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Kay Karlick, Tom Larson, Ken Seda
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.

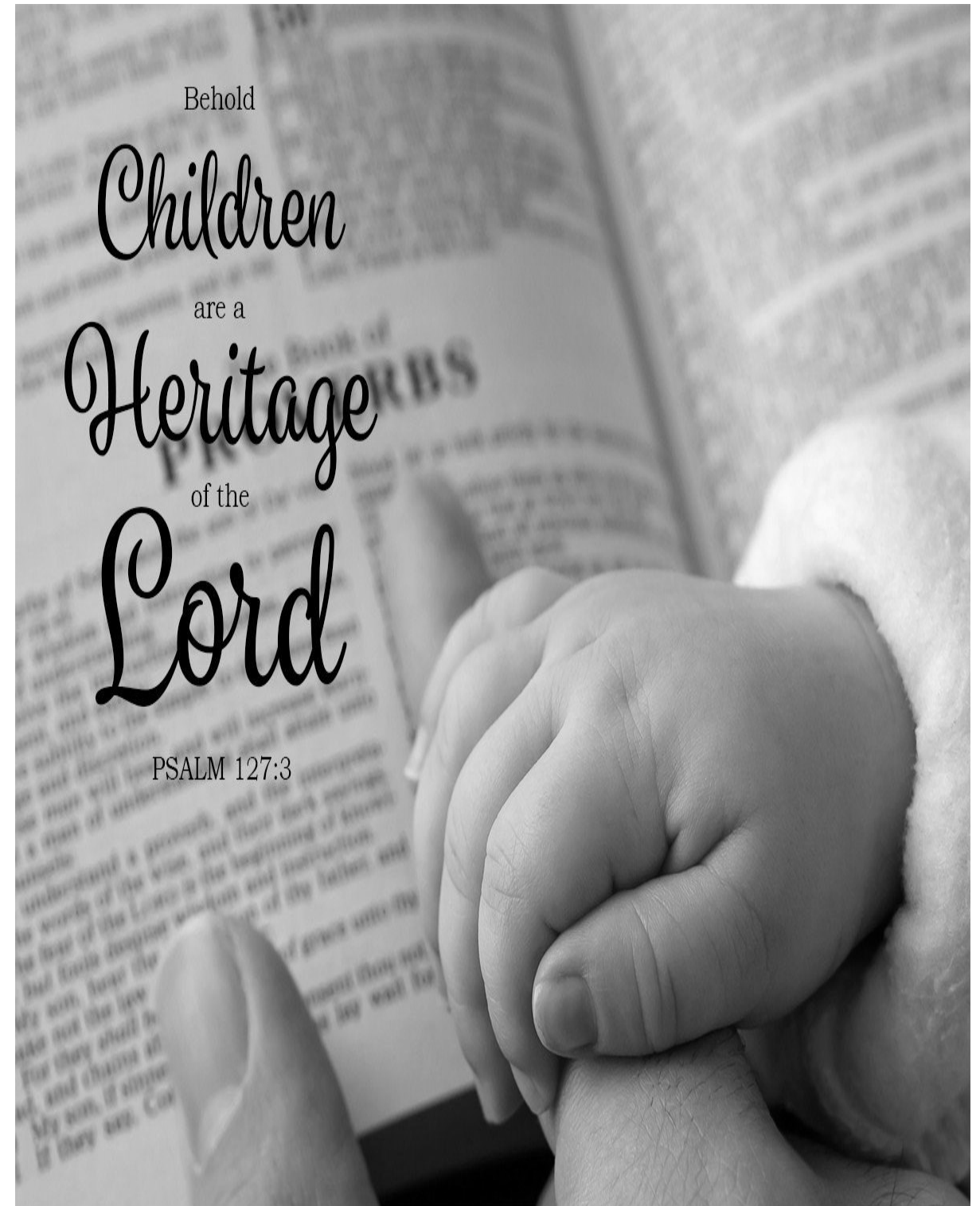
"Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them." Matthew 7:20

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 Rotsaert, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
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BIBLE STUDY GROUP-

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, A Woman's Bible study, that will be held November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 11am in the Parish Hall. For more info contact Roberta Mackey at (917) 696-6863

CHOIR PRACTICE-

Wednesdays @ 10:00 am

HEALING SERVECES-

Thursdays @ 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE-

2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service

PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND-

Fridays @ 9:30 am (practice)

ARTS & CRAFTS-

Held every 3rd Thursday of the month, from 10-12am & 1-3pm
 See Gerry Vergona for more details

CONSECRATION SUNDAY -

November 21st (Both Services 8 & 10:15 am)

VESTRY MEETING-

Monday, November 22nd (4th Monday of each month except August)

WHITING GARDEN CLUB -WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3 AT 10AM-

Edie Hindermann shares her presentations on the Pine barrens, and Butterflies/Birds/and more

PINELANDS SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT-SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AT 2PM -

tickets are \$8 each. Buy in advance or at the door. Refreshments will be served

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE-

November 24th, 2pm at the Whiting United Methodist Church.

THANKSGIVING DAY TURKET DINNER - November 25th from 11aam—1pm Sign-up

sheets are in the St. Stephen’s Church Narthex and at our Food Pantry. For more information please contact our office at 732-350-2121



SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you to everyone that shared a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. You have made a lot of children very happy in doing God's work on earth.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. Each evening at 7PM, join us for Compline on Zoom or You Tube. All are welcome!



COME AND SEE!!!

FORWARD DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

For November / December 2021 January 2022 is now available in regular & large print editions, See Stefanie.

