

# St. Stephen's News

**St. Stephen's Church, Timonium, Maryland**  
A parish in the classical Anglican tradition

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## FROM THE RECTOR

### Snow joke to live here in freezing Baltimore

THE INADEQUACIES of my ancient snow blower became painfully obvious during last year's blizzards. I managed to keep the drive way clear only by dint of snow blowing the miserable thing every hour and a half. Believe me, that sort of thing gets old really fast.

So just before Christmas Charlotte and I bowed to reality and invested in a new, much larger model – one capable of snow blowing the entire State of Maine. It is a heavy brute and I was obliged to enlist the help of a friend with a truck to get it home.

"Well," he said cheerfully as we wheeled the thing into my garage, "Buying that thing means that we'll be getting no serious snow falls this year."

"Bah! Humbug!" I replied, "That's simply vain superstition."

It is early days yet, of course, but so far his prophecy seems to have held good. We have been spared the full effects of record setting snow storms that have shut down the South and much of the North East.

Whether my acquisition of a new snow blower had anything to do with it is a matter of conjecture, but if it is, nobody could be happier than the Hawkins.

However, I can't help feeling a trifle guilty about my acute distaste for the "Baltimore snow experience" After all, I spent much of my childhood in East Anglia where blizzards sweeping in from the North Sea were a routine element of winter life.

Country folk took them in their stride. We were packed off to school as usual in our short pants. The only concessions to the cold were a long knitted scarf and mittens strung on a tape which ran across our shoulders and down the sleeves of our coats so they didn't go astray during snow ball fights.

I can't actually remember the roads being ploughed, though I guess it might occasionally have happened. But most of the time it wasn't necessary. The ancient hedge rows – some 3,000 years old – that lined our country lanes prevented drifting snow from blocking the road ways.

Schools rarely closed. Back in those days most of us walked to school – except for a couple of teachers who usually came by bicycle. Indeed, the only acceptable reason for a school closure was if the lavatories froze up.

This only happened once in my memory. In the winter of 1948 the lavatories in my school froze solid for a blessed three weeks. We had to make up the time later in the year, of course. But it was worth it.

We kids had a glorious time sliding on ice-covered ponds, building snow forts and igloos, and organizing snowball fights that involved every child in the village.

Things changed in the 1980s, however, when farming suddenly became "agri-business." Ancient hedgerows were grubbed up and ditches filled in – all in the cause of efficiency. The bigger the field, so the theory went, the easier it was to cultivate.

But the Stone Age farmers with their flint axes and mattocks knew something that was apparently lost to the college educated "agri-business" tycoon. Those hedges and ditches not only reduced soil erosion, they also prevented drifting snow from shutting down roads.

In recent years, villages have been cut off for weeks on end by snow storms which a couple of decades earlier would have merely caused minor inconvenience.

Back in 1979 or 1980, a friend traveling by car from Paris

to London to spend Christmas with his family was marooned for two weeks in Dover, largely as a consequence of the obliteration of the hedge rows. Today hedges are being replanted and ditches re-dug. But, sadly, to a countryman's eye, they are sorry affairs, for the skills required to maintain them with the former efficiency have largely been lost.

Since the days of my childhood almost everywhere I have chosen to live have been subject to extremely snowy winters – Scandinavia, Eastern Europe, a German mountain village and New York. And folks in all these places seemed to take the snow in their stride.

To be sure, New York occasionally experiences extraordinary blizzards that shut the city and suburban counties down for a couple of days. But New Yorkers simply shrugged off as no big deal snowfalls of the sort that routinely paralyze Baltimore for a week.

It is not as though snow is a stranger to Baltimore. It comes with monotonous regularity, year in and year out. Yet it invariably seems to catch us all – schools, businesses, churches municipal governments and ordinary citizens – completely by surprise.

To drive in snow covered Baltimore is to take your life in your hands. Baltimore drivers (like the Bourbons who ruled pre-revolutionary France) seem to have learned nothing and forgotten nothing as far as snow is concerned. Experienced drivers are generally just as bad at it as the rookies.

The worst part of it is that Baltimore's miserable snow phobia seems to be catching. Immigrants from the North East and Mid West who once simply shrugged off snow as a fact of life now cower at the weather forecast.

