

St. Stephen's News

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FROM THE RECTOR

A music stand in our woodwork's tradition

ST. STEPHEN'S is a parish that has been wonderfully blessed by skilled woodworkers – and none more skilled than the ships' carpenters who more than 100 years ago crafted our elegant reredos and altar.

The reredos is a memorial to Mary Owens, who died on September 9th, 1891. Miss Owens was the aunt of the late-Mary Stuart Barnhart, a founder of St. Stephen's, and the memorial reredos and altar originally graced St. Matthew's Church, Sparrows Point.

Miss Owens was the daughter of a Sparrow's Point executive and the altar and reredos appears to have been crafted by ships' carpenters who worked at the Sparrows Point dock. Evidence for this is that the reredos is decorated with beautifully carved nautical cordage and knots.

The altar and reredos (as well as the pews) were restored by Commander Donald Kirk, a parishioner and vestryman who passed away in 1995. He discovered that the alpha and omega on the reredos are made of Holly and that, all told, some 30 different woods had been used in the marquetry in

THE RETURN OF THE SILLY SUMMER SUPPERS

Our popular weekly neighborhood get-togethers start up again at 5.30 PM on Thursday, June 3rd, 2010. Join us for fine food & fellowship

the center of the altar and at either end.

At either end of the altar are the letters alpha and omega. The acrostic in the center of the altar spells out in Greek characters **ΙΧΘΥΣ** (ICHTHYS), the Greek word for fish and the secret symbol by which the early Christians recognized each other during times of persecution.

The characters *iota, chi, theta, upsilon, sigma* stand for "Jesus Christ, God, Son, Savior. Transliterated into English characters, the Greek would read *Ieous Christos Theou Yios Soter*.

Finding modern oak to match the antique oak of our altar and pews is a very difficult job. The quarter-sawn oak used by the Sparrows Point shipwrights has mellowed considerably over a century and more.

Even so, Don Ruthig, co-chairman of Buildings & Grounds and a highly skilled woodworker, did an extraordinary job matching our antique oak when crafting the magnificent new oak music stand that now graces the choir.

Take a close look at it. It is a splendid example of the woodworker's art, embellished with a finely carved Celtic cross, the symbol of St. Stephen's Parish. It is also fully adjustable both for the height and the pitch of the book holder.

However, it is a relatively delicate piece of work and carting it about the place could easily damage it. We, thus, decided it is best to leave it *in situ* in the middle of the aisle by the choir at the crossing -- "look, but don't touch," being the watchword.

The experiments we have conducted indicate it does not obstruct the passage of even the bulkiest clergyman and chorister. Nor does it appear to obstruct the view of the people in the pews.

It is a terrific addition to our church furnishings and Don deserves a heartfelt vote of thanks for both his thoughtfulness and his craftsmanship. **GPH***

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

The Garden Party profit reaches a cool \$3,515

THE PARISH Life Committee has completed tallying the accounts of this year's Annual Garden Party & Fete. Total receipts amounted to \$7,404 and the profit after all expenses are deducted amounted to \$3,505.

In short, the Garden Party, both in terms of fun and fund raising, was a smashing success. And it was the result of an awful lot of hard work on the part of an awful lot of parishioners – the folks who manned the stalls, baked the cakes, contributed the junk for the white elephant stall, and who set up and took down.

But, most of all, thanks goes to the indefatigable Donna Szper, who organized the event. Donna is the lady behind the scenes who planned the event, did the paperwork, obtained all the appropriate licenses, organized the publicity, and generally brought order out of chaos.

It was, as always, a virtuoso performance. And, *mirabile dictu*, she will be doing the same thing all over again for the Cookie Walk! Congratulations, Donna, on a job very well done!

Meanwhile, the Parish Life Committee has completed the drawing from the Glamorous Grandmother Competition. (Our grandmothers are all so glamorous, the only way to handle matters is to cast lots.)

This year's winner is Georgetta Egglestone. She will receive a \$25 certificate for Appleby's Restaurant.

The winner of the Knobbly Knees contest (*surely you mean "Noble Knees," ed.*) is People's Warden Gordon Turner. He wins a cooler and set of barbecue utensils.

ADULT EDUCATION DEPT.

A seminar on the Psalms and a course on Hebrew

HOLY TRINITY Seminary's summer schedule will be getting underway in June this year with a three day seminar on the Book of Psalms and a 12-part course on Old Testament Hebrew. The instructor for both courses will be The Rev. Dr. John Worgul, Dean of Holy Trinity.

Book of Psalms BS520

The seminar on the Book of Psalms will discuss the worldview of the original Hebrew Psalter, the structure of the Book, its function in ancient Hebrew worship, and its messianic character.

This course is designed to open up a fresh new way of looking at this critically important book of the Bible that is so familiar, yet at the same time so strange, to us.

The seminar will take place on Thursday and Friday, June 17th and 18th, from 7:30-9:00 PM and on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. Classes will be held at St. Stephen's Church, 11856 Mays Chapel Road, Timonium, MD 21093.

For those who want to audit this seminar, the cost is \$160.00. This fee includes snacks and Saturday lunch. Make Checks payable to Christ the King Church marked "Seminary."

Hebrew I BL501

Have you ever gazed at a beautiful text of the Hebrew Bible and wished that you could read it? This is your chance.

Learning a foreign language is nowhere near as hard as you think. Join our BL501 Hebrew introduction course and start learning to read the Old Testament as Jesus read it. It is open to all who desire to take it.

By the end of this course students will be able to vocalize the text, distinguish basic parts of speech, and read simple Hebrew sentences. You do not have to be good at languages, but come with the desire to learn and find out what fun it can be.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR WHITSUNDAY

being the Feast of Pentecost, May 23rd, 2010

8.00 AM, 9.15 AM & 11.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

For the Epistle: Acts 2:1-11
The Gospel: St. John 14:15-31

FOR YOUR MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 68
The First Lesson: Wisdom 1:1-7
The Second Lesson: St. John 4:19-26

The course will meet on Mondays from 7:00-9:30 PM. Classes will be held at Christ the King Church, 1102 Hart Road, Towson, MD 21286. The course will begin on Monday, June 7, and ends on Monday, August 23.

For those who want to audit the course, the cost is \$150.00. Make Checks payable to Christ the King Church marked "Seminary."

The vision of the Holy Trinity Theological College and Seminary is to raise up clergy and laypersons who will be devoted to the pursuit of God and to experience union in Christ in ever deepening ways. It is designed to partner with the Church to mentor students spiritually, academically, and practically in the context of the local parish and to spread the Kingdom of God throughout the whole world.

Trinity is opening a number of its Master of Ministry Courses 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 these courses.

For the registration form and more information contact Fr. John Worgul, Dean, (410) 861-6876

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✠ **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: Ravi, Elizabeth, Tracey, Linda, Robert, Nancy, Earnie, Sharp, Edithann, Jay, Robert, Nancy, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Helen, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, 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, Erline, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, Katherine, William, Betty, Cal, Wendell, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tracy, Tom. Leliliah, 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, LFrances, 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, Linda, 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: 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.

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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 SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION & THE ROGATION DAYS

O GOD, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph into thy kingdom in heaven; We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless; but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. *AMEN.*

O LORD, from whom all good things do come; Grant to us thy humble servants, that by thy holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 175 & 179

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