ST. STEPHEN'S THANKSGIVING

FRENCH MACARON SALE

Delivery date is November 4th and will be distributed after the 8am and 10:15am Mass on that Sunday the 7th. Boxes include the following: Pumpkin, cranberry, Vanilla, Coconut and Chocolate Macarons. \$10:00 for each box please see Linda Chiappetta or call her at 609-276-3453 for your orders. YUM, YUM, YUM DON'T MISS OUT!

THE PINELANDS SYMPHONIC

BAND CONCERT

The concert will be held on Sunday, November 21 at 2PM. Come hear old favorites, Broadway show tunes, and holiday melodies from this fabulous group of musicians. The donation is \$8 per person. Bring a friend! Tickets will be sold at the door. Refreshments will be available. See *Stefanie*

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 27**

**November 7, 2021
8&10:15am**

Collect of the Day

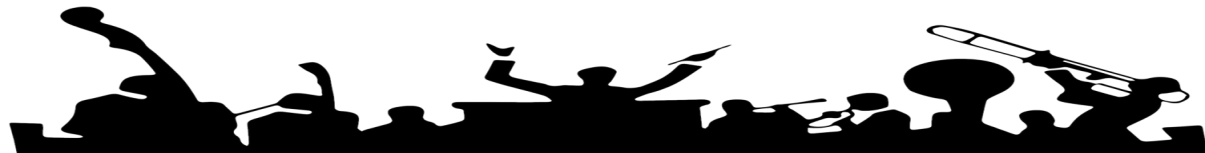
O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

First Reading

Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

Then Na'omi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, should I not seek a home for you, that it may be well with you? Now is not Bo'az our kinsman, with whose maidens you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." And she replied, "All that you say I will do." So Bo'az took Ruth and she became his wife; and he went in to her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Na'omi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next of kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." Then Na'omi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. And the women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Na'omi." They named him Obed; he was the father of Jesse, the father of David.



Psalm 127

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.
- 6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.



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 ~ 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 609/268-0821.

Consecration Sunday – November 21st ~ Special thanks, to our Stewardship Committee for a job well done: William Bodine (Chairman), Debbie Fischer, Karen Tessa-Mayer, Gerianne Murphy, Stefanie Rotsaert, Ken Seda, and Gerrie Vergona. So get on the Stewardship train, which is running full steam! Thank you all so very much, and May God Bless And Protect Our Parish and Parish Family!!!

By William Bodine III

help wanted

COFFEE HOUR



Additional help is needed for the rest of the year. Sign-up in the Narthex. 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





BLACKJACK NEEDS OUR HELP

Hi my name is Phyllis, my adopted shelter dog Blackjack is in very much need of dental work. I live solely on social security and need this financial help. He's a dog that gave up on life, I adopted him, I trained him myself, he is now a state certified therapy dog and has his k-9 good citizenship award...he is kind and gentle and has helped many people...thank you for your help...God Bless You...

Please visit the link provided below to support a good cause and help Blackjack with his much needed dental work.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/please-help-blackjack-with-dental-work/share?qid=c112c9>

Sincerely,

Miss Phyllis

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 from this valued fund. If you wish to contribute, please use the basket on the back table for donations



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month-- November 11, and December 9, 2021.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
The Arbors	2nd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm
The Pines	3rd Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm



Second Reading

Letter to the Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Holy Gospel

Mark 12:38-44

And in his teaching he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

As we approach the end of the church year, our readings from the Gospel of Mark deal with the final days of Jesus' ministry. In that period, Jesus was in direct conflict with the religious leaders in Jerusalem. In today's passage Jesus contrasts the simple faith of a poor widow, expressed by her generous giving, with the show of religiosity put on by the scribes and the rich.

The first reading completes the story of Ruth. By taking advantage of the rule in Leviticus that a male relative of a childless widow must marry her and produce children, Ruth, with Naomi's wily planning, is married to Boaz and their descendants included the royal family of Israel, and were ancestors of Jesus.

The passage from Hebrews, which we are reading through at this time, deals with the eternal nature of Jesus' priesthood. Unlike the symbolic sacrifices of the old priesthood, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection and ascension has made him uniquely able to take away the sin of the world for all time.

The people of God in every age have gathered in the Eucharist to respond to salvation in generous and loving ministry to each other and the world. Made part of Jesus' own sacrifice in baptism, we are joined with his sacrifice in the Eucharist. Thus, our own sacrifices, like those of the two poor widows, are given the eternal significance of Jesus' own dying and rising. What is lacking in us through our own imperfection is made perfect in Christ.

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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 27

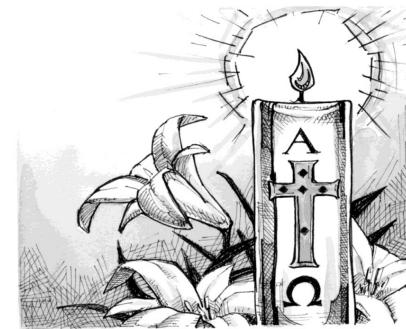
NOVEMBER 7, 2021

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	JoAnn Smithson
LEM 8:00 am	Richard Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 am	Debbie Fisher, Linda Chiapetta
Ushers 8:00 am	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:15 am	Bill Bodine
LEM 10:15 am	Robert Virtue
Altar Guild 10:15 am	Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro
Ushers 10:15 am	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

Sanctuary Candle

The Sanctuary Candle is given to
The Glory of God
Sans Memorial



Altar Flowers

Altar Flowers are given to the
Glory of God
In Memory of
Barbara Lyons
From her friend Sandy Gaskill



Daylight Savings Time is Here!

Tonight November 7th, it is
time to "TURN BACK" your clocks for that extra
hour of well needed rest!

