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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.

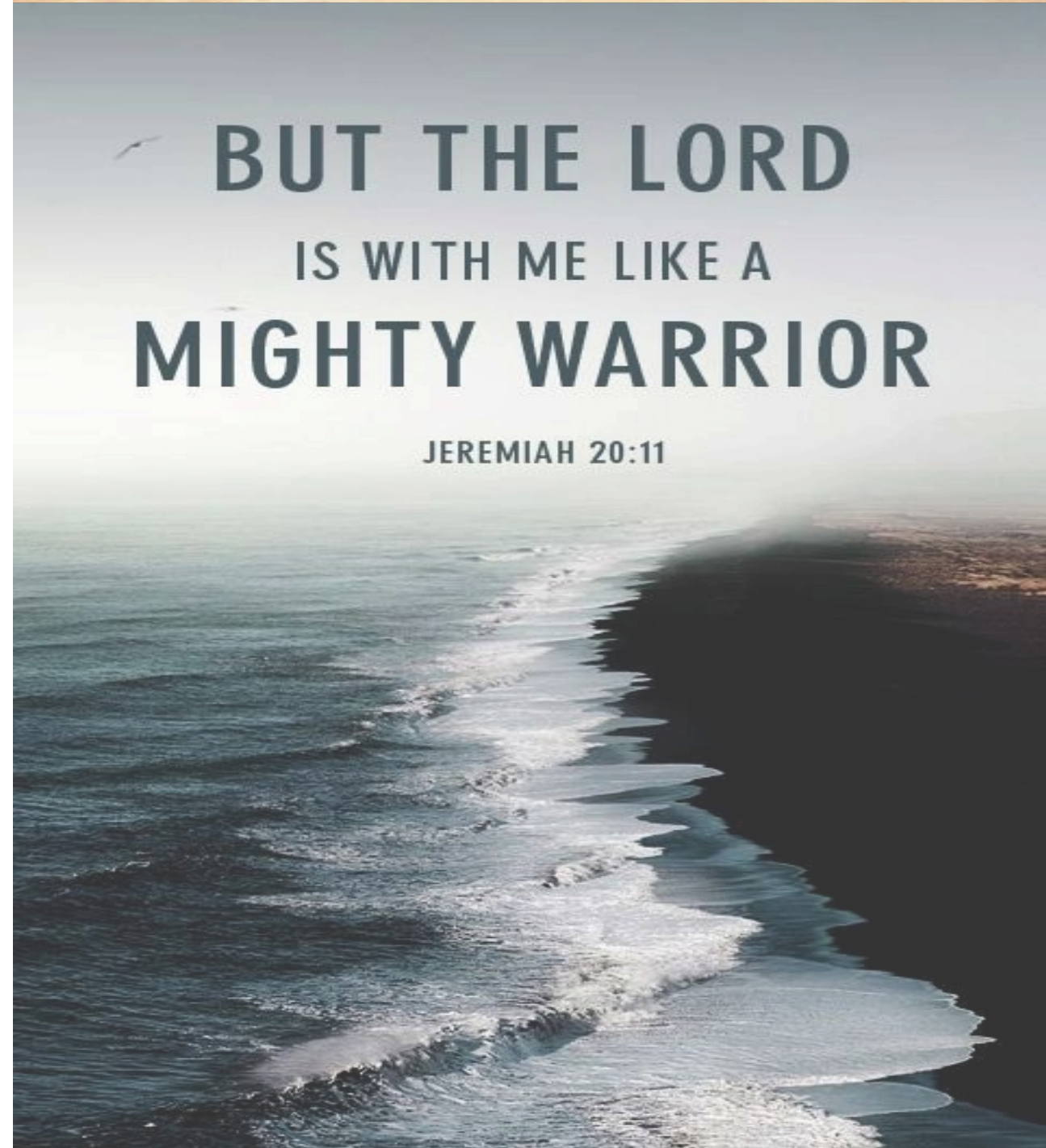


Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 7

BUT THE LORD
IS WITH ME LIKE A
MIGHTY WARRIOR

JEREMIAH 20:11



**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 7
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**JUNE 25, 2023
8 & 10 am**

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
372	Processional Hymn: <i>“Praise to the living God!”</i>	
	Patriotic Hymn: 717, V4	
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	Collect of the Day	Insert
	First Lesson: Jeremiah 20:7-13	Insert
	Psalm 69	Insert
	Second Lesson: Romans 6:1b-11	Insert
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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, July 10th @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.

