



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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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 of Easter



**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**APRIL 14, 2024
8 & 10 am**

Save the Date on Upcoming Events



<i>Hymnal</i>	<i>The Word of God</i>	<i>BCP</i>
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HOLY COMMUNION

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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*

WOMAN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, every other Monday, 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.

Trivia Gathering For Amanda

Saturday April 20, 2024 @ 2PM \$20-Tickets and a 50/50 raffle

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, April 22nd @ 10am.

RADA ORDERS

Contact Joy Frey and use the catalog to order Rada as soon as possible.

Bowling Ministry

We are proud and pleased to announce that **Fence Financial, The Heritage Restaurant and Nona’s Place** are now proud sponsors of our upcoming **KOH** tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes Wrightstown NJ!

DBE Bake Sale Fundraiser

The (Daughters of the British Empire) will be having a Bake Sale on **Sunday, April 28th**. Please visit our tables and enjoy some delicious delectables and help support National Charities helping others throughout the surrounding communities.

Garden Club

Garden Club will be meeting on May 1st at 10am for a day with the Lavender Lady here at St. Stephen’s.

OSL

Our next meeting is May 9th after the 11am healing service



CHAPEL CLOTHESLINE ~ We are now accepting **SPRING** 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. Please save donations for September Dignified Junk Sale until summer.

Sincerely, Linda Chiappetta

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.



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

Collect of the Day

☪ God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:5-12

☪ On the morning of the day after Peter and John healed the man lame from birth, the rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest and Caiaphas and John and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being examined today concerning a good deed done to a cripple, by what means this man has been healed, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by him this man is standing before you well. This is the stone which was rejected by you builders, but which has become the head of the corner. And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

Psalm 98

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.



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



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TRIVIA

Night For Amanda

APRIL 20TH
2PM

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for Amanda service
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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.

A LEGACY SUMMIT

FOR ESTATE AND WILL PLANNING

April 27th @ 10AM - 1PM

With a break for lunch

Registration is required

Please contact our office at 732-350-2121,
or stop in and sign up in our Narthex.

TECH THURSDAY

Tech Thursday meets monthly. 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.

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

A Reading from the First letter of John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

A Reading From the Gospel of Luke 24:36b-48

While the disciples were telling how they had seen Jesus risen from the dead, Jesus himself stood among them. But they were startled and frightened, and supposed that they saw a spirit. And he said to them, “Why are you troubled, and why do questionings rise in your hearts? See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see; for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.” And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate before them. Then he said to them, “These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled.” Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins should be preached in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.”



Welcome to St. Stephen's

On this Sunday of Easter the Gospel reading directs our attention to the Eucharist as our ongoing experience of the Resurrection. On the first Easter afternoon, Jesus met two of his followers, and as they walked to the village of Emmaus, he explained to them the scriptures concerning his death and resurrection. At table with them he said the blessing and broke the bread, and they recognized him. Today's Gospel reading carries that story to its conclusion. Those two disciples are in the midst of telling the others that Jesus was made known to them in the breaking of the bread, when he appears in their midst. He again explains the scriptures and shares food with them. Thus, from the very beginning of the church's life in the risen Lord, the meal has been the most common way Jesus' resurrection is revealed to his people.

Our reading from Acts today is an account of the manifestation of Christ's presence in and through his followers. Peter and John heal a cripple in the name of Jesus, and then Peter proclaims the gospel of the dying and rising of Jesus.

Our reading from 1 John this Sunday speaks of the forgiveness of sins we have as a result of our life in Christ. We are a people who, through Baptism and the Eucharist, live in Christ, dying and rising. We meet him again and again in the breaking of the bread and acclaim him: "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!"

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am
LEM 8:00 am
Altar Guild 8:00 am
Ushers 8:00 am
Lector 10:00 am
LEM 10:00 am
Altar Guild 10:00am
Ushers 10:00 am

*Joann Smithson
Richard Smithson, Joann Smithson
Linda Chiappetta
Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine
Kay Karlick
Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke
Valerie Thompson
Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson*



Sanctuary Candle

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

*In Memory of Loved ones by Bill and
Stefanie Bodine*

Altar Flowers

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