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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.

# Second Sunday after the Epiphany



**SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**Hymnal**

**The Word of God**

**JANUARY 15, 2023**

**8 & 10:00 am**

**BCP**

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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*

**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**

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

**ORDER OF ST. LUKE**

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

**VESTRY MEETING**

Monday, January 23rd @ 10am

**THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING**

Monday, February 13th @10AM

**OUR COMMITTEE TO HELP SELECT OUR NEXT BISHOP IS:**

Stefanie Bodine, Chair

Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke, Michelle Winfrey, Bob Virtue and Greg Hartline. The meeting will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023

**Stewardship Meeting**

This Sunday January 15th after our regular scheduled services

**Public Relations Meeting**

Sunday February 5th, after our regular scheduled services.

See Bill Bodine for info and any questions you may have



## 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

One service at 9AM

Our annual meeting is on January 29, 2023.

The meeting will follow with our International Potluck Luncheon.

Please bring your favorite dish to share with all.

Sign up sheet will be in the Narthex

## COME ATTEND ONE OF OUR EVENTS

Visit our website at;

<https://www.ststephenswhitingnj.org/new-events>

for more information on upcoming event in and around our community.

## 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.**

## *Collect of the Day*

**A**lmighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever... *Amen.*

## *First Reading*

*Isaiah 49:1-7*

**L**isten to me, O coastlands,  
pay attention, you peoples from far away!  
The LORD called me before I was born,  
while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword,  
in the shadow of his hand he hid me;

he made me a polished arrow,  
in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, "You are my servant,  
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."

But I said, "I have labored in vain,  
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;

yet surely my cause is with the LORD,  
and my reward with my God."

And now the LORD says,  
who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,  
and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,  
and my God has become my strength--

he says,

"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his  
Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by  
the nations,  
the slave of rulers,  
"Kings shall see and stand up,  
princes, and they shall prostrate  
themselves,  
because of the LORD, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has  
chosen you."

## Psalm 40:1-12

*Expectans, expectavi*

- 1 **I** waited patiently upon the LORD; \*  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth,  
a song of praise to our God; \*  
many shall see, and stand in awe,  
and put their trust in the LORD.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the LORD! \*  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
(you have given me ears to hear you);
- 8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.
- 9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God;  
your law is deep in my heart.'"
- 10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips;  
and that, O LORD, you know.
- 11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.
- 12 You are the LORD;  
do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.



**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** ~ 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**

help wanted

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

### **Legacy, Estate and Will planning**

With a successful stewardship season behind us now, our focus turns to Legacy, Estate and Will planning which will make stewardship a year round effort! Mark your calendar for next month as the Legacy Team will meet on Sunday January 15th after the later service in the parish hall! Hall. We encourage and invite anyone who is interested in participating and helping out on the Legacy Team! The objective is to prepare and plan for the St. Stephen's Legacy Summit in the Spring 2023. We are confident for a very strong turnout and a huge plus for the church! Everyone needs this kind of service and opportunity to plan their legacies for themselves and their families.

For further information please contact  
*Bill Bodine - Legacy Chairman at 848-210-4206.*





## Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month--January 12th, 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



## 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)

## *Second Reading*

*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

## *Holy Gospel*

*John 1:29-42*

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).



*Serving in the Liturgy today:*

Lector 8:00 am	JoAnn Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson, Susan Clarke
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 8:00 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson
Lector 10:00 am	Kay Karlick
LEM 10:00 am	Robert Virtue, Susan Clarke, Kay Karlick
Altar Guild 10:00am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:00 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

The feast of the Epiphany directed our attention to the ways in which Christ is manifest in the Gospels, and by extension, how he is manifest in our lives. The theme of showing forth is continued in the Sundays after the Epiphany. Today's Gospel carries the third of the three classical themes of Epiphany: Jesus' first miracle, changing water into wine at the marriage feast in Cana of Galilee.

The Old Testament used the marriage relationship and the marriage feast as symbols or archetypes of God's relationship to the chosen people and of the ultimate consummation of that relationship in the establishment of the Kingdom. Today's passage from Isaiah is based on that image.

At the marriage feast, Jesus produced around 150 gallons of wine (God is lavish, even profligate, in giving grace) and it is much better wine than the host at the dinner had been serving (God's grace far surpasses what we can do for ourselves).

God's gifts of grace to us are also the focus of today's reading from 1 Corinthians. This reading is the first in a series from this Epistle exploring the kinds of gifts we received when we were baptized by water and the Holy Spirit, and the results of God's gifts in our lives.

We are a people transformed by our relationship to God and given the grace and illumination of the Holy Spirit. The marriage images in the first and third readings describe the intimate and total nature of God's relationship to us which results of the gift of the Holy Spirit given us in baptism.



*Sanctuary Candle*

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

*In Memory of  
Charles Rotsaert, by Stefanie & Bill Bodine*

*Altar Flowers*

*Altar Flowers are given to  
the Glory of God*

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