



# Farewell, Joseph!

*We say goodbye to Joseph Dudzinski, our Music Directors, as he leaves St. Stephen's on Sunday, November 20, to move to Canada.*

Joe doesn't mind thinking big. He likes events—his own master's concert with the St. Stephen's choir as his guinea pigs, for starters. Then, when the organ finally gave up the ghost, he decided we could do something about it. What? Raise \$60,000? "You must be crazy," many of us thought and a few probably said. Well, with the help of a few of Joe's friends in the Washington music world, we raised the money and got the organ back, sounding better than anyone can remember. That plus reaching out to the community with music lessons for kids. Joseph did important basic stuff with our volunteer choristers, working for a better quality sound. And he has enlisted the parish kids in singing pretty regularly, something that's been needed for a long time. He has served us as an effective minister. We'll miss him.

*-Tom Bell*

I'm so grateful for the way Joseph has managed to start and keep up a children's choir. He has shown tremendous patience and flexibility with practice times and kids coming and going, and he has been able to choose songs that are pitched at the right level—and not too dirge-like! Simon has enjoyed choir at St. Stephen's and chose to sign up for school choir this year. That's a clear and simple testimonial. Thank you, Joseph!

*-Katy Kincade*

Joe the Impresario: I loved the events he created for Pipe Dreams when the church was filled with people, voices and instruments. I loved the sounds — the gospel concert, the opera singers, and finally the rich chords of our restored organ. He expanded our community. He did the impossible.

*-Anne Heyniger*

In my experience, Joe is one of the few church musicians who understands that music ministry just as much about the ministry as it is about the music. That's a true gift!

*-Mitchell Bond*

Joe came to us for a reason...perhaps a God-orchestrated reason. He had been chafing under a church system that didn't leave much room for collaboration. We at St. Stephen's love to collaborate...at least on paper...and needed someone to direct our meandering a bit. I think we're better singers than we were before Joe. And we're certainly better dreamers.

Joe dreams big and then actually gathers the troops to pull it off—the Pipe Dreams project is one very tangible manifestation of that, but there were many more. Never again will I gasp and back off from the thought of raising tens of thousands of dollars. It's just money...put one foot in front of the other, apply a lot of elbow □ *page 2*

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□ *page 1* grease, it will happen. Joe taught us that. And how is it that a marvelous string quartet materializes in our sanctuary on a Saturday afternoon? Well, Joe knows people. He's persuasive. And when push comes to shove, he reaches into his own pocket to make things happen.

I'm not sure that he knew at the time he came that St. Stephen's was one of the more congenial places to land if you're having struggles and challenges—internal or external. I wish for Joe—and for his partner Bill Carroll—less turmoil and a smooth landing into the next exciting phase of life. Joe, thank you for your generosity, tenacity, and selflessness. And, if you want to come back, we'll welcome you with open arms.

-Kelsey Menehan

Joe has brought a wave of dynamism and diversity to our musical repertoire and is the first music director to realize and exploit more fully the acoustic gifts of our sanctuary. It is this aspect of his tenure that I am most grateful for. We have had excellent musicians who enriched our worship as well as new programs such as the Belle Cantanti opera. The Children's choir which he started is a wonderful program that I hope we can continue.

-Fern Hunt

Joseph's gentle coaching and coaxing of our young singers for the children's choir was so moving to witness. Nine year old Vladi Wien-Kandil had this to say about Joseph, "he is a very kind man and helped us make great music." Bye-bye Joseph, we will miss you greatly. Best of luck in life. Please come back to visit.

-Barbara Wien

When our organ expired during Sunday worship a few years back, Joe proposed that we raise the money for repair and restoration, and he named the project Pipe Dreams. When the estimate from the organ builder arrived, the project seemed exactly that—a dream. How could our little choir raise all that money? Joe's generous efforts went far, far beyond his job description. He called on friends, colleagues, and musicians throughout the area; spent personal funds for administrative expenses; and put in long hours we will never know about. He is leaving us with a plan to put the finishing touches on a renovation that will outlive us all. And he won't pack it up and take it with him when he moves on to a new place. Every time our instrument is played, the offering of Joe's vision and generosity makes beautiful, inspiring music for worship. Thank you, Joe!

-Kaaren Holum

Joseph introduced our daughter, Clara, to the joys of singing in a group. Joseph cultivated her gift, her confidence, and her spirit through his amazing gentleness, tenacity, and patience. She's now in a school play as Little Red Riding Hood, and singing in a school talent show.

