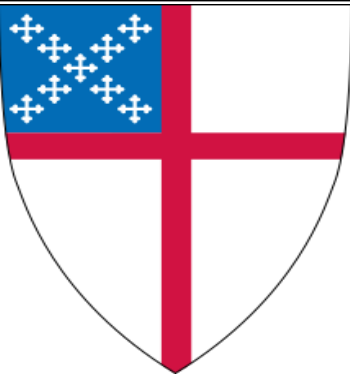




The Chapel Chimes



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From the

Rector's Desk...

"Lenten Focus on Prayer"

As you have most certainly noticed, "There's a lot of prayin' goin' on around here! Yes, Lent has given us a chance to enter into an intense prayer opportunity. Starting with our February 25th "Prayers in the Pews" and continuing with our online Daily Office which will continue through to Holy Saturday. Why so much prayer? Because we need to stop talking *about* God and start talking *to* God. St. Paul tells us to "Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16 -18 RSV)

In other words, be in constant conversation with God. From the moment you open your eyes till you are drifting into sleep at night.

Lots of folks have told me that this is not possible. What can we possibly talk about? God is not interested in my silly thoughts. Besides, he already knows everything. What could I tell him that's new? First of all, we don't have to tell Him something new to Him. We need to tell Him what's new to us. If you want a simple way to remember this just "Tell Jesus what He already knows." He won't complain. He'll listen to you. "God, I saw the most beautiful sunset this evening." "God, I saw a homeless person under the bridges I wonder how he came to be there." Better yet, "How might I help him?" "God I'm lonely, or hungry, or angry, or scared..."

If we want to set aside special times, like our Online Daily Office, we can use the time for intercession to offer our personal prayers. When praying, we should always start with Praise to our God, followed by Thanksgiving for all He has given us. Then confession of our sins and unworthiness. Remember when the Centurion came to Jesus to heal his servant? Jesus said he would come



to his house and heal him; but the Centurion said "Lord I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but only speak the word only and my servant will be healed." His sincere humility and recognition of his sinful nature became an opportunity for Jesus to not only heal the servant of his illness, but also to heal the Centurion.

(Matthew 8:5-13). Then tell Jesus what your friends and family need. Finally, tell what you need. Praise, Thanks, Confession, Intersession and Petition. A good way to pray.

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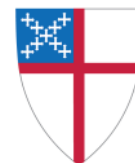


Every conversation needs to go two ways to be a conversation. As much as we need to tell God what's on our minds, we need to hear what's on His. Prayer is not just talking, but also listening. Listening to scripture, to music, to sermons and reading books about the mystics or other saint of the Church. Prayer is not only personal, but corporate. We need to spend time both alone with God and as the Church worshipping together.

To pray in any circumstance is to tell God that you trust Him to shepherd you through life's joys, wonders, trials, pains, hopes and fears. "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil, for thou art with me." Prayer keeps us in the presence of God, and God in the presence of our minds and souls.

May we have a prayerful and meaningful Lenten season;

And may we grow in God's Grace as we share ourselves with Him, and He with us, in prayer.



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

STEWARDSHIP OFF TO AN OUTSTANDING START TO 2023

LEGACY SUMMIT SET FOR SATURDAY APRIL 29th!!!

By William Bodine - Stewardship Chairman

Wow! What a great start to Stewardship in 2023! We've already had meetings and have officially launched St Stephen's Legacy Summit planning and organization! The date has been set for Saturday, April 29th from 10am-2pm. By this successful endeavor stewardship has become a year-round program here at St Stephen's Whiting!

As the team formulates the event and as we move forward, we'll assemble our panel of professionals who will look to provide a service and benefit to the people of our surrounding communities and to St Stephen's parish family. We will be meeting monthly so come and see! See what we're up to and the many programs we're planning for the church!

You are welcome to call the parish office and make your reservation to attend the event. Donations are welcome! We would be delighted to have you at this grand event!

In addition, the stewardship team will be looking at ways to improve parish membership. We will be contacting those who have been away from church or have simply been out of touch. We thank all members of the stewardship team for their hard work and efforts to make the program year-round! And our efforts will show in a fantastic year for St Stephen's Whiting!

Look for further announcements on Legacy and other Stewardship activities in the months ahead!