Not me. For some reason I seem totally immune. I would elaborate further on this theme but I haven't got the time. I have to dash out for a bottle of milk, a loaf of bread and, oh yes, a couple of rolls of toilet paper. **GPH**✘

## FROM HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

### Our new adult program

OUR three-year Associate in Theological Studies (A.T.S.) program is for all who wish to deepen their knowledge of the Bible, spirituality, and theology. It consists of six courses (one per term) and three seminars. Each course meets for eight weeks on Monday evenings. A certificate will be granted to those who complete the program. Our course offerings are:

#### A.T.S. January Seminar

##### SF130 St. John of the Cross

St. John of the Cross (1542-1591) is a "Doctor of the Church" revered as a sure guide for souls aspiring to grow in union with God. The goal of this seminar is to introduce this great mystic of the soul's guest so that he may be a companion for the rest of our earthly journey.

The instructor is Fr. John Worgul, Ph.D. and it will meet on Thursday and Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:30-9:00 PM and on Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM

Classes will be held at St. Stephen's Church, 11856 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21093. The A.T.S. seminar costs \$210.00; audit only, \$160.00. Saturday lunch included.

#### A.T.S. Course

##### BS120 The Book of Revelation

Christians of every generation plausibly believed that they were living in the end times. This course will work through the text of the Book of Revelation understand its message to its first hearers, and implications for us today.

Classes will take place at St. Stephen's Church on Mondays from 7:15-9:15 PM, beginning January 31<sup>st</sup>, and ending on March 21<sup>st</sup>. The instructor will be Fr. John Worgul, Ph.D. The A.T.S. program costs \$200.00; Audit only, \$150.00.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE  
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

being Sunday, January 30th, 2011

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM  
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Romans 13:1-7  
The Gospel: St. Matthew 8:1-13

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 18:1-10  
The First Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-11  
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 4:16-32

**M.Min. Course**

**BS540 Epistles and Revelation**

Holy Trinity has also opened the following Master of Ministry (M.Min.) course for audit to all of those interested in furthering their biblical theological knowledge. You do not have to be enrolled in a degree program to audit this course.

The instructor for this course is Fr. John Worgul, Ph.D. and it begins with the Book of Acts as a context for the Pauline Epistles and proceed from there to a thorough exegesis of the Book of Romans and I Corinthians. It will conclude with an overview of the Book of Revelation.

The course meets on five Saturdays from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM: January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, March 19<sup>th</sup>, April 16<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes will be held in the Parish House at Christ the King Church, 1102 Hart Road, Towson, MD 21286. Audit fee is \$150.00. You will have to bring your own lunch.

**Please make all checks payable to Christ the King Church marked "Seminary."**

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

OUR EPISCOPAL Visitor, **Bishop Brian Marsh**, will be coming to **St. Stephen's** on the weekend of **February 19th & 20th** to administer the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. We hope you will keep the dates clear in your calendars in order to give **Bishop Marsh** a traditional **St. Stephen's** welcome.

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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.

SAVE THE DATE OF April 23rd, 2011 for the dedication of the Joyce Holmes Memorial Glen at the Cylburn Arboretum. Time: 10.30 AM to 12.30 PM.

**✠ 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:** Noah, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Georgetta, Katherine, Hindra, Sara, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Edithann, Doris, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, James, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Bob, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Marian, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Jim, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Robert, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, George, Bryan, Jason, Jane, Joan, Frances, Pat, 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, Linda, Carol, Bernie, Charlene, Josephine, Margaret, 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 and Carol.

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

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** LTC. R. J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, U.S. Army, Alex Bursi, US. Navy; Capt. Charles Bursi & LTC Harry Hughes, U.S. Air Force.

**COLLECTS: SUNDAY EPIPHANY III & THE BEHEADING OF KING CHARLES I**

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 112*

BLESSED LORD, in whose sight the death of thy Saints is precious: we magnify thy Name for thine abundant grace bestowed upon thy servant, King Charles of England; by which he was enabled so cheerfully to follow the steps of his blessed Master and Saviour, in a constant meek suffering of all barbarous indignities, and at last resisting unto blood, and even then, according to the same pattern, praying for his murderers, to the same our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost ever, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

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