

# St. Stephen's News

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Timonium, Maryland

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## FROM THE TREASURER

### My life is much easier when pledges come in

A TREASURER'S lot is by no means always a happy one (apologies to Gilbert & Sullivan) at this time of the year. The problem, you see, is that the poor treasurer has to prepare a budget for the coming year and -- as always -- there are still a lot of pledges to come in.

If you haven't yet sent in your pledge, please pop it in the mail as soon as possible. It will make my life so much easier. Take pity on poor treasurers at this time of year. We like to celebrate Christmas too!

### And remember us at Christmas

FINANCIALLY speaking, this year has been a tough one for everybody -- church treasurers included. The offertory has been down by some 10 percent since the beginning of the year, which means we have had to watch the expenditure of every last cent like hawks.

The Endowment Fund has shown encouraging growth, though at a rate somewhat less than we had hoped. Currently we are still some \$60,000 short of our initial \$200,000 goal.

A seasonal gift of shares is always warmly welcome by folks like us who are establishing an endowment fund. A gift of shares can also provide the giver with a useful tax write off, especially if they have an highly appreciated value. St. Stephen's maintains a brokerage account and we can either hold the shares or sell them if you think that best. The income will be primarily devoted to reducing the mortgage.

We welcome contributions large and small. If you would like to donate, 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 your donation in memory, or in honor of a loved one or friend, give us the information in a separate note and let us know if you wish to be named as a donor. **BILL HAWKINS**

## HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY

### Offering a seminar and three courses for Lent

HOLY TRINITY Seminary is offering a seminar on Eastern Mysticism and the Incarnate Christ in January as part of its Associate in Theological Studies Course. It will take place at the Parish House of Christ the King Church on Friday, January 13th, 2012, from 7.15 PM to 9.15 PM and on Saturday, January, 14th from 9.00 AM to 3.00 PM.

The early centuries of the Church shed much light on the historical and spiritual origins of the present conflict between east and west. The seminar will explore the roots of the differences and how they affect our present times. For A.T.S. students the cost is \$160. To audit the seminar is \$110.

The seminary is also offering courses on "How To Read Your Bible" and "Spirituality and Modernity" details of which will be published in our next news letter.

## ✠ 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 prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office at 410 560 6776.

**RECOVERY:** Sallie, Robert, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Noah, Mavis, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Robert, Nancy, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Val, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Ray, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erline,

## CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR Schedule, Dec. 24th, 2011, to Jan. 8th, 2012

### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Saturday, December 24th**

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

**7.00 PM:** Family Candlelight Eucharist

**10.30 PM:** Prelude with  
Choir of Men & Boys

accompanied by  
small chamber orchestra and organ,  
followed at

**11.00 PM** by Choral Midnight Mass  
*Music will include excerpts from  
Handel's Messiah, Bach's Cantata 140,  
and Mozart's Missa Brevis in B flat.*

### CHRISTMAS DAY

**Sunday, December 25th**

**10.00 AM:** Sung Holy Communion

### NEW YEAR'S EVE

**The Feast of St. Sylvester,  
Saturday, December 31st, 2012**

**5.00 PM:** Holy Communion

### NEW YEAR'S DAY & PATRONAL FESTIVAL

**Sunday, January 1st, 2012**

**8.00 AM:** Holy Communion

**9.15 AM:** Holy Communion

**11.15 AM:** Holy Communion

### THE SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**Sunday, January 8th, 2012**

**8.00 AM:** Holy Communion

**9.15 AM:** Holy Communion

**11.15 AM:** Morning Prayer

**6.00 PM** The Choir of Men & Boys sing:

### A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS FOR THE EPIPHANY

Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Jeanne, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, 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, 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, Dorothy, Joanne, ✠Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Carol, Suzie and Jennifer.

**LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Jennifer, Brendan, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Ned, Stephen, Rachel, Robert & Renee, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Drake, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn,

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR  
THE COMMEMORATION OF ST. STEPHEN**

Being Sunday, January 1st, 2012

**8.00 AM , 9.15 AM & 11.15 AM**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

For the Epistle: Acts 7:55-60

The Gospel: St. Matthew 23:34-39

**FOR YOUR MORNING PRAYER**

The Psalter: Psalm 118

The First Lesson: II Chronicles 24:1-11

The Second Lesson: St. Luke 3:17-22

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, Stephen, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** LTC R.J. Lytle, PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, USN; Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, USAF.

**FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL:** Frederic Ptaschek.

**FOR THOSE WHO MOURN:** Mrs Trish Ptaschek and family.

**Ding Dong Merrily On High!**

Adric has a very special music program in store for us this Christmas. The Choir of Men & Boys will be accompanied at the Midnight Mass by a small chamber orchestra.

You can honor loved ones by helping to defray the cost of the Oboes and Strings. It's the ideal gift for the people who seem to have everything. Complete this form and return it with a check payable to St. Stephen's Church (marked Christmas Music). Their names will be published in the Service Booklet.

Name: .....

I would like to honor/memorialize

.....  
with a gift of \$5 ... \$10 ... \$25 ... (other)  
towards the Christmas Music

**Christmas Memorial Flowers**

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 December 20th.

Name of Donor: .....

**Poinsettias** (Pink, Red or Jingle Bells) 6 inches, single (5-8 blooms) @ \$9 (# of plants ..... )

7 inches, double, (10-12 blooms) @ \$15 (# of plants ..... )

8 inches, triple, (red) (12-18 blooms) @ \$26 (# of plants ..... )

**Total # of plants** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total amount enclosed: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is **IN HONOR OF, IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR** (Please Circle)

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DIRECTOR OF PASTORAL CARE: Anne Hawkins (410-308-2771)

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am: Said Eucharist

9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11.15am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist)

6.00pm: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday only)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00pm: Evening Prayer

Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5.00 pm: Family Eucharist.

**COLLECTS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY  
IN ADVENT & THE NATIVITY**

O LORD, raise up we pray thee, thy power, and come among us, and great might succour us; that whereas, though our sins and wickednesses, we are sore let and hindered in running the race that is set before us, thy bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliverer us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be honour and glory, world without end. *AMEN*

ALMIGHTY God, who hast 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; though the same 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, Pages 96 and 99*

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