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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 12th

ST STEPHEN'S Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Supper takes place on February 12th. (That's today!) These famous suppers are not only gastronomic events, they are also real inflation fighters.

The price has remained unchanged for 22 years. We challenge you to find anything in Baltimore with a comparable record!

For a mere \$5 per adult you can feast on scrumptious pancakes and a heaping 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

Why fings ain't wot they yoosed ter be

MAY BE I'm wrong, but it seems clear that America's leading political and intellectual elite is growing increasingly naïve. How else can one explain their predilection for adopting unlikely -- even bizarre -- solutions to problems their grandparents solved easily and without fuss.

Take teenage pregnancy, for example. Mayor Bloomberg of New York is tackling this serious problem by stepping up the intensity of sex education in schools, and by the wholesale distribution of various kinds of contraceptives through school health clinics.

In other words, having taught kids how to get up to sexual mischief, the schools, through the indiscriminate distribution of prophylactics, are then giving them the license to put what they have learned in the class room into practice.

This betrays a touching ignorance of the irresponsibility engendered by raging teenage hormones. It also ignores the famous dictum of Nobel Prize winning economist Milton Friedman: "If you subsidize something, you get more of it."

Grandma and granddad solved the problem with a rule

guaranteed to quell the ardor of all but the most ardent of teens: "If a girl gets in the family way, she marries the father. No ifs ands or buts!"

Now take reading: The average American high school student can apparently no longer comprehend the Cliff Notes that provide simplified paraphrases of William Shakespeare's plays and poetry. Pupils are now being given Cliff Notes of the Cliff Notes.

This elevates the fostering of ignorance to hitherto unscaled and embarrassing heights. Shakespeare didn't write for sophisticates, but ordinary people -- journeymen, day laborers, shop assistants, cooks and chamber maids. His fans included a goodly sprinkling of beggars, hawkers, pickpockets and ladies of doubtful virtue.

People today probably find it amazing to think that this motley audience understood virtually every word the Bard wrote. Otherwise they wouldn't have forked over their hard earned cash to attend his productions.

At least 95 percent of the words Shakespeare employed are still in use today and still have precisely the same meaning as they did 400 years ago.

Logic, thus, indicates that the net result of more than a century of public education is that the average American school student now possesses a working vocabulary that is only one tenth of the size of that possessed by the scum of the earth of four centuries ago.

One of the purposes of teaching kids Shakespeare was to increase their vocabularies -- a vital tool for communicating and comprehending subtle thoughts, complicated ideas and abstract

concepts.

No wonder the Chinese -- and just about everyone else -- are overtaking us! GPH✘

LENTEN STUDY

Questions about the BCP you never had the courage to ask

FOLKS familiar with Church history usually claim the first English Prayer Book is the First Prayer Book of King Edward VI, which was authorized for use in 1549. True, this wonderful book is the ancestor of all the Books of Common Prayer in use in the world of Anglicanism today -- albeit a very distant one in many cases, with its literary and theological DNA scarcely discernible. But it cannot fairly be claimed that it is the English Church's first prayer book.

The English Church has played a major role in the liturgical life of the Church catholic for more than one and a half millennia. Yet most Anglicans are entirely ignorant of the fact. This year's Lenten Study will trace the development of the BCP from pre-Saxon times onwards.

Our Lenten Series "The Development of the Prayer Book" runs for four Wednesday evenings beginning after 6.00 PM Evening Prayer on February 27th and ending on March 20th. The presenter will be the Rector.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 12, 2013

5.00 pm to 7.30 pm
in the Parish Hall

Ash Wednesday Services

February 13, 2013

7.00 am & 11.00 am Holy Communion
at Union Memorial Hospital

10.00 am & 7.00 pm Holy Communion
at The Parish Church

(Please note corrected schedule from last week's newsletter.)

Lenten Studies

Wednesdays, February 27th,

March 6th, 13th, and 20th

6.45 pm

(Following 6.00 pm Evening Prayer)

"The Development of the Prayer Book"

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Being February 17th, 2013

8.00 AM & 9.15 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

The Second Lesson: St. Matthew 6:1-18

We are offering the usual deal – a hearty winter soup, the best bread in Baltimore and beverages. If you need more to eat, you are welcome to bring a sandwich. GPH*

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Join us February 20th

This month the Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting at the Ashland Cafe at 12 noon on Wednesday, February 20th. Why not join us for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal. Good food and good fellowship -- what more could you want? To reserve your place call Joyce Perlberg at 410-252-2680.

✠ 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-

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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 Quinquagesima
Sunday and 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*

Book of Common Prayer, Page 122

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who 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, Page 124

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