

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 Janet Spieth, Rector's Warden at 732/716-1656 or

Father Paul at his home 609/268-2864.



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Proper 17
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

September 3, 2017
8 AM & 10 AM

Hymnal	The Word of God	BCP
477	Processional Hymn: <i>“All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine”</i>	
	Patriotic Hymn 717 Verse 4	
	Opening Acclamation	355
S102	Trisagion	
	Collect of the Day	Insert
	First Lesson: Book of Jeremiah 15:15-21	Insert
	Psalm 26	Insert
	Second Lesson: Letter to the Romans 12:9-21	Insert
	Gradual: <i>“Word of God, speak”</i>	
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513	<i>“Like the Murmur of the dove’s song”</i>	
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644	Recessional: <i>“How sweet the name of Jesus sounds”</i>	
	Dismissal	

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
 Serving in the Liturgy today:

September 3, 2017

Lector 8:00 AM	Edna Blische
LEM 8:00 AM	Richard Smithson
Altar Guild 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Corino
Ushers 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector 10:00 AM	Peg Smith
LEMs 10:00 AM	Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke
Altar Guild 10:00 AM	Janet Spieth, Angela Van Sant
Ushers 10:00 AM	Joe Orsita, Jim Mason

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF September 3–September 9, 2017

Today	AA Meeting	8:00 pm
Monday	Office Closed	
Tuesday	Closed AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Whiting Garden Club Meeting	10:00 am
	Closed AA Meeting	3:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service	10:00 am
	ECW Meeting	1:00 pm
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting	3:00 pm
	AA Meeting	8:00 pm

Everyone is welcome to come to the coffee hour after worship.
 All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at our Lord’s
 Table, regardless of your church affiliation. We encourage you to share with
 us in this sacrament.



What's coming up this week!

**A BIG Thank You to ALL the volunteers who helped with our Annual Fair!
Thank you so much for your hard work!**

The Whiting Garden Club will be meeting on Wednesday, September 6th @ 10 AM

*The ECW will meet Thursday, September 7th @ 1 PM
With special guest speaker the Rev. Rosemary Lillis*

Reminder!

THE ECW is still collecting card fronts, box tops for kids, cancelled stamps and toiletries. Remember to save and donate these items.



*St. Stephen's will be hosting a Junior Super Spectacular Bowling Tournament
On Sunday, October 8, 2017 @ 2 PM at Playdrome Lanes in Tom's River*

*The entry fee is \$15 per bowler, and is open to all Junior Bowlers ages 18 and under.
Proof of age will be required at check-in which is @ 1:15 PM*

*Entry fee breakdown:
\$11 Playdrome Lanes fee
\$4 St. Stephen's Church*



For additional information
Please call Bill Bodine III—
Tournament director @
732-814-6683 or email at
wbodine3@gmail.com

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost Proper 17

**September 3, 2017
8 AM & 10 AM**

Collect of the Day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Book of Jeremiah 15:15-21

O LORD, thou knowest; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In thy forbearance take me not away; know that for thy sake I bear reproach. Thy words were found, and I ate them, and thy words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by thy name, O LORD, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because thy hand was upon me, for thou hadst filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Wilt thou be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the LORD. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

Psalm 26

- 1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
- 2 Test me, O LORD, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.
- 3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
- 4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
- 5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
- 6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,
- 7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
- 8 LORD, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Office is closed for Labor Day

ECW Meetings 2017: **September 7**, December 7 at 1:00 pm

ORDER OF ST. LUKE: 2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service

PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND: Fridays 9:30 am

CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE sells well to groups

meeting at our church. Now accepting **LADIES Autumn** 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. Ladies winter clothes now on clearance sale - buy one and get one free (or 50% each). We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.



LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED There is an **URGENT** call out for Lay Eucharistic Ministers for our 10:00 a.m. service. Two LEMs are needed at this service.



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.

HEALING PRAYERS The Order of St. Luke provides prayers of healing to anyone after Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month at each service. Members are also available every Sunday after the services. Look for a member near the baptismal font if you would like a prayer of healing after any service.

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.



1 Peter 4:8-10

"As generous distributors of God's manifold grace, put your gifts at the service of one another, each in the measure he has received."

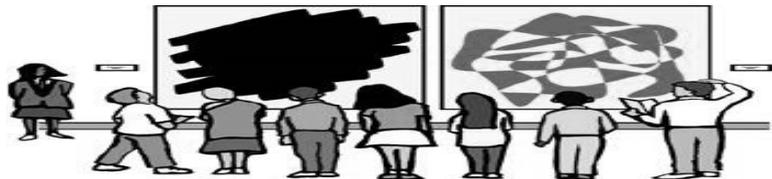


Trip to RODIN MUSEUM and Philadelphia MUSEUM of ART

Wednesday, September 27, 2017

The cost is \$55 and that will cover admission to both museums, bus transportation and tip for the driver. Lunch is on your own at the Museum Café'

Space is limited! Contact Stefanie at 732-350-2904 for more information



Second Reading

Letter to the Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Never flag in zeal, be aglow with the Spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; never be conceited. Repay no one evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals upon his head." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me; for you are not on the side of God, but of men." Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? For the Son of man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay every man for what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom."

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Beginning with today's Gospel reading, the ministry of Jesus is directed toward his approaching death and resurrection and his preparing the disciples for that event. Peter, who moments before expressed his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, now recoils at the thought of Jesus' death. Jesus begins to explain that the way into the Kingdom of God is sacrifice. His death and resurrection will be the model for that way. Jeremiah's reflection upon his experience of rejection and persecution, his hope of redemption through God's love, is read today as foreshadowing Jesus' greater work.

Today's passage from the Epistle to the Romans deals with the characteristics of Christian living. Note that we are called to love each other and to recognize that our lives are completely bound up in the lives of our brothers and sisters.

In the Eucharist, we find both of the scriptural themes for today. We are given many and varied ways of ministering and the Eucharist is a model of our ministry in caring for others and the world. In the Eucharist, by remembering Christ's dying and rising, we become participants in God's redemptive action. Our own lives are filled with meaning because we share in his life, death, and resurrection.

Announcements

September 3, 2017

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.

The Sanctuary Candle is given to the Glory of God

In honor of everyone from St. Stephens who helped Virginia and Susan Clarke

In a time of great need



The altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

By a parishioner

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at	9:30 am
AristaCare	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
Crestwood Manor	4th Monday of each month	at	2:00 pm