

## St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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### A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

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Carl Laursen, Rector's Warden

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Jack Brown, Laura Gural, Tom Larson

Lillian Fink, Marge Pomykala, Peter Quigley

Pat Russo, Randy Walton, Dottie Kaster

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.

**Greta Pearl for prayer requests: 732-350-7584**

Please notify the church office 732/350-2121 of any illnesses or hospitalizations.

If it is an emergency you may also reach Carl Laursen, Rector's Warden at 732-350-1259 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



**EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST-PROPER 13**  
**HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**  
**Hymnal                      The Word of God**

529    Processional Hymn: *“In Christ there is no East or West”*  
Patriotic Hymn: 717 V4  
Opening Acclamation  
Collect of the Day  
First Lesson: ***Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23***  
***Psalms 49***  
Second Lesson: ***Letter to the Colossians 3:1-11***  
Gradual: “Word of God, Speak”  
Gospel: ***Luke 12:13-21***  
Sermon — The Rev. Allen Mitsuo Wakabayashi  
The Nicene Creed  
Prayers of the People Form VI  
Confession and Absolution  
The Peace  
Announcements  
Offertory Anthem  
Doxology: “All things come of thee O Lord”

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
Eucharistic Prayer A                      361  
S120 Sursum Corda  
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S136 Memorial Acclamation                      368  
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Breaking of the Bread  
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Communion Hymns:  
533            *“How wondrous and great they works, God of praise”*  
542            *“Christ is the world’s true light”*  
302 Post Communion Hymn *“Father, we thank thee who has planted”*  
Post Communion Prayer                      365  
Blessing  
574 Recessional: *“Before thy throne, O God we kneel”*  
Dismissal

**AUGUST 4, 2019**  
**8 am & 10 am**  
**BCP**

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**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost proper 13**  
Serving in the Liturgy today:

**AUGUST 4, 2019**

Lector 8:00 AM	Susan Quigley
LEM 8:00 AM	Bill Bodine
Altar Guild 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Carino, Debbie Fisher
Ushers 8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine, Peter Quigley
Lector 10:00 AM	Ricki Minix
LEMs 10:00 AM	Susan Clarke, Lillian Fink
Altar Guild 10:00 AM	June Coles, Glenda Roedell
Ushers 10:00 AM	Joe Orsita, Laura Gural

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF

August 4, 2019– August 10, 2019

Today	Holy Eucharist	8:00 & 10:00am
	AA Meeting	8:00 pm
Monday	Office Open	9:00 am—2:00 pm
	<i><b>Altar Guild meeting</b></i>	<i><b>1:00 pm</b></i>
Tuesday	AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting	3:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service	10:00 am
	Choir Practice (resumes in the Fall)	2:00 pm
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting	8:00 pm

**Everyone is welcome to come to the coffee hour after worship.**

All baptized Christians are invited to receive Holy Communion at our Lord’s Table, regardless of your church affiliation. We encourage you to share with us in this sacrament.





SAINT STEPHEN'S  
ANNUAL FAIR

*"Dignified Junque"*

(RAIN OR SHINE!)

***Saturday, August 31, 2019 8am-1pm***

Donated items may be dropped off at the church beginning  
*August 17th-29th.*

We will need plenty of helpers to price and arrange items for the Big Day. A big THANK YOU to those that volunteer Our bake table is in need of your delicious baked items. Any items not sold will be shared with All Saints, Lakewood and the New Lisbon Developmental Center.

We will need gently used or new items donated, such as housewares, clothes, jewelry, books, toys, games, furniture, and more.

While the Fair is being organized, coffee hour will continue, as well as events and meetings scheduled.

Volunteers of all ages are needed to make this event possible. In two weeks, everything must be organized, sold, packed, and removed. We hope to be blessed with the help we manage to enjoy each year; even if you can only give an hour of your time, it will be gratefully appreciated! On the day of, if you can help, floaters are always welcome!

List have been distributed to all helpers.

See you all there!

Stefanie Rostaert, Chair 732-350-2904



**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**  
**Proper 13**

**August 4, 2019**

***Collect of the Day***

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

***First Reading***

***Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14, 2:18-23***

Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. And I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to the sons of men to be busy with. I have seen everything that is done under the sun; and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me; and who knows whether he will be a wise man or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes a man who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by a man who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What has a man from all the toil and strain with which he toils beneath the sun? For all his days are full of pain, and his work is a vexation; even in the night his mind does not rest. This also is vanity.