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Please submit signed and dated items in writing to

The Church Office or email us at,

ssechurch@gmail.com

The deadline for items,

(First Monday of the month for the following month)

Any Questions, please feel free to contact us

@

(732) 350-2121 ext 10

Lent Is A Time When We Think Of Others

Verse 1

Lent is a time when we think of others
All the poor our sisters and our brothers
Left all alone in some far distant land
Asking for someone to give a helping hand

Chorus

It's fair to say that Lent isn't fun
If we believe that the world should be one
And we put aside money we could have spent
And give it to the poor in this time of Lent

Verse 3

Lent is a time when the Father sees us
As we pray and give ourselves to Jesus
All we've done wrong and of this I am sure
God will forgive us and love us even more

Verse 2

Lent is a time when we give up something
Some small gift for people who have nothing
That is my dream and I hope it comes true
That is the message we want to pass to you

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Recycling and Redemption

Scripture: Romans 8:28

I heard the guitar playing late one night in Soweto, South Africa. So I followed the sound until I found the source. He was standing on the corner, playing a guitar he had made from an old oil can, a piece of wood, some bottle caps, and guitar strings. He played it like Eric Clapton or Jimmy Hendrix.

When he was through playing, I handed him a few dollars, and we began talking. I asked about the guitar, and he said, "I pick up things in the trash and try to use them. It's amazing what people throw away, and amazing what you can do with it. You just have to use your imagination. We throw away too many valuable things." Ever feel like your life is in the trash heap? It's amazing what the One who made you can do with your life. God is in the business of recycling and redemption. What you thought of as trash, can be used to make great music.

Prayer: Dear God, help me to see that the things I think of as trash in my life are chances for you to make something wonderful for this world. In Jesus' name I pray.. *Amen.*

Michael Henderson — Florence, SC

(https://endhunger.org/docs_church/lent/Lenten_Devotions_Booklet.pdf)



ECW

ECW will be holding their annual Bakeless Bake Sale in February. Instead of each one of us baking an item and buying each other's delicious baked goods, envelopes will be in the pews for you to put a donation in and place it in the collection plate. The monies will be used to continue our projects at the church, the community, and the world. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Stefanie Bodine, ECW President

Kay Karlick, ECW Treasurer and Bakeless Bake Sale Chair

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This day of prayer will be held all over the world and within those 24 hours people pray. The country this year is Taiwan. The ecumenical event will be held here on Friday, March 3 at 10AM. The topic is "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 worship service includes music. Refreshments will be served. ECW Members will be participating as readers, ushers, and creating refreshments. The bulletin will have an insert with details. Contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904 for details.

ENGLISH TEAS

Our English Teas are not advertised or publicized. If you and your friends wish to join us on Thursday, September 21 from 2-4PM, stop by the office Monday-Thursday from 9AM-2PM, and purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$15 each per person, per event. They sell out quickly. Seating is by card table of 4 people. Enjoy a pleasant afternoon of delicious sandwiches, scones, trifle, and desserts. Tables have linen tablecloths and napkins, real china cups and saucers, plates; silverware, flower arrangement, and teapot. Door Prizes are brand new teapots, treasure auction, and 50/50 add to the day. Hats are optional and there will be a prize for the prettiest hat on the day. Any questions? See *Stefanie* or call her at (732) 350-2904.

Woman's Bible Study

OSL will be meeting on March 9 with the Woman's Bible Study, on **April 13** the church is closed after Easter, and the group will meet again **May 11**. Currently, we are reading a book from The Rev. Josh Acton, the North American Director of OSL, who met with us in October, entitled A POWERFUL JOY. The book is very inspirational to healing and a relationship with God. *Bill and Stefanie Bodine, Co-Conveners.*



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** or Mail your check to

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

contact dsnyder@ecs-nj.org for more information.

RSVP & Ads requested no later than April 28, 2023

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

Will hold a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on Saturday, March 11, 2023 from 4-6PM. The Men's Club will sponsor this event. Doors open at 3:30PM. A full course dinner will be served. Please feel free to bring your own wine or beer, A 50-50 will be held. Tickets cost \$20 each and there is a limit of 50 seats. Purchase your tickets on Sunday, or at the church office, Monday-Thursday from 9AM-2PM, or call (732) 350-2121 for information.



