

St. Stephen's News

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Have a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

THIS will our final newsletter of 2009. Publication will resume again on January 12th, 2010 -- although folks who live in the 21093 and 21030 area codes will doubtless be getting it earlier now the Post Office's seasonal rush is over. (This explains why the order form for Christmas flowers still appears on the back page.)

On behalf of the clergy, choirmaster and vestry, I wish you all a very merry and blessed Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. Meanwhile, to get things off to a proper start, we invite you, your children, your friends and your neighbors to join us as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord and welcome in the Year 2010.

Our clergy, choirmaster, choir and lay ministers have worked hard to put together a terrific Christmas program with something for everybody, young, old and in between.

For the children, there will be our traditional **Child's Christmas Service**. It starts with the **Blessing of the Creche** and continues with carols, the scriptures fortelling Jesus' birth and a Christmas story especially written for the children of St. Stephen's.

Families with youngsters eagerly awaiting Santa's arrival are invited join us for the **7.00 PM Candlelight Eucharist**. We shall hear the age-old Christmas story and sing our favorite carols, including, of course, "Silent Night."

At 10.30 PM, preceding **The Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist**, the Choir of Men & Boys will sing carols. The traditional Midnight Eucharist, itself, will begin at about 11.00 PM and, as always, the choir will be singing the music of a magnificent Solemn High Mass by one of the world's greatest composers.

Give Jesus a present: Wrap up the kids and bring to church this Christmas! God bless you all -- ANNE HAWKINS

Epiphany Lessons & Carols

On Sunday, January 10th, 2010, the Choir of Men & Boys will present its annual **Festival of Lessons and Carols for Epiphany**. Through scripture readings, carols and beloved hymns, the service celebrates the joy of Christmastide and the revelation of Jesus to humanity.

The Carol Service begins at 6.00 PM and generally last for between 60 and 75 minutes. All are invited to a light reception after the service, and there will be a freewill offering in aid of the Choir's Charity: Dr. Bob's Place, a hospice for children.

Give the gift of life on Dec. 28

IN CO-OPERATION with the Red Cross, we shall be holding a **Community Blood Drive** here at the Parish Church on Monday, December 28th from 3.30 PM to 8.00 PM.

Holiday periods never are popular times for donating blood, but, of course, they tend to be the times of the year when blood is most desperately needed. This Christmas consider giving the most precious gift of all -- the gift of life. **AEH**

THE TREASURER

Please send in your pledges

CHURCHES, like families, need to plan their budgets, but, also like families, they find it very hard to do so if they are unable to forecast what their income will be. St. Stephen's is in the process of drawing up its budget for the year, but cannot finalize things until you have all sent in your annual pledges.

We know that most folks regard making a pledge is just a formality and that you will be making the contribution whether you notify us or not. And we realize that making a pledge is a chore at a time of the year in which there are more than enough chores already. But pledges are our "security blanket"

THE SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

December 24th, 2009 to January 10th, 2010

CHRISTMAS EVE

Thursday, December 24th

4.00 PM: Children's Christmas Service & Blessing of the Creche

7.00 PM: Family Candlelight Eucharist

10.30 PM: Choir sings carols followed by Solemn High Eucharist of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, December 25th

10.00 AM: Sung Holy Communion

THE FIRST SUNDAY

AFTER CHRISTMAS

The Commemoration of St. Stephen & The Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Sunday, December 27th

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Morning Prayer

NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Feast of St. Sylvester

Thursday, December 31st, 2009

11.15 PM: Holy Communion

NEW YEAR'S DAY

The Feast of the Holy Circumcision

Friday, January 1st, 2010

10.00 AM: Holy Communion

THE SECOND SUNDAY

AFTER CHRISTMAS

Commemoration of the Circumcision

January 3rd, 2010

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Holy Communion

SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Commemoration of the Epiphany,

January 10th, 2010

8.00 AM: Holy Communion

9.15 AM: Holy Communion

11.15 AM: Morning Prayer

6.00 PM: A Festival of Lessons & Carols

and, like Linus in the Peanuts cartoon, we need our "security blanket." Please send in your pledge to make our New Year more happy and secure! **Merry Christmas! BILL HAWKINS**

✠ 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.

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY**

December 24th & 25th, 2009

7.00 PM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Titus 2:11-15
The Gospel: St. Luke 2:1-14

10.30 PM & 10.00 AM

HOLY COMMUNION
The Epistle: Hebrews 1:1-12
The Gospel: St. John 1:1-14

RECOVERY: Rachel, Louisa, Perry, Amelia, 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: Rachel, 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, U.S. 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.

Christmas Memorial Flowers

If you wish to make a contribution towards the Church Christmas decorations in honor or memory of a loved one, please complete this form and return it with a check (payable to St. Stephen's Church and marked Christmas flowers) by Sunday, December 20th.

Name of Donor:

Poinsettias	# of plants	Color (Please Circle)
6 inches, single (4-6 blooms) @ \$8	_____	Red, Pink or Varigated
7 inches, double, (7-10 blooms) @ \$14	_____	Red, Pink or Varigated
8 inches, triple, (10-15 blooms) @ \$22	_____	Red, Pink or White
Total enclosed: \$ _____		

My gift is made IN HONOR OF, IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR (Please circle)

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ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER: Adric
DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Anne Hawkins (410-308-2771)
WEDDING CO-ORDINATOR: Anne Hawkins (410-308-2771)

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.

THE CHRISTMAS COLLECTS

ALMIGHTY God, who has given us thy only begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin; Grant that we being regenerate, and made thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by thy Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

AMEN. *Book of Common Prayer, Page 96*

O GOD, who makest us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of thine only Son Jesus Christ; Grant us that as we joyfully receive him for our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our Judge, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. AMEN. *Book of Common Prayer, Page 98*

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