THE WAY OF ST. PAUL MEETS

Wednesday, June 28 at 10:30am.

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

Saturday Supper

An eclectic dinner will be held on Saturday, July 22 at 5:30PM led by Mike Munson, to benefit Fr. Paul's Discretionary Fund. A free will offering will be collected. Sign up is needed so, Mike knows how many to prepare for. See sheet in the Narthex, or call the church office Monday-Thursday from 9AM-1:30PM at (732) 350-2121.

Collect of the Day

Ⲡ Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever... *Amen.*

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 20:7-13

O Lord, thou hast deceived me,
and I was deceived;
thou art stronger than I,
and thou hast prevailed.

I have become a laughingstock all the day;
every one mocks me.

For whenever I speak, I cry out,
I shout, “Violence and destruction!”

For the word of the Lord has become for me
a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, “I will not mention him,
or speak any more in his name,”
there is in my heart as it were a burning fire
shut up in my bones,
and I am weary with holding it in,
and I cannot.

For I hear many whispering.
Terror is on every side!

“Denounce him! Let us denounce him!”
say all my familiar friends,
watching for my fall.

“Perhaps he will be deceived,
then we can overcome him,
and take our revenge on him.”

But the Lord is with me as a dread warrior;
therefore my persecutors will stumble,
they will not overcome me.

They will be greatly shamed,
for they will not succeed.

Their eternal dishonor
will never be forgotten.

O Lord of hosts, who triest the righteous,
who seest the heart and the mind,
let me see thy vengeance upon them,
for to thee have I committed my cause.

Sing to the Lord;
praise the Lord!

For he has delivered the life of the needy
from the hand of evildoers.

Psalm 69: 8-11, (12-17), 18-20

Salvum me fac

- 8** Surely, for your sake have I suffered reproach, *
and shame has covered my face.
- 9** I have become a stranger to my own kindred, *
an alien to my mother's children.
- 10** Zeal for your house has eaten me up; *
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.
- 11** I humbled myself with fasting, *
but that was turned to my reproach.
- 12** I put on sack-cloth also, *
and became a byword among them.
- 13** Those who sit at the gate murmur against me, *
and the drunkards make songs about me.
- 14** But as for me, this is my prayer to you, *
at the time you have set, O LORD:
- 15** "In your great mercy, O God, *
answer me with your unfailing help.
- 16** Save me from the mire; do not let me sink; *
let me be rescued from those who hate me
and out of the deep waters.
- 17** Let not the torrent of waters wash over me,
neither let the deep swallow me up; *
do not let the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 18** Answer me, O LORD, for your love is kind; *
in your great compassion, turn to me.'
- 19** "Hide not your face from your servant; *
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.
- 20** Draw near to me and redeem me; *
because of my enemies deliver me.



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 Paul's letter to the Romans 6:1b-11

Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the sinful body might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For he who has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. For we know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 10:24-39

“**A** disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master; it is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Be-elzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground without your Father's will. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So every one who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven; but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and a man's foes will be those of his own household. He who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he who loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and he who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for my sake will find it.



Welcome to St. Stephen's

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' instructions to his twelve disciples as he prepared to send them out to proclaim the gospel. Today that passage continues with his warning to them that they will encounter opposition to the message and may even have to suffer for it. The first reading is a passage from the prophet Jeremiah.

This prophet was strongly rejected by the leaders and many of the people. Attempts were made on his life. Jeremiah became the model for martyrs and others whose witness to God earned them persecution and even death. In the second reading Paul is seeking to explain the result of God's grace in our salvation. He sets before us a contrast between Adam and Jesus. Adam sinned, and like Adam, all other humans have sinned as well. But God gave Jesus as a free gift, and that free gift, that grace, is such that it overcomes not only Adam's sin but the sin of all people.

We gather as church to respond to the same call that was made to the Twelve Apostles and to the prophets. It is not always easy to be followers of Christ. We must expect to find that our message is not always popular, and that we will not always be well treated for proclaiming it. But here as the people of God we find that God's grace is always available in Word and Sacrament. We are upheld in the experience of those who have gone before us and above all by the example of Jesus, who is dying and rising in our midst.

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Serving in the Liturgy today:

June 24, 2023

Lector 8:00 am	Linda Chiappetta
LEM 8:00 am	Susan Clarke, Bill Bodine,
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Linda Chiappetta
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:00 am	Mike Munson
LEM 10:00 am	Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke, Gerrie Vergona
Altar Guild 10:00am	Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:00 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

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

In Memory of
Al Shindle
by Lois Talarowski

