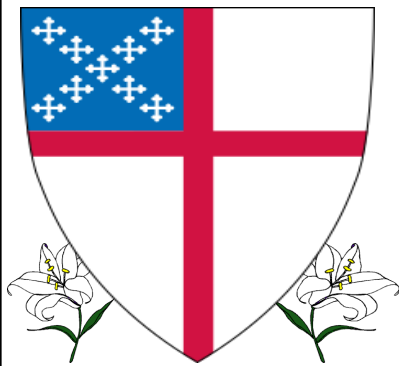




# The Chapel Chimes



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From the  
Rector's Desk...

## "A Good Eggscuse"



Christians are one of those groups of people which, no matter what they do, seem to be unable to be justified in the eyes of those who are non-Christian. Not that we have to justify ourselves to anyone other than God and then only on the Judgment Day.

Let me give you an example. When I was just out of seminary, I wanted to spend some time with my family doing things which would give Andrew (then only 4 years old) good memories and a sense of family tradition. About a week before Easter, Priscilla and I boiled eggs and got out the egg decorating kit (I think it was a Paas Kit) and we let Andrew mark some of the eggs with a wax crayon that came with the kit. We helped him dip his eggs in the colors he choose and then went on to do some more elaborate eggs for ourselves. Priscilla and I are both pretty creative when it comes to arts and crafts, so we really put our all into the project.

The week after Easter we invited family and friends to visit. Of course, we showed off our pieces of art to all who would look at them. One of our friends, who we had just gotten close to, admired our work and added, "But I'm surprised that you do this Easter bunny stuff, Being you're a Christian and all that!" Now you can imagine if we had not done that "Easter bunny stuff", We would have been chided for not allowing our kids to enjoy the same fun other kids have! But we did, so she was surprised at that.

We all are aware (I hope) that Easter is the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus. But our Lord would be the first to say that a celebration demands us to engage ourselves in meaningful activities with family and friends. Remember what he did at the wedding in Cana to ensure that the festivities would be able to continue?



What is interesting is that Easter Eggs are not distractions from the meaning of Easter. They are symbols of the very essence of it; that is, they are symbols of new life! The symbols of the Egg goes back to the Pagans of Eastern Europe. When Christianity came to them the missionaries adapted the prevailing culture symbols to make the transition to Christianity easier. In fact, even the name "Easter", is an adaption of the name of their spring festival to the goddess Eostre since the celebration of the resurrection always falls in the spring.

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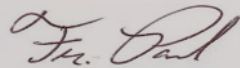


Historically, the Egg was not only a symbol of new life to the Christians of Eastern Europe. It also was an opportunity for Christian Folk art. Various styles of Egg decoration developed in each of the areas of Europe as Christianity grew. The most famous of all these styles was the Russian style of Karl Gustovoich Fabergé. Fabergé created eggs that were not only decorated in gold, silver, pearls, and gems, but he would hinge the eggs to form doors or cut the egg to form a diorama and build a scene in the egg. His work was at its height from 1884 until the Russian Revolution of 1917. It was cherished by Emperors, Kings, and Royalty throughout Europe and eventually the world. Today a Fabergé Imperial Egg commands a million dollars or more at an art auction which is fortunate enough to have one.

As a Christian community we should be looking forward to the upcoming activities of Holy Week, thanking God that we have the opportunity to accompany his Son as he proceeds from his entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, to his last meal with his disciples on Maundy Thursday, to his trial sentencing, humiliation and execution on Good Friday and finally, to his glorious resurrection on Easter morning.

We have inherited many wonderful traditions of liturgy, prayer and celebration from our fathers and mothers before us. Let us make sure to practice them during this most Holy time in the Christian year. And remember, you need no excuse to celebrate the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. You need only a thankful and humble heart and whatever eggseptionally meaningful traditions you have come to employ!

Have a blessed and happy Easter!



*The Rev. Paul Van Sant Sr. M. Div., Th.M.*



## Wedding at Cana in Galilee

(John 2:1-11)

On the third day there was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "O woman, what have you to do with me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast." So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him.



