

The Chapel Chimes



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From the Rector's Desk.....

FAMILIES

As we approach the Christmas season this month we remember the ordeal that was endured by Mary and Joseph as they followed God's call to them. How were they able to keep their wits

about them as community members judged Mary for her "condition"? How did they face a long journey to Bethlehem to be registered and taxed? How did they cope with the birth of their son in a barn? How did they, two normal people, manage to overcome so many odds to bring Jesus safely into this world?

God knows every one of the people he creates. He knows their strengths, their weaknesses, their challenges and their needs.



*(L to R)-John Dilts-Linda Webb-Amelia Hammel, Jackie Hammel, Doris Dilts**

He knew Mary long before she met Joseph, and He knew Joseph even longer. God also knows what each of us is called to do in His plan, and He is not shy about giving us means to accomplish those plans. From the moment we come into this world we are an individual who must learn how to do what needs doing, and to trust God for the

means to get things done.

One of the primary gifts God gives us is expressed in Psalm 68:6. "God sets the solitary in families." Most of us are born, as an individual, into a family. Jesus' story begins with the most basic of families. Just two people. They were able to pursue God's plan for them by loving and supporting and encouraging each other in the face of overwhelming odds. They trusted each other and they both trusted God.

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MUSIC NOTES



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Throughout the month of December the music of the service will focus on the anticipation of the coming of our Jesus Christ, our Savior – the miracle of Christmas. Prior to the main service on Christmas Eve there will be an opportunity for you to sing some of your favorite carols and to hear solo or small group presentations by members of our Choir and congregation. A variety of worship opportunities will be available on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The members of the Choir wish all of you a joyful and music-filled Christmas season! There are many free or inexpensive opportunities in our community to attend local Christmas music events, and I hope many of you will take advantage of those opportunities. The Crestwood Chorus, which includes Jane Land and me, is presenting their concert on Sunday afternoon, December 2: at 2:00 PM at Community Reformed Church, Lacey Road, Whiting, NJ.

Ticket price is \$8.00. The Deerfield Songsters, which I direct, and of which Lillian Ruff and Jane Land are members, will present their concert on Saturday, December 8, at 2:00 (\$5.00). This concert takes place at Deerfield Hall, Congasia Road, Whiting. Refreshments follow each of these programs. Tickets for either of these concerts can be purchased from any of the members listed above.

Our Chime Choir is in great need of one or two more participants. If we are able to secure at least one more ringer, we will play an anthem or prelude on the last Sunday in Advent. When we have 4 or more ringers at any service, we will accompany the Gradual (Word of God, Speak) using the Choir chimes.

Both the voice choir and the chime choir very much need additional members. Please consider joining one of these vital ministries.

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Articles are welcomed from all parish members.
Please submit signed and dated items in writing to
the Church Office or email us at
ssecchurch@gmail.com.

*The deadline for January's
articles December 3, 2018.
(first Monday of the month)*

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732-244-5396 (weatherization)

www.oceaninc.org

NJ Shares 866-657-4273

www.njshares.org

Mortgage Assistance

Hope Hotline 888-995-HOPE

www.hopenow.com

Health Insurance, Food Stamps, Utilities

NJ Family Care 800-701-0710

www.njfamilycare.org

OC Board of Social Services 732-349-1500

Verizon NJ Communication Lifeline

888-337-3339

Ocean County Government Resource Center

732-370-8854

www.ocean.nj.us/socialservices

Ocean County Food Bank 732-918-2600

www.foodbankmoc.org

Angel Food Ministries 732-240-7543

Pick-up location Christ Episcopal Church

1415 Washington St., Toms River

www.angelfoodministries.com

Other Important Numbers

Social Security 800-772-1213

www.socialsecurity.gov

NJ Unemployment Insurance 732-761-2020

www.state.nj.us

But, that was not the only family acting in their lives. They also had their heavenly family; God the father and His Holy Spirit, also the angels that came to them. As time moved forward their family grew and Jesus' brothers and sisters contributed to the mix. Then as Jesus began his ministry, his disciples became a new family who loved and supported Him.

