



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

The Rt. Reverend Dr. Sally J. French, Bishop

The Rt. Rev. William H. (Chip) Stokes, (Retired Bishop)

The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr., Rector

Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer

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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.



Third Sunday after the Epiphany

*They left their nets
and followed Him*



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Hymnal

The Word of God

304 Processional Hymn: "I come with Joy to meet the Lord"

Open Acclamation

Opening Sentence

S280 Gloria!

Collect of the Day

First Lesson: **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

Psalm 62

Second Lesson: **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

Gradual: "Word of God Speak" (lyrics below)

Gospel: **John 1:43-51**

Sermon — *The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.*

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People (Form III)

Confession and Absolution

The Peace

Announcements

Offertory:

Doxology: "All things come of Thee, O Lord"

HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer "B"

S120 Sursum Corda

S125 Sanctus

S136 Memorial Acclamation

The Lord's Prayer

S152 Breaking of the Bread

Communion Hymns:

325 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

537 "Christ for the world we sing"

652 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

530 Closing Hymn: "Spread, O spread thou mighty word"

Dismissal

JANUARY 21, 2024

8 & 10AM

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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



WOMAN'S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

"The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays, at 11am for info contact: *Roberta Mackey at 917-696-6863*

CHOIR PRACTICE

Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

HEALING SERVICES

Join us every Thursday at 10 am for an experience that will help you find comfort, support, and spiritual healing. We welcome everyone with open hearts and look forward to sharing an enriching time with you.

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, January 22nd @ 10am.

WHITING GARDEN CLUB

No meeting in January. Happy Holidays!

OSL WILL BE MEETING

On Thursday February 8th after the Healing Service

ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL MEETING

January 28th at 9AM with a Pot Luck to follow. See Stefanie or Linda Chiappetta to sign-up for what food items you would like to share.

SHROVE TUESDAY

PANCAKE SUPPER

February 13th at 5pm

Sign-up in the Narthex, No Charge,

Entry fee \$50 per bowler

JAN. 28 4 PM

Hosted by St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Whiting

BOWLING

KING OF THE HILL TOURNAMENT

Non-sanctioned tournament is open to all adults.

For further information or to register in advance, please call St. Stephen's Parish Office at 732-350-2121, Monday - Thursday from 9 AM - 1:30 PM, Thunderbird Lanes at 609-978-9300, or Bill Bodine - Tournament Chairman at 848-210-4206. You may also email Bill at wbodine3@gmail.com

3:00 PM Registration & Check-in

Thunderbird Lanes - Manahawkin, NJ

Friends, Families, Couples and Singles

Join us for a

Valentine's Day Celebration

Sat., February 10th from 3 – 6 p.m. (Doors open at 2:45)

*Enjoy a Scrumptious Dinner of
Appetizers, Entrees & Desserts with A Valentine's Day Theme*

Bring your favorite alcoholic beverage or enjoy the
non-alcoholic beverages that will be provided.

*Our Treasure Auction has numerous gifts
that are sure to please everyone!*

50/50 Tickets will also be for sale

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Ticket Price: \$20

For tickets Call the church office at 732-350-2121

Monday–Thursday 9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.

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.*

A reading from the Prophet Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

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



TECH THURSDAY

Tech Thursday meets monthly. Next dates, Jan. 18th, Feb. 15th. Keep an eye out for our new dates to come. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, i pad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and/or Bill Bodine will be able assist you.

A BIG THANK YOU

To the Hospitality Committee for doing an outstanding job for the Bishop's lunch. No detail was overlooked and the food was delicious.

There is a sign up sheet for you to share a dish for the annual meeting on 1/28.

Please sign up so we can feed everyone.

Thanks, Stef



Psalm 62:6-14



Nonne Deo?

- 6 **F**or God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.



CHAPEL CLOTHESLINE ~ Sells well to groups meeting at our church. Now accepting Fall and 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 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.

COFFEE HOUR  coffee hour 

A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2024 - 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

Memorial Garden For Pets
 Keep an eye out for our next Memorial Service Date.
 For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest.
 Please contact our office Monday–Thursday 9am–1:30pm for more info
 (732) 350-2121

Chapel Clothesline

Dear St. Stephens Congregation; many thanks for all of your beautiful donations of new or gently used clothes and accessories for the clothing ministry. We continue to sell many of them and donate the rest to the Peace Officers bins in the parking lot. We cannot accept used underwear, socks, and pajamas. They can be put directly in the bins. Please save any other flea market type items for the Dignified Junk sale in September. We have nowhere to store these items, especially breakables. We may just end up putting them on the card table by the door for free. Sincerely, Linda Chiappetta



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month– January 11th, 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



A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brethren, the appointed time has grown very short; from now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.



Bishop Sally's Visit

Thank you to all the members of the Hospitality Team for their generosity and hard work in preparing the luncheon for the Bishop's visit last Sunday. The table decor was gorgeous, the food was delicious and plentiful, and it was enjoyed by everyone. It was a team effort and a very successful event.

Thank you so much! JoAnn Smithson

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.**



Serving in the Liturgy today:

January 21, 2024

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, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:00 am	<i>Ricki Minix</i>
LEM 10:00 am	<i>Susan Clarke, Bill Bodine</i>
Altar Guild 10:00am	<i>Valerie Thompson</i>
Ushers 10:00 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

Today we continue the seasonal theme of Jesus' manifestation ("epiphany") as the Son of God. John the Baptist's arrest ended his ministry, and now Jesus returns to Galilee and begins his public ministry with the call to repent and the calling of his first disciples. Thus, he announced that in him God's kingdom has been initiated.

The Old Testament reading is a call to the people to repent and return to God. God promises that if the people do repent then all nations will be blessed.

We continue to read a portion of 1 Corinthians, as we do each Epiphany season. The church, Paul teaches, is the ongoing epiphany of Christ in the world. As the sign of the imminence of God's kingdom, the church, he says, and its members should live as though there will be no tomorrow. Paul urges that Christians continue to live in the state of life in which they presently find themselves. This passage has provoked debate

through the centuries over the question of slavery. Most Christians feel that these words should not be treated as an absolute rule, in light of the fact that the end did not come immediately, as Paul had first thought it would. Nevertheless, his underlying principle does apply: live always in preparation for the end.

We celebrate in the community of faith as those living in the in-between times. We are at once the disciples of the Lord and his Body in the world, and yet sinners who are called to repent. We celebrate the Eucharist remembering his death and proclaiming his resurrection, but also looking for his coming again.

Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
the Glory of God*

These flowers are placed

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

Sanctuary Candle

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

This candle burns

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