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Esther Graham, Minister of Music

## Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

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Stanzas 1 to 3 based on the Latin, 14th century  
Stanza 4. Charles Wesley, 1740

EASTER HYMN: 7. 7. 7. 7. with Alleluias  
*Lyra Davidica*, 1708

1. Je - sus Christ is risen to - day, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
3. But the pains which He en - dured, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
4. Sing we to our God a - bove, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Un - to Christ, our heaven - ly King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Praise e - ter - nal as His love; Al - - le - lu - ia!

Who did once, up - on the cross, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Now a - bove the sky He's King, Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Praise Him, all ye heaven - ly host, Al - - le - lu - ia!

Suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - - le - lu - ia!  
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - - le - lu - ia! A - MEN.

Alternative tune, "Llanfair," Hymn 4.

JESUS CHRIST: HIS RESURRECTION



**ECW**

Thank you to everyone that supported the ECW Bakeless Bake Sale for the month of February. Instead of us baking and buying each other's baked goods, we were happy to collect \$295 from all our wonderful, supportive parishioners. The monies will be used to continue our projects at the church, the community, and the world. Thank you for your kind consideration.

Stefanie Bodine, ECW President  
Kay Karlick, ECW Treasurer, and Bakeless Bake Sale Chair



## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

On Friday, March 3, all around the world, people prayed on the theme "I have heard about your Faith" based on Paul's letter to the Ephesians, an invitation to active listening, which is the ground for our prayers. The country this year was Taiwan. Thanks you to Marge Pomykala, usher; Freddy Fochesata, pianist and singer; Bill Bodine, tech; Cindy Williams, Linda Chiappetta, Blanche Dwotz, Joy Frey, Stefanie Bodine, readers; Linda and Joy also helped as ushers; Greg Mathews for printing the service leaflets and bulletin inserts. Thank you to Linda, Blanche, Marge, Stefanie for the delicious refreshments. Fifteen people were in attendance, and 5 people were online. The State President for Church Women United was in attendance with us. We collected \$136 to continue WDP-USA's mission. The country next year is Palestine. Thanks to all that helped, supported, attended, and participated. Stefanie Bodine, Chair

## Thank you

To the Men's Club and Al Thompson for creating a delicious Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner for all of us to enjoy. Everything was delicious and the Irish music added to the atmosphere. Everyone raved about the desserts as well!

*St Stephen's Whiting Stewardship Committee Proudly Presents*

## ***A Legacy Summit for Estate & Will Planning***

Please join us for a day of will & estate planning for your final expenses on Saturday April 29th from 10am-2pm! Will be on Zoom and YouTube.

A professional panel provided as a service and benefit to the people of our surrounding communities will be here to provide their services and help to everyone who needs this kind of planning and organizing their finances and their final expenses!

The panelists include: a doctor, a lawyer, a financial advisor, an insurance expert, Clergy, and a Funeral Home representative. Each panelist will speak for 10-15 minutes. Then people may table hop to speak individually with their queries and share available materials, and ideas. Additional tables will be in the Narthex with representatives from Beacon of Life, Caregivers of Central Ocean County, VNA, Medicare and more. Lunch will be served. A basket will be available for donations. We hope to see you there! And we sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity with us and the people of our Church and community.



The Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey has elected the Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French to serve as the thirteenth bishop of the diocese. She will be consecrated and installed as the bishop of New Jersey on June 24, succeeding Bishop William H. “Chip” Stokes, who is retiring.

French currently serves as Canon for Regional Ministry and Collaborative Innovation in the Diocese of North Carolina. Prior to joining diocesan staff, she spent twenty years in parish ministry, serving congregations of many sizes and types. Raised in Toronto, Canada, French earned a bachelors degree from Trinity College, University of Toronto (Economics, History), a Master of Divinity through the Toronto School of Theology, and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Virginia Theological Seminary. She was ordained a priest in 2001. She and her husband Clarke have two children living at home.

