



The Severn Light

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
Severn Parish
Crownsville, Maryland
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LOOKING TO LENT

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper

February 21

6:30 p.m.



Don't forget to come out on Shrove Tuesday, February 21, to enjoy pancakes, sausage and bacon prepared by the men of St. Stephen's.



The admission is free although there will be a jar set out for donations. All who attended last year had a wonderful time and this year should be great also!

Ash Wednesday

February 22

10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.



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Holy Eucharist with Imposition of Ashes



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Lenten Program 2012

March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Thursdays 7:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.

Each week will feature an introduction to Centering Prayer and a Book/Bible Study based on "*The Wisdom Jesus*" by the Rev. Cynthia Bourgeault

If you would like a copy of the book, call the church office at 721-2881. You can also download the book onto a Kindle at Amazon.com

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Severn Parish 1838—2012



A CELEBRATION OF OUR 175TH ANNIVERSARY

The first meeting of the 175th Anniversary Committee was held on February 6th. We had a wealth of information from the celebration of the 150th Anniversary in 1988 from Jean Sunday to draw on. It is clear that this can be a very creative event for the parish that includes all generations of the parish family and those who are new members as well as long time members.

- - -There will be special times of prayer and worship incorporating the four editions of the *Book of Common Prayer* used in our history (1789, 1892, 1928 and the current 1979 Prayer Book).

- - -There will be a renewed telling of our story. Young people interested in journalism and story telling may want to interview some of our older members for "oral histories."

- - -There will be special fellowship meals.

- - -There will be creative service projects to honor and practice the great spirit of giving that continues to be so important to the ministry of St. Stephen's.

We will be open to new ideas for making this a historic celebration that is also an experience of renewal for the parish, for this is ultimately about our renewed telling of Christ's story.

We will begin with the First Sunday of Advent in 2012, the first Sunday of the new church year, following the pattern of the 150th anniversary celebration.

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 5th, at 7:00 p.m. in Woodward Hall.

Please join us or share ideas you have with Jean Sunday, Lynn Bernard (incoming Archivist), Carol McNemar, Father Hagerman or Berney Jaroch-Hagerman.

Father Hagerman

Archive Request

The congregation is requested to submit articles, photos, suggestions, etc. reference the 2013 "175th Anniversary" of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church-Severn Parish. All submissions will be kept temporarily in the Archives until such time for display.

Jean Sunday, Archivist

VESTRY NEWS

.....Vestry Elections were held at our Annual Meeting on February 5

We congratulate our newly elected Vestry members:

- *George Balkoski*
- *Pete Coakley*
- *Trevor McNemar*
- *Doug Sykes*
- *Scott Vining*

We thank outgoing members for their years of service:

- *Phil Hoge*
- *Shaun Laughlin*
- *Sheri LaFleur*
- *Norm Shackelton*
- *Mark Valentine*

A new Junior and Senior Warden will be elected at the next Vestry Meeting on February 20.

There are still two appointed Vestry positions that we need to fill:

VESTRY REGISTRAR – To take Minutes at the Vestry Meetings. Please contact the Church Office (410-721-2881) if interested or for more information.

ASSISTANT TREASURER – This position was created through a By-Law revision approved at the Annual Meeting. For more information you can contact current Treasurer Sue Hoge (410-721-4112/slhoge@verizon.net)

Vestry Meetings are held the third Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m.



REMEMBER

to set your clocks!
-MARCH 11-
Spring Forward
 for Daylight Savings Time



LENT FAMILY SUNDAY

March 4

with Welcoming Brunch



March 4 is Lent Family Sunday. All children will be with their families in church for the entire 10 am service and there will be a special presentation by Mrs. Duffy's class.

A Newcomers' Brunch will be in the Parish Hall after the 10 am service. Please bring a dish to share. Everyone is invited. Please come and welcome our new members!

HOLY COMMUNION CLASS

3 Sunday Sessions
 9:10-9:50 a.m. Woodward Hall



This program is for children and their parents who wish to prepare their child to receive First Holy Communion *or* who have children already receiving and wish to deepen their understanding and experience of the sacrament. Generally, children in K-1st grade and up participate.

Parents and children meet for three classes:
March 11, 18, and 25

The Sacrament is celebrated on
Maundy Thursday, April 5.

The Maundy Thursday service is unique to our parish. The Word of God is read during a special Agape Meal which begins in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m. The format is similar to a Seder Meal. Then around 7:00 p.m. everyone adjourns to church where the service continues with the Offertory.

To register your children, leave names at the church office, call: 410-721-2881 or email: st_stephens@verizon.net.



Sunday, April 15

2 p.m.

