

St Stephen's News

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A BRAZEN APPEAL FROM THE EAGLE

Help wanted! Help wanted! No experience necessary!

Over 5000 homes in the area surrounding St Stephen's will soon be receiving invitations to our 24th Annual Cookie Walk in their mailboxes. Added to our faithful following from years past, we hope to attract many more of our local neighbours to kick off the Christmas season at St Stephen's.

We certainly don't want to disappoint all those customers, so now it's time to 'get down to brass tacks' and pull it all together. For this we need *your* help!

Don't know how to make a centrepiece or decorate a wreath? What better time to learn than from our Parish pros? And our Cookie Walk work days are always infused with the holiday spirit, lots of laughter, and good old-fashioned fellowship.

First and foremost, of course, are the cookies. And with your help our tables will be sagging under the weight of tasty morsels of many varieties. We have a lofty goal (and who knows about 'lofty' better than an eagle?) of 1,000 pounds of cookies – that's two batches from each parish family.

Last year we had the best selection yet. So don't let fine weather or fowl (*foul gedit!*) put you off. Break out the sugar and flour, soften the butter, heat up the oven, and BAKE!

Cookies may be dropped off at the church from Tuesday, December 1st, onwards

We need donations for our gift table. Check your attics, basements, closets and cupboards for any unwanted gifts you may have tucked away because 'they're just not me'.

We'll be more than pleased to take these unwanted items off your hands - and you can feel totally guiltless, knowing that they went to a good cause. We're looking for new gift items - cosmetics, picture frames, CDs and DVDs, ornaments, anything that would make a good Christmas or holiday hostess gift.

There'll be a table in the Parish Hall for your donations, and items are being accepted right now!

In addition to our cookies, jams, jellies and preserves, among the favourite attractions of the Cookie Walk are our decorated wreaths, Christmas table centrepieces, and bundles of fresh greens.

It's best to prune trees and bushes when they are dormant, and Thanksgivingtime is the perfect time to do so. We've always relied on your generosity – and you've never let us down.

We need cuttings of hollies (English, variegated, etc.), hemlock, nandina, cedar (and other aromatics), balsam, spruce, white pine, magnolia, boxwood, and Douglas and other firs (long and short needle).

We also need decorative items for our wreaths and centrepieces – pine cones, bows, dried pods, and other dried items. If cutting your greens is a problem, don't worry. We'd be only too happy to cut them for you. Call the parish office (410-560-6776) and we'll make arrangements. Greens can be dropped off at the church any time the week before the big day.

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're not expecting you to work from dawn to dusk! We'll appreciate whatever time you can give us.

We will also appreciate volunteers on Friday to do the final setup for 'the Big Day'. Again, we'll start at 10am, setting up tables for cookies and gifts, decorating the Parish Hall, and putting together the bags of greens.

Finally, we need lots of volunteers to work the Cookie Walk itself, and a few to stay after to help us clean up. Sign-up sheets for volunteers will be on the bulletin board in the Cadwalader Room, or call Happy Riley at the parish office (410-560-6776), Brock Johnson (410-825-8007), or Dick & Priscilla Huffman (443-764-6554). Please sign up and help us make our 24th Annual Cookie Walk the best ever. Thanks awfully! **ISAAC THE EAGLE**

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 REPOSE OF SOUL: Philip ✠

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

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

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

A FINAL COOKIE RECIPE

It's been rumoured that there exists in this world only one Christmas Fruit Cake, and it's gifted from house to house every year but never eaten. This recipe would never share the same fate. Make these delicious cookies and we guarantee they will be eaten.

Fruit Cake Cookies

1 cup butter
2 cups sugar (all white, all brown, or one cup of each)
2 eggs
3 cups sifted all-purpose flour
1 Tbsp baking soda
½ tsp each of salt, cloves, and nutmeg
2 tsp cinnamon
¼ cup of brandy, rum, sherry, port, wine, or fruit juice
1 cup coarsely chopped walnuts, pecans, filberts or unblanched almonds
1 cup raisins
2 cups (1 lb) chopped fruit cake fruits

Cream the butter, cream in the sugar and beat in the eggs. Stir in the flour sifted with the baking soda, salt, and spices. Add the liquid and then the raisins, nuts, and fruit cake fruits. With a greased teaspoon dip up ¾ teaspoon of dough, push from the spoon with another greased teaspoon onto a well-buttered or oiled cookie sheet. Bake in a pre-heated 350°F oven for 10 minutes or until the edges are a delicate brown. Do not over-bake or the fruit will become hard. Remove from the pans while still warm. Cool on a rack to room temperature and store in airtight containers. These cookies freeze well and are better if aged for a week before eating.

FROM THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Movie Night

Attention Sunday School parents! We are hosting a **Movie Night** on Saturday, 21 November from 6.00–8.30pm. Give yourself a break by dropping your kids off at the Sunday Schoolroom for a showing of two old favourite Christmas movies: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. We will play some Bingo and board games between the movies, and snacks will be provided. See me in the Sunday Schoolroom to sign up your children. **DIANE NOVICKI**

FROM THE PARISH TEA PARTY

Afternoon Teas return!

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**

FROM THE LADIES WHO LUNCH

The Ladies will lunch on the 18th

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 MUSIC OFFICE

Got boys?

Saint Stephen’s Choir Academy, the voice-training programme which provides the choristers for our parish choir, is looking for new recruits. If you know a family member, friend, neighbour, or random kid on the street who enjoys singing, wishes to receive a *free* classical music education, and who might be interested in getting paid in the process, please contact the Admissions Director, Mrs Cheryl Nickol, on **410 329 6399** or at admissions@choiracademy.org

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The Ven. Michael Kerouac, *Vicar* · The Rev. Michael Belt,

The Rev. John Novicki, The Rev. Robert Ludwig, *Associate Rectors*

The Rev. M. Wiley Hawks, *Pastoral Care Chaplain*

Mrs Happy Riley, *Director of Pastoral Care & Wedding Coordinator*

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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