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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

March 8th for Shrove Tuesday Pancakes

ST STEPHEN'S Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper takes place on March 8th. These famous suppers are not only gastronomic events, they are also real inflation fighters. The price has remained unchanged for 21 years. We challenge you to find anything in Baltimore with a comparable record!

For a mere \$5 per adult you can feast on three different types of scrumptious pancakes – American, English and Polish – and a heaped helping of the finest sausages the city has to offer. (You could manage seconds? Be our guest . . .)

Naturally, there will be lashings of syrup, butter and apple sauce, with diet equivalents for folks watching their weight. Beverages will be available at nominal cost.

The Pancake and Sausage Supper offers an especially good deal for the children. Kids are half price (\$2.50) for the first two and the other kids your bring eat free. You simply can't find a better deal than that!

We have managed to hold our prices steady without compromising quality because the Pancake Suppers are not fund raisers but family affairs aimed at fostering fellowship and fun. If we make a profit, it's entirely accidental.

Join us for fellowship, fun and fantastically good food at this year's Pancake and Sausage Supper. It's the best value in Baltimore. Doors open at 5.00 PM and close at 7.30 PM.

THE LENTEN SERIES

Discover why Jesus came at the right time

QUESTIONS about the timing of the Incarnation have exercised Christian minds for the best part of two thousand years: Just why, for instance, did Jesus choose to take on our human flesh in the year 6 BC or thereabouts rather than any other time in history?

Theologically speaking, the answer is that it was "the right time." This, of course, does not in anyway satisfy inquiring minds. It makes it appear theologians are dodging the real question: "Naturally it was the right time. After all, it is God we are dealing with and he doesn't make mistakes.

The crux of the matter is: "What made it the right time?" This year's Lenten Series, which will examine this issue beginning at 6.45 PM on Wednesday, March 16th and continuing on Wednesday, March 23rd, Wednesday, April 6th and Wednesday, April 13th.

(There will be no presentation on Wednesday, March 30th because the Diocesan Synod will be taking place at the parish church on March 30th, March 31st and April 1st.)

Entitled "St. Paul's World," the series will explore the Roman Empire of the First Century AD. in order to explore the conditions that made it exactly the right time for the arrival of the Messiah?

The answer certainly could not have been that people were especially pious at the time. Even in the Holy Land, the Pharisees, the most strictly observant of all Jews were very much a minority. Nor is the answer that it was an age of particular social awareness and sensitivity. Quite to the contrary. Human rights were an entirely alien concept.

An industrial revolution was underway. Enormous numbers of slaves were rapidly displacing skilled, self-employed artisans in the manufacturing sector. On the land, the traditional family farmer was increasingly unable to compete with large scale "agri-business" and their work forces of slave laborers.

Rome's conquests in Gaul, Germany and Britain, not to mention Africa and "the Fertile Crescent" in the Middle East, produced so many captives even the poorer Roman households could afford a slave to help with the household chores.

Citizens thrown out of work by the industrialization process flocked to Rome, attracted by the dole and free social services. The need to keep the armies of unemployed and underemployed occupied spawned a vast entertainment industry similar in many respects to our own – not least in its taste for violence and bloodshed.

Certainly, juxtaposed against the callousness and casual cruelty of the Roman Empire, the First Century was also a time of cultural flowering. Literature, drama, music, painting, sculpture, architecture flourished, but the influence they exerted was almost entirely pagan in nature.

At a more basic level, it was certainly not an age of tranquility – an age in which it would have been natural to promote the concept of peace, charity and good will to all men.

The empire was almost perpetually at war. Pirates posed a continual menace to maritime commerce. Bandits preyed on travelers, and the Middle East was the powder keg it has always been.

Join us to discover why "the Right Time" was the right time. We will be offering hearty soups, the best bread in Baltimore and beverages. Feel free to bring a sandwich if you wish. We'll provide the food for thought. **GPH**

OBITUARY

✠ Chip: 1999-2011 ✠

CHIP, the Scottish Terrier, was the self-appointed parish mascot and greeter. He arrived as a tiny three-month-old ball of black fur in late 1999 and for the best part of 12 years cheerily welcomed parishioners at the side door, wagging his tail and dancing around -- virtually levitating -- on his hind legs.