In brief remarks delivered via Zoom after the election results were announced, French thanked the voters, the Search and Transition Committees, and her fellow candidates. Concerning her forthcoming position as bishop of New Jersey she said, “I look forward to serving with love.”

The bishop-elect was chosen from a slate of five nominees by clergy and lay leaders representing each congregation of the diocese during a special hybrid convention held on Jan. 28 at Trinity Cathedral in Trenton and online via Zoom. She was elected on the third round of balloting with 68 percent of the clergy votes and 56 percent of lay votes. A majority of both clergy and lay votes in the same round was needed for election.

The Rev. Canon Dr. Sally French, bishop-elect of the Diocese of New Jersey, addresses the Electing Convention, as retiring Bishop Chip Stokes and others applaud.

“I believe the Holy Spirit has led us to a remarkable leader who is deeply grounded in the faith and love of Jesus Christ,” Stokes said. “Canon French brings gifts and skills in ministry that are well aligned to address the needs and challenges facing the Church and the Diocese of New Jersey at this moment in its life and history. I look forward to welcoming her and her family to the Diocese of New Jersey and serving with her in this exciting time of transition.”

The other nominees were The Rev. Canon Dr. Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, Canon to the Ordinary, Diocese of Rhode Island; The Very Rev. Troy Mendez, Dean, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Phoenix, Arizona; The Rev. Janine Schenone, Rector, Good Samaritan Episcopal Church, San Diego, California; and The Rev. Dr. Mauricio Jose Wilson, Rector, St. Paul’s Episcopal Church Oakland, California.

***Episcopal Community Services in partnership with the Diocese of New Jersey requests the honor of your presence at a***

Farewell Gala in honor of The Right Rev. William "Chip" Stokes, Canon Ann Notte, and Canon Mary Ann Rhoads featuring Keynote Speaker: The Most Rev. Michael Curry

**Sunday, May 21, 2023 5 PM, Located at; 2349 Marlton Pike West Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**

Purchase your ticket(s) at **[gala.ecs-nj.org](http://gala.ecs-nj.org)** or Mail your check to

*ECS-NJ at 808 West State Street, Trenton, NJ 00818*

contact [dsnyder@ecs-nj.org](mailto:dsnyder@ecs-nj.org) for more information.

RSVP & Ads requested no later than April 28, 2023

(See Susan Clarke if you are interested in creating a table of church members.

The price per person will be reduced if we attend as a church.)

## From the Treasurer's Desk

The donation envelopes are FINALLY here! If you haven't already picked yours up, they are available in the Narthex. You may discard envelopes up to the next date you'll be using them. Next year, we will not be ordering envelopes. We have done just fine crediting your accounts without envelopes. For the number of people who use them, compared to the expense, it is not in our best interest to use professionally pre-printed envelopes.

As we get closer to Easter, donations for flowers would be very helpful to the Altar Guild.

As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Blessings,

Gerrie Vergona, Treasurer



### Memorial Garden For Pets

at

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
180 Rt 539, Whiting, NJ

For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest (CREMAINS ONLY)

Please contact our office Monday-Thursday 9am-2pm for services and more information  
(732) 350-2121

## Thank you

To Fr. Paul, Estelle Pizzuti, Susan Clarke, Stefanie Bodine, Bill Bodine, Carol Torres, Bob Virtue, Susan Quigley for leading Morning Prayer, Noon Day, or Evening Prayer Services during Lent. Thank you to Estelle Pizzuti for creating all of the materials that were needed, with Greg Mathews updating the powerpoints daily for each of us. Thank you to Estelle for also creating the powerpoints for World Day of Prayer and the Stations of the Cross.

Thank you to everyone that donated an old cellphone to be used as a camera at our services for the online services. With a new microphone for Stations for each person to use, tripods, stands, and a plan of action--Bill Bodine and Fr. Paul have created a tech system so those on zoom and you tube can feel like they are in person at the services.

Thank you to Fr. Paul for sharing an enlightening Bible Study about Joseph and his dreams.



