

St Stephen's News

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COOKIE WALK 2015

Many hands, they say, make for light work . . .

With just five weeks to go before the 24th Annual Cookie Walk, we really need your help making and baking your delicious cookies. Another tried-and-tested recipe will appear at the end of this section.

Do you have any spare time to give us a hand in preparation for our big fundraiser? What we desperately need is a team to help with setting up the Parish Hall, and also the making of Christmas wreathes and table decorations. No previous experience necessary, as 'on the job training' will be provided.

Finally, we need volunteers – before, during, and after the Cookie Walk. It all starts on Tuesday, December 1st at 2pm. 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, December 2nd and 3rd are spent making table baskets, wreathes, and greens arrangements. We'll begin at 10am 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 are not expecting that you be there from 10 till late. But, with a good work force, we will be able to program a schedule that will see us spending an hour or two at a time over a few days.

As always, the success of this sale depends on the generosity of our parishioners and friends. We count on you to make the cookies! Each year we request two batches of cookies from every parish family. In recent years we have had hundreds of pounds of cookies on sale thanks to you!

We also count on you to help us with our gift table. We seek new, never-used items that are pretty or seasonal. We could use your donations for the children's table, too. Please bring your treasures to the church office.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the date of the Cookie Walk, Saturday, December 5th from 9am until 1pm. We hope you will plan to come and invite your friends to visit our wonderful sale!

CHARLOTTE HAWTIN

ANOTHER GREAT COOKIE RECIPE

Here is another Cookie Recipe for you to prepare now and freeze ready for our big day. Maybe you could make a weekly batch whilst it's quiet before the Christmas rush. This recipe has been tried and tested and freezes extremely well, and was taken from our *Cook Book 2000* (available for \$3 from the church office).

Lydia Wood's Oatmeal Cookies

<i>¾ cup butter</i>	<i>¾ tsp nutmeg</i>
<i>1 cup sugar</i>	<i>2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats</i>
<i>2 eggs</i>	<i>¾ tsp baking powder dissolved in</i>
<i>1 tsp vanilla</i>	<i>1 tsp hot water</i>
<i>1 cup flour</i>	<i>1 cup raisins</i>
<i>½ tsp salt</i>	<i>½ cup nut pieces</i>

Cream together butter and sugar. Add eggs and combine well. Add vanilla, then other ingredients in the order listed, stirring after each addition. Fold in raisins and nuts and combine. Drop by teaspoons onto greased sheet 1½ inches apart, and bake for 12 to 15 minutes. Cool on rack. (Should you be using 'quick oats', increase the quantity to 2⅓ cups.)

The 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. To add a name to the prayer list, or to the visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, ring the parish office on 410 560 6776.

FOR RECOVERY: Philip ✠, Hilarie, Jack, Cal, Phyllis, Edie, Adele, Linda, George, Elizabeth, Shelby, Melissa, Sandra, Ralph, Nathan, Hobie, Hayley, John, Nancy, Jon, Gloria, Judy, Pam, Neal, Will, Aida, Julie, Samantha, Jorge

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Stephen, Melba, Scott, Vinnie, Doug, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Ned

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

FROM THE RECTOR

Watch out for mud as the election heats up

The Presidential Election is still a year away and, lamentably, albeit predictably, the political mud is already flying in all directions. But if you think the partisanship is already plumbing new depths, you'd be wise to think again.

In fact, it's hard to imagine anything that could equal a study of the psychological motivations of political conservatives published during the 2004 Presidential campaign in the American Psychological Association's Psychological Bulletin. Let me remind you about what it had to say:

The study was the work of Associate Professor Jack Glaser and visiting Professor Frank Sulloway of the University of California Berkeley, Associate Professor John Jost of Stanford University's Graduate School of Business, and Professor Arie Kruglanski of the University of Maryland at College Park.

And they concluded the motivations that mark political conservatives are 'fear and aggression; dogmatism and intolerance of ambiguity; uncertainty avoidance; need for cognitive closure; and terror management.'

