



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

180 Route 539, Whiting, NJ 08759
Phone: 732-350-2121, Fax: 732-350-6000
ssechurch@gmail.com
www.saintstephenswhiting.org



A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

The Rt. Rev. William H. (Chip) Stokes, Bishop
The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector
Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer
Esther Graham, Music Director
Greg Mathews, Parish Administrator
Tom O'Brien, Sexton

Wardens and Vestry 2023

Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden
Peter Quigley, Property Warden
Shelagh Bluni, Marge Pomykala, Joanne Soriano
Dottie Kaster, Maryann Payne, Robert Virtue
Bill Bodine, Kay Karlick, Richard Smithson
Joanne Smithson, Clerk

Mission Statement

To proclaim the faith that our years have engendered: to use the diversity of our Episcopal experience while working toward a common goal; to teach the young about Jesus and to reach out and affect the lives of those in the community.

"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly with the Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector.

To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

Please notify the church office 732-350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations. If it is an emergency you may also reach Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.

Third Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 6



Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
401	Processional Hymn: <i>“The God of Abraham Praise”</i>	
	Patriotic Hymn: 717, V4	
	Opening Acclamation	299
	Collect of the Day	Insert
	First Lesson: Exodus 19:2-8a	Insert
	Psalm 100	Insert
	Second Lesson: Romans 5:1-8	Insert
	Gradual: <i>“Word of God, speak”</i> (Lyrics below)	
	Gospel: Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)	Insert
	Sermon — <i>The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.</i>	
	Prayers of the People Form VI	392
	Confession and Absolution	393
	The Peace	
	Announcements	
	Offertory Anthem	
	Doxology: <i>“All things come of thee O Lord”</i>	

HOLY COMMUNION

	Eucharistic Prayer A	361
S120	Sursum Corda	
S130	Sanctus	
S136	Memorial Acclamation	363
	The Lord’s Prayer	364
	Breaking of the Bread	
S152	Fraction Anthem	
	Communion Hymns	
355	<i>“Let us break bread together”</i>	
455	<i>“O Love of God, how strong and true”</i>	
495	<i>“Hail thou once despised Jesus”</i>	
	Post Communion Prayer	365
	Blessing	
535	Recessional: <i>“Ye servants of God, your master proclaim”</i>	
	Dismissal	

Word of God speak
*Won't you pour down like rain
 Washing my eyes to see
 Your majesty
 To be still and know
 That You're in this place
 Please let me stay and rest
 In Your holiness
 word of God speak*

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, Mondays at 11am-12:30pm
for info contact: *Roberta Mackey at 917-696-6863*

CHOIR PRACTICE

Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs. We will return to practice in September.

HEALING SERVICES

Thursdays at 10:00 am

OSL WILL BE MEETING

On Thursday July 13, after the Healing Service



THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Monday, June 12th @10 AM

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, June 26 @ 10am

PLEDGE CARDS

If you filled in a pledge card, your envelopes are in the Narthex on the shelf, right side before you enter the church. If you need envelopes, see our treasurer, Gerrie Vergona.

4th OF JULY CELEBRATION AT THE QUIGLEY’S

It is coming up Fast! Please sign-up in the Narthex so we know how many to prepare for. Bring a friend! Welcome to bring a dish! Relax and enjoy a festive day of celebration at our house with great FOOD, FUN AND

FRIENDS!!



ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. See our schedule of services located online at www.ststephenswhitingnj.org

Memorial Garden For Pets

(Remains Only)

For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest. Please contact our office Monday–Thursday 9am–2pm for more info
(732) 350-2121

BLUEGRASS AND BLUEBERRY SOCIAL

Will be held on Saturday, July 8 from 1-3PM. Come enjoy delicious shortbread and blueberries (or peaches, or strawberries), served with iced tea. Door prizes, treasure auction, 50/50 and a bake sale will be available besides such a delicious item, Tickets are \$10 per person. Come and see (and listen!)

See Stefanie Bodine, Chair, for more details.

Tickets are available for purchase in our Church office from 9am-1:30pm, Monday—Thursday



If you would like to join in viewing the Consecration of our new **Bishop Sally French on Saturday, June 24 at 10AM**, go to the Diocesan website for social media channels, or dioceseofnj.org/live

Collect of the Day

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever... *Amen.*

A reading from the Book of Exodus 19:2-8a

And when they set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the mountain. And Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my own possession among all peoples; for all the earth is mine, and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.”

So Moses came and called the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord had commanded him. And all the people answered together and said, “All that the Lord has spoken we will do.”



Psalm 100

Jubilate Deo

1 **B**e joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *

serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *

he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;

go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the LORD is good;

his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.



A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans 5:1-8

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man—though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.



CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE ~ Sells well to groups

meeting at our church. Now accepting **Summer** clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains).

Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear,* and other items. Our winter clothes are now on clearance sale. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN ~ is in need of additional members.

The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of parishioners who will pray for any who are in need. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Greta Pearl at 732-350-7584 for details. Greta is the contact when placing, on the Prayer Chain, your name or the names of family, neighbors, or friends who would like prayers for healing, comfort, or any other purpose.

CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS ~ Caregivers volunteers, is a faith base organization that offer assistance to the elderly. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Caregivers at 732-505-2273 Ext 213

COFFEE HOUR coffee hour

A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2023 - sign up! Everyone is so grateful for the delicious food that you share, your help, and they love chatting after the services. Any questions, contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904

Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws

Days and Hours of Operation are:

Tuesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Wednesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws is made up of members of the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** community and other volunteers who assist in maintaining our pantry, provide food for the sick, the hungry and the needy. The food pantry is here to help those who have minimal funds to work with and come to us when they have a specific need for food.

The **Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws** through very generous donations is also able to provide pet food for dogs and cats. For further information please call: **Jim Jados, Director, Food Pantry at (732) 408-5948.**



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month– July 13, after the Healing Service.

Prayer to send out LEMs with the Sacrament:

Celebrant: N. we send you out to share Communion this week with those who have been entrusted to your care.

People: May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this Sacrament of Christ’s presence.

Celebrant: Continues with a closing prayer.

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at 9:30 am
Aristicare	1st Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Arbors	2nd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Pines	3rd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm



TECH THURSDAY



Tech Thursday meets monthly. Our next meeting will be on **July 20th**. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, i pad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and Bill Bodine will assist you.

ECW

If you missed the ECW Meeting on June 1, but would still like to share a roll/rolls of paper towels, detergent, or gift cards with Providence House, leave them for Stefanie on her desk, or on the back pew by the tech section.

Daughters of the British Empire



The (DBE) is a 501(c) (3) non-profit American society of women of British or Commonwealth of Nations birth, heritage or ancestry. We share and promote our heritage while supporting local charities and our senior living facilities across the United States.

To learn more about our local chapter, here in Ocean County, please email *Joan Saunders* – njstateorganizer@gmail.com

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)

And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every infirmity. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every infirmity. The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out, charging them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And preach as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying, give without pay.

Take no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, nor two tunics, nor sandals, nor a staff; for the laborer deserves his food. And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it, and stay with him until you depart. As you enter the house, salute it. And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. And if any one will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly, I say to you, it shall be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

“Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of men; for they will deliver you up to councils, and flog you in their synagogues, and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear testimony before them and the Gentiles. When they deliver you up, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will deliver up brother to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel, before the Son of man comes.



Serving in the Liturgy today:

June 18, 2023

Lector 8:00 am	JoAnn Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson, JoAnn Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Linda Chiappetta
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:00 am	Valerie Thompson
LEM 10:00 am	Bob Virtue, Bill Bodine, Kay Karlick
Altar Guild 10:00am	Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:00 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

In today's liturgy the meaning of the Sabbath and of Sunday is the focus of the Gospel reading. Jesus sets aside the Sabbath rule, not because the Ten Commandments are to be ignored, but because in his ministry something new is happening. In ancient days, King David's soldiers broke the Commandment because they were in a crisis situation, pursued by enemies and starving. Jesus' disciples are in a crisis situation because the Kingdom of God is breaking into history. In both critical moments the Law gives way to the immediate need.

The commandment to keep the Sabbath day holy provides our first reading. No one in the land, not even aliens or farm animals are exempted. Not even slaves, for the people are to remember that they were slaves in Egypt and they should have compassion on those who live as they once lived. The Sabbath is a weekly reminder of Israel's' salvation, as Sunday is for us.

In today's second reading, Paul roots his authority as an apostle in his suffering. When a Christian suffers for the sake of Jesus, Christ is manifested as crucified in that suffering. In that way the Gospel is proclaimed.

Baptized into Christ's Body, we gather in Eucharist to rejoice in God's Kingdom and to proclaim Christ dying and rising in our midst. Each Sunday is an Easter and a Pentecost in which our dying and rising with Christ by water and the Holy Spirit are renewed.

Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to
The Glory of God*

In Memory of
Luitgardis Rotsaert by
Bill & Stefanie Bodine

In Honor of
Jackie & Bill Bodine
by Stefanie & Bill Bodine

In Memory of
Bill Kaster
by JoAnn & Richard Smithson

In Memory of
Bill Kaster
by Bill & Stefanie Bodine

Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God*

In Honor of
Bill Bodine
by Bill & Stefanie Bodine

In Memory of
Bill Kaster
by Fr Paul and Priscilla VanSant

In Memory of
Harry Tomkins, Kathy Molnar & Judy
DeYoung by Ruth Molnar

In Memory of
Bill Kaster
by Al & Valerie Thompson