# OSL

A MINISTRY OF  
CHRISTIAN HEALING

## ORDER OF ST. LUKE

Jesus has created a sense of belonging and community to those of us that are hungry. He feeds us what we need and our hearts long for. We share food, fellowship, and healing. all delivered by the loving hands of His friends, you and me. Jesus invites all of us to His feast of blessing, abundance, and grace. The whole Gospel story is situated around hospitality and Jesus creating a sense of belonging.

Fill us with awe at the wonders and miraculous signs Jesus' does in our midst! Bless us with generous hearts toward others. Thank you for those that are saved, healed, and coming to life!

We here at St. Stephen's are filling boxes with food to be blessed on April 4 for those in need that come to our food pantry. Thank you to Tom and Bev Larson for the idea, and thank you to everyone that brought in a food item for the box at the back of the church or filled a box. We have fed many people thanks to your prayers and items.

Walk beside Jesus today. Where did you walk today? Your home, church, workplace, community, --garden, park, school, prison, shelter, hospital, beach, woods, mountains, and more. What did you see? A glorious sunset, fresh snow, footprints, bread baking, kindness shown. Ask Jesus to guide your footsteps all day today. Put your hand in His. He loves walking with you. Let Him surprise you!

Lord, we pray for revival. We pray for hearts to turn to you. We pray for more of Your Holy Spirit. We pray for our young people to know You and to chase after You. We pray for an increased desire to know and hear from You, Lord. We pray for you to stir our hearts, to call us forth, to reignite our faith! Help us grow as disciples, to grow in community, to grow in our faith. Lord, rekindle us!

Feel the power of the Holy Spirit!

## OSL

will not be meeting in April as it is Maundy Thursday and we will be attending the services during Holy Week. The next meeting is on Thursday, May 11 after the healing service.

## PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Almighty God, who inspired Luke the Physician to set forth in the Gospel the love and healing power of Your son: Graciously continue in Your Church the love and power to heal, to the praise and glory of Your Name, through Jesus Christ, Our Lord. *Amen*

## HEALING SERVICE

Join us every Thursday at 10AM for an uplifting experience prayers, communion, and healing.

Available on **You Tube** and **Zoom!**

## ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN

St. Stephen's is in need of additional members for our Prayer Chain. 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.

## DO YOU NEED PRAYERS FOR HEALING?

Your prayers have been included in our prayer list. Contact Fr. Paul. Susan Clarke, or Stefanie at (732) 350-2904 or [houseofpink7@gmail.com](mailto:houseofpink7@gmail.com) if you have any questions or need prayers.

# Lenten Weekly Opportunities

~Weeks 2-6~

\*"All Services, prayers and studies will be available on YouTube and Zoom"

## Monday

- \*Morning Prayer.....8 AM
- \*Noon Day Prayer.....12 PM
- \*Evening Prayer.....7 PM

## Tuesday

- \*Morning Prayer.....8 AM
- \*Noon Day Prayer.....12 PM
- \*Evening Prayer.....7 PM

## Wednesday

- \*Morning Prayer.....8 AM
- \*Noon Day Prayer.....12 PM
- \*Evening Prayer.....7 PM

## Thursday

- \*Healing Service and Communion in the Church .....10 AM
- \*Morning Prayer.....8 AM
- \*Noon Day Prayer.....12 PM
- \*Evening Prayer.....7 PM

## Friday

- \*Morning Prayer.....8 AM
- \*Noon Day Prayer.....12 PM
- \*Evening Prayer.....7 PM
- \*Stations of the Cross, in the Church (Followed occasionally by Benediction).....6 PM

## Sunday

- \*Holy Eucharist services.....8 AM & 10 AM
- Evening Prayer.....7 PM



# Holy Week Schedule

*\*(Services streamed online on Zoom and YouTube)*

April 2 Palm Sunday

*\*8:00 & 10:00 am- Liturgy of the Palms  
\*7:00 pm- Evening Prayer*

April 3 Monday

*\*8:00 am- Morning Prayer  
\*12:00 pm- Noon Day Prayer  
\*7:00 pm- Evening Prayer*