From the Treasurer's Desk

Now that we're in our second month of 2023, we're still trying to make ends meet. There are a few areas where additional donations would be extremely helpful. Following are ongoing expenses that you could direct those donations to whether it be monetary or physical items:

Maintenance: Salt for the water system, cleaning supplies (\$)

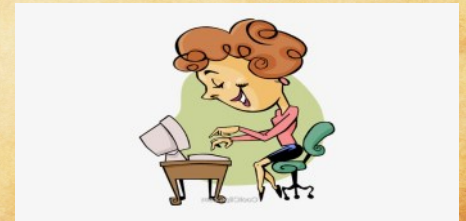
Altar: Hosts, candles

Kitchen: Plastic knives and forks, no spoons, paper napkins & towels, Coffee and Decaf Coffee.

Office: Printer paper, supplies

As always, thank you for your ongoing generosity.

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



Valentine's Day Dinner

A BIG THANK YOU to Barbara Marshall-Carter, Linda Chiappetta, and all who helped to make such a special and delicious dinner possible for so many. The food was amazing and we had compliments all around! You all did such a great job! We are looking forward to next year and all the events to come in 2023. God bless and have a safe and healthy Lenten season.



OSL

A MINISTRY OF
CHRISTIAN HEALING

ORDER OF ST. LUKE

Currently in our OSL group we are reading A POWERFUL JOY: Lessons in Healing by Joseph K. Acton. He talks about the value of renewal in the spirit of our minds. We will win our spiritual battles by taking authority in Jesus' Name over what is going on in our minds. Meet the Living God within the everyday events and circumstances of our lives. Make a cognitive adjustment to the truth of the love of God and the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Christian Joy is a formidable opponent to the forces of evil. "Rejoice in all things" as Paul says. As you drive, work in your kitchen, or whatever you are doing--rejoice and praise the Lord! Glorify him, praise him, thank him! Pray for those around you while you are in traffic, shopping, cooking, helping others. Share the Joy of the Living God!

A PRAYER FOR WARMTH, NOURISHMENT, KINDNESS, AND HOPE:

"I was hungry and you fed me, I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room, I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me. When you cared for one of the least of these..., ypu demonstrated love for me." Matthew 25:35-36, 40, MSG, TPT

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 Complaine prayer list. Contact Fr. Paul. Susan Clarke, or Stefanie at (732) 350-2904 or 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 Church10 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

Lenten Weekly Opportunities

~Week One~

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

February 21st Shrove Tuesday

*Morning Prayer.....	8 AM
*Noon Day Prayer.....	12 PM
Pancake Supper.....	4—6 PM
*Evening Prayer.....	7 PM

February 22nd Ash Wednesday

*Ashes and Communion in the Church	10 AM
Ashes only at Arista Care.....	12 PM
Ashes To-Go.....	At the 3 local shopping centers
Ashes only at the Pines.....	2 PM
*Ashes and Communion with Choir in the Church.....	4 PM
*Ashes and Communion in the Church	7 PM

February 23rd Thursday

*Morning Prayer.....	8 AM
*Healing Service and Communion in the Church	10 AM
*A Lenten Bible Study	11 AM
*Noon Day Prayer.....	12 PM
*Evening Prayer.....	7 PM

February 24th Friday

*Morning Prayer.....	8 AM
*Noon Day Prayer.....	12 PM
*Stations of the Cross, in the Church	6 PM
*Evening Prayer.....	7 PM

February 25th Saturday

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

February 26th Sunday

*Holy Eucharist services	8 AM and 10AM
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





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

URGENT PLEA FROM THE ALTAR GUILD!!!

The Altar Guild currently has three members who are sharing the responsibilities of clearing and setting up the altar for the 8 AM services. And we only have four members who have been handling the 10:00 AM services. Members always work in pairs to cover one week of services – usually one Sunday service and the following Thursday's Healing Service. The same two members would cover any special service (i.e., wedding, baptism, funeral) that may be scheduled in that week.