But, actually, the report says more about the mindset of the researchers than it does about folks to the right of the American political spectrum. Their subjects were Adolf Hitler, Benito Mussolini, former President Ronald Reagan, radio commentator Rush Limbaugh, Joseph Stalin and Fidel Castro.

This bizarre list might lead one to conclude that the folks actually suffering from 'fear and aggression, dogmatism and intolerance of ambiguity, uncertainty avoidance, need for cognitive closure, and terror management' were the researchers who put this bizarre list together.

Surely only the deranged could fail to recognise the vast moral and philosophical gulf between folks who operate within the framework of the American political system, and murderous tyrants like Hitler, Stalin, Castro and Mussolini.

In the context of 21st Century American politics, President Reagan was unashamedly conservative, as is his ardent admirer Rush Limbaugh. He had a laissez-faire approach to the economy and generally took a constructionist approach to the constitution.

Yet, from the perspective of 19th and early-20th century political thought, both Reagan and Limbaugh would be classified as liberals. Political labels tend to be a movable feast.

At no time in world history, however, would mass murderers and torturers like Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and Castro have been classified

[continued] as 'conservative' in the American or any other sense of the word. Nero, Caligula, Vlad the Impaler and Ivan the Terrible pale in comparison with them. Aside from being mass murderers and torturers, Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin were ('are' in the case of Castro) radicals whose vision was to stand the social and economic order on its head. These men have nothing whatsoever in common with Reagan, who was plainly devoted to preserving traditional American capitalism. Ditto Limbaugh.

What's more, the researchers' apparent assumption that some vast ideological gulf exists between Hitler and Mussolini on the one hand and Stalin and Castro on the other is also far from the mark.

The terms 'left' and 'right' were, in fact, coined by Stalin in a bid to differentiate his brand of totalitarianism from that of his Fascist rivals. Actually, their points of difference were minor.

Stalin and the Soviet Communist Party believed the state should control all economic, political and social activity through its ownership of the means of production. Hitler and Mussolini didn't care who owned the means production, providing the owners did what the dictators told them.

The study was a particularly baroque example of a political hatchet job. But the Left has no monopoly on the genre. The Right is similarly inclined, though rarely is it so outrageously inventive. Nor does it have same degree of access to the media as the Left.

The sad thing about the mud-slinging of this sort is that it debases the election process, and further undermines the man in the street's already fragile trust in the body politic. **GPH**

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

The Ladies will lunch on 18 November

The Ladies Who Lunch have planned their next outing to **Padonia Ale House**, on Wednesday, 18 November at noon. The Ale House is located in the Padonia Shopping Centre at 61 East Padonia Road in Timonium. Why not join them for a convivial get-together over a delicious meal? Good food and good fellowship – what more could you want? Please ring Joyce Perlberg on **410 252 2680** to make your reservation; she will need a final count by the 16th.

FROM THE PARISH TEA PARTY

Afternoon Teas return on 19 November

Afternoon teas return on Thursday, 19 November at 2pm. The Teas have become so popular that we have had to limit the number of reservations we can accept. We are able to comfortably serve 40 guests. We ask that you please make a reservation using the sign up sheet in the main reception area, leaving your name and a contact number. If you later find yourself unable to attend, please contact the Parish Office immediately so we can offer your place to the next person on the standby list. **ANNIE HAWKINS**

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8 am: Said Eucharist

9.15 am: Choral Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)

11 am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)

6 pm: Choral Evensong (1st Sunday) – evensong.ststeve.com

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6 pm: Evening Prayer

Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5 pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30 pm: Bridge Club

Tuesday, 7 am: Fellowship Breakfast (Nautilus Diner)

Thursday, 10 am: Knitting Circle

Friday, 10.30 am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

Wednesday, 18 November, 12 noon

The Ladies Who Lunch meet at Padonia Ale House

Thursday, 19 November, 2 pm

Afternoon Tea

Saturday, 5 December, 9 am–1 pm

Cookie Walk

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