April 4 Tuesday

*\*8:00 am Morning Prayer  
\*12:00 pm- Noon Day Prayer  
\*7:00 pm- Evening Prayer*

April 5 Wednesday

*\*8:00 am- Morning Prayer  
\*12:00 pm- Noon Day Prayer  
\*7:00 pm- Evening Prayer*

April 6 Maundy Thursday

*\*8:00 am- Morning Prayer  
\*10:00 am- Healing Service (no Eucharist)  
\*12:00 pm- Noon Day Prayer  
\*6:00 pm- Holy Eucharist with Foot Washing*

April 7 Good Friday

*\*8:00 am- Morning Prayer  
\*10:00 am- Good Friday Liturgy  
\*12:00 pm- Noon Day Prayer  
\*2:00 pm- Good Friday Community Service  
\*6:00 pm- Stations of the Cross  
\*7:00 pm- Evening Prayer*

April 8 Holy Saturday

*\*8:00 am- Morning Prayer  
\*12:00 pm- Noon Day Prayer  
\*7:00 pm- Evening Prayer  
Easter Vigil at Trinity Cathedral, Trenton.  
(Call the Church office for details.)*

April 9 Easter Sunday

*\*8:00 am- Holy Eucharist  
\*10:00 am- Choral Feast of the Resurrection*



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

*Leaving from church at  
5:30pm for 7pm service at  
Trinity Cathedral Church in  
Trenton*



# A LEGACY SUMMIT for Estate & Will Planning

## Our Program Includes

**APRIL  
29TH**

**10:00 AM  
to 2:00PM**

Please join us for a day of will & estate planning for your final expenses. A professional panel provided as a service and benefit to the people of our surrounding communities will be here to offer their services and help to everyone who needs this kind of planning and organizing their finances and their final expenses!

- > Each panelist will speak about 10-15 minutes.
- > Break for lunch.
- > A secondary session will include time to meet each panelist to ask questions. Additional take-home materials will be available.

*We hope to see you there! And we sincerely hope you will take advantage of this opportunity with us and the people of St. Stephen's Whiting.*

### St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

180 Route 539  
Whiting NJ

In person seating is limited to 50 people. Registration is required. Call church office at 732-350-2121, Monday-Thursday between 9:00AM - 2:00 PM.

Sponsored by St. Stephen's Whiting Stewardship Committee

## ST STEPHENS PUBLIC RELATIONS TEAM OFF TO AN OUTSTANDING START IN 2023!!!

Everyone can be proud of St Stephen's Public Relations! The team is off to a terrific start this year, and our tireless work and efforts have yielded so many positive results! In addition, we have improved our audio/video capabilities by adding a new webcam and a wireless microphone. And most recently, we created a new church Instagram account. Things are progressing very, very well, and we continue to seek additional help from you. Whether you're a seasoned computer techie or have very limited or no skill set, we can use your help! Church events are building, and we can definitely use your time, talent, and dedication. We already have a talented and dynamite team of parishioners who graciously volunteered their support for the public relations team. And there's much more to do! If you enjoy helping the church with this ongoing effort to ensure proper coverage of all St Stephen's whitening events, please join us at our next meeting after Easter on Sunday, April 16th! This awesome juggernaut of a team puts forth a lot of time to help the church in this endeavor.

We're asking all Ministry and organization chairpersons to please use the new public relations form available in the narthex for your event coverage. It surely helps us tremendously so we can give you the coverage you need for success. In addition, we continue to turn old smartphones into webcams for church services. If you have any old smartphones that have a camera please consider donating them to the church. We will certainly put them to good and beneficial use.

If you have ideas, suggestions, or just want to come and see us in action, come to our next meeting! You will not be disappointed, and you might even enjoy participating on the team! Public relations is an ongoing, year round effort, and our team is looking to grow! Come out and see us! Or you can also contact me should you have additional questions about public relations.

May God continue to bless our beloved St Stephen's whitening, our parish family,  
and our dynamic team!

