

# St Stephen's News

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*A parish in the classical Anglican tradition*

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FROM THE PARISH LIFE COMMITTEE

### Our Hymn Auction raised an amazing one thousand dollars

St. Stephen's Transfiguration Sunday Hymn Auction on August 6th, raised a breathtaking \$1,025 for the Choir's adopted charity: The Christ Child Society of Baltimore. The fundraising effort was all the more remarkable because only some 20 diehards attended the event – a reflection of summer vacation season.

Despite the relatively small numbers – far fewer attendees than we usually attract during our program of choral evensongs – the congregation was in extraordinarily good voice. Their singing raised the roof and the bidding for and against the chosen hymns was exuberant, not to say combative.

At the conclusion, even Adric, the choirmaster and organist, was impressed not only by the singing but also by the generosity displayed.

He congratulated the participants, telling them: "This is one of the very few churches where one could hold an event like this. Unlike so many others, St. Stephen's is a parish where the congregation really enjoys singing."

The Christ Child Society of Baltimore, Maryland is a non-denominational, non-profit group of involved volunteers who have come together to try to meet the contemporary needs of children and families in the Baltimore community in practical ways.

Rather than create another service entity, the society augments the work of the existing organizations in the area in need of both volunteers and resources.

Members help students weekly with their homework. They read monthly to pre-k students at a school and organize and develop wellness program resources for schools. They also collect, sort and distribute gently used books to the various organizations.

Volunteers participate on a monthly rota to cook casseroles at home for soup kitchens. They knit items such as baby clothes, scarves, hats, mittens etc. and assemble items for layettes, school supplies and "My Stuff" bags. They meet monthly at St Stephen's Church and are always ready to accept donations from the public.

VALETE

### Goodbye but not farewell from Fr. Robert Ludwig

When the phone rang two months ago and I was told by The Most Right Reverend Brian Marsh that I had been appointed Interim Rector of Holy Cross Anglican church, on the banks of the "Big Lake" Ontario, I was a little taken aback.

You see, as I've travelled about the country, either filling in as a supply priest or on some other task of the church, I have always been deeply sensible of Christ's admonitions to fearlessly preach the Gospel, and the disciples in whose tracks I follow.

After all, the men who followed the Nazarene in his earthly ministry were very committed men, although far

from fearless, and certainly imperfect (just like us) and unlike the man they followed. They, however, set out after the Pentecost to preach the Gospel relentlessly and without any fear this world could provide.

And why should we be surprised, they had seen this carpenter's son feed the hungry, heal the sick, give sight to the blind and raise the dead, and open the gates of everlasting life, and provide us the Comforter. These are daunting sandals to fill for any man, in any time.

In English Church history, one can look to no better example than St. Columba. St. Columba, the Irish Abbot and founder of the monastery at Iona, travelled with twelve companions into what is now Scotland and preached the words of Christ throughout the Pictish kingdoms.

Besides preaching the Gospel amongst the northern pagans and converting them, it is said that Columba found time in 565 to banish, "a fearful water creature" from the river Ness. I wonder what happened to him?

Fortunately for me, I face few of these hurdles or dangers of my earlier brothers in my destination. I'm fairly confident that I'll neither fight "fearful creatures" of the Big Lake, or be

### 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:** Peter, June, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Judy, Neal, Aida, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Eunice, Robert\*, David, Jan, Susie, Sophia, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Cour Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John, David, Adrian, Tom, Michell, Aida, Mai, Al, Kathy, Jack, Lewey & Stephen

**FOR THE DERPARTED:** Mrs. Nancy Ripley  
**THOSE WHO MOURN:** The Ripley Family

**FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Stephen, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Cindy, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Erin and Aubery

**ON ACTIVE SERVICE:** Lt Alex Bursi, Capt. Charles Bursi, Lt Nicholas Clouse, USN; Lt Col. Harry Hughes; MSGT Michael Holter, USAF; Cpt Fiodor Strikovski, US Army.

whisked off to Rome (whether for trial, or any other reason!)

