



# 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.



# Trinity Sunday

**FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
TRINITY SUNDAY  
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**JUNE 4, 2023  
8 & 10 am**

**Save the Date on Upcoming Events**

<i>Hymnal</i>	<i>The Word of God</i>	<i>BCP</i>
371	Processional Hymn: "Thou, whose almighty word" Patriotic Hymn: 717, V4 Opening Acclamation	355
S102	Trisagion Collect of the Day First Lesson: <b>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</b> <b>Psalm 8</b> Second Lesson: <b>2 Corinthians 13:11-13</b> Gradual: "Word of God, speak" (Lyrics below) Gospel: <b>Matthew 28:16-20</b>	Insert Insert Insert Insert
	Sermon — <i>The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.</i> The Nicene Creed Prayers of the People Form VI Confession and Absolution The Peace Announcements Offertory Anthem Doxology: "All things come of thee O Lord"	358 392 393

***HOLY COMMUNION***

	Eucharistic Prayer B	367
S120	Sursum Corda	
S125	Sanctus	
S136	Memorial Acclamation The Lord's Prayer	368 364
	Breaking of the Bread	
S152	Fraction Anthem Communion Hymns:	
325	"Let us break bread together"	
366	"Holy God, we praise Thy Name"	
368	"Holy Father, Great Creator"	
	Post Communion Prayer	365
	Blessing	
372	Recessional: "Praise to the Living God"	
	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** (NO BIBLE STUDY ON JUNE 5th)  
 "The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays at 11am-12:30pm  
 for info contact: *Roberta Mackey at 917-696-6863*

**CHOIR PRACTICE**  
 10am every Wednesday. Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

**HEALING SERVICES**  
 Thursdays at 10:00 am


**OSL WILL BE MEETING**  
 On Thursday June 8th, 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.



## 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*

## 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](http://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.

## SAFE DRIVING CLASS FOR SENIORS

**This class will be held at St. Stephen's on Tuesday, June 6th from 9AM-1PM.**

**Cost is \$20, if you are a member of AARP,  
and \$25 if you are not a member of AARP.**

**Money is due on the day of class.**

**Bring a snack if you need to.**

**Sign up by calling Stefanie at (732) 350-2904.**

**This class is open to anyone, and after you take the class, you will be eligible to receive a discount from your auto insurance.**



## *Collect of the Day*

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever...*Amen.*

## *First Reading*

*Genesis 1:1-2:4a*

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the face of the waters.

And God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.

And God said, "Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." And God made the firmament and separated the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament. And it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. And God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, upon the earth." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, a third day.

And God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth." And it was so. And God made the two great lights, the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; he made the stars also. And God set them in the firmament of the heavens to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.

And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the firmament of the heavens." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.

And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds: cattle and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds." And it was so. And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

## Psalm 8

*Domine, Dominus noster*

1. ☉ LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!
2. Out of the mouths of infants and children \*  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.
3. You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, \*  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.
4. When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, \*  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,
5. What is man that you should be mindful of him? \*  
the son of man that you should seek him out?
6. You have made him but little lower than the angels; \*  
you adorn him with glory and honor;



**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- June 8th, 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



7. You give him mastery over the works of your hands; \*  
you put all things under his feet:
8. All sheep and oxen, \*  
even the wild beasts of the field,
9. The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, \*  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.
10. O LORD our Governor, \*  
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

### Second Reading

*2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

**F**inally, brethren, farewell. Mend your ways, heed my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

### Holy Gospel

*Matthew 28:16-20*

**N**ow the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age."



## 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](mailto:njstateorganizer@gmail.com)



*Welcome to St. Stephen's*

The first Sunday after Pentecost has been celebrated as a feast in honor of the Holy Trinity since the tenth century. Most festivals of the year celebrate a historical event, and although we celebrate a doctrine today, it is a doctrine based on historical events that revealed the nature of God as the Holy Trinity.

The first reading is from Proverbs. Here Wisdom speaks. She is the personification of God's mighty power. Wisdom describes herself as God's agent in creating the universe. Here we find an indication of the multi-personal God fully revealed as the Holy Trinity by Christ. In the reading from Romans, we find Paul articulating the growing discovery of the first Christians that we experience God's salvation as the work of the Father, of Jesus, and of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel reading from John, Jesus describes the work of the Father, the Spirit, and himself as the work of the one God. This is not a developed doctrine of the Trinity (one was not fully developed by the church until the fifth century), but in it God is described as a dynamic relationship into which we are incorporated through the Holy Spirit.

We come together to celebrate the Eucharist, and, called together by the Spirit, we encounter Christ in word and sacrament revealing the Father, and leading us into that eternal exchange of love which is at the heart of the Blessed Trinity.

*Serving in the Liturgy today:*

*June 4, 2023*

Lector 8:00 am	<i>JoAnn Smithson</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Richard Smithson, JoAnn Smithson</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>Mike Munson</i>
LEM 10:00 am	<i>Susan Clarke, Bill Bodine, Kay Karlick</i>
Altar Guild 10:00am	<i>Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:00 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

### *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 Bodine*  
*by Bill & Stefanie Bodine*

***In Memory of***  
*Bill Kaster*  
*by JoAnn & Richard Smithson*

***In Memory of***  
*Bill Kaster*  
*by JoAnn & Richard Smithson*



### *Altar Flowers*

*Altar Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God*

***In Memory of***  
*Luitgardis Rotsaert by*  
*Bill & Stefanie Bodine*

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

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

***In Memory of***  
*Bill Kaster*  
*by Fr Paul and Priscilla VanSant*

