

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

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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.

*Happy are the people
whose strength is in you!
Whose hearts are set
on the pilgrims' way.*

Psalm 84:4

**TWENTYIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST PROPER 25
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

10/23/2022
9 & 10:15 am

Save the Date on Upcoming Events

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
686	Processional Hymn: "Come thou fount of every blessing"	
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	First Lesson: Sirach 35:12-17	Insert
	Psalm 84:1-6	Insert
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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*

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, October 24th @ 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

"PASTA & MORE"

Saturday, October 29, 2022

from 3pm - 5pm

Dinner served at 3pm

Donations are \$15.00 NO REFUNDS

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

shoebboxes 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 knowledgeable leader as our Pastor. 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

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever... *Amen*.

First Reading

Sirach 35:12-17

Give to the Most High as he has given to you,
and as generously as you can afford.

For the Lord is the one who repays,
and he will repay you sevenfold.

Do not offer him a bribe, for he will not accept it
and do not rely on a dishonest sacrifice;

for the Lord is the judge,
and with him there is no partiality.

He will not show partiality to the poor;
but he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged.

He will not ignore the supplication of the orphan,
or the widow when she pours out her complaint.

Psalm 84:1-6

Quam dilecta!

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.



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

Second Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Holy Gospel

Luke 18:9-14

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."



Welcome to St. Stephen's

The gospel reading in the liturgy today has to do with our approach to God in prayer. It is not the proud Pharisee's bragging prayer but the humble confession of the sinner which brings God's response.

The writer of Sirach (also known as Ecclesiasticus) tells us much the same as the reading from Luke. When we approach God in pride, our way is blocked by our own ego. When we confess our wrongdoings, God hears and responds with forgiveness.

The second reading is presented as Paul's final words to Timothy when Paul was in prison and facing his imminent death. That approaching martyrdom finds Paul confident in the good he has done, but, like the tax collector, he is aware of his total dependence upon God.

We, the community of faith, are put into right relationship with God not because of our success being good, but because we place our whole trust and confidence in God. We strive to give up all and follow Jesus not in order to earn God's favor, but as our response to the unswerving love God has for us.

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Serving in the Liturgy today:

Rector	<i>Rev. Paul Van Sant Sr.</i>
Lector 8:00 am	<i>Linda Chiappetta</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>William Bodine</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>Michael Munson</i>
LEM 10:15 am	<i>Carol Torres, Stefanie Bodine</i>
Altar Guild 10:15 am	<i>Valerie Thompson, Karen Mauro</i>
Ushers 10:15 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie 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*

