

The Stone's Throw

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January

Annual Reports

Our Annual Meeting will occur on Sunday, January 23. In preparation for the meeting, we plan to have the Annual Report published by Sunday, January 16. To meet this deadline, we will need all reports submitted to Fr. David by Friday, January 7.

Stone's Throw Available on the Web

We are sending an email with a link to the Stone's Throw online to everyone for whom we have an email address. In an effort to reduce the cost of printing, stamping and mailing hard copies of the Stone's Throw, we are encouraging all of our readers with access to the Internet to switch to the on-line version. If you are currently receiving the Stone's Throw as a hard copy, and would like to receive it electronically, please contact the office at office@ststephens-cinci.org. Thank you for helping us make the parish a little "greener".

Condolences

If you wish to send notes of condolences to Verneice Magruder's family, please address them to:

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Deanery Meetings on Mission

The Diocese of Southern Ohio is engaging in a strategic visioning process to determine its mission priorities. In a series of deanery meetings in December and then another round in February, convention delegates and vestry members (and anyone interested in the process) are discussing and prioritizing the ministries of the diocese. Attending the first meeting from St. Stephen's were our convention delegates: Paul and Arlene Gahn, and Tom and Sharon Franklin.

The focus for these meetings is on ministries that are best done at a diocesan level – rather than at the congregational level. Attendees are being asked to prioritize the ministries based on what they feel is most important – and urgent – for the diocese to address in the next five years.

Results of the meetings will be posted on the diocesan website and in upcoming issues of Interchange – so stay tuned.

The Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of St. Stephen's Parish will be held after the 10:30 Eucharist on January 23. We will have a potluck lunch (?) before the beginning of the meeting. We will elect two wardens, two Vestry members, two delegates and four alternates to the Diocesan Convention. Fr. David will also discuss his upcoming sabbatical and the overall state of the Parish. We will conduct other Parish business as needed. Please make plans to attend.

Epiphany Service

St. Stephen's will host the deanery Epiphany Service on Thursday, January 6. The service begins at 7 PM. Fr. Eric Miller from Ascension and Holy Trinity will be the preacher, Fr. David will be the celebrant (marking the tenth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood). Weather permitting, we will hold the "burning of the greens" immediately after the end of the service at the rear of the parking lot. Light refreshments will be served.

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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Serving Our Lord at Saint Stephen's

January 2011

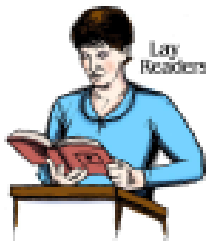


ALTAR GUILD (Altar-Linens):

January 2	Joan DeLisse
January 9	Sharon Franklin
January 16	Lisa Elmendorf
January 23	Joan DeLisse
January 30	Sharon Franklin

Lay Ministers

Lectors (L), Intercessors (I), Chalice Bearers (C)



January 2	Carina Spendel (C), Sharon Franklin (C), Pieter Elmendorf (L&I)
January 9	Vivian Templin (C), Don Welti (C), Lisa Elmendorf (L&I)
January 16	Molly Bailey (C), Sharon Franklin (C), Pieter Elmendorf (L&I)
January 23	Lisa Elmendorf (C), Don Welti (C), Vivian Templin (L&I)
January 30	Pieter Elmendorf (C), Carina Spendel (C), Molly Bailey (L&I)

L&I = Lector (first lesson) and Prayers of the People. Please check with Fr. David before the service for the form to be used for the prayers.

Fellowship Hour

January 2	Pat and Mike Murphy
January 9	Nancy McCarthy & Vivian Templin
January 16	Paul and Arlene Gahn
January 23	Annual Meeting
January 30	Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowitz

Greeters

January 2	Arlene Gahn
January 9	Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowitz
January 16	Arlene Gahn
January 23	Joan DeLisse & Sy Markowitz
January 30	Arlene Gahn

Head Usher Chuck Healy

Reaching Fr. David

The best (and most effective) way to reach Fr. David is by calling his cell phone (310-0127). When Fr. David is out of town or otherwise unavailable, please call the Sr. Warden who will contact the priest on call. Please do not call Fr. David's home telephone number for pastoral care issues.

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REMEMBER OUR
Missionaries



Limits and Limitations

There are always limits. As the attending physician in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at University Hospital years ago, there sometimes came the point where we said that everything that could be done had been done for the patient. We had reached a limit beyond which there were no further options. This often happened after days (or weeks) of sophisticated medical care.

We face limitations here as well – though generally much sooner than we did in Cincinnati. Often the limitations come before the end of the outpatient consultation when the patient says, “I can’t afford a blood test” or “I can’t buy that antibiotic.” It is frustrating.

Paradoxically, it is also one of the blessings of our work here. We are nearly always working along the edge – trying to figure-out how to get food for the hungry, how to heal the sick, how to clothe the naked.

In Cincinnati, when I reached a limit in the ICU, it was probably a true limit – we had exhausted all possibilities. Here, there are limitations, but often they are not true limits - there are further possibilities, but they are out of reach for some reason (often related to economic reasons and the limits of poverty).

Working along the edge of limitations is not a bad place to work. True, it can be exasperating, heart-breaking, wearisome, and infuriating at times. However, at other times, by the grace of God, we can move beyond that limitation and overcome the problem.

It has been said that the more we know and the more we can bring under our own control, the less we feel the need to depend on God. Here we are constantly aware of human need – perhaps the Lord uses that to keep us more in touch with Him. Robert Browning wrote, “Ah, but a man’s reach should exceed his grasp, or what’s a heaven for?”

Keep praying, Michael





Charlie and Gerry Tucker

January 23



Birthdays

Jim Peffer	January 4
Beth Scholz	January 5
Adrienne DeLisse	January 12
Bill Kuhrt	January 13
Megan Elmendorf	January 15
Cathy Skiba	January 28

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