Crofton Cares WALK-A-THON

Raising funds...

Creating awareness...

...for those in need



All funds to benefit the
Crofton Christian Caring Council

People of all ages—walkers or runners—are invited to be part of this event
Registration forms are available in the church office and in the Parish Hall.

The Crofton Cares Walk-a-thon is a fund raiser for the
Crofton Christian Caring Council
which is a 501(c)(3) non profit organization providing financial assistance
to area residents with an emergency need.

Member churches include:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish First Baptist Church of Crofton
Community United Methodist Church Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church
Mid-Atlantic Community Church St. Stephen's Episcopal Church St. Paul's Lutheran Church

If you have any questions, you may call the church office at 410-721-2881



Musical Notes

by Don Chandler, Organist-choirmaster

The time is here! That is, the time to do it at last!

Say what??

Yes, to use a particular anthem, an all-time Anglican favorite, on Easter this year!

Do excuse my enthusiasm, but I firmly believe in doing this particular anthem at St. Stephen's on April 8, Easter Sunday.

But there's a catch: we need all able-bodied parishioners who are choir members past or present (even future!) to help.

The anthem is Charles H.H. Parry's, "*I was glad*," which was the main musical event at the recent royal wedding in Westminster Abbey. The reason we need all able-bodied singers to do it is: it calls for DOUBLE choir, i.e. two groups of each of the four traditional parts. AND we need high trebles: this piece goes clear up to high Bb –2 or 3 times!!

I'm looking for children especially to help us with this latter matter: several of our Spirit Singers can (sing a high Bb) - I've heard them! I appeal especially also to alumni of our previous Junior choir, (I would list their names but you know who you are) to come out for this one time historic event in St. Stephen's music...dust off your singing skills, whether you have a high Bb or not, and join us for this Herculean effort. Would it help to bill it as the starting gun in our celebration of St. Stephen's 175th anniversary? Well, then, so be it.

Have a wonderful entrance to spring. The seed we plant now (preparing the above) will bear fruit very soon, on Easter Day!

Yours for church music,
Don Chandler, Ch.M, M. Div.

*Look for the next Severn Light at
the end of March*



Acolyte Pilgrimage

Saturday, March 10, 2012, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm



Episcopal Diocese of Maryland

St. Anne's Parish

199 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

*Acolytes
of all ages
welcome!!*



Schedule

- 9:30 to 10:00: Registration
- 10:15 to 11:00: Workshop One
- 11:15 to 12:00: Workshop Two
- 12:15 to 12:45: Lunch
- 1:00 to 2:00: Festal Eucharist
- *Group Pictures by Appointment

Workshops

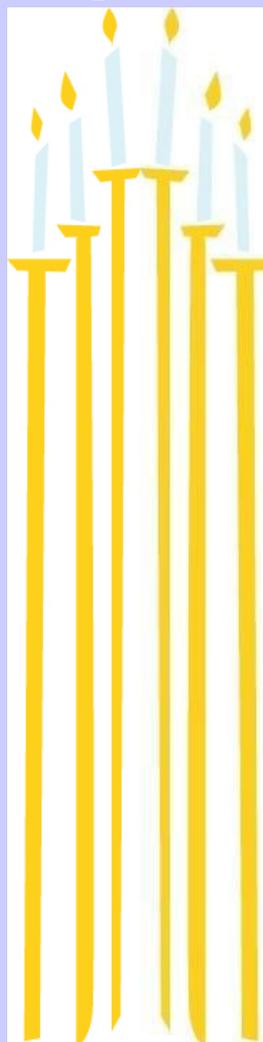
Specify your first choices below. Register early!

A. Holy Smoke!: A hands-on workshop for those who wish to explore the special ministry of the thurifer. The workshop will include a review of the equipment, technique, and the history and use of incense in worship.

B. Sacred Objects (with funny names): Why do priests wash their hands in that small bowl? A holy napkin? Chasuble and Stole? An explanation and history of the objects and vestments used when celebrating the Eucharist.

C. The Bishop is Coming! The Bishop is Coming! Meet Bishop Sutton and learn about hospitality, welcome, and service during the Bishop's visitation. What is a Bishop and what do we do when he is here?

D. The Perfect Procession: Make a statement without really trying. What's a Verger? Getting the Gospel front and center with dignity. Dressing up your procession – placement, timing, and duties for all acolytes.