*By William Bodine III - Chairman*



## *Easter Flower Donations*

**Honor or remember a loved  
one with an Easter flower!**

The Altar Guild is again planning to order potted flowers to decorate the Sanctuary in preparation for Easter. This is a time when we especially may want to remember our loved ones and friends who have died or to express thanksgiving for our blessings.

Easter Flower Offering envelopes will be available in the Narthex for those who would like to participate. Please fill out the appropriate information, and return the envelope to the church at your earliest convenience. [The deadline for submission of Easter Flower Offering envelopes is Sunday, April 2, 2023.](#)

If you have any questions, please call Altar Guild Flower Chair, Valerie Thompson, at  
732-657-4510.

Thank you and God Bless.

# "Queen Esther"

A few years ago a bus trip was planned to see "Queen Esther" at the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, PA. COVID happened, the trip was cancelled, \$ was refunded, and people were disappointed. Stefanie purchased a DVD of the "Queen Esther" production. On Saturday, April 22, at 10AM, the DVD will be shared. Refreshments will be served. A basket for a free will offering will be available.

COME AND SEE!

*Happy Birthday!*

## April

<i>Margaret Mason</i>	<i>04/04</i>
<i>Mary Storey</i>	<i>04/05</i>
<i>Sherri Bray</i>	<i>04/09</i>
<i>Jennifer Farrar</i>	<i>04/12</i>
<i>Priscilla Van Sant</i>	<i>04/16</i>
<i>Barbara Marshall</i>	<i>04/18</i>
<i>Robert Rutkowski Jr</i>	<i>04/23</i>
<i>Andrew Tominovich</i>	<i>04/24</i>
<i>Sami Albrink</i>	<i>04/25</i>
<i>Rowan Farrar</i>	<i>04/28</i>
<i>Fred Spieth</i>	<i>04/29</i>

## May

<i>Jeremy Busch III</i>	<i>05/01</i>
<i>David DeLouise</i>	<i>05/10</i>
<i>Stevie Ray Butler</i>	<i>05/11</i>
<i>Charlotte Corino</i>	<i>05/12</i>
<i>Ellie Walling</i>	<i>05/13</i>
<i>Joanne Iacovelli-Lemmon</i>	<i>05/15</i>
<i>Esther Graham</i>	<i>05/18</i>
<i>Conceicao Sutherland</i>	<i>05/19</i>
<i>Jean Hanko</i>	<i>05/21</i>
<i>Margie Pomykala</i>	<i>05/21</i>
<i>Gerald Brown</i>	<i>05/28</i>
<i>Hilary Taliaferro</i>	<i>05/30</i>
<i>Ginny Bray</i>	<i>05/30</i>

# MESSAGE BOARD

## WHITING GARDEN CLUB

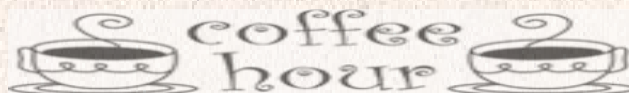
Whiting Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, April 5 at 10AM. Our speaker is Ben from Jakes Branch County Park on Culinary herbs. All are welcome--no dues, no minutes. We are working on our plans for next year. Contact Stefanie at (732) 350-2904

## ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Please see our lists of service on page 8 and 9 for online streaming. Holy Eucharist is held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM on zoom and you tube as well. All are welcome! COME AND SEE!!!  
Compline will return after Easter.

## THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

will not be meeting in April because of Holy Week and the church being closed. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 8 at 10am



Sign-up to host a coffee hour in 2023. The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Everyone enjoys socializing after the services as well as sharing some delicious food items. More help is needed to host one in '23. Any questions? Ask Stefanie at (732)350-2904 or chat with her on Sunday.

## ST. STEPHEN'S WHITING 27th ANNUAL

### BLESSING OF THE BIKES

SUNDAY, MAY 7th, 2023

Father Paul Van Sant, Rector of St Stephen's Episcopal Church Whiting, NJ, WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN US for the 27th Annual Blessing of the Bikes on Sunday, May 7th, 2023 from 12-4 pm rain or shine.

