



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

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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.



Second Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 Holy Eucharist



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 5
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**JUNE 11, 2023
8 am**

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal

The Word of God

BCP

Patriotic Hymn: 717, V4

Opening Acclamation

Trisagion

Collect of the Day

First Lesson: **Hosea 5:15-6:6**

Psalm 50

Second Lesson: **Romans 4:13-25**

Gradual: "Word of God, speak" (Lyrics below)

Gospel: **Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26**

Sermon — *The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.*

Prayers of the People Form VI

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory Anthem

Doxology: "All things come of thee O Lord"

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HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer B

Sursum Corda

Sanctus

Memorial Acclamation

The Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem

Communion Hymns:

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Dismissal

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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, 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!

Relax and enjoy a fun 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 and more

(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

Dollar Auction

The dollar auction has been changed to June 24th 2023, doors open at eleven. We are accepting items that need to be new, not used. We are also looking for volunteers to help give out refreshments, runners to collect dollars and a banker to make change.

Any questions please see me at church.

Tom Larson

Collect of the Day

☪ God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever... *Amen.*

A Lesson from the Profit Hosea 5:15-6:6

I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress they seek me, saying,

“Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn, that he may heal us;
he has stricken, and he will bind us up.
After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.
Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;
his going forth is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,
the knowledge of God, rather than burnt offerings.

Psalm 50:7-15

Deus deorum

7 **H**ear, O my people, and I will speak:

"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; *
for I am God, your God.

8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; *
your offerings are always before me.

9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, *
nor he-goats out of your pens;

10 For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

11 I know every bird in the sky, *
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

15 Call upon me in the day of trouble; *
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

A Lesson from Paul's letter to the Romans 4:13-25

The promise to Abraham and his descendants, that they should inherit the world, did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.



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



That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants—not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham, for he is the father of us all, 1 as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations; as he had been told, “So shall your descendants be.” He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

That is why his faith was “reckoned to him as righteousness.” But the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him that raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was put to death for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax office; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.

And as he sat at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

While he was thus speaking to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus rose and followed him, with his disciples. And behold, a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his garment; for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. And when Jesus came to the ruler's house, and saw the flute players, and the crowd making a tumult, he said, “Depart; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. And the report of this went through all that district.

TECH THURSDAY



Tech Thursday meets monthly. Our next meeting will be on **June 15th**. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, i pad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and Bill Bodine will assist you.

Stewardship meeting

Sunday, June 11th, after our 10am service

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



Lector 8:00 am	<i>Susan Quigley</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Linda Chiappetta</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:00 am	<i>Kay Karlick</i>
LEM 10:00 am	<i>Susan Clarke, Bill Bodine, Gerrie Vergona</i>
Altar Guild 10:00am	<i>Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:00 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

The liturgy today has as its central sign God’s power to save and restore human beings to wholeness. The gospel reading is about the man possessed by a legion of demons. The man had been abandoned by his neighbors. Jesus has compassion and drives out the demons, restoring the man to his right mind and to his community.

The first reading, from Isaiah, comes from a time when the people had become unfaithful. Rather than obeying God’s Law, they were following the religious customs of pagans. God’s compassion will nonetheless be shown. He will not destroy all of Israel but will save and restore a remnant of the people.

Today’s reading from the epistle to the Galatians is a continuation of Paul’s teaching concerning salvation by faith. It is that faith which brings us into a living relationship with God. That relationship transcends all human distinctions. No one is outside God’s family. The sign and meaning of that relationship is baptism, the sacrament in which we are adopted as God’s children and in which we are united with Jesus in his dying and rising.

The liturgy of the Eucharist brings us together as those who in baptism have “put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female,” for in this liturgy we are all one in Christ Jesus. God does not reject those who are far from God, not even those who are living in disobedience. As Christ healed the demoniac and God forgave the unfaithful of Israel, so the divine compassion is operative in our lives today.

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

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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
Joan E. Lentkowski-Axon,
by Bob Axon
(June 7th, for our 20th anniversary)

