

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Pat Russo, Randy Walton, Dottie Kaster

Jo Ann 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.

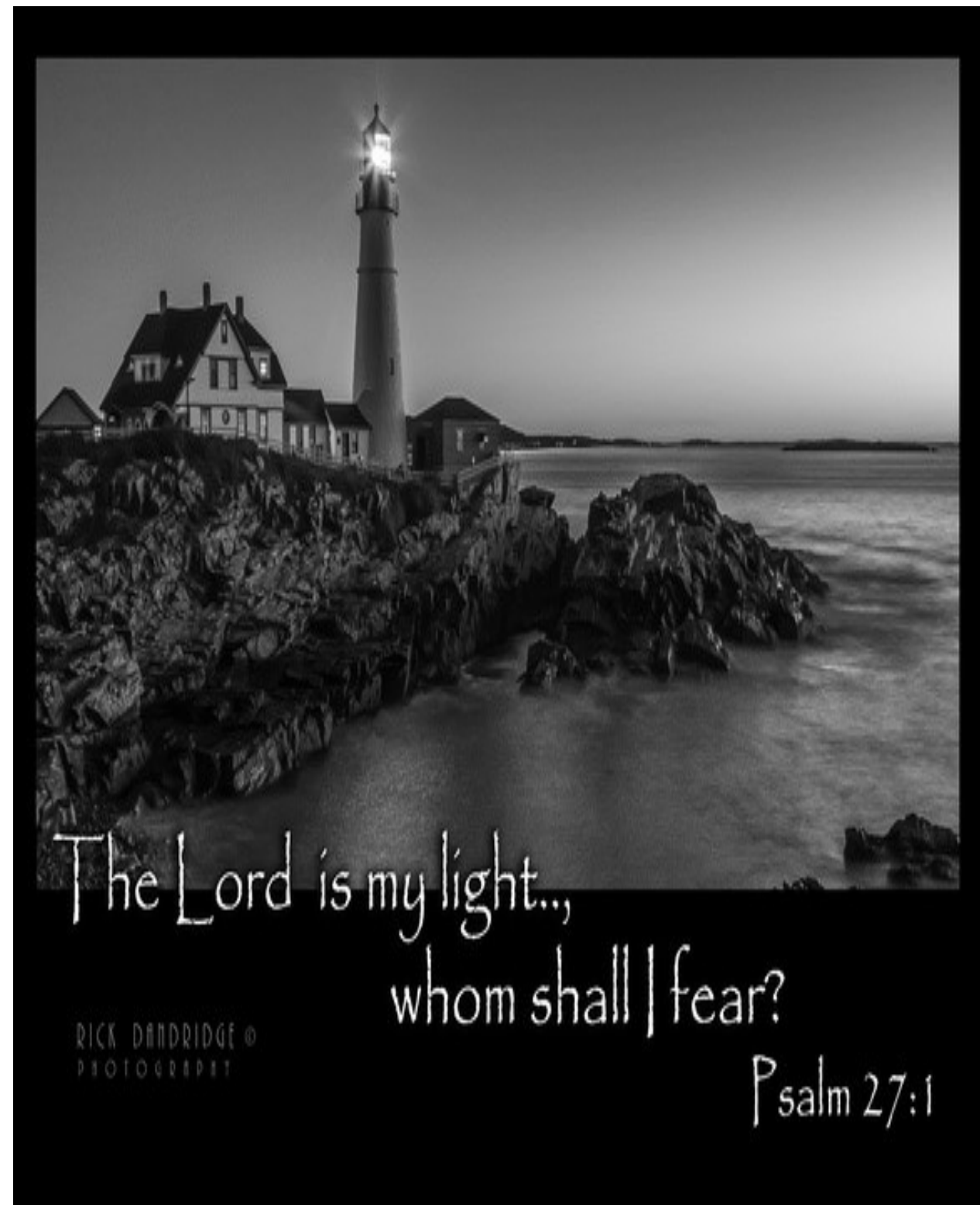
### To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

**Greta Pearl for prayer requests: 732-350-7584**

Please notify the church office 732/350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.

