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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

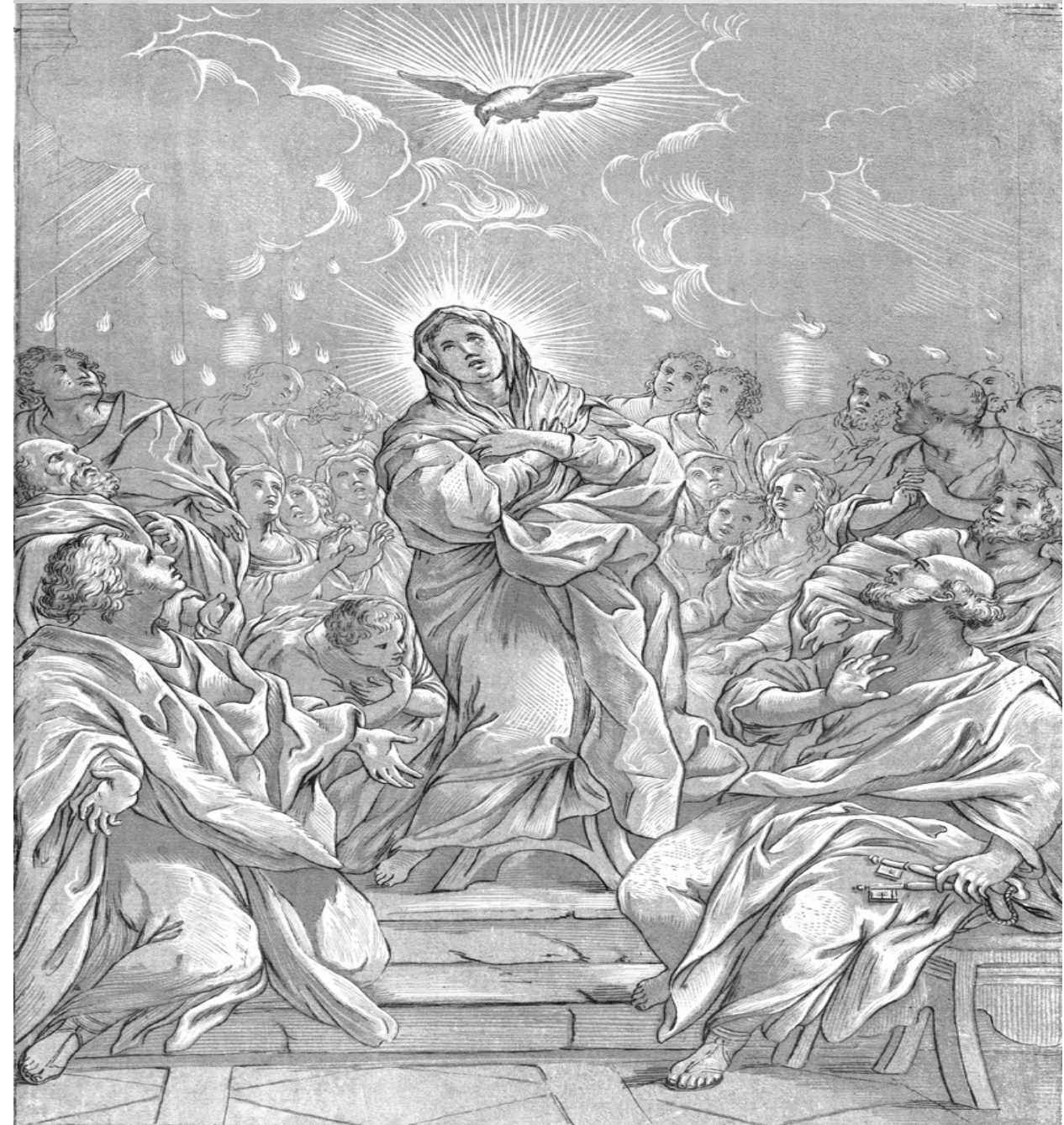
Welcome to St. Stephen's Church!

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.

*I have said to the LORD,
"You are my Lord, my good above all other."
Psalm 16:1*



Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God
518	Processional Hymn: “Christ is made the sure foundation”
	Open Acclamation
S102	Trisagion
	Collect of the Day
	First Lesson: 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21
	Psalm 16
	Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1,13-25
	Gradual: “Word of God, Speak” (Lyrics below)
	Gospel: Luke 9:51-62
	Sermon — <i>The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.</i>
	The Nicene Creed
	Prayers of the People Form VI
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	Doxology: “All things come of thee O Lord”

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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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, Mondays at 11am, for info contact *Roberta Mackey* at (917) 696-6863
(No Study on June 27)

CHOIR PRACTICE

Looking for volunteers to sing or play instruments during the summer months. Please see *Esther Graham*



HEALING SERVICES

Thursdays at 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

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

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, June 27th @ 10am

BLUEGRASS AND BLUEBERRY SOCIAL

Saturday, July 9th, 1-3pm tickets are \$10

4TH OF JULY PARTY ON THE “3RD OF JULY”

Sunday July 3rd at Peter and Susan Quigley’s House, 2001 Elizabeth Ave, Whiting NJ 08759. Sign-up sheet will be in the Narthex, or call 732-350-2121 for Attendance.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

SUNDAY July 17th, after 10:15am service.

