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**A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey**  
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Greg Mathews, Parish Administrator  
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**Wardens and Vestry 2022**  
Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden  
Peter Quigley, Property Warden  
Debbie Fisher, Marge Pomykala, Joanne Soriano  
Dottie Kaster, Maryann Payne, Robert Virtue  
Kay Karlick, Tom Larson, Ken Seda  
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.



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*Today we welcome  
**Joseph Donald Albanese Jr.**  
Into the body of Christ's Holy Catholic Church  
through the sacrament of Baptism.  
Let us all pray  
that our Heavenly Father continues to strengthen his life  
with the grace and power of the Holy Spirit  
as he grows in the midst of this Christian Community.*

**PENTECOST SUNDAY  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**JUNE 5, 2022  
8 am & 10 am**

**Hymnal**

**The Word of God**

**BCP**

516 Processional Hymn: "Come down O love Devine"  
Easter Acclamation  
Collect of the Day  
First Lesson: *Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21*  
**Psalm 104**  
Second Lesson: *Romans 8:14-17*  
Gradual: "Word of God, Speak" (*Lyrics below*)  
Gospel: *John 14:8-27*  
Sermon — *The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.*  
**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE**  
Examination of Candidate  
The Baptismal Covenant  
Prayers for the Candidate  
Thanksgiving over the Water  
**THE BAPTISM**  
Welcoming the newly Baptized  
The Peace  
Offertory Anthem  
Doxology: "All things come of thee O Lord"  
  
**HOLY COMMUNION**  
**The Great Thanksgiving**  
Eucharistic Prayer A  
S120 Sursum Corda  
S125 Sanctus  
S133 Memorial Acclamation  
The Lord's Prayer  
Breaking of the Bread  
S152 Fraction Anthem  
Communion Hymns:  
325 "Let Us Break Bread Together"  
Insert "Spirit of God descend upon my heart"  
Insert "Spirit of the living God"  
Insert "Let it breath on me"  
Post Communion Prayer 365  
Blessing  
Announcements  
510 Recessional: "Come Holy Spirit. Heavenly Dove"  
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

**Save the Date on Upcoming Events**

**BIBLE STUDY GROUP-**

"The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays at 11am, for info contact *Roberta Mackey* at (917) 696-6863

**CHOIR PRACTICE-**

Wednesdays at 10am (Last practice is on June 5th)  
Looking for volunteers to sing or play instrument during the summer months. Please see Esther.



**HEALING SERVICES-**

Thursdays at 10:00 am

**ORDER OF ST. LUKE-**

2nd Thursday of each month, June 9th - after Healing Service

**VESTRY MEETING-**

Monday, June 27th @ 10am

**FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE-**

June 12th Following the 10:15 am Service .

**CHAPEL CHIMES ARTICLES FOR JULY AND AUGUST!**

Articles are due on June 9th for a combined issue of July and August.

**BLUEGRASS AND BLUEBERRY SOCIAL**

Saturday, July 9th, 1-3pm tickets are \$10

**ISLAND SINGERS CONCERT**

Sunday, June 12th, at 2-4pm

## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. Compline is now on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday** at 7PM on **YouTube** and **Zoom**. All are welcome!

COME AND SEE!!!



## English Tea

An American version of the English Tea was a success thanks to the help of so many people that set tables, made sandwiches and desserts, and helped on the day. Thank you for your support. The 1/2 of the 50/50 was donated to the church. Our total was: \$2, 655. There are still a few tickets remaining for the September 15 tea. Please join us. Stefanie Bodine, Chair

## *LOOKING FOR WILLING AND AVAILABLE INDIVIDUALS TO HELP US IMPROVE OUR WORSHIP EXPERIENCE*

Do you like to read?

Are you the family sommelier?

Can you turn on a computer and do you have Internet access?

Do you love the way the church looks when we gather for worship?

Have you enjoyed worshipping from home?

Were you once an altar boy or girl?

Were you a teacher, pro or volunteer?

Have you been a Eucharistic minister or a member of the Altar Guild?

Would you like to try out these roles?

*Then, in the spirit of many hands making light work, St Stephens needs you as part of the worship assistance and support team!*

Join us for a practice and training day at the Church on June 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. Yes, we will be on Zoom and You-Tube.

RSVP to [ssechurch@gmail.com](mailto:ssechurch@gmail.com) or [slclarke2005@yahoo.com](mailto:slclarke2005@yahoo.com) by June 9th.

## *Collect of the Day*

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever... *Amen*.

## *First Reading*

*Acts of the Apostles 2:1-21*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs-- in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit;  
and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day.

Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

**Psalm 104:25-35, 37**

**Benedic, anima mea**

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.

30 You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; \*  
may the LORD rejoice in all his works.

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the LORD.

37 Bless the LORD, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!



**CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE** ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting Winter 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 Summer 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** ~ We will be revisiting the Caregivers program soon after Lent. Please continue to use the mailbox in the Office to put in your hours. If you have any questions please feel free to contact JoAnn Smithson at 609-268-0821.

**YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING**

Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan. Contact our Treasurer, *Gerrie Vergona* if interested.



**COFFEE HOUR**

A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2022 - 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.**

### RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Thank you to all who have donated. There are parishioners as well as other members in our community who benefit greatly from this valued fund. If you wish to contribute, please use the basket on the back table for donations



### Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month--June 9th, 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
Aristo Care	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



## *Second Reading*

*Romans 8:14-17*

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

## *Holy Gospel*

*John 14:8-17 (25-27)*

Philip said to Jesus, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you."

"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."



*Serving in the Liturgy today:*

Lector 8:00 am	<i>Susan Quigley</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Peter Quigley</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Valerie Thompson</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:15 am	<i>Kay Karlick</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Robert Virtue, Gerrie Vergona</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

On this fiftieth day of Easter. (The word *Pentecost* means “fifty days.”) Today we conclude the fifty days celebrating our redemption in the Lord’s death, resurrection, ascension, and his sending the Holy Spirit to the Church. It is the presence of God’s

Spirit in the Church, which makes God’s action in the dying and rising of Jesus of more than historical interest. It is the continued presence of the Holy Spirit which incorporates our lives into the risen life of Christ and makes us part of his Body.

This is one of the times in the year when Holy Baptism is particularly appropriate, for it is in baptism that we received the Spirit and were made partakers in the resurrection life.

In the Gospel reading today, Jesus, before his crucifixion, assures the disciples that his followers will continue the work of the Gospel after his departure. Indeed, he will not be absent; he promises to dwell with his people through his Spirit whom the Father will send.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear the account of the first Pentecost when the Apostles received the Spirit and proclaimed the gospel in many tongues. In the reading from Romans, Paul tells us that it is God’s Spirit who enables us to speak to God and call God “Father.” The Spirit is leading us through the dying and rising of Jesus to become fully children of God.

We are a people made new by God’s Spirit in baptism. As we renew our baptismal covenant today, we renew our commitment to that new life and we rejoice with those baptized on this day.



**Sanctuary Candle**

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

*In Honor of*

*Jackie Bodine’s & Bill Bodine’s  
 Birthday , from Stefanie Bodine*



**Altar Flowers**

*Altar Flowers are given to  
 the Glory of God*

*In Memory of*

*Diane Anderson  
 from Roberta Mackey*

*In Memory of*

*Robert Payne  
 from Sheila Tannenbaum*

*In Memory of*

*Robert Payne  
 from Rich & Joann Smithson*

*In Memory of*

*My sister, Pat Laursen  
 from Rich & Joann Smithson*

*In Memory of*

*Robert Payne given by  
 Al & Val Thompson*

