

St. Stephen's News

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 26th

ST STEPHEN'S Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper takes place on February 21st. (That's today!) These famous suppers are not only gastronomic events, they are also real inflation fighters. The price has remained unchanged for 21 years. We challenge you to find anything in Baltimore with a comparable record!

For a mere \$5 per adult you can feast on three different types of scrumptious pancakes – American, English and Polish – and a heaped helping of the finest sausages the city has to offer. (You could manage seconds? Be our guest . . .)

Naturally, there will be lashings of syrup, butter and apple sauce, with low calorie equivalents for folks watching their weight. Beverages will be available at nominal cost.

The Pancake and Sausage Supper offers an especially good deal for the children. Kids can tuck in for half price (\$2.50) for the first two and the other kids you bring along -- your own or anyone else's -- eat free. We challenge you to find a better deal in town than that! It can't be done!

We have managed to hold our prices steady without compromising quality because the Pancake Suppers are not fund raisers but family affairs aimed at fostering fellowship and fun. If we make a profit, it's entirely accidental.

Join us for fellowship, fun and fantastically good food at this year's Pancake and Sausage Supper. It's the best value in Baltimore. Doors open at 5.00 PM and close at 7.30 PM.

FROM THE RECTOR

Sung Eucharist starts at 9 AM on Sunday!

JUST A gentle reminder: Next Sunday -- The First Sunday in Lent (that is February 26th) the Sung Eucharist will begin at 9.00 AM instead of 9.15 AM. The idea is that it will make life easier for the clergy, leave more time for adult education and give the choir tad more rehearsal time.

We know that change takes a bit of getting used to, but we hope you will persevere, and ultimately welcome it. It should allow us to enjoy a short coffee hour, while making time for a discussion group between the 9.00 AM and 11.15 AM services.

Our plan is to use the Lenten Season as an ecclesiastical "shake-down cruise" so to speak, and to institute the discussion group after Easter. Comments and suggestions would be much appreciated. **GPH**✘

FROM THE EAGLE'S EYE

Sin hides out in the complaints department

ONE OF THE drawbacks to being a brass eagle is that you overhear an awful lot of conversations you'd rather not hear. Mark you, there's nothing much that surprises me after 200 years or so in my profession.

St. Stephen's Choir of Men & Boys A CHORAL EVENSONG FOR ST DAVID'S DAY

at 6.00 PM
at The Parish Church
Sunday, March 4th, 2012

The last time I was surprised was years ago when I overheard two bishops discussing sin. To my amazement, they decided gluttony was their favorite. In truth, I shouldn't have been surprised because they were both men of very considerable girth

Now I come to think of it, sin is a very ticklish business. As the rector is fond of saying: "Sins are committed by other people. We just have little weaknesses."

The problem, I think, is that most of us don't recognize the most serious sins we habitually commit -- often on a daily basis. For instance, we rightly feel guilty

when we are nasty to other people -- meter maids, colleagues at work, spouses. But, then, rudeness is not generally one of our besetting sins.

It's hard to recognize besetting sins because they often seem so trivial, or they affect only ones self and nobody else. The besetting sin of the children of Israel in the Wilderness, for example, is one that we still find difficult to recognize today. Even so, it was a sin so serious that God banned the entire generation that committed it from entering the Promised Land.

It might surprise you to learn that King James Bible calls the sin "murmuring." Today it would be better translated as "grumbling." It is a sin so common most people don't think of it as a sin at all. And those who do recognize it as a sin consider it a truly minor one. After all, everybody, without exception, has had something to grumble about.

We grumble about weather, politicians, bosses, colleagues, friends, kids and spouses. We grumble about church -- the length of sermons and the choice of hymns. We complain about the food we eat and the folks who serve it. We grumble about our cars, the price of gasoline and the cost of repairs. In short, there's not much we don't grumble about. Even the rector, who, in the main, is a cheerful sort of chap, has been known to grumble about bishops, synods and Church conventions.

The trouble with grumbling, however, is not simply that it makes you dissatisfied or that it spreads general dissatisfaction. That is serious enough. But a disturbing aspect of grumbling is that it is passive.

Grumblers aren't much inclined to take action to set things right. They seem to expect that sort of thing to happen of its own accord. It's always somebody else's fault or somebody else's job.

Above all, God condemns grumbling because folks feel dissatisfied with their lot in life tend to blame God for it, and this, in turn, encourages them to turn their backs on him. That's what the children of Israel did and the price

PENITENTIAL OFFICE & CHORAL EUCCHARIST

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND AT 7PM

sung by the Choir of Men & Boys

Music to include Gregorio Allegri's Miserere mei, Deus,
and works of Gibbons, Victoria, Tomkins and Batten

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

Being Sunday, February 26th, 2012

8.00 AM & 9.00 AM

HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: II Corinthians 6:1-10

The Gospel: St. Matthew 4:1-11

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 50

The First Lesson: Isaiah 58:14

The Second Lesson: St Matthew 6:1-18

they paid was 40 years of wandering in the Wilderness. Grumbling doesn't come cheap! Pip! Pip! **ISAAC EAGLE**

THE LENTEN STUDY

**All you want to know
about Christianity etc . . .**

THIS YEAR'S Lenten Study will be a freewheeling series of five seminars entitled "*All You Wanted To Know About Christianity But Never Had The Courage To Ask.*" The series will begin on Wednesdays at 6.45 PM (after Evening Prayer) starting on February 29th and continuing until March 28th.

Participants will join in a "no holds barred" interchange with a panel of five experts on everything from Archaeology to Zwingli and all stops in between. If you are puzzled by the relationship of Jerusalem (old and new) with Christianity, have at it. If you would like to know the real cause of England's row with Rome, just ask. If you want to find out about sex and "Original Sin," or the pros and cons of infant baptism, or Essenes and the Dead Sea Scrolls, or the "lost Books of the Bible" just raise a hand.

As usual we will be offering nourishment for the body as well as the soul -- a hearty soup, the best bread in Baltimore and choice of beverages. If that's not enough, bring a sandwich.

✠ **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: Riley, Sallie, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Goff, Robert, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Dr. Devadadson, 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, 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.

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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: Robert Omohundro

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: The Omohundro & Hawtin Families.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am: Said Eucharist

9.00am: 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 QUINQUAGESIMA
& ASH WEDNESDAY**

O LORD, who hast taught us that all our doings without charity are nothing worth; Send thy Holy Ghost and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of charity, the very bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before thee; Grant this for thine only Son Jesus Christ's sake. *AMEN.*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN.*

(Book of Common Prayer, Pages 122 & 124)

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