



## Latino Ministry Discussion Held at St. Stephen's

**O**n Tuesday, July 17, some fifteen St. Stephen's parishioners met in the parish hall to hear a presentation from Bob Prichard, a professor at Virginia Theological Seminary and a longtime advisor to the congregation of St. George and San Jose (an English-language and a Spanish-language congregation who share the same facilities in Arlington), about the progress of Spanish-language ministry in the Washington area and in the Episcopal Church as a whole, and to consider how St. Stephen's might become involved in its own Latino ministry in the near future. Also attending was newly-ordained deacon Sarabeth Goodwin, who will be splitting her time in the year to come between St. George / San Jose and St. Stephen's learning and doing Latino ministry.

Bob Prichard noted that one of the joys of Spanish-language ministry is that it can provide a new way for congregations to "go and make disciples of all nations." For people who may be new immigrants to the United States, or recently settled in the Washington area, finding a church home can be a way of putting down roots, particularly when services are conducted in their native language. Prichard noted that Iglesia San Jose services attracted not only recent immigrants but second- and third-generation Latinos, as well as members of the diplomatic community who had grown up in Spanish-speaking Anglican churches. (There are some 100,000 Anglicans in Central and South America.)

Drawing on his own experience, Prichard described several typical models of Latino ministry, noting that each has advantages and drawbacks. For example, a model of providing social services like language classes can often be a fulfilling form of outreach for some members of an English-speaking congregation. But it does not necessarily mean that the people who use those services will become interested in joining the congregation as parishioners. Other models include English-language and Spanish-language congregations sharing space with varying amounts of cross-congregation interaction (from joint programming of children's education to simply celebrating major holidays together), or multicultural services that blend various traditions.

The floor was thrown open for comments, and a discussion developed about what a Spanish-language ministry at St. Stephen's might look like, the feasibility and logistics of modifying or adding to the current Sunday services, and how to craft a program that was sustainable over the long term. Time and again questions circled back to how to establish and maintain fellowship across language barriers. Prichard cautioned that in his experience unless a church is willing to re-examine its physical space and its cultural assumptions to be inviting to Spanish-speaking churchgoers congregations tend to "hit a wall" in Latino membership that they never exceed.

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The Twelfth  
Sunday After  
Pentecost

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## CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP MEETS

A group of parishioners has formed a contemplative prayer group that meets every Tuesday from 7-8pm in the sanctuary. Please join in! If you'd like more information, please contact Susan Kyle (240-460-6539; susan.kyle@mail.sit.edu).

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□ *page 1* finitively, but the general consensus seemed to be that the development of some kind of Latino ministry at St. Stephen's is not a question of if but how. Doris Collie, a member for more than 40 years, noted that when she first came to St. Stephen's there were only four black families in the parish

but then-rector Rev. Stuart Gast was willing to go knock on doors to meet more as the neighborhood changed from majority-white to majority-black. Now, she argued, the time has come again for St. Stephen's to walk the streets, meet its new neighbors, and welcome them inside.

-Atiba Pertilla

## Liturgy Planning Teams for Advent, Holy Week

If Liturgy is the work of the people, then there must be a way for the people to work on it.

St. Stephen's has a history of great creativity in worship. Indeed, long before the 1979 Prayer Book began to transform worship throughout The Episcopal Church, St. Stephen's was innovating, experimenting, designing, creating worship in all sorts of ways, many of which have now become normative in many congregations.

We are going to select two seasons, Advent and Holy Week (including Easter Day), on which to concentrate our energies. By gathering a team of people to work on each of these seasons, we will think afresh about how we as a congregation express the Good News in word, music, drama, movement, visual

art, and silence.

There are a few caveats:

- Participate on only one seasonal team, so we can spread the creativity around.
- Be open to new ideas, not just to recycling old ones.
- Be willing to meet a maximum of four times in the three months prior to the beginning of the season to study the Scriptures and to plan liturgies.
- Be sensitive to the need to include children in worship.

On the "For This Week" table at the rear of the nave is a form. Please return the form to the church office, or contact Father Dunn (202-518-8432) to volunteer or to obtain further information.

-Frank Dunn, Senior Priest

## Pipe Dreams

**Piano Recital**  
**Sunday, September 18**  
**2pm**  
**St. Stephen's Auditorium**

Students of the Pipe Dreams Scholarship Music Program and special guests will perform a variety of works for piano and voice. All are invited.

## The Eders Have Moved

**E**dith and Craig Eder have moved into the Methodist Home, a retirement home at 4901 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20008. Their new phone is 202-244-4726.

Parishioner Profile**Meet Paul Bugala and Catherine Dodge**

**P**aul Bugala and Catherine Dodge are relative newcomers, but have quickly become regular members of the St. Stephen's community. The couple moved to Washington from California in six months ago and visited St. Stephen's soon after. Catherine is a lifelong Episcopalian and Paul was raised Catholic, but both were looking for a community in which they could grow and a place to get married. They have found both at St. Stephen's and will marry here November 12.

