

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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William Bodine, Carol Cavanaugh, Randy Walton

Jack Brown, Laura Gural, Tom Larson

Lillian Fink, Dottie Kaster, Peter Quigley

Jo Ann 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!

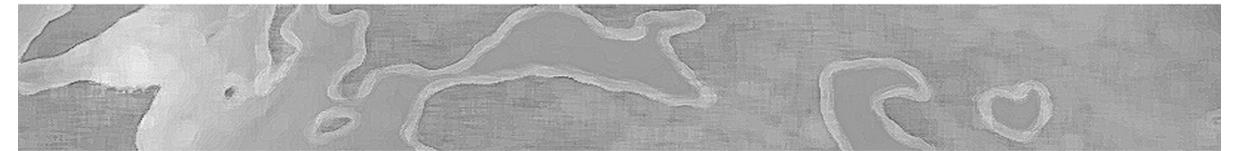
We thank you for joining us for worship today. Please stay for coffee hour, and sign our guest book at the podium in the Narthex. If you are looking for a church home, you have just found it. We would love to have you at St. Stephen's. Arrangements for weddings and baptisms can be made by speaking directly 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.

As you
SENT ME
into the world,



so I have
SENT THEM
into the world.

John 17:18, ESV



SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

Hymnal The Word of God

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MAY 13, 2018

8 AM

BCP

Seventh Sunday in Easter

Serving in the Liturgy today:

May 13, 2018

Lector	8:00 AM	Edna Blische
LEM	8:00 AM	Jo Ann 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	Stefanie Rotsaert, Bill Bodine
Altar Guild	10:00 AM	Pat Russo, Barbara Lavinio
Ushers	10:00 AM	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF:

May 13, 2018-May 19, 2018

Today	Holy Eucharist AA Meeting	8 am & 10 am 8:00 pm
Monday	Office Hours	9:00 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday	Closed AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting Chime Practice Tea Set Up	3:00 pm 7:00 pm 9:00 am
Thursday	Healing Service Choir Practice English Tea #2	10:00 am 2:00 pm 2:00PM-4:00PM
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting AA Meeting	3:00 pm 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.



WAY OF SAINT PAUL

Building a strong discipleship

In Christianity, the term disciple primarily refers to dedicated followers of Jesus. This term is found in the New Testament only in the Gospels and Acts. In the ancient world a disciple is a follower or adherent of a teacher. It is not the same as being a student in the modern sense. A disciple in the ancient biblical world actively imitated both the life and teaching of the master. It was a deliberate apprenticeship which made the fully formed disciple a living copy of the master.

(source: Wikipedia)

When we talk about discipleship building, we are looking for people to have the faith, strength, and perseverance to be followers of Jesus. The Way of St. Paul looks to do just that. To provide an opportunity to learn and study Jesus on an up close and personal approach. As a member of the Way of St. Paul, being part of a vibrant ministry to have this opportunity to get to know and learn about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is one of the pinnacles of my own life. We encourage you to become more involved and seek Jesus Christ and become a disciple.

May God Bless You, Our Blessed Parish, and the People of our Parish Family!!!!



But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:33



Seventh Sunday of Easter **Collect of the Day**

May 13, 2018
8 AM

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

First Reading

Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 21-26

In those days Peter stood up among the brethren (the company of persons was in all about a hundred and twenty), and said, "Brethren, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David, concerning Judas who was guide to those who arrested Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us--one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection." And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsab'bas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthi'as. And they prayed and said, "Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show which one of these two thou hast chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside, to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthi'as; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

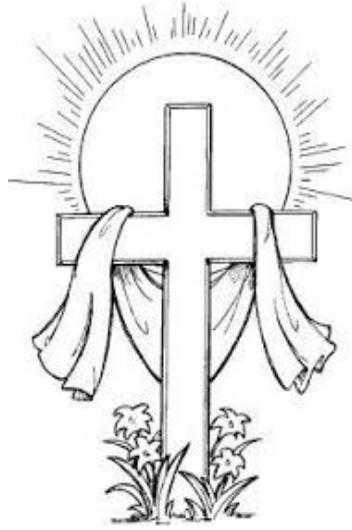
2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.



CHIME CHOIR PRACTICE-Wednesdays 7:00PM-8:30PM
CHOIRE PRACTICE Thursdays @ 2:00 PM
ECW MEETINGS 2018:June 7th-Sept 6th-Dec 6th
ORDER OF SAINT LUKE: 2nd Thurs. after healing service.
PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND Practice Fridays 9:30 am

English Tea #2
From 2PM-4PM
May 17th



As Fred and I prepare to relocate to Seabrook Senior Living Community in Tinton Falls, New Jersey we wish all the best to you in keeping Saint Stephen's alive and active.

We hope all those who can, will step up to the plate to help where and when it is needed. We have a wonderful parish of hard-working people and we will miss working with all of you! For now, we bid you a fond farewell, until we meet again!

**THE MEN'S CLUB AND THE LADIES OF THE
ECW**

HAVE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR THE

PASTA AND MORE DINNER

ON SATURDAY

JUNE 2ND

CONTACT STEFANIE

RO TSAERT @

732-350-2904



Our new address is: **709 Sandy Cove**

Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07753

Our new phone number is: **732-643-8533**



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.

Pentecost Celebration is upon us

We need a total of 15 volunteers to pray together in our Sanctuary

On May 19th at 2:00 PM

The group will rotate pews so that each seat will have been prayed for.

If you would like to be a prayer volunteer, please contact the church office with your name and phone number.

Thank you for your consideration and may God continue to work in your life!



United Thank Offering

The blue UTO envelopes will be available in the pews for everyone's convenience for a few weeks

Please make your checks out to:

ECW Diocese of New Jersey

In the memo:

“UTO” or “Cash”

The United Thank Offering In-gathering will be

Saturday, MAY 19, 2018 @ 2:00

Questions? Call Stefanie @ 732-350-2904



Second Reading

First Letter of John 5:9-13

If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has borne witness to his Son. He who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. He who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne to his Son. And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who has not the Son of God has not life. I write this to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.

Holy Gospel

John 17:6-19

"I have manifested thy name to the men whom thou gavest me out of the world; thine they were, and thou gavest them to me, and they have kept thy word. Now they know that everything that thou hast given me is from thee; for I have given them the words which thou gavest me, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from thee; and they have believed that thou didst send me. I am praying for them; I am not praying for the world but for those whom thou hast given me, for they are thine; all mine are thine, and thine are mine, and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost but the son of perdition, that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that thou shouldst take them out of the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; thy word is truth. As thou didst send me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be consecrated in truth.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Today we begin the final week of celebrating the Lord's resurrection. Each Sunday during these fifty days, we have explored some aspect of our baptism into the dying and rising of Jesus. Today's Gospel reading is a portion of Jesus' prayer for his disciples on the night before he died. In that prayer, he asked the Father to unite us with him and to give us the same mission and grace the Father gave to him.

The sense of unity within the fellowship of Jesus' disciples was reflected in the period between his ascension and the day of Pentecost. We hear about the most significant event during that period in the first reading today when, under Peter's leadership, the disciples chose a replacement for Judas.

The reading from 1 John also reflects the theme of unity between Jesus and the Father, and between Jesus and us.

Our life in Christ is the gift of God in and through the resurrection. That new life by water and the Holy Spirit will be our theme next week when, on the fiftieth day of Easter, we rejoice that we are filled with the Spirit of God.

Announcements

May13, 2018

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

Sans Memorial



In Memory of Mabel McCartney Schwer

By her granddaughter

Marcia Correvor

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