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!!!



English Tea

An American version of the English Tea was a success thanks to the help of so many people that set tables, made sandwiches and desserts, and helped on the day. Thank you for your support. The 1/2 of the 50/50 was donated to the church. Our total was: \$2,655. There are still a few tickets remaining for the September 15 tea. Please join us. Stefanie Bodine, Chair

BLUEGRASS & BLUEBERRY SOCIAL



Saturday, July 9th, 1-3pm tickets are \$10 sold at St. Stephen's Church Office

Open Monday –Thursday 9-2pm



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

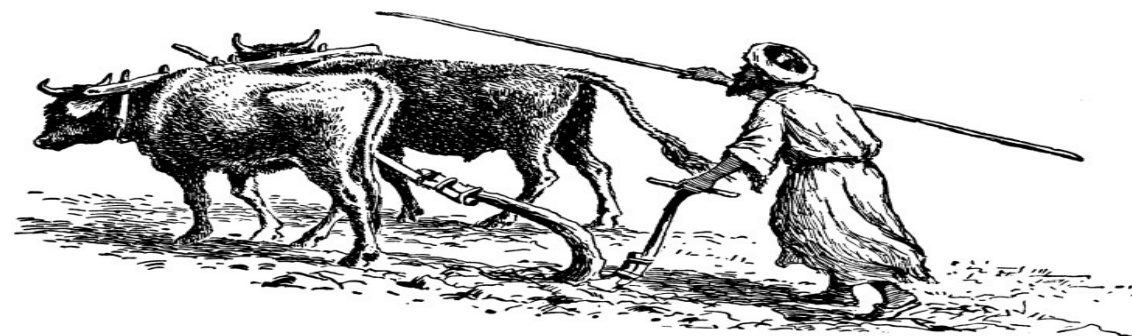
Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.... *Amen.*

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

The LORD said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.



Psalm 16

Conserva me, Domine

- 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
- 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.
- 3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.
- 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.
- 5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.
- 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
- 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.
- 8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.
- 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.
- 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.



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 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

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



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month--July 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
Aristo 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



4th OF JULY PARTY

St Stephens' families are invited to a July 4th celebration
On Sunday, 3rd of July at noon,
at the Quigley's, 2001 Elizabeth Avenue, Whiting. Please
confirm your attendance on the sign up list in the Church
Narthex or call Greg in the church office to confirm your
attendance.

(Swimming attire is optional!)

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1,13-25

For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Holy Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."



Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	JoAnn Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Beverly Larson, Ann Solaequi
Ushers 8:00 am	Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson
LEM 10:15 am	Robert Virtue, Geraldine Vergona
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Beverly Larson, Ann Solaequi
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

In the portion of Luke's gospel we begin today, Jesus sets out for Jerusalem and his death. On this journey, Jesus often spoke of the cost of following him. James and John are quite willing to use power against those who refused Jesus, but following him is harder. It means putting our old life behind and beginning a new way of living and a new way of relating to others.

The first reading is from the story of the prophet Elijah. Here Elijah calls his successor, Elisha, to be his disciple. Elisha will become the second of the two great prophets during the time of the Israelite kingdoms.

In the portion of Galatians, Paul discusses who those who live by faith rather than the law are conformed to the image of Christ by his Spirit. "Flesh" and "spirit" do not refer to our so-called "higher" and "lower" natures. Flesh refers to our unredeemed humanity. Spirit refers to the living God who is transforming us into the image of Christ. We are free because our new life into which we are growing is the life of God.

We are followers—disciples—of Christ. Baptism began a new life for us. Just as newly born infants must be fed, nurtured, and taught how to grow up human, so God is feeding, nurturing, and teaching us so that we may grow up into Christ. This Eucharistic celebration is a primary means of this work of God in us.

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Sanctuary Candle

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

*In Honor of
Jackie Bodine's & Bill Bodine's
Birthday, from Stefanie Bodine*

*In Memory of
Luitgardis Rotsaert's Birthday
from Stefanie & Bill Bodine*



Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God*

*In Memory of
My sister, Pat Laursen
from Rich & Joann Smithson*

*In Memory of
Warren "Buddy" Bruen
From Lyndell & James Cerne*

*In Memory of
Mother, Virginia Clarke's Birthday
by Daughter Susan Clarke*

*In Honor of
Jackie Bodine's & Bill Bodine's
birthday from
Stefanie and Bill Bodine*

*In Memory of
Luitgardis Rotsaert's Birthday
from Stefanie & Bill Bodine*

*In Memory of
My husband Frank J. Talarowski
from Lois Talarowski*