As modern day Christians we face a world that would have been totally alien to Mary, Joseph, Jesus and the disciples. What families has God placed us in for support? Like Jesus, most of us started with two parents and maybe some siblings and extended family. Some of us grew up in neighborhoods where every parent looked out for every child at play. Our schools were like a family to some. But most important is our faith community. Through our church we receive almost everything we need to complete Gods' plan for us. We receive education, love, acceptance, forgiveness, the power of God's Holy Spirit, healing of body, mind and spirit, and finally Hope.

I, like many of you, see St. Stephen's as a family. It is a family that God has placed each one of us into, individually, for the implementation of His plan in our lives.

As we face the joys and challenges that are ahead of us in both our individual and corporate lives, let us do so as the family of God, disciples of Jesus Christ, brothers and sisters bound for glory, just as Mary and Joseph did over 2000 years ago.

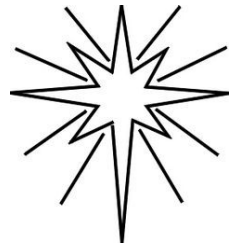
May we all have a blessed and safe Advent and Christmas season,

Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.,



M. Div.;Th.M.

Rector





News from the Treasurer's Desk

Hi from the Treasurer's Desk!

We're including some infrastructure information in this column, because these changes will save us money and must be reflected in our budget.

The lighting in the parking lot has finally been repaired! This makes our property much safer. Although it might cause our electric bill to increase a bit, let's hope that the cheerful light will attract people to our services and events. The red door has yet to be repaired, but we hope it will be done shortly, because the door can cause security issues.

The next items should definitely save us money. We are in contact with NJ Natural Gas. The heating system in the Parish Hall currently uses oil. Natural gas is significantly cheaper than oil and we will no longer have to worry about delivery issues. We hope that the conversion can be done before we need our next oil delivery. We are also planning to change our telephone and internet services from Verizon to Comcast. This conversion will not only cut costs, but the internet response time will be better.

The fourth quarter of the year tends to be very busy. The Finance Committee is working on our budget for 2019. This is a repetitive process which takes several months. Bill Bodine, the Chair of the Stewardship Committee, is busy working with Gerianne Murphy. They are developing spreadsheets for recording pledge information. This is a complex process because acknowledgement letters must be sent to pledgers and letters requesting pledge cards must be sent to those who have not returned a blue card. It looks as though we won't be able to relax until after our Annual Meeting at the end of January!

Let's end this column on a happy note. Al Thompson negotiated the yearly sale of our solar SRECs. We are VERY pleased that we have received a check for \$15,400 which we are using to pay some large past-due bills. THANKS, AL!

Sandy Gaskill

Treasurer





ECW News

By Stefanie Rotsaert



Our last ECW meeting of the year will be held on **Monday, December 3, 2018**. This is a change of date from the 6th of December. At noon, a luncheon by invitation will be held to say "Thank you" to all the wonderful volunteers that have assisted the ECW with the events of 2018. At 1:00 PM a business meeting to plan events for 2019 and hold elections for officers. We will also discuss the program by The Seaman's Church Institute called "Christmas at Sea". This ministry helps mariners who are away from home during the holiday season.

The Church Christmas Card is in the Narthex. Instead of purchasing many cards and postage, we invite everyone to sign the card with their messages to others. We have a donation box below the card for the ECW (optional, of course!) to fund various projects for the church.

Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child. Each year, many of you generously give gifts such as toys, books, and school supplies to fill shoeboxes along with the word of God and His teachings along with the love of our community for each child. Pat Russo again successfully chaired this event and we are grateful for her time and her love of this worthy cause.