If it is an emergency you may also reach Carl Laursen, Rector's Warden at 732-350-1259 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



**THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**  
**Hymnal**

**JANUARY 26, 2020**  
**9 am**

**The Word of God**

|      |  |        |
|------|--|--------|
| 537  | Processional: “ <i>Christ for the world we sing</i> ”                |        |
|      | Patriotic Hymn: 714 v 4  |        |
|      | Opening Acclamation  | 355    |
| S102 | Trisagion  |        |
|      | Collect of the Day   | Insert |
|      | First Lesson: <b><i>Book of Isaiah 9:1-4</i></b>                     | Insert |
|      | <b><i>Psalms 27</i></b>  | Insert |
|      | Second Lesson: <b><i>First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-18</i></b> | Insert |
|      | Gradual: “ <i>Word of God, Speak</i> ”                               | Insert |
|      | Gospel: <b><i>Matthew 4:12-23</i></b>                                | Insert |
|      | Sermon — The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.                              |        |
|      | The Nicene Creed   | 358    |
|      | Prayers of the People form VI  | 392    |
|      | Confession and Absolution  | 393    |
|      | The Peace  | 360    |
|      | Announcements  |        |
|      | Doxology: “ <i>All things come of thee O Lord</i> ”                  |        |
|      | <b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>  |        |
|      | <b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>  |        |
|      | Eucharistic Prayer B   | 367    |
| S120 | Sursum Corda   |        |
| S125 | Sanctus  |        |
| S152 | Breaking of the Bread  |        |
|      | The Lord’s Prayer  | 364    |
|      | Communion Hymns:   |        |
| 321  | “ <i>My God, thy table now is spread</i> ”                           |        |
| 652  | “ <i>Dear Lord and Father of mankind</i> ”                           |        |
| 304  | Post Communion Hymn “ <i>I come with joy to meet my Lord</i> ”       |        |
|      | Post Communion Prayer  |        |
|      | Blessing   |        |
| 539  | Recessional: “ <i>O Zion, haste, the mission high fulfilling</i> ”   |        |
|      | Dismissal  |        |

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**JANUARY 26, 2020**

Serving in the Liturgy today:

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Lector 9:00 AM      | Bernice Neuman              |
| LEM 9:00 AM         | Jo Ann Smithson             |
| Altar Guild 9:00 AM | Carol Cavanaugh, June Coles |
| Ushers 9:00 AM      | Bob Axon, Jim Mason         |
| LEM 9:00 AM         | Richard Woods               |



CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF

January 26, 2020-February 1, 2020

|           |                              |                                      |
|-----------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Today     | Holy Eucharist               | 9:00am                               |
|           | <b><i>Annual Meeting</i></b> | <i>following 9 am Holy Eucharist</i> |
|           | AA Meeting                   | 8:00 pm                              |
| Monday    | Office Open                  | 9:00 am—2:00 pm                      |
| Tuesday   | Closed AA Meeting            |                                      |
|           |                              | 2:00 pm                              |
| Wednesday | Closed AA Meeting            | 3:00 pm                              |
|           | <b><i>Choir Practice</i></b> | <b><i>10:00 am</i></b>               |
| Thursday  | Healing Service              | 10:00 am                             |
|           | <b><i>Bible Study</i></b>    | <b><i>12 noon &amp; 5 pm</i></b>     |
| Friday    | Pineland Symphonic Band      | 9:30 am                              |
| Saturday  | AA Meeting                   | 8:00 pm                              |

Everyone is welcome to come to the coffee hour after worship.

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at our Lord’s Table, regardless of your church affiliation. We encourage you to share with us in this sacrament.



**Upcoming Events to look forward to and sign up for!**

- Super 50/50 drawing— March 31, 2020
- Dollar Auction—April 4, 2020
- Opening Day at the Blue Claws—April 16, 2020 Details will follow!



**50/50  
DRAW**

**Annual Meeting**

***Our annual Meeting will be held  
TODAY, January 26, 2020.***

***We hold only one Holy Eucharist  
at  
9:00 A.M.***

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**January 26, 2020**

***Collect of the Day***

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***First Reading***

***Book of Isaiah 9:1-4***

But there will be no gloom for her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased its joy; they rejoice before thee as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as on the day of Mid'ian.

