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**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.



**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**JANUARY 9, 2022  
8 & 10:15 am  
BCP**

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**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

**HEALING SERVECES-**

Thursdays at 10:00 am

**ORDER OF ST. LUKE-**

2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service

**VESTRY MEETING-**

Monday, January 24th & 10am

**WHITING GARDEN CLUB -**

Whiting Garden Club meets next on February 2 at 10AM in the Parish Hall

**DO YOU NEED A PLEDGE CARD?**

Please see our Treasurer, Gerrie Vergona.



## 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!!!



## ANNUAL MEETING

On Sunday, January 30, 2022 - 1 service at 9AM Meeting follows  
Still needed - 2 delegates to Convention, and 1 Vestry Member -- See Stefanie if you are willing to serve or have any questions



Before anything else, may we find You, Jesus, look into Your face, and be filled with Your love.

May we follow You to the person in our path who needs the warm sunlight of Your healing love and ask You to fill them with Your presence, Your power, and Your peace. May we pause at the door of each place we go today (either in person or in spirit) and pray:

Lord Jesus, come and stand at the entrance to this place. Fill this place with Your Holy Spirit and saturate it with Your presence.

May each person who walks through this door be warmed by the light of Your face beaming upon them with grace and hope!

Remove their worries and cares, surround them with Your great love for them.

Bless each person who enters here with a powerful infilling of Your Spirit. Cleansed, lightened, refreshed and renewed, may they walk forward with new joy in their heart and a fresh spring in their step!

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace.

*NUMBERS 6:24-26*

*First Sunday after the Epiphany;  
The Baptism of our Lord*

*January 9, 2022*

## *Collect of the Day*

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan didst proclaim him thy beloved Son and anoint him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with thee and the same Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

## *First Reading*

Thus says the LORD,  
he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.

Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,

I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;

I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;

bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."



## **Word of God speak;**

Would 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

## Psalm 29

### Afferte Domino

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, \*  
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; \*  
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
the God of glory thunders; \*  
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; \*  
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; \*  
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; \*  
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe \*  
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD \*  
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; \*  
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.



**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** ~ JoAnn Smithson is the Congregational Coordinator for Care Givers Volunteers here at St. Stephen's. Please continue to use the mailbox in the Office to put in your hours. JoAnn's phone number is 609/268-0821.

**THE CHURCH CHRISTMAS CARD IS IN THE NARTHEX FOR YOU TO SIGN~** Cards and postage cost so much these days--sign your name and write a message to your church family

### **COFFEE HOUR**



help wanted

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





## **BLACKJACK NEEDS OUR HELP**

Hi my name is Phyllis, my adopted shelter dog Blackjack is in very much need of dental work. I live solely on social security and need this financial help. He's a dog that gave up on life, I adopted him, I trained him myself, he is now a state certified therapy dog and has his k-9 good citizenship award...he is kind and gentle and has helped many people...thank you for your help...God Bless You...

Please visit the link provided below to support a good cause and help Blackjack with his much needed dental work. There is a basket on the back table in the church for your cash donation. Phyllis appreciates your help-- and so does Blackjack!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-blackjack-with-dental-work/share?qid=c112c9>

Sincerely,

*Miss Phyllis*

## **YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING**

Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan.

## **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--January 13th, 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  
The Arbors        2nd Monday of each month    at 2:00 pm  
The Pines            3rd Monday of each month    at 2:00 pm



## ***Second Reading***

***Acts 8:14-17***

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

## ***Holy Gospel***

**Luke 3:15-17, 21-22**

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."



Today is one of four occasions in the year designated by the Prayer Book as a baptismal day. (The other three are Easter, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day.) Each of the four days has its particular theme, which enhances our understanding of one aspect of the primary Christian sacrament, Holy Baptism.

On this First Sunday after the Epiphany, we celebrate the Baptism of Our Lord. Jesus' baptism was for all the Gospel writers and in the apostolic preaching of the Gospel, the event that initiated the redemptive ministry of the Messiah. It was in that event that Jesus was revealed as Messiah (Christ). God designated him as the beloved son and he was anointed by the Holy Spirit. We administer Holy Baptism today in the context of this theme.

In Holy Baptism, each Christian is adopted as the child of God. Each Christian becomes a "messianic" person, anointed by the Holy Spirit. We do not simply become passive recipients of the benefits of Christ; we are "Christed" or Christened. We become sharers in his life and in his redemptive ministry.

Those baptized today and anointed with Chrism are received "into the household of God." They join with that household in confessing "the faith of Christ crucified," proclaiming his resurrection and sharing in his eternal priesthood -- the priesthood that is enacted sacramentally in Eucharist and daily in lives of self-giving love toward one another and toward the world.

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**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**JANUARY 9, 2022**

**Serving in the Liturgy today:**

Lector 8:00 am	<i>Peter Quigley</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Susan Quigley</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Debbie Fisher, Linda Chiappetta</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:15 am	<i>Greg Hartline</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Robert Virtue</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>



**Sanctuary Candle**

The Sanctuary Candle is given to  
The Glory of God  
**In Memory of**  
Loved ones by *Stefanie Bodine*

**Altar Flowers**

Altar Flowers are given to the  
Glory of God  
**In Memory of**  
*Sans Memorial*

