & Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, U.S. Air Force; Lt. Col. R. J. Lytle & PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, U.S. Army.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am -- Holy Communion

9.15am -- Holy Communion (Nursery & Church School)

11.15am -- Morning Prayer (Nursery)

(1st. Sun. of the month: Holy Communion at 11.15am)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

THE HYMNS FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 6th, 2009

PROCESSIONAL: 402 (Munich)

O word of God incarnate

GRADUAL: 403 (Liebster Jesu)

Book of books, our people's strength

SERMON: 403 (Luebeck)

Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

COMMUNION HYMN: 2 (Veni Emmanuel)

O come, O come, thou Rod of Jesse's stem

RECESSIONAL: 5 (St. Thomas)

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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