He was a particular favorite of the choir's treble section. He would dash up and down the corridor by the parish hall, retrieving tennis balls until he got bored or just plain exhausted – at which point he would make off with the ball and hide it..

Chip particularly enjoyed Choir Camp – and especially games of water polo at the swimming pool. His role was to grab balls that came out of the water and pitch them back in the pool. Occasionally he would decide to keep the ball for himself – artfully dodging the players trying to recover it.

In the evening he was a great comfort to youngsters away at camp for the first time. It is amazing what a grand old romp over the furniture can do to chase away the homesick blues.

Chip had a keen sense of humor. On one memorable occasion he attended Compline brandishing a toilet brush, defying all efforts to remove it from his mouth until the service was over.

Piety is not generally expected of dogs, but Chip actually enjoyed church services when offered the opportunity to attend. Worshippers at the Friday Healing Service would frequently sneak him into the sanctuary where he would sit silently on a pew, listening attentively throughout the service.

A favorite occupation was riding in an automobile. Chip adored sitting in the front seat, staring out of the window. However, I suspect he harbored an ambition to drive. When returning to the car after making a sick call I'd invariably find him behind the wheel – and most reluctant to move over.

His home from home was the Joseph Richey Hospice, where he was an official volunteer, visiting the patients, playing with staff and sleeping under Charlotte's desk. He was also a volunteer at Union Memorial Hospital.

Sadly, Chip passed away peacefully in my arms on St. David's Day. Thankfully, there had been no protracted illness. He had been his usual jolly self just the day before. It was a great privilege and pleasure to have been his friend. **GPH**

AN INVITATION

Join the ladies who lunch

The Ladies Who Lunch will be dining at Patrick's Restaurant on Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, at 12 Noon on Wednesday, March 16th. Join us for good food, fellowship and a good deal of fun. To reserve, call Joyce Perlberg at Tel: 410-252-2680.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**
being Sunday, March 13th, 2011

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: II Corinthians 6:1-10
The Gospel: St. Matthew 4:1-11

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER
The Psalter: Psalm 50

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:1-14
The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 6:1-18

✠ **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: Gordon, Georgetta, Merryll, Melvin, Noah, Mavis, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, 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, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom. Lelillah, 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, 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, Ben, Kevin, Gwen, 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, Al-bion, 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.

FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Damian & Jason

FROM THE TREASURER

**The Endowment Fund
Drive reaches \$135,000**

THE ENDOWMENT Fund has advanced to more than \$135, 000 thanks in large part to a gift of \$30,000 from Dr. Bill Young and his wife, Culver . Their generous gift brings us to within \$65,000 of our initial goal of \$200,000.

The Endowment Fund is intended to provide the parish with the financial stability to sustain its growth. The income will be primarily devoted to reducing the mortgage.

The Endowment Fund Drive team welcomes contributions large and small. If you would like to donate to the fund, please send your check to the Treasurer, made out to *St. Stephen's Traditional Episcopal Church* and marked on the memo line "*Endowment Fund.*"

If you wish to make an donation in memory, or in honor of a loved one or friend, please give us the information in a separate note. Also let us know if you would like to be named in the newsletter as a donor. **BILL HAWKINS**

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am -- Holy Communion

9.15am -- Holy Communion

(Nursery & Church School)

11.15am -- Morning Prayer

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

(1st Sun. of the month: Choral Evensong at 6.00pm)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday: 6.00pm Evening Prayer

Friday: Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday: 5.00PM Family Eucharist.

COLLECTS: QUINQUAGESIMA

& SAINT NON

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee. Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Page 122

O GOD, who by the motherhood of the blessed Mary has crowned the calling of women: We praise thee for Saint Non and all godly matrons, who have kept thy Son's sayings in their hearts and taught their children the same to thine honor and glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

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