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FROM THE RECTOR

Ignorance can be bliss, but ignoring history dooms us

Earlier this month America marked the anniversary of the Islamic terrorist attack on New York's World Trade Center and the Pentagon. September 11th, 2001, is a day no less infamous than December 7th, 1941 the day upon which the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor but how swiftly it seems to be receding from our collective memory.

Back then, we watched – with awe, pride and a sense of impending tragedy – the video footage of police and firefighters, heedless of their own safety, shouldering their way through fleeing crowds into the doomed towers.

The sight of those extraordinary men and women heroically sacrificing themselves to save the lives of others demonstrated in the most graphic manner possible how the city's cops earned the admiring title "New York's Finest" and the firefighters "New York's Bravest."

Yet today – events of 19 years ago conveniently forgotten – the city's political chieftains are discussing defunding New York's Finest, against a backdrop of cowardly rioters hurling bricks at New York's Bravest as they struggle to put out fires in the city's looted stores.

As a general rule, there is no place for politics in the pulpit. Today, however, we are enmeshed in events so intrinsically evil that silence is not an option.

The downside of growing older these days is that it comes at the price discovering that many folks appreciably younger than oneself have only the sketchiest knowledge of seminal events in world history. A reason for this seems to be that the teaching of genuine history has long gone out of the window in favor of Social Studies – an unsavory mélange of history and geography, viewed through the prism of fashionable biases and prejudices.

It is, admittedly, quite droll to hear students at the country's leading universities opine that the American Revolution took place sometime around the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries and that the Civil War began in 1928.

Ignorance, they say, is bliss. But while this might offer the smug a degree of pleasure in the short term, in the longer term the consequences of ignorance can be devastating. Not least, as the Spanish/American sage, George Santayana famously observed: "Those who will not learn from history are doomed to repeat it."

The truth of this can currently be seen in the turmoil in the streets of Seattle, Portsmouth, Chicago, Rochester, New York and Washington and many other U.S. cities.

The rioters' leaders and many of their rank and file claim to be Marxists. Yet, ironically, few of them have anything more than the vaguest knowledge of Karl Marx's ideology. Some might have briefly scanned his *Communist Manifesto*. But that's just Marx clearing his throat. His ideology is actually propounded in *Das Kapital*, published a good 30 years after the *Manifesto*.

Such is the brevity of the average youthful attention span, few have summoned up the intestinal fortitude to struggle through the three dreary volumes of *Kapital*. Had they actually got to the third volume, they would in fact have discovered what a load of cloud cuckoo rubbish it really is. That's not just my opinion. A friend – then a

Marxist ideologist for Poland's communist government – gleefully pointed out to me that the safest place to hide one's savings was the third volume of *Kapital*.

"Nobody's ever opened it, let alone read it," he explained. "If anybody had bothered to read it, I would be out of a job because it is so patently idiotic."

The hapless adults responsible for presiding over New York, Seattle, Portland, Chicago Washington, *et al* are no better informed about the past than the vicious young thugs destroying their cities. Clearly, neither the "city fathers and mothers" (a genuflection to "gender equality") nor the rioters seem aware of the parallel between the riots in their streets and the turmoil in Germany's Weimar Republic in the wake of the First World War.

In Weimar, 12 years of murderous street battles between gangs of socialists, communists and Nazi storm troopers culminated in the rise to power of a minority

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: Mavis, Pam, Eileen, Rebecca, Catherine, Bill, Richard✕, Janis, 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, Larry Ricard, Judy & Scott

FOR LIGHT, STRENGTH & GUIDANCE: Sam, Cameron, Jim, Diana, Caroline, Karen, Ardis, Mavis, Michael, Ian, Melba, Vinnie, Doug, Chip, Elizabeth, 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.

government led by Adolf Hitler. The Nazis never came near a majority of the popular vote, but with Hitler as Chancellor they were able to federalize the nation's police forces to create the *Geheime Staatspolizei (Gestapo)*.

The riots then having outlived their usefulness, Hitler ordered the slaughter of the stormtroopers' leaders in a "Night of the Log Knives," while their lesser henchmen vanished into concentration camps along with the communists and socialists. Thus turmoil disappeared from Germany's city streets, But it was replaced by something far worse – brutal National Socialist totalitarian terror.

However, please do not be tempted to cast President Trump as a totalitarian in this scenario. Like him or loathe him, he is more like Ludwig Erhard, the Christian Democrat finance minister (later Chancellor), the author of Germany's "economic miracle" after World War II.

Candidates for totalitarian dictator are rather more likely to be found among the avowed Marxists who lead Black Lives Matter and the fascistic "anti-fascist" masterminds of Antifa. But, then, it would take a knowledge of history to recognize them. GPH✕

FROM THE PARISH CLERGY

New County rules on Covid19

Dr. Gregory Wm. Branch, Health Officer for Baltimore County, has promulgated the following order: “Beginning Thursday, July 23 at 9 a.m., Baltimore County individuals ages 2 and up are required to wear face coverings in any indoor business, service, organization or establishment that serves the general public. This includes, but is not limited to, retail establishments, recreational establishments, houses of worship and other locations open to the public.

Residents are strongly encouraged to wear masks in outdoor public areas where social distancing of at least six-feet is not possible. Exemptions to the decree are:

- Individuals who cannot wear a face covering (as defined in Governor's Executive Order No. 20-04-15-01) due to a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability;
- Individuals who are communicating or seeking to communicate with someone where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
- Individuals at food service establishments while eating or drinking, which shall all be subject to the same existing regulations and exceptions previously in place under the Governor's Executive Orders and the Health Officer Orders

of the Maryland Department of Health In addition, all non-seated parties, must wear a face covering when moving in or about a restaurant or bar premises.

- Individuals are not required to show documentation that an exception applies.”

The full text of th Health Department Directive and Order and the Interpretive Guidance can be found at the County web site.

Our Sunday service schedule

Holy Eucharist at will be said at 8.00 AM and 9.15 AM. Morning Prayer will be said 11.00 AM with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of the ,month. Sunday School takes place at 9.15 AM

For shut-ins and folks st in quarantine we will be continuing our videos of Feast Day and Sunday Eucharists. These are posted on the **parish website (www.ststeve.com)**, **Youtube** and **Isaac the Eagle's Facebook** page.

You'll find them from 9.00 AM onwards every Sunday and Day of Obligation at **ststeve.com** at the bottom of the Home Page, under “Recent Blog Posts. A new midweek “broadcast” talk by the rector can also be found on the website every Wednesday or Thursday.

Meanwhile, we have opened a Post Office Box for the exclusive use of the treasurer. Please mail your offerings to: **St Stephen's Anglican Church, P.O. Box 6161, Timonium, MD 21094**. All other mail should be sent to our street address. GPH✘ & JPN✘

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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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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

For Our Country.

ALMIGHTY God, who hast given us this good land for our heritage; We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of thy favour and glad to do thy will. Bless our land with honourable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogancy, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to thy law, we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth.

In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in thee to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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