***A couple of reminders.....***

- ***Pick up your 2020 collection envelopes for your convenience***
- ***If you are running for the Vestry or any office, convocation, convention, or committee, let Sandy Gaskill know as soon as possible.***
- ***Check out our new activities calendar and mark your calendars for 2020***
- ***Stefanie has tickets on sale for both Teas: April 16th and May 21st.***
- ***Come to Bible Study on Thursdays: Noon and 5 PM***
- ***Boy Scout Sunday February 9, 2020***



## Psalm 27

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom then shall I fear? \*  
the LORD is the strength of my life;  
of whom then shall I be afraid?
- 5 One thing have I asked of the LORD;  
one thing I seek; \*  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;
- 6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD \*  
and to seek him in his temple.
- 7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; \*  
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.
- 8 Even now he lifts up my head \*  
above my enemies round about me.
- 9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation  
with sounds of great gladness; \*  
I will sing and make music to the LORD.
- 10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; \*  
have mercy on me and answer me.
- 11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*  
Your face, LORD, will I seek.
- 12 Hide not your face from me, \*  
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
- 13 You have been my helper;  
cast me not away; \*  
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

HEALING SERVICE Thursday 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE: 2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service

PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND rehearsal: Fridays 9:30 am

**CHOIR PRACTICE: Now on Wednesdays at 10 AM**

**CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE** sells well to groups and meeting at our church. Now accepting **LADIES Fall/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. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.



**LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED** There is an **URGENT** call out for Lay Eucharistic Ministers for both our 8:00 and 10:00a.m. services.



**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 732-408-5351.



A six-week bible study has begun and will continue on each Thursday beginning at noon and again at 5 p.m.

We will be studying "*The Names of Jesus*"

Looking forward to Lent, we will study "*Women of the Bible.*"

**HEALING PRAYERS** The Order of St. Luke provides prayers of healing to anyone after Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month at each service. Members are also available every Sunday after the services. Look for a member near the baptismal font if you would like a prayer of healing after any service.

**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 .

***STEWARDSHIP***

*“One who is faithful in very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much”*

*Luke 16:10*



**Saint Stephen's Memorials**

A memorial gift has been given in memory of

**Frances Barton**  
by  
Stefanie Rotsaert

And

Memorial gifts are also given  
In memory of

**Glenda Gale Roedell**

By

Stefanie Rotsaert

James M. & Maria F. Lombardi



**Second Reading**

**First Letter to the Corinthians 1:10-18**

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chlo'e's people that there is quarreling among you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apol'los," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I am thankful that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Ga'ius; lest any one should say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Steph'anas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any one else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Holy Gospel**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Caper'na-um by the sea, in the territory of Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zeb'ulun and the land of Naph'tali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gen-tiles-- the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zeb'edee and John his brother, in the boat with Zeb'edee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

## Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

On the Sundays after the Epiphany, the liturgy continues to reveal ways in which Jesus was shown forth to be the Messiah in his ministry. In today's Gospel reading, Jesus calls his first disciples, at least two of whom he had met earlier. Taking them from their work as fishermen, he calls them to fish for people. Matthew began his account of Jesus calling his Galilean disciples beside the sea by repeating the vision of Isaiah that salvation for all would begin there beside the sea. Therefore, we have as our first reading that passage from Isaiah.

In today's reading from 1 Corinthians, Paul addresses one of the problems plaguing the church in Corinth: disunity. Here it is the breaking of unity into little cliques each claiming superiority because of who first preached the gospel to them: Paul, or his successor Apollos, or Cephas (Peter), or Christ. Paul appeals to them to overcome their divisions and to be united in Christ.

Jesus' ministry was corporate rather than individual from its beginning. His first act was to gather a community of believers that announced God's plan to the people; united in trust in Jesus. We also are part of that community. Each time we celebrate the Eucharist we are shown forth to be the extension of the incarnation of God's Son into our own time and place.

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## Announcements

January 26, 2020

### 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.

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

*In memory of my son George Frey's Birthday by his mother Joy,  
And In memory of Joy's sister, Terry Borst who passed away January 2, 2020  
In Memory of my father Charles Rotsaert by daughter Stefanie*



*The Altar Flowers are given to the Glory of God*

*In Memory of Glenda Roedell  
By her friend, Lois Talarowski*

### ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

|             |                                     |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|
| The Pines   | 1st Sunday of each month at 9:30 am |
| Arista-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 |