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Wardens and Vestry 2022

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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.

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

I will Instruct you
and Teach you
in the Way
you should go;

I will counsel you
with my loving
eye on you.



Psalm 32:8

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 26
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

10/30/2022
9 & 10:15 am

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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

BIBLE STUDY GROUP

"The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart", Mondays at 11am, for info contact

This weeks title: ...Led by, Roberta Mackey

CHOIR PRACTICE

10am every Wednesday. Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

HEALING SERVICES

Thursdays at 10:00 am

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

2nd Thursday of each month, November 10th - after Healing Service

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, November 28th @ 10am

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

November 14th @10AM

**The Men's Club & E.C.W. of
 St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 180 Rt 539, Whiting, NJ
 (732) 350-2121**
Presents
"Bluegrass & BBQ Dinner"
Saturday, November 12, 2022
from 3pm - 5pm
 Dinner served at 3pm
 Donation \$15.00 NO REFUNDS
 Proceeds benefit St. Stephen's Ministry

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church
 180 Rt 539, Whiting, NJ
 (732) 350-2121**
Presents
**"The Pinelands Symphonic Band
 Concert"**
Sunday, November 20, 2022
at 2pm
 Donation \$10.00

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!!!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

shoeboxes are available in the Narthex to fill with school supplies, toys, games, puzzles, art supplies, books, dolls, trucks, cars to share with children in need. An extra box is available for items or extra items that wouldn't fit in your box. Attach the label and your check to help ship it to the children. Deadline is in November and they will go to their next collection site before being shipped out. Barbara Marshall is the Chair. Contact her at 732-778-2628

A SPECIAL THANKS!

To Fr. Paul, for all his hard work in organizing and running a wonderful Stewardship Bible study over the past few weeks. It is a delight to have such a dedicated and selfless leader as our Pastor.

And we send healing prayers to you and your family during these difficult times. God Bless you and you family and thank you for all you do Fr. Paul

Dear fellow parishioners, Fr. Paul

The hospitality committee would like to thank everyone who made the Bishops visit and reception a huge success!

Your willingness to always bring your tasty dishes, beautiful decorations! help with setting up, cleanup etc. and enjoying fellowship with one another is always a priceless gift.

Thank you to the ECW for its generous donation, Greg for his help in all notices and publications announcing our events, Tom O'Brien for the setup of tables as well as the many members of St. Stephen's who always are willing to lend a hand.

Although I may not name everyone, (sorry) I'd be remiss if I didn't acknowledge our hard-working hospitality committee who donated time, talent, and their favorite recipes to this fabulous event!

Dottie Kaster, JoAnn Smithson, JoAnn Sorieno, Kay Karlick, Susan Quigley, Beverly Larson Thank you from the bottom of my heart! We are all so blessed with a caring, loving parish. Love you all

Sincerely,
Maryann Payne

Collect of the Day

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever... *Amen.*

First Reading

Isaiah 1:10-18

Hear the word of the LORD,
you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the LORD;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me,
who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more;

bringing offerings is futile;

incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation--
I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

Your new moons and your appointed festivals
my soul hates;

they have become a burden to me,
I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;

even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
 remove the evil of your doings
 from before my eyes;
 cease to do evil,
 learn to do good;
 seek justice,
 rescue the oppressed,
 defend the orphan,
 plead for the widow.
 Come now, let us argue it out,
 says the LORD:
 though your sins are like scarlet,
 they shall be like snow;
 though they are red like crimson,
 they shall become like wool.

Psalm 32:1-8

Beati quorum

1. **B**lessed is he whose transgression is forgiven,
 whose sin is covered.
2. Blessed is the man to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity,
 and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
3. When I declared not my sin, my body wasted away
 through my groaning all day long.
4. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me;
 my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.
5. I acknowledged my sin to thee,
 and I did not hide my iniquity;
 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD";
 then thou didst forgive the guilt of my sin.
6. Therefore let every one who is godly
 offer prayer to thee;
 at a time of distress, in the rush of great waters,
 they shall not reach him.
7. Thou art a hiding place for me,
 thou preservest me from trouble;
 thou dost encompass me with deliverance.