The Festival of Trees will be at Village 7 for three days: *Friday, December 7th, Saturday, December 8th and Sunday, December 9th* from 10 AM-3 PM. This is a free event including refreshments and a basket will be available to donate to a local charity. The ECW Tree is created with needlepoint ornaments that were made by past ECW members. After the event, the ECW tree will be on display at Saint Stephen's until *January 6th*.

Boscov's Friend's Helping Friends gift-wrapping party will be taking place at Boscov's on *Friday, December 21st* and *Saturday, December 22nd*. Call Stefanie for times and if you can help wrap.

As usual, the ECW continues to collect pop tops, toiletries from trips, cancelled stamps, card fronts, and box tops for kids.

Thank you for all your help and support!
Every woman is a member of ECW

Stefanie Rotsaert

ECW President

732-350-2904



Congratulations
to those confirmed and received during the Bishop's Visit on
November 4th



Pictured

From the left: Bruce Lukaszewicz; Earnest DeRosa; Desiree Busch; Bishop Stokes; Father Paul; Joanne Lemon; Lois Talarowski; Donald Nadeau

FELLOWSHIP & FUNDRAISING

We are now into the festive time of year when we celebrate the Birth of Jesus. A special time for us all to see family and friends who live a distance from us. We honor Jesus as our Savior as we remember His birthday. May we all share the love of the Lord our God as we go forth with our celebration.

Our Brunch was a big success! Everyone was so happy celebrating the reception of our new Church Family, and visiting with our Bishop. We welcome Desiree by way of Confirmation. Congratulations Desiree! We welcome Bruce, Ernie, Joanne, and Lois by way of Reception into our Church Family. It is no surprise that our Brunch was filled with love, friendship and wonderful food prepared by our Family.

We have much preparation for the Christmas season, so we will be planning some fun in January!

So far, we are working on Movie Night (complete with popcorn!) and a February Potluck. Other events are in the early planning stage.

Please feel free to call Lillian Fink or Dottie Kaster if you have any questions or ideas!

Altar Guild Christmas Flowers

Another year has rolled around and it is time to think about ordering Christmas Poinsettias. The special Christmas Flower envelope is enclosed for your convenience as well as in the Narthex. Please complete the information on the **front** portion of the envelope to indicate whether the flowers are "In Memory of" or "In Thanksgiving for" someone. Enclose cash or your check payable to "St. Stephen's Episcopal Church". Please write "Altar Guild" in the memo line of your check. Once this is complete, place the envelope in the offertory plate as soon as possible. The deadline to submit your offering is:

December 16, 2018

This will give us enough time to prepare the list of names to be included in the Christmas Service Leaflet. Any questions or comments, you may contact me @

732-657-4510

Valerie Thompson,
Altar Guild Treasurer



Flower Memorials

In Memory of

Given by

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Sandra Gaskill

Bob Pomykala

Sandra Gaskill

Nancy Forster

Luciano Gagliardi

Nicolas Kulibaba

N. Lillian Kulibaba

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The Choir

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Marge Pomykala

Bob Pomykala

Stefanie Rotsaert

Charles Mueller

Stefanie Rotsaert





December 2018



<i>S u n</i>	<i>M o n</i>	<i>T u e s</i>	<i>W e d</i>	<i>T h u r</i>	<i>F r i</i>	<i>S a t</i>
2 HOLY EUCHARIST 8 & 10 AM	3 ECW Meeting 12:00 pm <i>January CHIMES Articles DUE TODAY!</i>	4 Closed AA meeting @ 2 PM	5 AA Meeting 3 PM Chime Choir Practice 7 PM	6 Healing Service 10 AM AA Meeting 3 PM	7 <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM Festival of Trees Village 7 10am-3pm	1 AA Meetings 3 PM & 8 PM
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16 HOLY EUCHARIST Guest Preacher Jeff Heilburn WBA Tree Lighting 4 pm-6 pm	17 Thyroid Support Grp 10 AM Vestry Meeting 10 AM	18	19 AA Meeting 3 PM	20 Boscov's Gift Wrap	21 <i>P i n e l a n d</i> Symphonic Band Practice 9 AM Boscov's Gift Wrap	22 AA Meetings 3 PM & 8 PM
23/30 HOLY EUCHARIST 8 AM & 10 AM King of the Hill @ Playdrome 6 PM	24/31 Christmas Eve 4 pm Eucharistic svc. 7 pm Christmas Tree & Guitar Mass	25 Christmas Day Feast of the Nativity	26	27	28	29

Order of St. Luke

Submitted by Stefanie Rotsaert.