We are encouraging all interested parties to prayerfully consider volunteering for the Altar Guild as a way to serve the church with your time and talents. The work is not hard nor time consuming, and with a full roster, it lessens the work for all of us. We believe you will find it a very spiritually rewarding ministry. **Men are also welcome!** Please be assured that your help is desperately needed and will be greatly appreciated.

The following is a list of current members of the Altar Guild. Please feel free to speak with any one of them if you think you might be interested in joining our very dedicated volunteers.

8:00 AM - Debbie Fisher, David Fisher, Linda Chiapetta

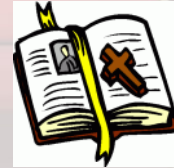
10:15 AM - Beverly Larson, Karen Mauro, Ann Solaequi, Valerie Thompson

Thank you for your consideration.

Valerie Thompson, Directress

732-657-4510 (h)

732-236-9640 (c)



Happy Birthday!

March

<i>Richard Batesko</i>	<i>03/08</i>
<i>Thomas Cornelius</i>	<i>03/09</i>
<i>Sydney Stahl</i>	<i>03/19</i>
<i>Gavin Brennan</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Valerie Thompson</i>	<i>03/20</i>
<i>Emily Brennan</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Michael Grande</i>	<i>03/21</i>
<i>Tara Butler</i>	<i>03/23</i>
<i>Lillian Nutry</i>	<i>03/23</i>
<i>Madison Cornelius</i>	<i>03/25</i>
<i>Danielle Batesko</i>	<i>03/27</i>
<i>Paul Van Sant Sr</i>	<i>03/30</i>

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>Geraldine Cook</i>	<i>04/19</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>

MESSAGE BOARD

English Tea

Our May Tea is sold out Help will be needed to create the event. Tickets are still available for the September 21st Tea. Stop in the office to pick up your tickets. Tables are set for 4 people. Or buy your tickets on Sunday . Call Stefanie, Chair, at (732) 350-2904

WHITING GARDEN CLUB

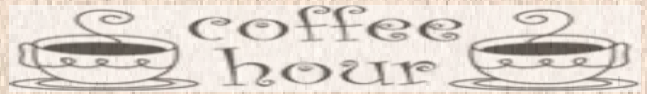
Will meet on Wednesday, March 1 at 10AM. Karen Walzer from the Barnegat Bay Partnership will share information on native plants, and more. All are invited. No minutes, no dues. Contact Stefanie at (732) 350-2904.

ONLINE CHURCH SERVICES

Compline is available at 7PM every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Holy Eucharist is held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM on zoom and you tube as well. All are welcome! COME AND SEE!!!

THYROID SUPPORT GROUP

Will meet at 10AM on Monday, March 13, 2023. Join others to learn and share thyroid issues. Call the facilitator Stefanie at (732) 350-2904.



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.

OSL Healing Retreat

at St. John Baptist Retreat House in Mendham, NJ on Thursday, March 16 through Sunday morning, March 20th. The Spiritual Director for the weekend is Father Charles Lochner. The cost is \$200 which includes all meals, starting Thursday evening with a Welcome Reception. This also includes a single person room. Payment is due by March 1, 2023. Checks should be payable to "Order of St. Luke-St. Stephen's. Waretown" and mailed to Roberta Lone, 12 Laurel Lane, Bayville NJ 08721. Hopefully I will get directions soon if you have any members attending.

AARP SAFE DRIVING CLASS FOR SENIORS

will be held on Tuesday, March 21 from 9AM-1PM. If you are an AARP member, bring your drivers' license, membership card, and \$20; if you are not a member, bring your drivers' license, and \$25. Bring a snack. After the class, you may receive a discount on your auto insurance. Call Stefanie at (732) 350-2904 if you plan to attend.

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.**

ST STEPHENS WHITING PUBLIC RELATIONS

OFF TO A SPECTACULAR START IN 2023!!!

By William Bodine - Chairman

St. Stephen's Whiting Public Relations is off to a super start! We had our first meeting of the year and already we're rolling with coverage of events in February!

We took a look at the recently composed 2023 Fund Raising Schedule of events that need our attention. Many thanks to all who volunteer their time and talent to the public relations juggernaut! We're rocking and rolling into the new year and we're on every major event!

