

## Meet our New Members

*On Sunday, February 5, a number of people became new members of St. Stephen's during the 10:30 service. Here's a quick introduction to the people who were planning to participate. If others participated, read about them next issue.*

*(We had hoped to have this information to you beforehand, but given the Post Office's recent troubles delivering BREAD in a timely manner, we're assuming you'll read this after the fact, even though this was mailed January 30.)*

*We hope to have Newcomer Sundays two or three times each year. The next Newcomer Sunday will be June 4, Pentecost Sunday. Anyone who attends the Newcomer Class that will take place after Easter can join St. Stephen's that day.*

### ***Mitchell Bond & Patrick Ellis***

Patrick is a native of Tennessee and Georgia. He holds a BFA from University of Georgia, an MTS from Wesley Theological Seminary and a PhD in liturgy from Drew University. Over the past decade, Patrick has worked as a teacher, director of religious education and a campus minister. Patrick is also a working artist and coordinates the Arts for Theology and Ministry Program at the Washington Theological Union. Patrick was drawn to St. Stephen's by the parish's care and attention to the liturgy and its rich Anglican traditions. Patrick has enjoyed working with other St. Stephen's folks on both the liturgies and the liturgical environment.

Mitchell was born and raised in



*Mitchell, left, and Patrick*

Bedford, Virginia where he was active in the United Methodist Church. He came to DC in 1988 to pursue a Master of Theological Studies at Wesley Theological Seminary. He found his vocation in theological education and has served as Registrar at Wesley for the past 8 years. In his spare time, Mitchell enjoys comfort cooking, dabbling in stained glass and performing with the Metro Players at Metropolitan United Methodist Church. Mitchell has come to appreciate St. Stephen's for its emphasis on lay participation and sincere approach to Biblical interpretation and faith which wrestles with the hard questions. He also enjoys the opportunity to sing with the choir and serve as a reader.

Patrick and Mitchell, who live in the Mt. Pleasant neighborhood with their dogs Harvey and Jacob, will celebrate 13 years together this February.

### ***Paul and Catherine Bugala***

Paul and Catherine Bugala started attending St. Stephen's in the Spring of 2005 and quickly became a part of the St. Stephen's community. They've provided coffee for the 10:30 ☐ **page 2**

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The Fifth  
Sunday After  
the Epiphany

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**ASH WEDNESDAY**

WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 1

ASH WEDNESDAY  
LITURGY AT  
8AM AND 7PM

**BAPTISM**

If you or a family member would like to be baptized at Easter, please contact the church office.

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□ *page 1* service coffee hour, helped plant trees, been involved in WIN, and — more importantly — gotten married at St. Stephen's last November.

Catherine was raised in Spokane and went to college outside of Boston where



*Paul and Catherine Bugala*

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. Both Paul's and Catherine's families are from the same part of southeastern Poland (Gorlise), 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 in 2000.

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.

They live in Wheaton, where they recently purchased their first home.

### ***Moira Clarkin & Jai Evans (and Benjamin and Amelia)***

Jai grew up in southern Maryland and came to Washington in 1995 after serving in the Peace Corps in Niger.

Moira is from New York, and after much travel in warm climates, including living in Chile, she decided to live close to where she grew up but in a place not so cold; she moved to Washington in 2000. Jai and Moira met in DC through friends and were married in 2003.

They've decided to stay in DC at least for the present. They have two children: Benjamin, who is two-and-a-half years old and who was baptized a year ago at St. Stephen's, and Amelia, who was born three months ago. They have lived in various neighborhoods close to St. Stephen's since coming to DC and now live in Petworth.

Moira and Jai looked for a diverse and welcoming church community. Espe-



*Moira and Jai couldn't find a photo of themselves, so they sent one of their children, Amelia and Benjamin.*

cially important to them was finding a church that allows women to have leadership roles -in case they had daughters. That ruled out the Catholic church, in which Moira was raised. They went to a number of churches and services in the immediate area and decided that St. Stephen's was the place for them; they see here a community that practices what it preaches. They first came to St. Stephen's in 2001 and started attending more regularly in 2003. Jai, who was in the reserves, was in deployed to the Middle East before the war started, and for a time Moira came alone.

# WORSHIP

at St. Stephen's

When not taking care of kids, Jai works as a software engineer. Moira is a teacher, having taught most grades from Pre-K through high school. She's now working as an on-line educator and teaches yoga classes for babies. They get to St. Stephen's as often as they can, given the number of illnesses and other tasks that parents of young children have to handle.

## Carla Crocheron

Carla was raised as a cradle Catholic and has always loved being at church. After marrying Bryan, an organist, she decided to convert after a friend told her that she had always really been Episcopalian.

As a family they have always joined the church that where Bryan is playing. During a break from playing they visited St. Stephen's and she realized that this was the place she would see Jesus enter if she were to follow him on a walk (as asked once during a retreat). The true diversity and hospitality make this a place she is happy to have her children practice their faith.

Carla looks forward to becoming more involved in the parish life at St. Stephen's. When not teaching her third



Carla Crocheron

graders she enjoys reading, gardening, knitting and spending time with her family.