Catherine was raised in Spokane, WA and went to college outside of Boston at Wellesley where she studied math and German. Paul was raised in Cleveland but moved to Boston after graduation from college at Ohio University, where he majored in journalism, to be closer to his mother's family. In fact, his mother was married in Allston at a church on the same block as this reporter's old Boston home. Interestingly, both Paul and Catherine's family are from the same part of southeastern Poland (Gorlice), but it was employment at the same market research firm and common interest in softball that brought the two together on the company softball team. The couple has been together since 2000. After three years in Boston, Catherine received a scholarship to get a MS in Computer Science at the Naval Postgraduate University in Monterey, CA and Paul joined her in sunny California.

Both Paul and Catherine have found career fulfillment here in DC. While

Catherine puts her technology background and computing skills to work for the federal government, Paul has found his dream job at Oxfam International. Paul has been involved in Amnesty International since high school and is passionate about addressing the sources of poverty and injustice worldwide. After moving to DC, he started an internship in the Extractive Industries (mining) division of Oxfam, and in March he was offered a full-time position.

The couple is now enjoying life in Wheaton where they recently purchased their first home. They have become quite active with life at St. Stephen's. Not only do they enjoy the fabulous preaching of the rotating ministers, they have made many new friends and look forward to coffee hour each week. But they are also looking forward to their honeymoon in Krakow, Poland; if anyone in the congregation speaks Polish—tutors are welcome! Regardless of whether you speak Polish, though, let's all welcome Paul and Catherine to St. Stephen's.

*-Beth Howe*



*Photo by Linda Kaufman*

## WORSHIP

at St. Stephen's

### Sundays

**8:00a—**

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite I

**10:30a—**

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite II with  
Children's  
Spiritual  
Formation

Celebrants and  
Preachers

**8/7:** The Rev.  
Frank Dunn

**8/14:** The Rev.  
Linda Kaufman

# LECTIONS

12th Sunday After Pentecost (August 7)

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Psalms 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 22-33

13th Sunday After Pentecost (August 14)

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

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# THE SAINTS

**Sunday, August 7**  
JOHN MASON NEAL, PRIEST, 1866

*Heavenly Birthday: Clara Prentiss Lee, 1970*

**Monday, August 8**  
DOMINIC, PRIEST AND FRIAR, 1221

*Birthday: Joseph Dudzinski*

**Wednesday, August 10**  
LAURENCE, DEACON, AND MARTYR AT ROME, 258

*Birthday: Kim Klein*

**Thursday, August 11**  
CLARE, ABBESS AT ASSISI, 1253

*Birthday: Michael Lohmann*

**Friday, August 12**  
*Heavenly Birthday: Elizabeth Carrington, 1987*

**Saturday, August 13**  
JEREMY TAYLOR, BISHOP OF DOWN, CONNOR, AND DROMORE, 1667

**Sunday, August 14**  
*Birthday: Isaac Wilde*

**Monday, August 15**  
SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN, MOTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
*Birthday: Jane Lincoln*

**Thursday, August 18**  
WILLIAM PORCHER DUBOSE, PRIEST, 1918

**Saturday, August 20**  
BERNARD, ABBOT OF CLAIRVAUX, 1153

ON THE COVER...  
Cam Crockett

# THE PRAYERS

Here's who we've been praying for recently:

•Jonah Best, Jennifer Blackman, Millie Fenwick, Leota Lawrence, Ruth Murphy, Elizabeth Palmberg, Keith Preddie, Daphne Piper, and all who desire to be restored to health; those who are home-bound; and all who care for aging relatives, the sick and the homebound;

•Patricia Davis-Muffett, and her baby-in-the-making;  
•Melissa Abel, Connie Adeyeri, Evelyn Andrew, Roger Beach, Duane Bonds, Bob Broadwater, the Brown family, The Bright/Veneklasen family, Martha Carty, Romel Dick, Katie Finley, Reid Franklin, Doreen Granum, Lloyd Terril Hermonstine, Lloyd Nkomo Hermonstine Jr, Carol Hermonstine, Asanti Hermonstine, Sunny Jackson, Susie Johnson, Evelyn Jones, Dana Jordan, Maia Lawrence, Robert Dean McClellan, Joe Midgely, Michelle Crocheron Montgomery, Carroll Muffett, Barbara Oldland, Karl Palmberg, Marisella Ruiz Ibarra, the Schmidt/Melchar family, Robert Spittler, the Revs. Katrina & George Swanson, Christina Way & Jim Stipe, Willard Webster, Astrid West-Harrington, Ellen Williams, and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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