

St. Stephen's News

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A BRAZEN APPEAL FROM THE EAGLE

Help Wanted. No Experience Necessary.

Over 5000 homes in the area surrounding St Stephen's are receiving invitations to our 22nd Annual Cookie Walk in their mailboxes this week. Added to our faithful following from years past, we hope to attract many more of our local neighbors to kick off the Christmas season at St Stephen's.

We certainly don't want to disappoint all those customers, so now it's time to "get down to brass tacks" and pull it all together. For this we need *your* help! Don't know how to make a centerpiece or decorate a wreath? What better time to learn than from our Parish pros? And our Cookie Walk work days are always infused with the holiday spirit, lots of laughter, and good old fashioned fellowship.

First and foremost, of course, are the cookies. Last year we were sold out by 11.00 am, causing more than a few customers to leave empty handed. With your help our tables will be sagging under the weight of tasty morsels of many varieties.

Remember, we have a lofty goal (and who knows about "lofty" better than an eagle?) of 1000 pounds of cookies - that's ten pounds from each parish family. Last year we had the best selection yet. So break out the sugar and flour, soften the butter, heat up the oven, and BAKE!

Cookies may be dropped off at the church from Tuesday, November 27th onwards

We need donations for our gift table. Check your attics, basements, closets and cupboards for any unwanted gifts you may have tucked away because "they're just not me." We'll be more than pleased to take these unwanted items off your hands - and you can feel totally guiltless knowing that they went to a good cause. We're looking for new gift items - cosmetics, picture frames, CDs and DVDs, ornaments, anything that would make a good Christmas or holiday hostess gift. There's a table in the Parish Hall for your donations and items are being accepted right now!

In addition to our cookies, jams, jellies and preserves, among the favorite attractions of the Cookie Walk are our decorated wreaths, Christmas table centerpieces, and bundles of fresh greens. And now

is the perfect time to prune your trees and bushes while they are dormant. We've always relied on your generosity - and you've never let us down.

We need cuttings of hollies (English, variegated, etc.), hemlock, nandina, cedar (and other aromatics), balsam, spruce, white pine, magnolia, boxwood, and Douglas and other firs (long and short needle)nn. We also need decorative items for our wreaths and centerpieces - pine cones, bows, dried pods, and other dried items. If cutting your greens is a problem, don't worry. We'd be only too happy to cut them for you. Call the parish office - 410-560-6776 - and we'll make arrangements. Greens can be dropped off at the church any time the week before the big day.

Finally, we need volunteers - before, during, and after the Cookie Walk.

It all starts on Tuesday, November 27th, at 2:00 pm. We need folks to help get the Parish Hall in readiness for the work days on Wednesday and Thursday. We'll be setting up tables, clearing the Sunday School room, and sorting through the mountain of decorations and craft supplies that emerge annually from the attic.

Our work days on Wednesday and Thursday, November 28th and 29th, are spent making table baskets, wreaths, and greens arrangements. We'll begin at 10.00 am with an evening session on Wednesday for those who'd like to work but can't join us during the day. Don't despair! We're not expecting you to work from dawn to dusk! We'll appreciate whatever time you can give us.

We will also appreciate volunteers on Friday to do the final setup for "the Big Day". Again, we'll start at 10.00 am setting up tables for cookies and gifts, decorating the Parish Hall, and putting together the bags of greens.

Finally, we need lots of volunteers to work the Cookie Walk itself, and a few to stay after to help us clean up.

Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board in the vestibule or call the parish office at 410-560-6776, Donna Szper 410-252-1499, Stephanie Verhage 410-667-6730, or Anne Hawkins at 410-308-2771 to volunteer. Please sign up and help us make our 21st Annual Cookie Walk the best ever. Thanks awfully!
ISAAC EAGLE

A Final Cookie Recipe

It's been rumored that there exists in this world only one Christmas Fruit Cake and it's gifted from house to house every year but never eaten. This recipe would never share the same fate. Make these delicious cookies and we guarantee they will be eaten.

Fruit Cake Cookies

INGREDIENTS:

1 Cup Butter, 2 Cups Sugar (all white or all brown or one cup of each); 3 Cups Sifted All Purpose Flour; 2 Eggs; 3 Tbs Baking Powder; ½ Tsp each of Salt, Cloves and Nutmeg; 2 Tsp Cinnamon; ¼ Cup of Brandy, Rum, Sherry, Port, Wine or Fruit Juice; 1 Cup Raisins; 1 Cup Coarsely Chopped Walnuts, Pecans, Filberts, or Unblanched Almonds; 2 Cups (1 pound) Chopped Fruit Cake Fruits.