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 ~ 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

COFFEE HOUR

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

ST. STEPHENS PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Will be meeting on this Sunday October 23rd after both 8am and 10:15am services to start public relations with our parish online and throughout or community. We are looking for dedicated and organized ideas to help our St. Stephens grow and inform our parishioners on upcoming events and services. For more info, or, if you would like to have a meeting other than on the scheduled dates, please contact *Bill Bodine, Chair*

50/50, \$2 a ticket, Drawing on NOVEMBER 5th

Contact the church office and GET YOUR TICKETS TODAY!!!



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month--September 8th, 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



Stewardship Meeting

Greetings all!

Our stewardship slate of speakers is now complete, and thanks to all who are willing to participate this year!

After going online with project resource the last couple of weeks we came up with an idea to share. Wanted to have a fireside fall chat about stewardship on Sunday October 30th during the coffee hours and we can have a pow wow and talk stewardship! Why not bring your thoughts and ideas about stewardship to coffee hour! It's a great and informative way to exchange ideas about stewardship and to gather other people's ideas as well what they're thinking of.

If you have any other ideas and suggestions please let me know. I'm always looking for ways to improve the program. We have a very talented slate this year and our consecration Sunday speaker is Canon Phyllis Jones from the diocese of NJ. Consecration Sunday is Sunday November 20th.

Our program is nearly set and we always look for more to do as it's a year round effort!

Sunday October 30th

During both coffee hours

Bring your thoughts and ideas..

And enjoy some fall refreshments

Like apple cider, cider and pumpkin doughnuts and assorted pastries.

We would be delighted to hear your Stewardship suggestions to improve the program.

For more information contact *Bill Bodine* at 848-210-4206



8. I will instruct you and teach you
the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, as is fitting, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you in the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his call, and may fulfil every good resolve and work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:1-10

He entered Jericho and was passing through. And there was a man named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector, and rich. And he sought to see who Jesus was, but could not, on account of the crowd, because he was small of stature. So he ran on ahead and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him, for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, make haste and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully. And when they saw it they all murmured, "He has gone in to be the guest of a man who is a sinner." And Zacchaeus stood and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have defrauded any one of anything, I restore it fourfold." And Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, since he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man came to seek and to save the lost."



Welcome to St. Stephen's

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints. A central feature of that celebration is Holy Baptism, by which we have become members of the communion of the saints. This is one of the four times during the year when baptism is most appropriately administered. All of us will join in renewing our baptismal vows.

The term “saint” means “a holy person.” The doctrine of the saints is not that saints are a few exceptional Christians who were holy in themselves; instead, it reminds us that no one can become holy without the indwelling of God’s Holy Spirit. The saints are all those who received the Spirit of God in Baptism. Thus, the festival of All Saints is the celebration of all baptized people, for we have all been given the gift of the Spirit.

The readings today describe the result in the lives of God’s people of the holiness that comes from the Spirit. Daniel’s vision promises that in spite of all that is wrong in the universe, God’s holy people will receive God’s Kingdom forever. Paul reminds us that our ultimate destiny is to share in the glory of all God’s saints.

Luke’s version of the Beatitudes is briefer and more direct than Matthew’s version, with which we are more familiar. They are followed by a list of woes to those who do not live the life of holiness. The call of Jesus to saintliness is a radical call to live lives directed by love toward others. Our liturgical gatherings are meant to be more than a blessing for us who attend; they equip us to lead lives that proclaim the good news of Christ in concrete actions of love and care for others.

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Rector	<i>Rev. Paul Van Sant Sr.</i>
Lector 8:00 am	<i>Susan Quigley</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Peter Quigley</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Debbie Fisher, Dave Fisher</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:15 am	<i>Valarie Thompson</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Susan Clarke, Bob Virtue</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valarie Thompson</i>



Sanctuary Candle

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

*In Memory of
 Our Children Kim and Michael,
 from Dottie and Bill Kaster*

*In Honor of
 My Daughter Jennifer's (Oct 2)
 Birthday , From Penny Scott*

*In Honor of
 My Granddaughter Brittany's
 Birthday (Sept 28th) & Grandson's
 Brandon, (Oct 2) & Cassidy's (Oct 3)
 Birthday from Penny Scott*

*In Honor of
 My Great Granddaughter Madeline's
 Birthday (Oct 8) from Penny Scott*



Altar Flowers

*Altar Flowers are given to
 the Glory of God*

*In loving Memory of
 Robert Payne's birthday,
 by Maryann Payne*

