

St. Stephen's News

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FROM THE RECTOR

Bankruptcy beckons for traditional media bores

IT'S NOT news that America's news media is in trouble. Newspapers and news magazines have been whining about their declining circulations for a more than a decade. Over the same period the big three TV networks have been losing audiences at a similarly rapid pace.

Both the print media and the TV networks blame the Internet for their decline. Competition from bloggers and other electronic news sources certainly hasn't helped them, but, truth to tell, our traditional media outlets are, themselves, the authors of their own destruction.

The problem is that when it comes to news these days, it's a case of either feast or famine. The feast is served up by the print media, the readers of which find their eyes glazing over under an unremitting barrage of political news – much of it contrived and inconsequential.

The famine is found on the TV networks. Operating under the philosophy of "if it bleeds, it leads," they have reduced most happenings to 30 seconds of video and a 10 second sound bite.

Weird though it might seem, it is reasonable to argue that the Soviet media provided their audiences with a broader perspective on world news back in the days of Leonid Brezhnev than Americans get today.

Sure, you had to dig for it, but it was amazing how much news was available in Moscow back then for those who craved it.

Admittedly television was deadly dull. The mind can absorb only so many documentaries on coal production in the Dnieper region. But, even so, there were a more current affairs journals to choose in Moscow in the 1970s and '80s than are available in America today.

Naturally, all were censored, but, even so, people were adept at reading between the lines. And, journalists, being what they are, were always searching for ways to sneak news past the censor.

The Soviet press, moreover, was far from monolithic. *Pravda*, was the Party newspaper, while *Izvestia* was the government's newspaper, and *Trud* was the paper of the trade union movement.

Then there were the newspapers owned by the municipalities, the youth organization and the military, and those produced for the intelligentsia, the economists and so forth. Certainly, all of these were Communist controlled entities, but they by no means shared the same agenda. Indeed, their interests and policy positions tended to be quite diverse.

Certainly, wading through the Soviet press was a pain in the

neck. But a determined soul could read between the lines of a sufficiently broad spectrum of newspapers and periodicals to get a pretty good idea of what was going on in the world.

Here in America, by contrast, it doesn't seem matter how many news outlets there are, they all seem to share the same editorial policy and much the same news staff. Actually, this is hardly surprising as there is only one American generally news agency still in operation: The Associated Press.

America's traditional news media outlets are not headed for bankruptcy because of Internet competition or their manifest political bias. They are putting themselves out of business by being dull, predictable and intolerably boring.. **GPH**

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lenten Studies continue

THIS YEAR'S Lenten Study series will continue after 6.00 PM Evening Prayer every on Wednesday evening until Wednesday in Passion Week, March 24th.

As usual, we will be offering food for the body as well as the soul. So why not join us at about 6.45 PM on February 24th for one of our traditional hearty soups, the best bread in Baltimore and beverages. **BROCK JOHNSON**

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH WOMEN

Ladies Lunch, March 17th

ST. STEPHEN'S Women will be meeting for lunch at the Bluestone Restaurant, 11 West Aylesbury Road, Timonium, at 12 noon on Wednesday, March 17th. You are heartily invited to join us. Please call Ann Bonnell (410-560-1130) for reservations and directions.

FROM THE DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE

Blood drive, March 22nd

OUR SPRING Blood Drive will take place in the Parish Hall between the hours of 3.30 PM and 8.00 PM on Monday, March 22nd. Please prayerfully consider becoming a donor as blood is in very short supply in Baltimore's hospitals. If you are unable to give blood, please try to find somebody to donate in your place. The gift of life is the most important gift of all.

✠ 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: Laura, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Earnie, Sharp, Edithann, Robert, Nancy, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph,

The Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, March 28th: 8 AM, 9.15 AM & 11.15 AM, Palms & Holy Communion;
6 PM, The Choir sings Evensong

MONDAY BEFORE EASTER, March 29th: 6 PM, Holy Communion.

TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER, March 30th: 6 PM, Holy Communion.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER, March 31st: 6 PM, H.C & 7 PM.

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 1st: 7 PM Choral Eucharist, followed by Vigil

GOOD FRIDAY, April 2nd: NOON, The Seven Last Words From The Cross
3.30 PM, Children's Way of the Cross ✠ 6 PM, Communion from the Reserved Sacrament

HOLY SATURDAY, April 3rd: 7 PM, The Great Vigil and First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER DAY (Sunday, April 4th)

8 AM: Said Holy Eucharist.

9.15 AM: Choral Eucharist, (followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for children aged 7 and under).

11.15 AM: Choral Eucharist

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
PASSION SUNDAY**
being the Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 21st, 2010

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Hebrews 9::11-15
The Gospel: St. John 8:46-59

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 51
The First Lesson: Isaiah 1:10-20
The Second Lesson: I St. Peter 46:12-19

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, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Wendell, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom, Lelilah, Jennifer, Miriam, 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 and Debbie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: June, 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, Debbie, 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: Col. Scott Taylor, 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.

Easter Flowers for St. Stephen's Altar

Here is a selection of beautiful spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter. Please make your choice and return this form to the church office with your check by March 26th. Flowers may be taken home after the 11:15 am service.

	# of plants		# of plants
Lilies Small elite 6" 4-6 blooms @ \$10	_____	Keepsake Azalea @ \$14	_____
Hydrangeas Four plus Blooms @ \$15	_____	Hyacinths @ \$8.50 (6" pot)	_____
Daffodils @ \$8.50 (6" pot)	_____	Tulips @ \$ 8.50 (6" pot)	_____

Your Name:

My gift is made IN HONOR OF, IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR (*please circle*).....

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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.

COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY

IN LENT & ST. CUTHBERT

GRANT, we beseech thee, Almighty God, that we, who for our evil deeds do worthily deserve to be punished, by the comfort of thy grace may mercifully be relieved; through Jesus Christ our Lord.. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Page 130

ALMIGHTY God, who didst call thy blessed Saint Cuthbert from following the flock to be a shepherd and Bishop of souls: Inspire all Bishops and Pastors to tend their flocks after his pattern with gentleness and strength; that thy people may be shepherded with the holy love of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Lord. *AMEN.*

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