Cream the butter, cream in the sugar and beat in the eggs. Stir in the flour sifted with the baking soda, salt and spices. Add the liquid and then the raisins, nuts, and fruit cake fruits.

With a greased teaspoon dip up ¾ teaspoon of dough, push from the spoon with another greased teaspoon onto a well-buttered or oiled cookie sheet. Bake in a pre-heated 350 F oven for 10 minutes or until the edges are a delicate brown. Do not over-bake or the fruit will become hard. Remove from the pans while still warm. Cool on a rack to room temperature and store in airtight containers. These freeze well and are better if aged for a week before eating.

⊕
Thanksgiving Day
Thursday, November 22nd
10.00 AM
Choral Eucharist
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St. Stephen's 21st Annual
Cookie Walk and
Sale

9.00 AM 'til 1.00 PM
Saturday

December 1st, 2012
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A Service of Lessons
and Carols Upon
Advent Sunday
Sunday, December 2nd
6.00 PM

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE ADVENT

Being November 25th, 2012

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

For The Epistle: Jeremiah 23:5-8

The Gospel: St. John 6:5-14

11:15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 39

The First Lesson: Jeremiah 4:23-31

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 25:31-46

FROM THE KNITTING CIRCLE

Second Annual Silent Auction

The knitters have been at it again. Many new items were added this week to the splendid selection of hand-knitted items lining the walls of the hallway outside the Parish Hall - and spilling into the vestibule. With so many beautifully crafted items there must be something for that special someone on your Christmas list, or as a special treat for yourself.

It's easy to bid; just put your name, contact number, and bid on the clipboard accompanying each item. But beware, you'll have to pay attention or someone may sneak in and outbid you. Bidding will close after the 11.15 service on Sunday, December 2nd, and winners will be notified by phone of their successful bid.

Once again, proceeds from the Silent Auction will be donated to The Joseph Richey Hospice and Dr. Bob's Place.

Bid early and bid often!

✠ PARISH PRAYER LIST ✠

OUR Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List as well as the guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice & Dr. Bob's Place. 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: Fr Guy✠, Ray✠, Morris, Charles, Dawn, Betty Jean, Elliot, Sharon, Paul, Andy, Michael, Rosina Donna, Diane, John, Robert, David, Richard, Bill, Charlotte, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, Adele, Linda, Jan, Liz, Bob, Wyatt, Jim, Reta, Sara, Tammy Sophie, Paula, Blair, Melvin, Heather, Laurie, Lynn, Katherine, Hindra, Ravi, Elizabeth, Brian, Tracey, Edithann, Jay, Perry, Amelia, Shirley, Adrian, Kimberly, Dean, Barb, Tanya, Jane, Brook, Joseph, Joshua, Rachel, Carl, Cal, Catherine, Sam, Ruth, Kristi, Paul, Sue, Patty, Antonio, Lauren-Michelle, McKayla, Randy, Jack, Grace, Fran, Carolyn, Ken, Serina, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Leliliah, Jennifer, Miriam, Karen, George, Eliza, Ray, Mel, John, Randy, James, Sarah, Linda, Suzanne, Steven, Tammy; Ellen, Patricia, Bonnie, Mary Ann, Christine, Dee, Brian, Barbara, Gillian, Eileen, Matthew, Bryan, Jason, Joan, Frances, Pat, Michael, Brandon, May, Scott, Stephen, Danny, Billy, 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, Maxine, Ann, Sharon, Dennis, Mae, Anita, Marilyn, Lawrence, Joanne, Martha, Jackie, Charles, Tony, Edward, Kim, Vivian, Doris, Carol, and Suzie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Hope, JoAnn, Larry, Aaron, Hope, Tom, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Stephen, Rachel, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Drake, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, 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, Carol, Sandra, John, Mary, Michael and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Charles Watts, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 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 TRINITY XXIV and Thanksgiving Day

O Lord we beseech thee, absolve thy people from their offences; that through thy bountiful goodness we may all be delivered from the bands of those sins, which by our frailty we have committed. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our blessed Lord and Saviour. *AMEN.*

Book of Common Prayer, Page 223

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *AMEN*

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