Bikes will be blessed at 2 pm by Father Paul. Donation is \$15 per person, and proceeds to benefit St Stephen's Ministry. Ticket price includes: hamburgers, hot dogs, and pulled pork. Also baked beans and assorted salads.

Trophies will be awarded for: Best bike, Oldest Rider, and Longest distance rider. For further information on where to purchase tickets and directions to the church please call the Parish Office at: 732-350-2121 Monday thru Thursday from 9am-2pm or email us at [ssechurch@gmail.com](mailto:ssechurch@gmail.com)

## 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.**

# FATHER PAUL VAN SANT

WELCOMES YOU TO JOIN US FOR OUR

**27<sup>th</sup>** ANNUAL

# BLESSING OF THE BIKES

**SUNDAY MAY 7th 2023**

HOURS 12 TO 4 RAIN OR SHINE

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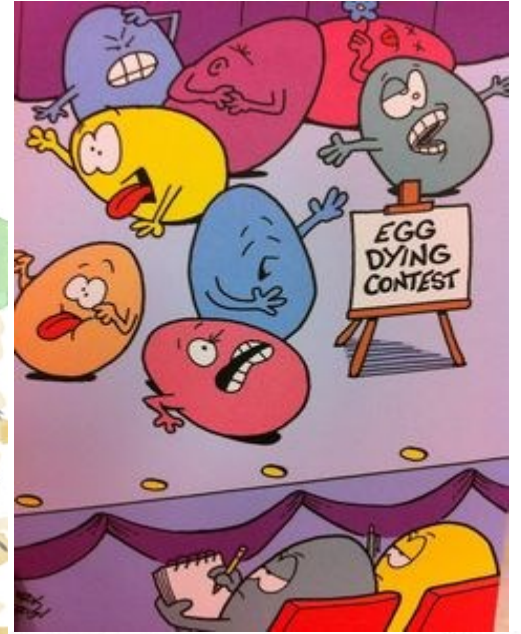
or e-mail us at [ssechurch@gmail.com](mailto:ssechurch@gmail.com)

## ***LEM AND LECTORS***

Our LEMs and Lectors have reverted to pre-COVID practice. There are 2 LEMs at each service. Since we have a maximum of four LEMs serving at 8:00 and 10:00, we are serving every other week. While we are devoted to this ministry, it would be a real pleasure to have a few additional volunteers. We also now have scheduled Crucifers because few of the LEMs can carry the cross. We could also use a few more people to administer the alcohol-free wine. Of course, having 1 or 2 more readers would be great.

If you are interested in joining in with any of these ministries, please see *Fr. Paul* or *Susan Clarke* who will be very happy to speak with you.

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# 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2 Palm Sunday</b> <i>Liturgy of the Palms &amp; Passion Drama</i> 8&10:4M	<b>3</b> <i>Woman's Bible study Group 11am</i> AA group 3pm	<b>4</b> <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> <i>Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm</i>	<b>5</b> <i>Choir practice 930:am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	<b>6</b> <i>Healing Service 10am</i> <i>AA Meeting 3pm</i> <i>Mammy's Thursday 6pm</i> <i>Foot Washing</i>	<b>7</b> <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> <b>Good Friday 10am</b> <i>Liturgy</i> <i>AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm</i>	<b>8</b> <i>AA Meeting 8pm</i> <b>Easter Vigil at Trinity Church</b> <i>in Trenton NJ 7pm</i>
<b>9 Easter Sunday</b> 8AM & 10AM Choral Feast of the Resurrection	<b>10</b> <i>AA group 3pm</i> CHURCH CLOSED	<b>11</b> <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> <i>Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm</i>	<b>12</b> <i>AA Meeting 3pm</i> CHURCH CLOSED	<b>13</b> <i>AA Meeting 3pm</i> CHURCH CLOSED	<b>14</b> <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> <i>AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm</i> CHURCH CLOSED	<b>15</b> <i>AA Meeting 8pm</i> CHURCH CLOSED
<b>16</b> <i>Holy Eucharist 8&amp;10:4M</i>	<b>17</b> <i>Woman's Bible Study Group 11am</i> AA group 3pm	<b>18</b> <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> <i>Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm</i>	<b>19</b> <i>Choir practice 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	<b>20</b> <i>Healing Service 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	<b>21</b> <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> <i>AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm</i>	<b>22</b> <i>AA Meeting 8pm</i>
<b>23</b> <i>Holy Eucharist 8&amp;10:4M</i>	<b>24</b> <i>Vestry Meeting 10am</i> <i>Woman's Bible Study Group 11am</i> AA group 3pm	<b>25</b> <i>Closed AA Meeting 2pm</i> <i>Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm</i>	<b>26</b> <i>Choir practice 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	<b>27</b> <i>Healing Service 10am</i> AA Meeting 3pm	<b>28</b> <i>Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am</i> <i>AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm</i>	<b>29</b> <i>AA Meeting 8pm</i>
<b>30</b> <i>Holy Eucharist 8&amp;10:4M</i>						



