

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

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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 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.



PALM SUNDAY
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I

APRIL 10, 2022
8 & 10 am

Hymnal
Liturgy of the Palms
Luke 19:28-40
Blessing and distribution of Palms
154 Processional Hymn: *“All glory, laud, and honor”*
Collect of the Day
First Lesson: **Isaiah 50:4-9a**
Psalms 31:9-16
Second Lesson: **Philippians 2:5-11**
The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Sermon — The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.
The Nicene Creed
Prayers of the People Form VI
The Peace
Offertory Anthem: *“The Power of the Cross”*
Doxology: *“All things come of thee O Lord”*

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
Eucharistic Prayer A 361
S120 Sursum Corda
S125 Sanctus 362
S133 Memorial Acclamation 363
The Lord’s Prayer
Breaking of the Bread
S157 Agnus Dei
Communion Hymns:
158 *“Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended”*
168 *“O sacred head, sore wounded”*
Post Communion Prayer 366
Blessing
Announcements
313 Recessional: *“Let thy blood in mercy pour”*
Dismissal

BCP
Palm Sunday Booklet
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(Luke 22:39-23:56)

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 SERVICES-

Thursdays at 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE-

2nd Thursday of each month, April 14th- after Healing Service

VESTRY MEETING-

Monday, April 25 @ 10am

WHITING GARDEN CLUB-

Whiting Garden Club meets next on April 4th at 10AM in the Parish Hall call Stefanie if you plan to attend.

DO YOU NEED A PLEDGE CARD?

Please see our Treasurer, Gerrie Vergona.

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP-

Monday, April 11th at 10AM All are welcome

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE -

A Holy Week Schedule is available in the Narthex.

VIGIL AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL-

A Vigil will be held on Saturday April 16th @ 7 pm in Trenton at the Trinity Cathedral. There is a sing-up sheet in the Narthex for ride share opportunities. Please let us know if you NEED or can PROVIDE, rides to and from the Vigil.

BLESSING OF THE BIKES, “PLANNING MEETING”

April 20th, 11AM at Susan Quigley’s house Located at,
2001 Elizabeth Ave, Whiting. Call Susan for more details at 732-849-1707



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!!!



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THE ENGLISH TEA HAS RETURNED

The ECW will again be presenting their American Version of the English Tea. The Thursday May 19th Tea is **SOLD OUT**. The Thursday, September 15th event still has availability. **ACT FAST, tickets are selling out quickly**. Tables for four are set with linen tablecloths and napkins, real china plates, cups and saucers, sugar bowl, creamer, and flowers in the center of each table.

Two tables are set--one with dainty sandwiches including cucumber-- scones, jam, and butter. The other table has trifles, cookies, fruit, candy, pastries, and more. Upon arrival, tickets may be purchased for the treasure auction, and of course the 50/50. The door prizes are all brand new teapots. Tickets are \$15 per person. They may be purchased on Sundays in the Narthex, Monday through Thursday from 9AM-2PM from the church office, call the church office at (732) 350-2121; or by calling the chair, Stefanie Bodine at (732) 350-2904. Only 100 tickets are sold. and when they are sold out, that's it. NO REFUNDS. The teas were begun over 30 years ago by our English friend and ECW member Teresa Thurber. Men and women are welcome. So, gather your friends together so you do not miss this special event.

Stefanie



Each of the Lenten Sundays stresses one of the events in the Old Testament history of Salvation. For us, these events foreshadow the meaning of Christ's death and resurrection and our incorporation into him in Holy Baptism.

The two greatest events in Israel's salvation history were the Exodus/Passover in the time of Moses and Israel's return from exile in Babylon to the land of promise in the sixth century B.C. Today we hear from Isaiah a reflection upon that return which transforms it into the sign that still to come. God's plan is an even greater act of salvation—something entirely new. It is that new action by God which we celebrate in this season and especially in Holy Week and Easter.