## Anna Gilcher

Anna Gilcher moved to the DC area in high school, spent a year in France on AFS, and then attended the University of Maryland, College Park. She married George Drumwright in 1994, did a PhD in French literature at Duke University, and had her first baby (Beatrice) in Dec. 1998, a month after defending her dissertation. Anna decided not to go into academia, so they moved back to the DC area, where Anna and Beatrice began attending St. Andrew's in College Park and George became the organist at First Baptist in Silver Spring. In the years that followed Anna became deeply involved at St. Andrew's and explored a call on her life that she thought might be to the priesthood. She also had a second baby, Julian; and she came out as bisexual, which was a very important part of her spiritual journey. Over time, she discerned her call as being to spiritual direction and preaching—as a lay person—and not to ordination.

Anna, Beatrice and Julian started attending St. Stephen's in August 2003. Since October 2004 they have also been attending Seekers Church (a church in the Church of the Saviour tradition), where Anna preaches regularly and is a member of a mission group. She feels strongly called to both communities of faith and has found a deep welcome in both places, for which she is very grateful. Anna has just completed Shalem's Spiritual Guidance Program and works as a spiritual director and retreat leader. She also enjoys (and learns a lot from) working with children, and plans to become more involved with the Sunday School program at St. Stephen's in the coming months. Since Anna speaks Spanish, she hopes to be involved in the Latino ministry as well.

## Sundays

**8:00a—**

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite I

**10:30a—**

Holy Eucharist,  
Rite II with  
Children's  
Spiritual  
Formation

Celebrants and  
Preachers

**2/5:** The Rev.  
Ronald Conner,  
Celebrant; The  
Rev. Sarabeth  
Goodwin,  
Preacher  
(8:00); The  
Rev. Frank  
Dunn,  
Celebrant, The  
Rev. Sarabeth  
Goodwin,  
Preacher  
(10:30)

**2/12:** The Rev.  
Frank Dunn  
(8:00); The  
Rev. Joe Clark,  
Celebrant; The  
Rev. Frank  
Dunn, Preacher  
(10:30)

## Observations from our Latino Missioner

**B**eing a newcomer to St. Stephen, I still have fresh eyes. I sometimes spend time near the side door in order to meet people who are coming or going to the Free Clinic. I have noticed that the most comforting and welcoming feature of an otherwise undistinguished space is the red door leading to our sanctuary. Our red door is usually open as people come in and out. I hope it will become a door of welcome, inviting people to discover the quiet beauty of the sanctuary beyond. In fact, with minimal creativity and care, the anteroom just beyond the door could become a space where image and light invite people to come and see.

By inviting people into the sanctuary, I have had several interesting encounters. This was how I met Maria and her son, Alexander. They were coming down from the clinic when I introduced myself and I invited her into the sanctuary. Soon after we entered, she asked if we had “agua bendita”—holy water. I took her to the font where she dipped her into the font and generously dampened her son Alexander’s hair. Maria explained that she had three children; a daughter still in El Salvador, this son and a four-month-old baby girl. The two youngest are not yet baptized. I was very moved by her

belief that the holy water would provide protection and blessing to her son until she can have him baptized. There are many people in Maria’s situation, people who understand the importance of sacramental life, but are disconnected from it. I am hoping to speak with Maria again. Perhaps one day we will witness and pledge our support to her children as they enter the Christian life here at St. Stephen’s.

On the Thursday before my ordination, I received a card from the people of St. Stephen’s announcing that a custom designed stole had been commissioned for my Ordination. When I opened the card and saw how many people had signed it, my eyes began to well up. It was quite a testament of your support. At the Ordination, I was excited and comforted to see so many familiar faces. Our choir formed part of a larger choir of over 100 voices. The music was spectacular. Thank you for your support. The stole will be inscribed with the following verse: “But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.” It will be a fitting gift from St. Stephen’s Parish. I pray that I may wear it faithfully.

*-The Rev. Sarabeth Goodwin*

## What are the True Costs of Lower Prices?

**C**orporations are rolling back gains made by unions over the past hundred years and eroding basic human rights. The demand for lower prices comes at a huge cost, especially for the world’s women.

Come witness the reality for women workers in Central America on STITCH Women’s Language School Delegation, May 27 – June 4, 2006, in Guatemala.

The STITCH women’s delegation combines excellent Spanish instruction with an in-depth look at the effects of corporate-led globalization on women workers and unionists. For more information, contact STITCH—one of the organizations housed in St. Stephen’s Church— at (202) 265-3790 or [stitch@stitchonline.org](mailto:stitch@stitchonline.org)

## Avoid The Last-Minute Panic! Plan Your Funeral Now!

**P**lanning your funeral or memorial service is not something that must wait until you are past your 80<sup>th</sup> birthday. You can do it now. And if you have children, a spouse or partner, or others who are dependent on you, you will be doing them a great favor to have anticipated and faced major questions which otherwise they will have to answer.

I have an outline which makes planning your service (and supporting rites)

quite simple and covers all the bases and options. This outline is available from the church office. I will be happy to meet with you and talk over your plans, which may well constitute one of the most important pieces of Christian witness you will ever make.