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## Help Hotline Contact Information

As many of us face challenges with today's unstable economy, here are some helpful telephone numbers for assistance. Pass them along if you know someone who needs a little extra help getting through these tough times.

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Hope Hotline 888-995-HOPE

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### Health Insurance, Food Stamps, Utilities

NJ Family Care 800-701-0710

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OC board of Social Services 732-349-1500

Verizon NJ Communications Lifeline

888-337-3339

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[www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices](http://www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices)

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[www.foodbankmoc.org](http://www.foodbankmoc.org)

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Pick-up Location Christ Episcopal Church

1415 Washington St. Toms River

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### Other Important Numbers

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[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

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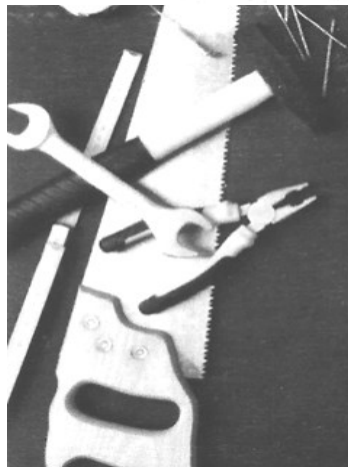
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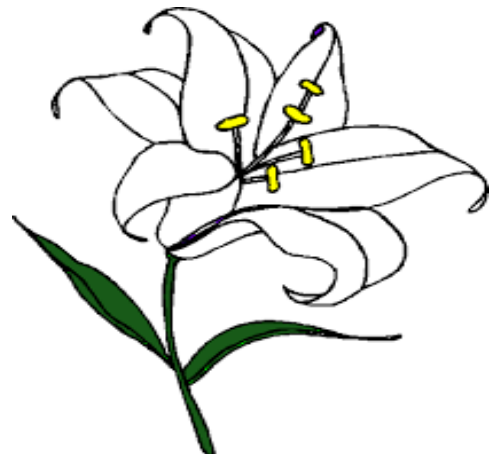
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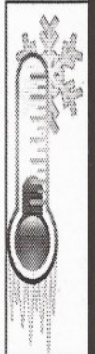
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## APRIL CALENDAR



**Saturday, April 1** - Easter Vigil - 7PM (We will be leaving the church at 5:30PM for 7PM at the Cathedral)

**Sunday, April 2** - Palm Sunday services at 8AM and 10AM

Note: see the list for Holy Week

**Monday, April 3, 17, 24** - 10AM - Women's Bible study

**Sunday, April 9** - Easter Sunday services at 8am and 10am

**CHURCH IS CLOSED from April 10-15**

**Sunday, April 16, 23, 30** - 8AM, 10AM Holy Eucharist and Church Service

**Thursday, April 20, 27** - 10AM - Healing Service

**Saturday, April 22** - "Queen Esther" DVD - 10AM - free will offering, refreshments

**Monday, April 24** - 10AM - Vestry Meeting

**Saturday, April 29** - 10AM - Legacy Summit

**NOTE: SEE THE LIST FOR LENTEN SERVICES EACH DAY**