St. Stephen's News

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Sign up to become a Garden Party Patron

EVERY civic organization seems to sponsor some sort of the ethnic festival these days. The Greeks have bouzouki music and spinach pies. The Germans om-pah bands and bratwurst. Back in the old days Romans had orgies and roasted dormice.

But what do Anglican Churches have by way of ethnic festivals? Vicarage Garden Parties, of course! With snorkers, sausage rolls, cornish and welsh pasties, afternoon tea and plenty of real ale. As for entertainment, there are bagpipes for them that like them, Maypole dancing, sack races, egg and spoon races and a bouncy castle.

But Garden Party Day is coming up fast! The big event is scheduled to take place on May 5th to be precise. And there is still much to be done to ensure that this year's party is as successful as its predecessors.

One way you can help is by becoming a Patron of the event. It might not get you on the Queen of England's Birthday Honors List, but your name will be listed in our complimentary program guide – and that's almost as good.

Why not sign up for one of the four levels of patronage:

- Imperial Crown \$100.
- House of Windsor \$75.
- House of York \$50
- House of Lancaster \$30.

And May Day ... May Day ... There are all sorts of items we need for the party:

We are looking for: **Cakes for the Cake Stall**. Last year your cakes were so scrumptious, we sold out completely in the first two hours. Please double your efforts. It's all in a good cause

We also need **tea cakes and dainties for our Tea Room**. We can use all the help we can get to provide mouthwatering teas for our guests. Also on our wish list are **card tables and chairs for the tea room**. They don't need to be Chippendale or Sheraton from the Custis side of the family or the neat little Shaker ladder backs you inherited from Auntie Mimi last summer. Plain ordinary ones will do very nicely.

We are also in the market for **superior quality jumble** for our **White Elephant Stall**. This is your opportunity to at last get rid of the auto harp Uncle Thomas used to twang at family gatherings and the cage that once was home to Cousin Ebenezer's parrot.

Please search your cupboards, attics, cellars and fallout shelters for salable treasures. You can start bringing them to the church the week after Easter.

Other things we are badly in need of are **bottles of wine and spirits** only for our bottle stall and **pretty baskets** are also needed for our floral arrangements. We are hoping to offer our guests a selection calculated to appeal to every taste.

FROM THE RECTOR

Come, see Fr. Vaughan consecrated our bishop

ALL OF OUR parishioners and friends are all heartily welcome to the consecration of my good friend The Rev. John Vaughan as our new Suffragan Bishop. The service will take place here at St. Stephen's Church at 5.00 PM on Wednesday, April 18th.

"Why St. Stephen's?" you might ask. "Fr. Vaughan, after all, hails from St. Patrick's Church at Port St. John, Florida. Surely it would be more appropriate to consecrate him at his home parish." The fact of the matter is that choosing St. Stephen's as a venue for Fr. Vaughan's consecration was

St. Stephen's Choir of Men & Boys will sing

A CHORAL EVENSONG FOR EASTERTIDE

at 6.00 PM at The Parish Church Sunday, May 6th, 2012

partly a matter of protocol and partly a matter of convenience.

Bishop Brian Marsh, the diocese Episcopal Visitor, last year named St. Stephen's his "pro-cathedral." A pro-cathedral is a parish church that serves as a cathedral because that is where the bishop keeps his throne – *cathedra* to give its proper name.

We received the honor not because our church is vast enough to be considered a cathedral or because its clergy are particularly distinguished. St. Stephen's was chosen because it happens to be the closest parish to the bishop's home in Connecticut

And, in terms of protocol, it is appropriate for a bishop of a diocese to be consecrated in its cathedral.

As to convenience, it has been the practice of the Anglican Church in America to rotate the meetings of its House of Bishops and National Council around the country, and this spring it was the turn of the Washington/Baltimore area to host the event.

This, in turn, means there will be enough bishops meeting in Timonium to provide the traditional minimum of three bishops needed to consecrate a priest to the episcopate.

The redoubtable Trouble 1 and Trouble 2 (aka Donna Szper and Rosa Halbert) have organized the event and thus, the first (and probably the last) consecration to take place at St. Stephen's should be a most memorable and joyous occasion.

If you have never seen a bishop consecrated before, why not join us at 5.00 PM on Wednesday, April 18th. **GPH**

The Methodists invite you to their big 'Shred-a-thon'

TIMONIUM United Methodist Church Women have invited the people of St. Stephen's to join them in a "Shred-a-Thon" paper shredding event. It will take place on Saturday April 28th at Timonium United Methodist Church, 2300 Pot Spring Road Timonium from 10 AM to 12 noon.

Identity theft has becoming a very serious problem these days. Roughly seven million people become victims of identity theft every year. That equals 19,178 people per day, 799 per hours, and 13.3 per minute. The incidence of victimization has reportedly soared by 80 percent between 2002 and 2003. And a survey by the Identity Theft Resource Center indicates that victims now spend an average of 600 hours recovering from this crime, often over a period of years – up from 175 hours three years ago.

Shredding sensitive documents – ones that contain bank account numbers, Social Security numbers and Medicare information, for instance – is an important strategy for combating the identity thieves.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

Being Sunday, April 22nd, 2012

8.00 AM & 9.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: I St Peter 2:19-25 The Gospel: St. John 10:11-16

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 146 The First Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11 The Second Lesson: St. John 10:1-10

Here's the deal: The documents will be shredded on the spot by Proshred Security's mobile shredding trucks. The Methodist Women are asking for a minimum contribution of \$5 to \$10 per box of documents. Proshred Security's shredding trucks are very secure. Their industrial strength shredding machines can pulverize 1,000 to 10,000 pounds of paper per hour.

The "Shred-a-thon" will benefit the Timonium United Methodist Women and the Appalachian Service Projects of the Timonium United Methodist Church Youth Groups. For more information call Mary Lou Brown at 410-252-4710 or the Timonium United Methodist Church Office at 410-252-5500

WOMEN'S CLUB LUNCH

The ladies who lunch will be dining at the Peppermill Restaurant on York Road at 12 noon on Wednesday April 18th. Please join us for good food and great fellowship. Call Joyce Perlberg if you wish to attend. 410 252 2680

♦ 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: Hope, Leo, Riley, Sallie, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Robert, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Dr. Devadadson, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Heather, Laurie, Diane, Don, Lynn, Helen, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, 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, Danny, Filly, Betty-Ann, Mildred, D'Metrius, Laura, Stacey, Frank, 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, Joanne, *Albion, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Carol, Suzie and Jennifer.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Aaron, Tom, 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, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, David, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, 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, Capt. Charles Bursi, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes, Major Benjamin Hawkins, British Army

REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Goff Cochran

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Clark Cochran & family.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am: Said Eucharist 9.00 AM: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School) 11.15 AM: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Choral Eucharist) 6.00 PM: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday only)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6.00 PM: Evening Prayer Friday Noon: Healing Eucharist Saturday, 5.00 PM: Family Eucharist.

Collects For The First Sunday After Easter & The Annunciation

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given thine only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an ensample of godly life; Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavour ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

WE beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *AMEN*.

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 170 & 235

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