

St. Stephen's News

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FROM THE PARISH TREASURER

It is your pledges that make our work possible

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

*"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your
good works and glorify
your father which is in heaven."*

ON SEPTEMBER 20th Bishop John Vaughan helped us to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of our parish church. More than 350 attended the services – and in typical St. Stephen's fashion – joined us in the two picnics that followed.

Yet back in 1994, at the time the building was under construction, people told us we were biting off more than we could chew.

And it was, indeed, a very big commitment for a small parish, but God blessed our work and we have been successfully biting off more than we can chew ever since.

We might be relatively few in numbers, but thanks to your enthusiasm and generosity, our contribution to the community we serve exceeds that of many much larger churches. We have, from the outset, taken seriously to heart Jesus' command to love our neighbors. And we express it in our many missions to the young, the elderly, the infirm and the troubled in spirit.

The most inspiring aspect of it all is the tremendous way in which you, the parishioners, have embraced and encouraged our efforts with your time, your talents and your treasure.

■ Thanks to you, we are one of the most important sustainers of At Jacob's Well, the charity that help's Baltimore's homeless mentally disabled, one of the most desperately needy segments of the community.

■ Thanks to you, our long-standing ministry at the Joseph Richey Hospice, which cares for Baltimore's dying regardless of their ability to pay, has expanded and prospered.

■ Thanks to you, our community blood drives have been such a tremendous success that Red Cross relies on us to hold them at the most difficult times of the year – Christmas, Easter and during the summer vacation period.

■ Thanks to you our outreach to local seniors' continues to grow. We now provide worship services and pastoral care to residents at retirement communities including Glen Meadows, Mays Chapel Ridge, College Manor, Broadmead and Roland Park Place.

■ Thanks to you members of St. Stephen's pastoral care team serve as volunteer chaplains at Union Memorial Hospital, the Greater Baltimore Medical Center as well as nursing homes and other local health care facilities, including Lorien at Mays Chapel and Power Back at Brightwood.

■ Thanks to you, the sanctuary has been further beautified, our church porch has been transformed into a handsome, sunny reception room, and our parish hall has been greatly enlarged. And, currently, thanks to you, we have started on a project to build a new office and create an academic library.

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.

Sunday, October 5th: Monthly In-giving for At Jacob's Well

Tuesday, October 14th, 7.00 PM: Parish Life Committee Meets in the Cadwalader Room

Wednesday, October 15th, 12.00 Noon: The Ladies Who Lunch at Pappas.

Wednesday, October 15th, 7.00 PM: Vestry Meets in the Cadwalader Room

Thursday, October 16th, 2.00 PM: Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, October 22nd, 7.00 PM: Alan Walden, "Whose Broad Stripes and Bright Stars. . ."

Saturday, December 6th: Cookie Walk

Last but very far from least, thanks to you, church attendance has continued upwards, reflecting a growing numbers of communicants, confirmands and Sunday School students.

Not surprisingly, perhaps, it costs about \$1,000 a day – repeat \$1,000 a day – 365 days a year to run St. Stephen's and its programs. And the fact that we manage to raise the money to do so much is a tribute to you, our parishioners and friends.

The wherewithal that makes all our work possible comes solely from you. Every contribution we receive is put to good use. Every red cent is spent directly on ministry. We run a lean operation because there's no alternative. Unlike many older churches, we have no hefty endowments – simply a modest one we are trying to build on.

We rely entirely on your pledges and weekly donations in the collection plate. Even the smallest pledge matters to us -- not just because it's income, but because it's predictable income. So if you haven't pledged, please consider doing so, because every scrap of cash one can rely on makes the planning process that much easier, and enables us to make more effective use of our money.

Traditionally, fall is the time when we ask you to renew your commitment to support to the parish, and this year we ask you prayerfully to consider increasing your pledge – and not simply because like every other household, expenses in God's household continue upwards.

It is solely your financial generosity – complimented by your time and your talents – that enables us to grow in the faith and serve the wider community. Please help us to continue biting off more than we can chew.

Your friend in Christ,
William Hawkins, Treasurer

FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

"WHOSE BROAD STRIPES AND BRIGHT STARS..."

Less than three decades after winning its independence from Great Britain, the still nascent United States was, again, at war

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

October 12th, 2014

8.00 AM & 9.15 AM HOLY COMMUNION

The Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-6
The Gospel: St. Luke 14:1-11

11.00 AM CHORAL MATTINS

The Psalter: Psalm 25
The First Lesson: Jeremiah 13:15-21
The Second Lesson: St. Luke 14:1-11

with its old adversary across the Atlantic. The conflict lasted only two years. But when it ended, not only had the existence of the new nation been firmly established, it had effectively proclaimed that there was a new player on the world stage.

As we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner, you are invited to hear the story of what happened during those pivotal years of 1812 through 1814 as told by Alan Walden, one of the most prominent broadcast journalists in the mid-Atlantic, sole winner of the 2005 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, Chairman Emeritus of the Friends of Fort McHenry, and President-Life Member of the Baltimore Council of the Navy League of the United States.

An enlightening and entertaining evening is promised as we hear how the Battle of Baltimore and the Royal Navy's relentless but ultimately futile 25-hour bombardment of

Fort McHenry, which led Francis Scott Key to write the poem that became our National Anthem, turned the tide.

Join us on Wednesday, October 22nd, at 7.00 PM. A \$10 per person donation to the Baltimore Chapter of the Navy League of the United States is requested.

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

Plan to join us on October 15th

THIS month the Ladies Who Lunch will be meeting at 12.00 Noon at Pappas, 550 Cranbrook Road, Cockeysville, on Wednesday, October 15th, at 12.00 Noon. Why not join us for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal? Good food and good fellowship -- what more could you want? Please call Joyce Perlberg at (410) 252-2680 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, Oona, 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, James.

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

ON ACTIVE SERVICE: 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*)

11.00 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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY and WILLIAM TYNDALE

O LORD, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

AMEN

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ALMIGHTY God, who didst plant in the heart of thy servant William Tyndale a consuming passion to bring the Scripture to people in their native tongue, and didst endow him with the gift of powerful and graceful expression and with strength to persevere against all obstacles: Reveal to us, we pray thee, thy saving Word, as we read and study the Scriptures, and hear them calling us to repentance and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

AMEN

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