

# St Stephen's News

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## The Holy Week Schedule

### MONDAY BEFORE EASTER

*April 6th*  
6 PM, Holy Communion.

### TUESDAY BEFORE EASTER

*April 7th*  
6 PM, Holy Communion.

### WEDNESDAY BEFORE EASTER

*April 8th*  
6 PM, Holy Communion

### MAUNDY THURSDAY

*April 9th*  
7 PM, Choral Eucharist  
& Stripping the Altar

### GOOD FRIDAY

*April 10th*  
NOON: Seven Last Words From  
The Cross  
3.30 PM, Children's Way of the Cross  
6 PM, Communion of the Presanctified

### HOLY SATURDAY

*April 11th*  
9 PM, The Great Vigil  
& First Eucharist of Easter

### EASTER DAY

*Sunday, April 21st*  
8 AM: Said Holy Eucharist.  
9.15 AM: Choral Eucharist,  
(followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for  
children aged 7 and under).  
11.00 AM: Choral Eucharist

#### FROM THE RECTOR

## Church sundials: A tribute to our preoccupation with time

Our English forebears were practical people and their church buildings traditionally served secular ends as well as spiritual needs.

Lofty spires, for example, have served to direct people heavenwards. The solid, foursquare towers which support the spires, however, were built with a rather more secular purpose in mind.

They served as places of shelter in times of war. When enemies came to rob and pillage, congregations simply

made for the church and barricaded themselves in the tower. Similarly, church bells were used both as a call to worship in times of peace and a means of summoning help in times of war and civil emergencies.

In times of peace and tranquility, church towers continued to serve practical purposes. The time, for example, is an age-old human preoccupation.

Long before the advent of television and radio, both townspeople and country folk felt a need to keep a close eye on the time, and, in the days before wrist watches were invented, they usually looked towards the church towers for the answer.

This is why church towers were frequently decorated with sun dials. Often they were very elaborate affairs, embellished not only with gilded scrollwork, but also with proverbs and religious texts. They were a favorite memorial gift among the local gentry.

After all, people were constantly needed to know the time and, as a consequence, the name of the donor was

## Parish Prayer List

Our Prayer Chain offers prayer daily for people on the Prayer List and guests of the Joseph Richey Hospice. To add a name to the prayer list, or visiting list, or to join the Prayer Chain, call the parish office (410) 560 6776.

**FOR RECOVERY:** Eileen, Rebecca, Catherine, Richard✕, Janis, Parisa, Daniel, Leona, Rachel, Elizabeth, Kim, Dorothy, Donna, Skip, Dan, Sarah, Betsy, Edie, Heidi, Alan, Terry, Helen, Linda, John, Neal, Stephen, Nathan, Hobie, Betty, Helen, Jan, Bobby, Lee, Cary, Marie, Jim, Joanna, Kendall, Ian, Gloria, June, John Tom, Michell, Jack, Lewey, Stephen, Pamela, David, Wade, Sifa, Eileen, Ravi, Theresa, Lisa, Larry Ricard, Judy & Scott

**FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE:** Cameron, Caroline, Karen, Ardis, Mavis, Michael, Melba, Sam, Vinnie, Doug, Chip, Elizabeth, Ian, Lisa, Carey, Jacob, Casey, Beth, Kath, Rebecca, Colin & Christian.

#### IN MEMORIAM:

#### THOSE WHO MOURN:

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

constantly brought to mind. The clergy favored them because they provided the flocks with a perpetual sermon on the shortness of life and the need to repent before it was too late.

Neither weather cocks nor sundials fared well in the Parliamentary Rebellion of the 17th century. The puritan soldiers used the weather cocks as targets for musket practice and all-too-frequently smashed elaborately decorated sundials for the same reason they smashed stained glass -- claiming they fostered idolatry.

Many of the sundials that survived this ugly and barbarous period of English history were destroyed by the arrival of the church clock. In the Middle Ages, only wealthy cathedrals and abbeys could afford clocks, but from the 17th century onwards, parish clocks increasingly displaced the sun dial.

Even so, many ancient sun dials still occupy places of honor on church buildings. There is a breathtaking example at Hampton Court Palace and notable ones at Oxford, Cambridge and, of course, St. Stephen's Church, Timonium. GPH✕

# Easter Flowers For St Stephen's Altar

*Here is a selection of beautiful spring flowers to decorate the church for Easter Please make your choice and return this form to the church office with your check by Holy Wednesday, April 8th. Flowers may be taken home after the 11.0 am Service*

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lilies Small elite 6" 4-6 blooms @ \$10 (# of plants.....)

Field Azalea @ \$15 (# of plants.....)

Hydrangeas Four plus blooms @ \$20 (# of plants.....)

Hiacynths @ \$10 (6" pot) (# of plants.....)

Tulips @ \$10 (6" pot) (# of plants.....)

Total # of plants \_\_\_\_\_ Total amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

My gift is IN HONOR, IN MEMORY OF, IN THANKSGIVING FOR (please circle)

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The Rev. Michael Belt, The Rev. C. Daniel Bursi,  
The Rev. Dr. Norman Flowers,  
The Rev. M. Wiley Hawks & The Rev. Mark Newsome,  
Mrs Happy Riley, Director of Pastoral Care  
& Wedding Coordinator  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
8am: Said Eucharist  
9.15am: Sung Eucharist (with Nursery & Church School)  
11 am: Sung Mattins (1st Sunday: Sung Eucharist)  
Choral Services (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  
Thursday, 10am: Knitting Circle  
Noon: Bible Study  
Friday, 10.30am: Bible Study  
MONTHLY & SPECIAL  
**The Lenten Study continues**  
*Wednesday, March 25th, 1.00 PM the Parish Hall*  
**The Vestry Meeting**  
*Wednesday, 7.00 PM, April 15th*  
**Ladies Who Lunch**  
*Noon, Wednesday, April 15th*  
*Venue: To Be Announced*  
*Information: Call Sara Douglas at 410-560-9026*

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