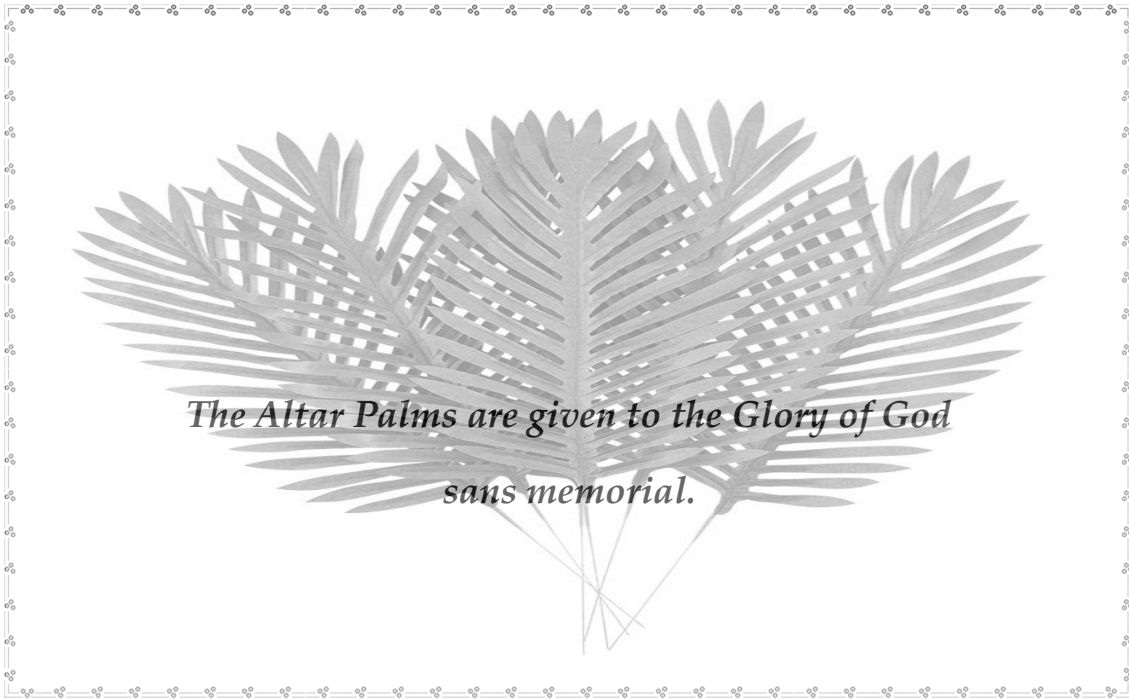
Today's gospel reading is the story of a woman who expressed her devotion to Jesus by anointing his feet with costly perfume. While Judas complained about her extravagant action, Jesus saw it as a sign of his coming death and burial. The gospel writer discounts the complaint that the money could have been given to the poor. We are reminded that to make our Lord our greatest value is essential to our role as the people of God.

In the second reading, Paul testifies that his life is lived in Christ. This is not simply a metaphor. In baptism, we have been made part of Jesus' dying and rising, which is renewed in the Eucharist.

We are nearing Holy Week, when we enter into an intense period of rediscovering our identity as people who are in Christ and in whom God has performed the ultimate act of salvation. The restoration of all people to their true homeland with God will end the exile from God created by our disobedience.

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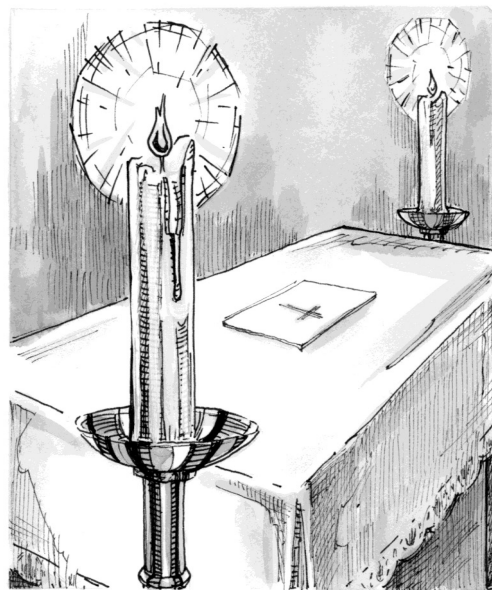
CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting Winter clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear,* and other items. Our 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  **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

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--April 14th, 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



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022

Serving in the Liturgy today:

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| Lector 8:00 am | <i>Susan Quigley</i> |
| LEM 8:00 am | <i>Peter 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>Valerie Thompson</i> |
| LEM 10:15 am | <i>Stefanie Bodine, Kay Karlick</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
My Father Charles Rotsaert,
by Stefanie Bodine

In Memory of
My Mother, Dorothy Dewland
by Joy Frey



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the

Glory of God

In Memory of
Our Granddaughter
Hope Gundecker,
by Bill & Dottie Kaster

In Memory of
Hope Gundecker
by Gerianne Murphy

In Memory of
Hope Gundecker
by Al & Valerie Thompson

In Memory of
Charles Rotsaert's Birthday *by*
Stefanie & Bill Bodine

In Memory of
Solaequi & Jorin Family
by Ann Solaequi





Stewardship

A Way of Life

“In everything I showed you that by working hard in this matter you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive’

Acts 20:35

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Palm Sunday 4/10

8 am & 10:15 am - Holy Eucharist and Liturgy of the Palms

Monday 4/11

7 pm - Online service, Compline on Zoom & You Tube

Tuesday 4/12

11 am & 5 pm - Bible Study

Wednesday 4/13

7 pm - Online service, Compline on Zoom and YouTube

Thursday 4/14

10 am - Healing Service and Communion in the Church

6 pm - Maundy Thursday liturgy with Foot Washing

Good Friday 4/15

10 am - Veneration of the Cross & Good Friday Liturgy

3 pm - Good Friday Community Service at Community Reformed Church,

Located at, 36 Lacey Rd, Whiting, NJ 08759

5:30 pm - Rosary in the Church

6 pm - Stations of the Cross, in Church & on Zoom & YouTube

Saturday 4/16

No Services held at St. Stephen’s this day

7 pm - Vigil Held at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton NJ

Located at, 801 W State St, Trenton, NJ 08618

Easter Sunday 4/17

8 am - Holy Eucharist

10:15 am - Choral Eucharist of the Resurrection