Do you need Prayers for Healing

The Order of Saint Luke is a Healing Ministry. On the last Sunday of each month, prayers of healing are provided following Holy Eucharist at the 8 AM and 10 AM services at Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church. Members are also available after Sunday services near the Baptismal Font. In addition, prayers are offered at our 10 AM Healing Service on Thursdays.



PRAYER OF THE ORDER OF ST. LUKE THE PHYSICIAN

Almighty God, who inspired Your servant 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.

The Power of Healing

Luke 9 Verses 1-2 tell us

“Then He called His twelve Disciples together and gave them Power and Authority over all demons and to cure diseases.

He sent them to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick.”

The same power and authority are still available today to Disciples in our churches to heal the sick, and to thank our Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen

Your friend in Christ,

Lillian Fink



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St. Stephen's Church

Invite you to come to our 4th Annual
CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING



Thursday, December 6th

From 4:00 pm – to 6:00 pm

at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on 180 Route 539 in Whiting, NJ



will be donating & serving food for this event!

Music and caroling will feature the Manchester Middle School Choir.

This year we will honor the Boy Scouts of Troop 350 and their Cub Scout Den.

For additional information, please contact the church at (732) 350-2121.

Laughing is Good for the Soul



If you like the picture of Jesus laughing on the top right of this page, you can obtain a color print in a variety of standard sizes from any of your local Christian book stores.

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(See Luke 2:1-16) 12-23-2013
YOU KNOW GUYS, RUMOR HAS IT THE BABY SHIVERS IN THE COLD ... MAYBE INSTEAD OF GOLD AND PERFUME HE WOULD ENJOY A BLANKET?

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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Daniel 6) 08-07-2006
OH WOULDN'T YOU JUST KNOW IT ... AS SOON AS WE START OUR FAST THEY THROW US THIS TASTY LOOKING GUY

December

4th *Timothy Drake*

11th *Riley Woods*

15th *Warren Bruen*

16th *William Conover*

17th *Rebecca Drake*

Matthew Drake

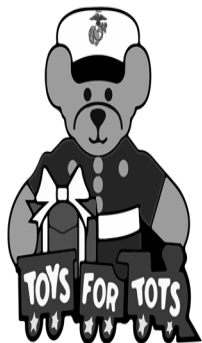
19th *Andrew Van Sant*

23rd *Dolores Ropes*

30th *Ryan Woods*



Happy Birthday



Thank you for your consideration. For questions call: Tom Palma

Applebee's: 1055 RT 70 Manchester

Each year, with the help of local businesses, we host Breakfast with Santa in each Applebee's location. Our Manchester Applebees sells out every year! We donate the breakfast, and the staff donates their time, but we need help from local merchants to help with raffle prizes.

Tickets to the breakfast is \$10.00-ALL proceeds go to the Toys for Tots Program.

This year the event will be held on Saturday, December 8, 2018

There will be face painting, balloon animals, and raffle chance for each adult ticket.

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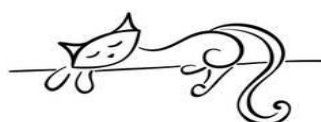


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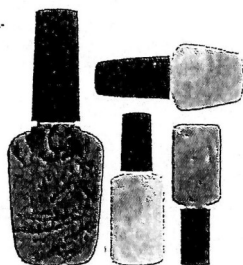
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