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FROM THE RECTOR

Don't let fears hand terrorists a victory

IT SEEMS reasonable to suspect the horrific bombing of the Boston Marathon was the work of Islamic fundamentalists or their sympathizers. At the time of writing, however, no suspected culprits had been publicly identified.

Not surprisingly, immediately after the explosion federal and local law enforcement agencies went on high alert.

In Baltimore and the surrounding counties police patrols were increased at sites deemed to be strategically important. At the same time, an extra and highly visible police presence was planned for the Orioles' three day set with the Tampa Bay Rays, which started the day after the bombing, and for the Sole of the City 10K on the weekend.

The whole purpose of terrorism, as Vladimir Illyich Lenin, a leading exponent, so succinctly explained, "is to terrorize." In short, it is a means by which a cruel and ruthless minority seeks to impose its will upon the majority.

A primary aim of the terrorists is to force federal and local authorities to institute draconian security measures that disrupt the life of the average citizen to such a degree that faith in the established government is utterly undermined.

In this regard, a foretaste of things possibly to come can be seen in the long and dismal lines at the security check points at the nation's airports. If similar measures were to be adopted for all open-air events, the obstacle course they would create would make life almost intolerable.

This, of course, is precisely what the terrorists hope to achieve – to wear government and people down until capitulation to their demands seems an acceptable price of peace.

Thus, prudent though tight security measures may seem, they must not come at the price of eroding our constitutional rights and freedoms. It would be tragic were they to do so – for it would simply be handing the terrorists the victory they are so desperately seeking. **GPH**

Lack of manners = murder

AN EXAMPLE of the sort of panic terrorism is intended to engender can be seen in the hysterical debate and rushed legislation that has followed on the heels of the hideous school massacre at Newtown, Connecticut.

Regardless of one's opinions on gun control – *pro* and *contra* – it should be clear that none of the proposed or enacted legislation would have prevented this or other acts of terrorism.

Terrorists and the murderously deranged will always find a means of carrying out their evil designs – if not a gun, a bomb; if not a bomb some other weapon. Indeed, the day of the Newtown killings came news from China of a man carving up nearly 40 children with a knife,

That said, the real question we should be addressing is what explains the horrific murder toll particularly in the nation's inner cities.

One reason worth considering is the total absence in manners that is rapidly becoming the norm across the entire social spectrum. But while the problem is by no means confined to a single ethnic group or minority, nowhere is the situation worse than in the inner city and backwoods communities where an absence of manners is greatly exacerbated by swiftly shrinking vocabularies.

My epiphany on this came in New York City more than 30 years ago, when I was strolling along 34th Street from east to west making my leisurely way to Pennsylvania Station.

Ahead of me was a young man scurrying along, head down, never looking up, in typical New York fashion. Scurrying towards him, heads down and equally oblivious to their surroundings, was a young couple.

The inevitable happened. The woman was almost bowled off her feet, but the young man simply hurried on head down, as

though nothing had happened. In a flash, the young woman's companion knocked to the ground and proceeded to bash his head on the pavement.

I was younger, more foolhardy and an awful lot fitter in those days. Trusting in the protection of my dog collar, I yanked the young woman's companion up by the scruff of his neck.

"It was a complete accident," I explained, "He's really very sorry – aren't you?" The man underneath nodded, looking utterly bewildered. "Tell her you're sorry then," I told him.

"Sorry, lady," he gasped.

"There you are. No harm done, Shake hands and be friends," I instructed.

Hands were shaken, albeit somewhat gingerly, and the parties went their own separate ways. That word "sorry" had saved one young man from a prolonged hospital stay or possibly a trip to the morgue and the other the likelihood of a long spell in jail. **GPH**

British Garden Party and Fete

Saturday, May 4th
11.00 am to 4.00 pm
Come one, Come all for a Jolly
Good Time.

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

Just the facts

WITH just over two weeks to go before the Garden Party we've shifted our efforts into high gear to make this the best Garden Party ever. Our needs are many, so in the interest of brevity here are "just the facts" of how you can help.

- ✓ Round up your unwanted bric-a-brac, collectibles, books, DVDs, CDs, etc. and drop them off on the jumble table in the Parish Hall.
- ✓ Sell advertisements and sponsorships for the brochure. Must be received by April 24th.
- ✓ Pick up a poster or two and post at your local "haunts."
- ✓ Donate bottles of wine for our liquor wheel and bottles of gourmet oils, vinegars, sauces, etc. for our bottle wheel.
- ✓ Bakers: Bake cakes and other baked goods for our Bake Table. Bake small dessert items for the tea room. Baked goods should be delivered to the church on Friday, May 3rd.
- ✓ Lend us card tables for the tea room. Be sure to put your name on them so we can make sure you get them back.
- ✓ Lend us teapots for the tea room - but not your best silver or Limoges.
- ✓ Create a beautiful floral entry for our "Best of British" flower contest. Deliver to the church prior to 11.00 am on May 4th.
- ✓ Crafters: Donate an item or two for sale on our Crafts Table.
- ✓ Sign up to help set up and/or work the day of the Garden Party.

Last, and certainly not least, come out on May 4th for a most enjoyable day. Bring your family, your friends and your neighbors. You'll have a Jolly Good Time.

Sunday morning discussion group

JOIN us on Sunday mornings between the 9.15 and 11.15 services for a lively discussion of the collects and lessons appointed for that day.

Next Choral Evensong - Sunday, May 5th, 6.00 PM.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

April 28th, 2013

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: St. James 1:17-21

The Gospel: St. John 16:5-15

11.15 AM MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 116

The First Lesson: Job 19:21-27

The Second Lesson: St. John 12:44-50

We meet upstairs in the Rector's office immediately following the 9.15 service. The discussions are led by Dan Bursi.

Lost and Found Department

AN ITEM of jewelry was found at Rosa Halbert's following the party for Annie on April 6th. Please call Rosa at 410-825-1592 to claim it.

✠ 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✠, Kathleen, Michael, Finton, Morris, Charles, Dawn, Betty Jean, Elliot, Sharon, Paul, Andy, Michael, Rosina Donna, Diane, John, David, Richard, Bill, Charlotte, Leo, Riley, Mary-Ann, Linda Lou, Cynthia, Nancy, Judith, Deborah, Dorothy, Thelma, Mary, 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, Serena, Wyatt, Bobby, Alexander, Erlene, Kathleen, Earle, Judy, William, Betty, Trisha, Peggy, Linda, Millie, Walt, Bruce, Cienna, Tom, Lelillah, 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, Fran, Carol, Jimmy, Felicia, Susan, Anita, Christina and Suzie.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Hope, JoAnn, Larry, Aaron, Hope, Tom, Rosa, June, Anna, Jean, Garrett, Dean, Ned, Stephen, Rachel, Lydia; Richard, Melba, Debbie, Phyllis, Carolyn, Suzanne, Tony, Erik, Bobby, Kay & Emma, Gillian, Beverley, Adrienn, Jhana, Marla, Matthew, Joan, Laurie, Ellen, Lynn, Mildred, Sarah Lee, Susan, Kathy, Owen, Douglas, Amy, JoAnne, 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, Drake, Emily, and David

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: PFC Charles E. Heintz, IV, USA; Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, 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 THE Third Sunday after Easter and St. Mark the Evangelist

Almighty God, who showest to them that are in error the light of thy truth, to the intent that they may return into the way of righteousness; Grant unto all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's Religion, that they may avoid those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMEN

O almighty God, who has instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark; Give us grace that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

Book of Common Prayer, Pages 173 & 237

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