Cost \$8.00 Per Person and includes: Group Photo with the Bishop, Lunch, and Workshops

Reminder: Bring your vestments, church banner, banner stand, cross and torches and stands. Participants under 18 must be accompanied by an adult

Celebrant and Preacher:
The Rt. Rev. Eugene T. Sutton Bishop of Maryland

How To Register
Complete one registration per participant. Select your workshop choices. Make check payable to: "St. Anne's" & in memo section write "Acolyte Pilgrimage." Mail check and registration to: St. Anne's Parish, 199 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis, MD 21401 Attn: Connie Saeger

Questions:
Contact Connie Saeger at 410-267-9333 Ext 211 or e-mail clsaeger@stannes-annapolis.org

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Two workshops are offered. Space may be limited. Specify workshop preferences:
1st _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____
Registration Deadline:
03/02/12

Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Church Name and Location _____

List any special needs:

Age of participant if under 18: _____

Email Address

Signature of parent or guardian if under 18 Date

CHURCH SCHOOL FAMILIES

Dinosaurs Anyone??

Did you know that there is a Dinosaur Park in Maryland? Located in Laurel, it is the site of ancient wetlands that was the habitat of prehistoric dinosaurs and sharks. Several fossils have been found. It is a working fossil discovery site that is open to the public with guides on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The park is presenting a special exhibit of fossils at the Montpelier Mansion also in Laurel.

We are looking to put together a special church family field trip to visit both the special exhibit and the Dinosaur Park. We are proposing this for:

SATURDAY, MARCH 17TH

Meet at St. Stephen's at 10 am to travel together

- First, to Montpelier Mansion. (Admission \$3. adults; \$2. seniors; \$1. children)
- Second, for a lunch break we will plan.
- Third, to the Dinosaur Park which is open until 4 pm. (Free admission)

We would expect to be back at St. Stephen's by no later than 5 pm.

Daniel Hagerman who has spent many years studying dinosaurs and dinosaur fossils, offers the following list of what we can expect to find in the fossil collection:

ASTRODON— (the official dinosaur of Maryland) similar to a Brontosaurus. This Saurapod left behind fossils of teeth, toe bones and a femur.

ACROCANTHOSAURUS—This apex predator Therapod is similar to the famous Tyrannosaurus Rex and would have been an awesome sight prowling Southern Maryland. This species left behind fossils of teeth, a jawbone and toe bones.

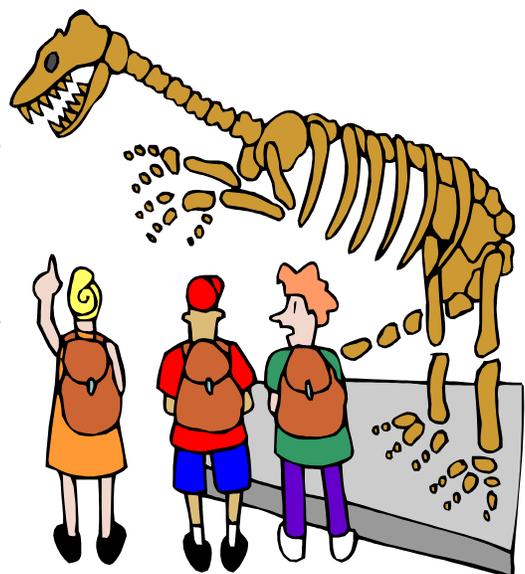
PERCANODON NODOSAURID—Is similar to the armor backed Ankylosaurus and left behind fossil teeth.

There are also **ORNITHOMIMID** hand claws, **DEINONYCHUS** teeth and lower jaw, **TENONTOSAURUS** vertebra. Giant shark and crocodile teeth, turtle shell fossils, pine cone and ancient tree bark fossils.

INTERESTED??

Respond by email: st_stephens@verizon.net or phone call: 410-721-2881 to the church office.

Father Hagerman



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The Rev. Steven W. Hagerman, *Rector*

Ash Wednesday

February 22

10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist
with Imposition of Ashes

Looking Ahead to HOLY WEEK

Set aside some extra time for prayer

April 1, Palm Sunday

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist with Liturgy of Palms
and the Passion according to St. Matthew



April 2, Monday of Holy Week

10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

April 3, Tuesday of Holy Week

5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

April 4, Wednesday of Holy Week

10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
5:00 p.m.—Evening Prayer

April 5, Maundy Thursday

10:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer
6:00 p.m.—Agape Meal, Holy Eucharist, and Stripping the Altar to prepare for Good Friday
Prayer Vigil begins after the evening service and continues until Good Friday at noon



April 6, Good Friday

12:00 p.m. noon—Good Friday Liturgy from the *Book of Common Prayer*, Stations of the Cross, and Private Prayer and Meditation until 3:00 p.m.

April 8, Easter Sunday

8:00 and 10:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist