

St. Stephen's News

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

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FROM THE RECTOR & PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

How our Cookie Walk came to be named

OUR NINETEENTH Annual Cookie Walk takes place on Saturday, December 5th, from 9 AM 'til 1 PM in the Parish Hall. And, as you've probably guessed, nothing has caused more puzzlement over the years than its name: "Cookie Walk."

For the best part of a couple of decades, the question I most frequently hear is not "Does God exist?" but "What on earth is a Cookie Walk?" My usual response is: "I can't describe it. You'd better come to one and find out for yourself."

It should not, however, be entirely surprising that the name Cookie Walk is such a puzzle. It was coined by a most puzzling person.

Jack Kohler, who passed away tragically young in the mid-1990s, had been a fixture at the *avant garde* end of Baltimore's social scene for best part of four decades before he arrived at St. Stephen's, fresh from a falling out at another neighborhood church.

For Jack, we learned, this was simply part of life's rich pattern. Indeed, by the time he arrived at our parish he must

At one parish life meeting somebody raised the subject of a Christmas bazaar. "You can't call it that," said Jack, "It's old hat. Nobody will come. Why don't we hold a Cookie Walk?"

"We've never heard of such a thing, Jack.. What's a Cookie Walk?" we asked.

"That's the whole point!" he exclaimed, "They'll just have to come along and find out!"

So the Cookie Walk was born. And as Jack predicted, people have been "coming along to find out" ever since. Indeed, the Cookie Walk rapidly became our most important fund raiser of the year and a much loved Baltimore institution.

A successful Cookie Walk has always been of critical financial importance to St. Stephen's. It helped us through the recession of the early 1990s, and we are hoping it will be an even greater help this year. The current recession has hit parish finances hard – overheads have gone up steeply, while income has sharply declined.

This means that your family's contribution, both in terms of cookies baked and attendance at the event itself, couldn't be more important.

Since the day we opened our doors, the Cookie Walk has been a firm community favorite. Annually, we have mailed the neighborhood to tell our patrons when the event will be taking place and listing the specialities we will be offering for sale.

This year, however, we have had to do something different. The Post Office has banned the use of staples in bulk mailings. It means our mailing crew, led by Donna Szper, is now obliged to seal the newsletter with fiddly stick-on discs.

The new rule has tripled newsletter production time and made the job of mailing 10,000 or so flyers to the community completely impractical. Thus to get the word out, we have taken a postcard-sized advertisement in the local Valpak mailing. Please keep a look out for it and tell us what you think of it. We hope the experiment works, but please, please spread the word to your friends and neighbors – just to be on the safe side. **GPH**✘

We'd appreciate your help

THE COOKIE Walk isn't just a matter of cookies -- though, of course, we do hope every parish family is bake five pounds to keep our fans happy. But we also need your help in realms other than the kitchen.

We need you to scour your cupboards, cellars and attics for gifts for our **Gift Table**. The sort of thing we are looking for are the presents you've been given but you have never had a chance to use. In nearly new condition, they would make nice gifts for somebody else. Antique and vintage porcelain, jewellery and the like also go well on the gift table.

We also need modestly priced items suitable for all the family for our **Children's Table**. The idea is to give kids an 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 piks 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 the day of the sale. Please call the parish office at 410-560-6776, Stephanie Verhage 410-667-6370, or Charlotte Hawtin at 410-665-1278 to volunteer

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

Choral Eucharist

10.00 AM, Thursday, November 27

AN ADVENT FESTIVAL OF
LESSONS & CAROLS

ST. STEPHEN'S CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS

5.30 PM, First Sunday in Advent,
November 29th

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
Charles Street, Baltimore.

19TH ANNUAL COOKIE WALK

9 AM to 1 PM, Saturday, December 5th.

St. Stephen's Parish Hall

at sometime or other have graced the pews at most of the city's downtown churches, not to mention a few in the suburbs.

Jack was a man of many talents. A natural actor and entertainer, he wrote all of his own material and delighted Baltimore's societies and clubs not only with one man shows depicting heroes such as George Washington, but also hilariously funny cabaret acts.

He was a mass of contradictions -- a shrewd investor, a flamboyant performer, a lavish host, a remarkably delicate flower arranger and an expert calligrapher. He was also a fine hand with a needle and regularly gave lectures and seminars devoted to the finer points of *petit point*.

A man of imposing presence, both in height and girth, he had a mercurial temperament that could veer from the amusing to the aggravating in the twinkling of an eye. Occasionally, he could be both at the same time. Once, for example, he appeared in church dressed in the ermine-trimmed coronation robes of an English earl -- topped off with a silver knobbed coronet -- and utterly upstaged a visiting bishop.

In any event, soon after he arrived at the parish, Jack became a member of the Parish Life Committee. A newly-founded church with no endowment fund, the parish was constantly exploring fund raising ideas.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
Sunday, November 15th, 2009

8:00 AM & 9.15 AM
HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Philippians 3:17-21
The Gospel: St. Matthew 22:15-22

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER
The Psalter: Psalm 72

First Lesson: *Wisdom (Apocrypha):* 6:1-11
Second Lesson: St Matthew 22:15-22

FROM THE CHOIRMASTER

Advent Lessons & Carols

THE St. Stephen's Choir of Men & Boys will present a traditional Service of Lessons & Carols for Advent Sunday at the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen, 5200 North Charles Street, Baltimore, on Sunday, November 29th. Through scripture readings, carols and hymns, the service reflects the mystery and anticipation of the Advent season. For more information, visit us online at www.LessonsAndCarols.com

Ladies Lunch on November 18th

ST. STEPHEN'S Ladies will meet for lunch at 12 Noon on Wednesday, November 18th at Christopher Daniels, Padonia Road, Timonium. All are welcome. For directions and to reserve you place, please call Anne Hawkins at 410-913-7405.

COLLECT FOR THE WEEK

Twenty Second Sunday After Trinity

LORD, we beseech thee, to keep thy household the Church in continual godliness; that through thy protection it may be free from all adversities, and devoutly given to serve thee in good works, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord AMEN. *Book of Common Prayer. Page 220*

✠ **St. Stephen's Traditional** ✠
Episcopal Church

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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.

✠ **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: Hunter-Alexander, 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, US. 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.

**HYMNS FOR THE TWENTY-THIRD
SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

Sunday, November 15th, 2009

PROCESSIONAL: 496 (Kendal)

When wilt thou save the people

GRADUAL: 491 (Old 120th)

City no made with hands

SERMON: 424 (Kingsfold)

I heard the voice of Jesus say

COMMUNION HYMN: 189 (Unde et memores)

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

RECESSIONAL: 147 (St. Catherine)

God of our fathers, known of old

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