If your ministry or organization needs coverage, we have created a public relations form available in the office. We'd greatly appreciate it if your chairperson or rep could fill out the form, so we know exactly the kind of coverage necessary for your event. Without this information it's difficult for us to determine the coverage needed. Please see Greg Matthews in the Parish Office for the form to be completed.

On the audio/video front, we recently added another webcam to our set of online cameras. To keep costs down, we're utilizing old cell phones and tablets. If you have an old cell phone with access to Gmail, zoom, and YouTube please let us know. We'd be happy to use your equipment to broadcast church events and services!

Our next meeting is set for Sunday, February 5th after the later service in the parish hall. We continue to look out for those with either a specific skill set or who just want to get involved in the action! Please call the Parish Office or reach out to me and we can immediately get you rolling with us! We need any assistance in radio, tv, newspaper, and social media coverage. In addition, we can also appreciate your help within other public relations areas. Come out and see what we do! Be a part of the new St Stephen's Whiting Public Relations team and help us to continue the church's already outstanding position in our community! You can be proud of the work we do together because it's all for the benefit of the church's public image that is of greatness and honor! God Bless You All and May God Continue To Bless Our Beloved St Stephen's Whiting!



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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Sum	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Garden Club 10am Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	2 Healing Service 10am Lenten Bible Study after healing service AA Meeting 3pm	3 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am World day of prayer 10 am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	4 AA Meeting 8pm
5 Holy Eucharist 8&10AM	6 Woman's Bible study Group 11am AA group 3pm	7 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	8 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	9 Healing Service 10am & OSJ meeting after service Lenten Bible Study after healing service AA Meeting 3pm	10 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	11 AA Meeting 8pm
12 Holy Eucharist 8&10AM	13 Thyroid Support Group 10am Woman's Bible study Group 11am AA group 3pm	14 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	15 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	16 Healing Service 10am Lenten Bible Study after healing service AA Meeting 3pm	17 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	18 AA Meeting 8pm
19 Holy Eucharist 8&10AM	20 Woman's Bible Study Group 11am AA group 3pm	21 AARP SAFE DRIVING Class 9-1pm Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	22 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	23 Healing Service 10am Lenten Bible Study after healing service AA Meeting 3pm	24 Pinelands Symphonic band practice 9am AA Friday Nighters 7-8pm	25 AA Meeting 8pm
26 Holy Eucharist 8&10AM	27 Vestry Meeting 10am Woman's Bible Study Group 11am AA group 3pm	28 Closed AA Meeting 2pm Boy Scouts, 7:30 - 8:30pm	29 Choir practice 10am AA Meeting 3pm	30	31	

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www.oceaninc.org

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Health Insurance, Food Stamps, Utilities

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732-370-8854

www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices

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Angel Food Ministries 732-240-7543

Pick-up Location Christ Episcopal Church

1415 Washington St. Toms River

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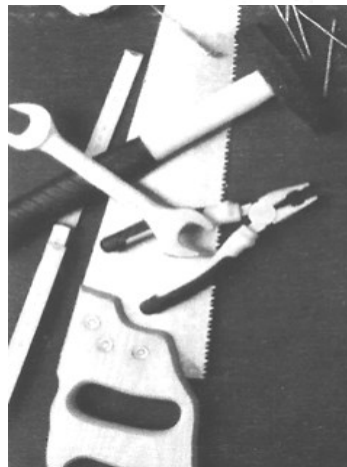
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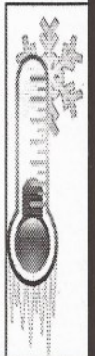
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Wednesday, March 1 - 10AM - Whiting Garden Club

Thursday, March 2,9,16,23,30 - 10AM Healing Service, Lenten Bible Study

Friday, March 3 - 10AM - World Day of Prayer

Friday, March 3,10,17,24,31 - 6PM - Stations of the Cross

Sunday, March 5,12,19,26 - 8AM, 10AM Holy Eucharist and Church Service

Saturday, March 11 - 4PM - Men's Club Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner

Monday, March 13 - 10AM - Thyroid Support Group

Tuesday, March 21 - 9AM-1PM - AARP Safe Driving Class for Seniors

Monday, March 27 - 10AM - Vestry Meeting

NOTE: SEE THE LIST FOR LENTEN SERVICES EACH DAY