I have been very blessed to be appointed and to be accepted of the parish of Holy Cross in Webster, New York. It is a lovely parish on the shores of Lake Ontario and nestled amongst apple orchards and the bedroom communities of Rochester (pronounced RAHchester).

The church proper, is an historic, clapboard schoolhouse which dates to the year 1839. In fact the school pre-dates the village of Webster by a year (1840). In 1977 the then abandoned schoolhouse was leased and the first regular Sunday service was held on the 4th of June, 1978.

In the years that followed many beautiful additions have been made to the church including the altar and the importation of a pocket organ from St. Martin in the Fields, London. It is a fine instrument, and worthy of a listen. I urge

you to visit our website:

<http://acanedio.org/parishes/HolyCross/index.shtml> to see the church and learn more about the area.

The body of the church, the people are, a faithful group of Anglicans who have kept to the writ of Holy Scripture and the original doctrine, dogma, practice, and liturgy of the Anglican/Episcopal Church as it was before the 1970s. They are a faithful, loving, and friendly example of Christ's Holy Bride, and I encourage all who can, to visit.

So, as I move on in this new chapter of my life, my mind returns to those first brothers of mine, and the seat from which I am sent forward, that is St. Stephen's.

Surely those men had misgivings as they stepped away from a place and time of so much pure love. They had seen Christ love, heal, forgive, and raise the dead. And so have I.

St. Stephen's has loved my family and me, forgiven me, fed me, clothed me, healed me, and loved me. I too, have seen the miraculous power of Christ's hand at work, right here in Timonium. And for that, I praise Almighty God and his other fearless disciples: You!

As any Christian knows, this is not farewell, but *au revoir*. In the mean time, while this "rectorship" remains interim, my wife Rebecca and my daughters Catherine and Elizabeth will remain at St. Stephen's and I will continue to be canonically resident in the Diocese of the Eastern United States and serve as Bishop John Vaughan's secretary.

Thanks be to God for all your kindness, to me and mine, I

will pop in from time to time to see you all for a spiritual top-up! Until then, the Lord bless you and keep you ...RMHL\*

FROM THE KNITTING CIRCLE

## Have a ball on Thursdays

Are the cares of the world weighing on your shoulders? Here's a way to relax in friendly and interesting company and acquire, or simply improve, a useful skill that not only calms the fevered brow.

Join us in the parish library on Thursdays at 10.00 AM. Can't knit? Cindie Baker, one of our most experienced knitters will teach you. Just set the time and place and she'll get you started. You'll have a ball.  
FROM THE GROUNDS COMMITTEE

## Your plants for the churchyard

The strip of grass along the entrance driveway has been cleared by Scott Taylor and his crew of volunteers. Now we are seeking perennial plants from home gardens to put in that space.

Our suggestions for plant donations include Stella D'Orolily or other day lily, dusty miller, corabells, columbine and any other deer resistant plants.

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The Rev. Canon Guy P Hawtin, *Rector*

The Venerable Michael Kerouac, *Vicar*

The Rev. Michael Belt, The Rev. John Novicki and

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

8am: Said Eucharist

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

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

6pm: Choral Evensong (as announced) –

[evensong.ststeve.com](http://evensong.ststeve.com)

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer

Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist

Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

## Calendar of Events

### WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30pm: Bridge Club

Tuesday, 7am: Fellowship Breakfast (Nautilus Diner)

Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle

Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

### MONTHLY & SPECIAL

## Parish Youth Play Group

*Every Sunday After the 9.15 Eucharist*

## Silly Summer Suppers

*The season started at 6.30 PM on Wednesday, July 12th*

## The Ladies Who Lunch

*Wednesday, August 16th, 12.00 pm - 2.00 pm*

*at Michael's on York Road, Timonium*

## Afternoon Tea

*Thursday August 24th 2.00 - 4.00 pm*

## Church Picnic

*Sunday September 3 1.00 pm - 4.00 pm*

*Ellen Reather's House 13201 Dulaney Valley Road*

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