Call or email me (202-518-8432; frank.dunn@saintstephensdc.org) to make an appointment.

*-The Rev. Frank Dunn, Senior Priest*

## Now, Shorter Items...Which Doesn't Mean Not Important!

### *Lenten Prayer Shawl Knitting and Crocheting Group*

Interested in joining a Lenten Prayer Shawl group? Contact Carla Crocheron (301-627-0763; [carlycroch@aol.com](mailto:carlycroch@aol.com)) or Jane Lincoln (202-832-6609; [jane.lincoln@starpower.net](mailto:jane.lincoln@starpower.net)). We will alternate between the homes of Carla, Jane, and Jane Bishop on Friday evenings to knit/crochet prayer shawls, pray for the recipient of the shawls, and enjoy a simple soup supper together.

### *Prayer Books and Hymnals*

Our congregation is growing, especially at the 10:30 service, and we need more prayer books and hymnals. Please consider donating one or more books (mark your check "new books"); \$15 buys one prayer book or one hymnal. If you'd like, you can dedicate the books "In Memory of" or "In Thanksgiving For" a person of your choice.

### *Contemplative Prayer*

A group of parishioners has formed a contemplative prayer group that meets Mondays from 7-8:15pm in the sanctuary. Please join in! If you'd like more

information, please contact Susan Kyle (240-460-6539; [susan.kyle@mail.sit.edu](mailto:susan.kyle@mail.sit.edu)).

### *Forum: Pilgrimage; Poverty*

Our Sunday morning Adult Forum holds two two-part series before the beginning of Lent. The first series—"Pilgrimage"—begins Feb. 5 with Frank Dunn leading us on an exploration of the biblical metaphor of journey, looking at Moses, Ruth, Jesus and Paul. On Feb. 12 Fletcher Wells describes his pilgrimage this month in Europe. The second series—"Ending Extreme Poverty: How?"—meets February 19 & 26. We meet every Sunday at 9:15am (sharp!) in the auditorium.

### *Absalom Jones Celebration*

February 13 is the feast day of Absalom Jones, the first African-American Episcopal priest. On Sunday, February 12, the Washington Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians celebrates Absalom Jones with a 3pm service at the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration, 13925 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring. The event will raise funds to support the Episcopal Church's work at historically Black colleges and universities.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Adult Forum,  
Sundays,  
9:15am,  
Feb. 5 & 12:  
**Pilgrimage**

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Adult Forum,  
Sundays,  
9:15am,  
Feb. 19 & 26:

**Ending  
Extreme  
Poverty**

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Wednesday,  
March 1,  
8am & 7pm:  
**Ash Wednesday  
Liturgies**

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Friday Evenings  
in Lent:  
**Lenten Prayer  
Shawl Knitting  
Group**

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Saturday, April  
2, 9am:  
**Spring Yard  
Work Day**

# LECTIONS

5th Sunday After  
The Epiphany  
(February 5)

Isaiah 40:21-31  
Psalm 147:1-11  
1 Corinthians 9:  
16-23  
Mark 1:29-39

6th Sunday After  
The Epiphany  
(February 12)

2 Kings 5:1-14  
Psalm 30  
1 Corinthians 9:  
24-27  
Mark 1:40-45

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# THE SAINTS

**Sunday, February 5**  
THE MARTYRS OF JAPAN, 1597  
*Birthday: Julie Byrne,  
Bryan Crocheron*

**Monday, February 6**  
*Birthday: Terrey Danley*

**Thursday, February 9**  
*Heavenly Birthday:  
Cynthia Borstel, 1990*

**Sunday, February 12**  
*Birthday: Lucretia  
Massaquoi*

**Monday, February 13**  
ABSALOM JONES, PRIEST, 1818  
*Heavenly Birthday: Iona  
Burke Brown, 1995*

**Tuesday, February 14**  
CYRIL, MONK, AND METHODIUS,  
BISHOP, MISSIONARIES TO THE  
SLAVS, 869,885  
*Anniversary: Fred &  
Michelle Lewis*

**Wednesday, February 15**  
THOMAS BRAY, PRIEST AND  
MISSIONARY, 1730

**Thursday, February 16**  
*Birthday: Nora Wien-  
Herman*

**Friday, February 17**  
JANANI LUWUM, ARCHBISHOP OF  
UGANDA, AND MARTYR, 1977  
*Birthday: Elizabeth  
Finley*

**Saturday, February 18**  
MARTIN LUTHER, REFORMER,  
1546  
*Birthday: Doris Collie*

# THE PRAYERS

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

•Jennifer Blackman, 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 homebound;

•Bill & Evelyn Andrew, Roger Beach, Duane Bonds, Bob Broadwater, the Brown family, The Bright/Veneklasen family, Martha Carty, Mallan Casey, Gabriel 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, Carol Ann Mericle, Joe Midgely, Carroll Muffett, Barbara Oldland, Karl Palmberg, Marisella Ruiz Ibarra, Christina Way & Jim Stipe, Willard Webster, Astrid West-Harrington, Ellen Williams, Kawthar Zeraouli, Marc Zielkovicz, and all those who have been commended to our prayers.

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