

# St Stephen's News

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A BRAZEN APPEAL FROM THE EAGLE

### Tick Tock, Tick Tock , . .

### Cookie Walk count down

Cookie Walk has a way of sneaking up on us. You see, every seven years or so the first Saturday of December just happens to occur during the first three days of the month, and the Cookie Walk is all of a sudden right in front of us.

So for all of us who work best under pressure, it's about time to do some of our best work by producing the mountain of cookies that makes the Cookie Walk such a huge success. It's also time for us to remind our friends and families that the big day is imminent so it's not over before they realize it's coming.

Below are two recipes for your Cookie Walk baking. One features dough that can be frozen ahead of time, and uses cinnamon as an ingredient - and what spice better says "Christmas" than cinnamon?

### Cinnamon Sugar Crinkles

#### INGREDIENTS:

*1/2 Cup Unsalted Butter-softened*

*1/2 Cup Packed Brown Sugar*

*1 Egg*

*1/4 Cup Molasses*

*1 Teaspoon Vanilla*

*2 Cups All-purpose Flour*

*1 Teaspoon Baking Soda*

*1-1/2 Teaspoons Cinnamon*

*1/4 Teaspoon Salt*

*1/4 Cup Coarse Sugar*

*In a large bowl, beat butter with brown sugar until fluffy; beat in egg, molasses and vanilla. Whisk together flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt; stir into butter mixture. Refrigerate dough for 20 minutes. (May be frozen at this point). Roll about 1 Tablespoon into balls. Roll balls in coarse sugar. Place 1-1/2 inches apart on parchment paper lined baking sheets. Bake in a 350 F oven until puffed and crackly, about 9 minutes. Let cool on pan for 5 minutes. Transfer to rack and cool completely.*

### Bourbon Balls

A "no bake, no fuss" recipe: Bourbon Balls offer up a powerful punch while packaged in a small bite. These sweet, no-bake treats are a favorite gift and a perfect nibble for parties.

#### INGREDIENTS:

*1 (12oz) package vanilla wafers, finely crushed*

*1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts*

*3/4 cup powdered sugar*

*2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa*

*1/2 cup bourbon*

*2 1/2 tablespoons light corn syrup*

*Powdered sugar for rolling*

*Stir first four ingredients together in a large bowl. In another bowl, stir together bourbon and corn syrup. Add bourbon mixture to wafer mixture. Roll into 1 inch balls, roll in powdered sugar. Cover and chill up to two weeks.*

Of course, cookies are the central ingredient to a successful Cookie Walk, but we also need your help in other areas. We need items for the children's table and gift table, all varieties of greens, and your help as a volunteer. A really fun day for volunteers is Tuesday, November 28th when we will be creating over 60 wreaths and arrangements. No experience needed. Please check out the Cookie Walk table in the Cadwalader Room for upcoming dates, volunteer sign-up sheets, baking tips and more. Thanks awfully! ISAAC EAGLE

### You can help in other areas, too

Of course, while cookies may be the central ingredient, we also need your help in many other areas in order to make the Cookie Walk the success it has been in years past. We need items for our children's table and gift table, including ornaments and geegaws suitable to the season.

So please hunt around for that special treasure given to you by Uncle Filbert that you have never used! Our children's table offers modestly priced items suitable for the whole family, so the children can buy something for everyone on their list! These

### 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, Charlotte, Dorothy, Rodney, 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, Pamela, Isobel & Judy

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**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.

items can be dropped off now. A table has been set up in the Cadwalader Room with recipes, hints, volunteer sheets and a schedule of Cookie Walk week. Thanks awfully! ISAAC EAGLE

FROM THE RECTOR

### The Seven Deadly Sins need to go

Forget about the Collect for the Twenty First Sunday After Trinity. It is entirely out of step with the spirit of the age. The traditional sins – especially the seven deadly ones, namely pride, envy, gluttony, sloth *et al.* -- are as outmoded as last summer's beach wear. They have been replaced with two new and all-embracing sins against which the whole ancient pantheon of sin pales into insignificance.

The new deadly sins are known as judgementalism and "negativism." Be warned! These two sins are worse than anything that we have yet encountered.

Apparently, practitioners of "negativism" and "judgementalism" can end up in a whole heap of trouble. Who knows, they might, even with no Miranda Rights, be running the risk of being expelled from their health clubs and having the cup holders in

their SUVs confiscated.

For those antediluvians who have failed to keep up with "new wave" theology, I'll do my best to explain how these new sins work:

"Judgementalism" is probably best described as a predisposition towards "negativism." And "negativism" seems to be, basically, a predilection to be critical about the human race.

"Negativism" is frequently committed in sermons and parish newsletters, but it can also creep into casual conversations at home around the dinner table and, at work, around the water cooler."

Actually, if the new theology is right, The Bible can no longer be regarded as "the good book" at all. Indeed – in light of these newly-discovered sins – it would be more appropriate to call it "The Very Bad Book."

Take a look at it, and you'll see that it claims God doesn't have a very high opinion of the human race. Quite the opposite, in fact. He seems to think that humans can be pretty horrible. By the end of the third Chapter of Genesis, he has kicked Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden – no Miranda warnings, no second chances, no probation reports, no pleas in mitigation.

God, for example, zaps the entire world except Noah simply because people don't want to play the game his way. And, what's more, things don't get any better after the flood. The Ten Commandments are pure "judgementalism" and "negativism." All but two of them are "thou shalt nots." And the two "thou shalt" require people to honor their parents and keep the Sabbath day holy -- which is not only no fun at all, but there's not the slightest

pretense of democracy about it. The New Testament is more of the same.

Now clearly there are fogies (old and young ) who don't go along with this new theology. They say that God created the world and, thus, he knows much more about it than we do. They explain that the Bible tells us about terrible things that happened to the Children of Israel in order to help us avoid similar pitfalls.

And they point out that Christ's teachings are intended to help us not only to live happy, hopeful and fruitful lives, but, ultimately, to enable us to attain life eternal.

The bad news is that, being human, even the best of us will stray from the straight and narrow path from time to time. Sometimes, we will do some truly awful things that put our whole relationship with God in jeopardy of his judgment.

The good news, however, is that the Bible tells us that we can get back in to God's good graces -- simply by confessing what we have done and asking Jesus, to intercede on our behalf. And in order to facilitate this exchange, Jesus established his Church.

Like or lump it, the Church needs to be just a tad "judgmental" in order to do its job properly. After all, if the church doesn't identify what is sinful and why, folks will have to figure things out on their own.

While, at first glance, this might not seem such a bad idea, history shows that, over the years, it has gotten us in a whole heap of trouble. Just look at Adam and Eve. GPH✂

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8am: Said Eucharist  
9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)  
11am: Choral Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)  
6pm: Choral Evensong (as announced) –  
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WEEKDAY SERVICES

Wednesday, 6pm: Evening Prayer  
Friday, 12 noon: Healing Eucharist  
Saturday, 5pm: Family Eucharist

Calendar of Events

WEEKLY

Monday, 6.30pm: Bridge Club  
Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle  
Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study

MONTHLY & SPECIAL

Parish Life

Sunday, November 12th, 10.30 am

The Ladies Who Lunch

Wednesday, November 15th. 12.00 pm  
Libatore's 9515 Deereco Rd  
To reserve: Call Sara Douglas 410-560-9026

Vestry Meeting

Wednesday November 15th, 7.00 pm

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