Joseph also introduced me to the Southern Hymnal. The melodies of that part of the old hymnal are haunting and evocative of 19th century, rural, Scotch Irish tradition. And anything that can be sung in a round is heaven to my ears. One of my greatest spiritual experiences is singing on Sunday mornings, and Joseph has enriched my experience of Sunday worship immeasurably.

May he and his partner Bill enjoy the marvelous country of Canada! We will miss him very much indeed.

-Jane Lincoln

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## It Was a Great Halloween

**S**t. Stephen's annual Halloween party was a great success. Says Linda Kaufman, "the biggest draw of the evening was giving people realistic, bloody, pus-filled scars." What more needs to be said?

Many thanks to the many volunteers who made it possible: George Frederick Thomas, Louise Dyer, Falan Yinug, Jane Bishop, Heidi Mihm, Martha Lockwood, Vivian McFarland, Inez Haynes, Michelle Sinkgraven, Cosby Hunt, Nigel Collie, Priscilla Phelps, Sam Bishop, Meg Herndon, Elizabeth Finley, Fern Hunt, Liane Rozzell, Linda Kaufman, Susie Johnson, Dewey & René Holloway, and Pat Shaffer—and apologies to anyone we failed to list.

## Joy Furgess Departs

**J**oy Furgess is no longer serving as our Assistant for Christian Education. We are grateful for the contributions she made during the time she has been with us.

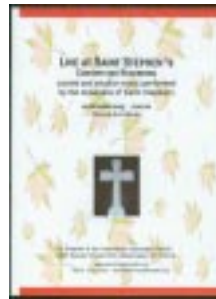
The vestry made children's ministries one of its top priorities for this year (and not for this year only!). Frank Dunn is holding an All Parents Meeting on Sunday, November 13, immediately following the 10:30 liturgy, to discuss next steps in the development of our Children's Christian Education program.

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## 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

**11/13:** The  
Rev. Frank  
Dunn

**11/20:** The  
Rev. Linda  
Kaufman

# LECTIONS

26th Sunday After Pentecost (November 13)

Judges 4:1-7

Psalms 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25: 14-30

The Last Sunday After Pentecost (November 20)

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24

Psalms 100

Ephesians 1:15-23

Matthew 25: 31-46

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# THE SAINTS

**Monday, November 14**

CONSECRATION OF SAMUEL SEABURY, FIRST AMERICAN BISHOP, 1784

**Wednesday, November 16**

MARGARET, QUEEN OF SCOTLAND, 1093

*Birthday: Eric Hermonstine*

**Thursday, November 17**

HUGH, BISHOP OF LINCOLN, 1200

*Heavenly Birthday: Margot Clark, 1996*

**Friday, November 18**

HILDA, ABBESS OF WHITBY, 680

**Saturday, November 19**

ELIZABETH, PRINCESS OF HUNGARY, 1231

**Monday, November 21**

*Heavenly Birthday: Jackson Morton, 1995*

**Wednesday, November 23**

CLEMENT, BISHOP OF ROME, c.100

*Heavenly Birthday: George W. Hart, Jr., 1980*

**Thursday, November 24**

*Birthday: Ellen Baynard*

**Friday, November 25**

JAMES OTIS SARGENT HUNTINGTON, PRIEST AND MONK, 1935

## ON THE COVER...

Joseph Dudzinsky

# THE PRAYERS

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

- Jennifer Blackman, Carla Crocheron, Millie Fenwick, Shepard Graves, Arrina Hermonstine, Lucille Jeffers, Ruth Murphy, Elizabeth Palmberg, John Phillips, 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 home-bound;
- Bill & Evelyn Andrew, Roger Beach, Duane Bonds, Robert Bonds, Bob Broadwater, the Brown family, The Bright/Veneklasen family, Martha Carty, Judy Clark, Romel Dick, Katie Finley, Doreen Granum, Lloyd Terril Hermonstine, Lloyd Nkomo Hermonstine Jr, Carol Hermonstine, Asanti Hermonstine, Stephanie Holodnak, Daphne Hunt-Clement, Sunny Jackson, Susie Johnson, Maia Lawrence, Robert Dean McClellan, Melissa and Wil Mefford), Joe Midgely, Carroll Muffett, Barbara Oldland, Karl Palmberg, Marisella Ruiz Ibarra, the Schmidt/Melchar family, Edith Soko, Robert Spittler, 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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