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FROM THE RECTOR

TV and the movies slyly and subtly distort history

IT IS QUITE remarkable how television and the movies slyly and subtly reshape and remold our perception of historic events, even those we have lived through.

I'm not so much talking about such major upheavals as the Cold War, the Cuban missile crisis and Vietnam War. Although, in reality, these were by no means entirely as presented to us in movies, TV documentaries and on the nightly news, there is sufficient public discussion about them to act as a corrective to the misinformation that abounds.

A rather more serious problem involves our perceptions of less cataclysmic, but no less profound, issues that have, for example, framed educational and social policies for the past half century.

I was reminded of this last week during a conversation with a recent acquaintance. We were discussing the Scopes "Monkey Trial" – an event he imagined had been faithfully depicted in the famous stage-play/movie *Inherit the Wind*.

Actually I had been under the same misapprehension until some years ago when a friend reminded me that back in the late 1990s (I think it was) the monthly *First Things* published a fascinating analysis of the way in which *Inherit the Wind* had been largely responsible for molding public opinion about the trial, ultimately giving evolutionists the upper hand in the ongoing debate with creationists.

Writer Carol Iannone pointed out that *Inherit the Wind* grossly distorts the circumstances in which the trial took place, the characters of the main protagonists and the nature of the arguments presented.

For example, it represents Scopes as a young high school science teacher arrested and jailed for illegally teaching Darwin's theory. Moreover it portrays the townsfolk in the small Tennessee community in which the trial took place as fundamentalist bigots, eager to do violence to Scopes and his defense attorney.

In reality, Scopes was never arrested or jailed: He volunteered to go on trial after responding to an American Civil Liberties Union advertisement seeking someone willing to challenge the law against teaching Charles Darwin's theory of creation.

Far from being threatened, he and his attorney – as well as the whole prosecution team – were feted by the townsfolk, who hoped the trial would put their community "on the map."

Nor was Scopes fired from his school teaching post after his conviction. In fact, he quit his job to take up the offer of a graduate school scholarship in geology at the University of Chicago – rich pickings for a small town math teacher and athletic coach who couldn't be called to the witness stand because he wasn't able to remember whether he had taught evolution or not.

Inherit the Wind actually tells us far more about the mindset of its authors and producers than the Scopes trial.

Writer Iannone commented: "The play reveals a great deal about a mentality that demands open-mindedness and excoriates dogmatism, only to advance its own certainties more insistently – that [claims to] promote[s] tolerance and

Calendar of Events

Weekly Activities at St Stephen's

Mondays, 6.30 PM: Bridge Club meets in Quimby Hall

Tuesdays, 7.00 AM: Breakfast Fellowship at the Nautilus Diner

Thursdays, 10.00 AM: Knitting Circle meets in Quimby Hall

Fridays, 10.30 AM: Bible Study in the Cadwalader Room

Special Events

Wednesdays, 6.15 PM: Silly Summer Suppers in Quimby Hall

Wednesday, August 27th, 7.00 PM: Vestry Meets in the Cadwalader Room

Wednesday, September 17th, 12.00 Noon: The Ladies Who Lunch at Fazzini's.

Saturday, September 20th, 3.00 PM: Service of Rededication

Saturday, September 20th, 5.00 PM: Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 21st, 10.00 AM: Combined 9.15 AM and 11.00 AM Services (8.00 AM service unchanged). Service of Confirmation

Sunday, September 21st, 3.00 PM: Service of Ordination with reception to follow

intellectual integrity but stoops to vilifying the opposition, falsifying reality, and distorting history in the service of its agenda."

Unfortunately, it is a mentality that is by no means confined to folks caught up in the evolution debate. Indeed, it explains why so many people, young and old, have such a distorted grasp of our nation's history. **GPH**

Anniversary Weekend: September 20th - 21st

St. Stephen's celebrates two significant anniversaries in 2014: the 25th anniversary of Fr Guy's answering the call to be our Rector, and the 20th anniversary of the construction of our parish church. Under the unfaltering guidance of Fr Guy we have grown from a small group of founders intent upon preserving our traditional liturgy to a thriving congregation committed to God's mission in Baltimore.

Bishop John Vaughan will be joining us to celebrate these inextricably linked anniversaries in a full weekend of events.

On Saturday, September 20th at 3.00 pm there will be a rededication service for our parish church. The liturgy will closely mirror the original Service of Dedication held on September 25th, 1994.

Following the service, at 5.00 pm, we will be holding our annual Parish Picnic on the church lawn.

On Sunday, the 21st, there will be an 8.00 am Eucharist as usual, however the 9.15 and 11.00 am services will be combined into a single service of confirmation to be held at 10.00 am.

Sunday afternoon, at 3.00 pm, Bishop John Vaughan will be officiating at a Service of Ordination in the sanctuary. Deacons Michael Belt and John Novicki will be ordained as

**THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE
TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

September 7th, 2014

8.00 AM, 9.15 AM & 11.00 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: II Corinthians 3:4-9

The Gospel: St. Mark 7:31-37

For your MORNING PRAYER

The Psalter: Psalm 139

The First Lesson: Ecclesiasticus 15:11-20

The Second Lesson: Philemon 2:12-18

priests and sub-deacon Wiley Hawks will be ordained as deacon. A reception will follow the service. Please join us to celebrate this important event for Michael, John, and Wiley and for our parish.

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Plan to join us on September 17th

THIS month the Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting at 12.00 Noon at Fazzini's Taverna, 9811 York Road, Cockeysville, on Wednesday, September 17th. Why not join

us for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal? Good food and good fellowship -- what more could you want? As Joyce Perlberg will be away, please call Rosa Halbert at 410-825-1592 to make your reservation.

✠ 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 Mike✠, Fr Tim✠, Carolyn, Hilarie, Vivian, Jack, John, Rodney, Donald, Annie, Evelyn, Cal, Finton, Fran, Tracey, Linda Lou, Edie, Adele, Baby Charlie, Angie, Ona, Cary, Janna, Martina, Leela, Bobby Sally, Isabelle, Julie, Ray, Courtney, Mary, Phyllis, Liz, Joe, Indra, Ally, Marjorie, Steve, Judy, David, Wendy, John, Joy, Walt, Tina, Irma, Nina, Susan.

LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Stephen, Ann, Lydia, Remi, Melba, Donna, Josh, Kim, Shane, Susan, Paula, Hannah, Joseph.

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: Lt. Benjamin Schramm, USMC; Lt. Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN. Lt. Col. Harry Hughes.

FOR REPOSE OF THE SOUL: Dr. Algin King

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN: Barbara and the King family

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Sung Eucharist (*with Nursery & Church School*)

11.00 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.

COLLECT FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY and THE MARTYRS OF NEW GUINEA

O GOD, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity; Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises, and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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ALMIGHTY God, we remember before thee this day the blessed martyrs of New Guinea, who, following the example of their Saviour, laid down their lives for their friends; and we pray thee that we, who honor their memory, may imitate their loyalty and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who livest and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

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