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FROM THE RECTOR

Let's hope Karl Marx got history right this time!

In the 1970s, when I was a foreign correspondent stationed in West Germany, I spent a great deal of time researching Nazi records seized by the Allies after World War II, as well as conducting hundreds of interviews with former Nazis and those who opposed them.

In doing so I gained a detailed knowledge of the strategy Adolf Hitler employed to seize power. Sad to say, it seems that a similar process is underway in America today.

It is a popular misconception that when Hitler seized power the Weimar Republic, established in the wake of the First World War, was inherently unstable. It had, in fact, weathered the political turbulence that had immediately followed the war. It had also stabilized the German currency after the prolonged period of rampant inflation.

Germany, moreover, was a federation of states that differed considerably from each other culturally and politically. It also had an apolitical military. Indeed, the Nazis never achieved a parliamentary majority in the Reichstag. Prior to his seizure of power, Hitler was the leader of a coalition government. And the process by which he engineered his totalitarian takeover is eerily reminiscent of events here today.

Hitler's came to power by gaining effective control of five key institutions: Germany's schools and universities, the media, major sports organizations, its most influential corporations and its system of justice.

He did so by promulgating an ideology that blamed the perceived woes of the country on an easily identifiable subgroup, the Jews, and by recruiting an army of ruthless street fighters to impose it on the general population.

America's extreme left – Antifa, Black Lives Matter and their Marxist allies – have employed similar methods to gain effective control of the U.S. education establishment, the media, professional sports organizations and our most influential businesses. And they are currently trying to neutralize, and eventually control, our system of justice.

It espouses an ideology that closely echoes the Nazi's race theories. It is called "Critical Race Theory" and it similarly blames a subgroup (white males) for a panoply of supposed, indefinable – and thus undeniable – evils, among them "systemic racism."

America's extreme left also uses the same methodology as the Nazis. German schools and universities indoctrinated students with Nazi propaganda. It was also promoted in the media and reinforced at Nazi affiliated sports clubs. Financial pressure from their corporate allies extended Nazi influence into the business world.

While Hitler's stormtroopers attacked his critics in the media it was primarily the advertising muscle of corporate giants like Krupp and Thyssen, the I.G. Farben chemical combine and the banks that silenced the Nazis' opponents.

A similar pattern is being repeated in the United States today. Left leaning TV stations and print media deliberately ignore the extreme left's critics. Billionaires such as George Soros and the chieftains of "Big Tech" promote the leftist agenda. "Big Tech" silences the opposition by outright censorship. It also denies the critics' media operations access to their platforms to generate revenue. Corporate sponsors deploy their financial muscle to exert political influence on sports organizations.

The extreme left is currently attacking America's system of justice on two fronts. It helps elect radical state, district

and city attorneys who decline to prosecute a criminal activities, including drug dealing, and sex crimes, as well as rioting, looting, arson and causing criminal damage.

At a national level, they have introduced the "Critical Race theory" to the Department of Justice and the Federal Bureau of Investigations, as well as other departments of the federal government.

In Germany, the System of Justice finally fell entirely into Nazi hands in February, 1933 after the Reichstag (parliament building) was destroyed in a fire we now believe to have been set by the Nazis.

Only a month after he had been pressured to appoint Hitler chancellor, the ailing 85-years-old President Paul von Hindenberg was persuaded to grant him emergency powers to deal with the aftermath of the fire.

Hitler immediately used them to suppress the media, suspend civil liberties and ban all political parties except the Nazis. He then named Herman Goering, a leading Nazi

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.

and police chief of Prussia, to federalize the various state police forces – creating the *Gestapo*, the acronym for *Geheime Staatspolizei* or Secret State Police.

Hindenburg objected strongly to the Nazis' treatment of the Jews, but with Hitler exercising emergency powers, he, as president, was the only person with the legal authority to remove him from office. Enfeebled by metastasized lung cancer, Hindenberg could not bring himself to act. On August 2nd, 1934. died at his home in Neudeck, [East Prussia](#).

On learning Hindenburg was dying, Hitler ordered his cabinet to abolish the presidency and merge its powers with those of the Chancellor under the title of *Führer und Reichskanzler* (Leader and Chancellor of the Reich).

Two hours after the public announcement of Hindenburg's death, Hitler proclaimed himself the absolute dictator the new Third Reich. With that, democratic Germany disappeared into the abyss of National Socialist totalitarianism.

Karl Marx once observed that history repeats itself "the first time as tragedy, the second as farce." Marx was wrong about many things. including history. However, let's hope in view of what is currently going on in America that he's got it right about history this time. 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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& 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

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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