## Psalm 49

- 1 Hear this, all you peoples;  
hearken, all you who dwell in the world, \*  
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.
- 2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, \*  
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.
- 3 I will incline my ear to a proverb \*  
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.
- 4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, \*  
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,
- 5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, \*  
and boast of their great riches?
- 6 We can never ransom ourselves, \*  
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- 7 For the ransom of our life is so great, \*  
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- 8 In order to live for ever and ever, \*  
and never see the grave.
- 9 For we see that the wise die also;  
like the dull and stupid they perish \*  
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.
- 10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever,  
their dwelling places from generation to generation, \*  
though they call the lands after their own names.
- 11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; \*  
they are like the beasts that perish.



### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

HEALING SERVICE Thursday 10:00 am  
CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursdays 2:00 pm  
ORDER OF ST. LUKE: 2nd Thursday of each month after Healing Service  
PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND: Fridays 9:30 am

*Altar Guild Meeting-Tomorrow-August 5, 2019 @ 1:00*



**CHAPEL CLOTHES LINE** sells well to groups and meeting at our church. Now accepting **LADIES Spring/Summer** clothes **ONLY** in **TOP** condition, (clean, with no missing buttons, tears or stains). Also, continue to use the **FOUR BINS** in our parking lot for *out of season clothing, all men's wear*, and other items. We are very appreciative of your kind donations to, and purchases from, this fundraising project.

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



**ST. STEPHEN'S PRAYER CHAIN** is in need of additional members. The Prayer Chain is a dedicated group of parishioners who will pray for any who are in need. If you are interested or would like further information, please contact Greta Pearl at 732/350-7584 for details. Greta is the contact when placing, on the Prayer Chain, your name or the names of family, neighbors, or friends who would like prayers for healing, comfort, or any other purpose.



**CARE GIVERS VOLUNTEERS** JoAnn Smithson is the Congregational Coordinator for Care Givers Volunteers here at St. Stephen's. Please continue to use the mailbox in the Office to put in your hours. JoAnn's phone number is 732-408-5351.

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

**YOUR PERSONAL ESTATE PLANNING** Prayerfully consider making an endowment gift to St. Stephen's as part of your estate plan.

**RECTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND** Thank you to all who have donated. There are parishioners as well as other members in our community who benefit greatly from this valued fund. If you wish to contribute, please use the basket on the back table.

**Memorialized person**

Mary Van Sant  
 Mary Van Sant  
 George Frey  
 Lorraine Smith  
 Evelyn Fisher



**Name of Donor**

Virginia Clarke  
 Greta Pearl  
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**STEWARDSHIP**

“Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established”

**Way of Saint Paul**

Submitted by Lillian Fink

“They came upon me in the day of my calamity but the LORD was my stay.

He brought me forth into a broad place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.”

*Proverbs 16:3*

*Psalms 18:18-19*



***Second Reading***

*Letter to the Colossians 3:1-11*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. On account of these the wrath of God is coming. In these you once walked, when you lived in them. But now put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and foul talk from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old nature with its practices and have put on the new nature, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. Here there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scyth'ian, slave, free man, but Christ is all, and in all.

***Holy Gospel***

*Luke 12:13-21*

One of the multitude said to him, "Teacher, bid my brother divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or divider over you?" And he said to them, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness; for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man brought forth plentifully; and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns, and build larger ones; and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; take your ease, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you; and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

## Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

In today's liturgy, we are confronted with the radical shift in our values brought about by our union with Christ in baptism. In the gospel reading, Jesus is asked to settle a property dispute between two brothers. Instead, he warns against placing our highest value in material acquisition, for that value is a fleeting and uncertain one. Our highest value should be our relationship with God, which alone is permanent and certain.

In the first reading, we have the wise reflections of a person who found that spending one's life on the accumulation of material goods is an empty project. It is "vanity and striving after wind."

In the passage from Colossians, Paul describes the new way of living which belongs to those unified with Christ in baptism. As people who have put on the new nature, our behavior toward others is transformed; our relationships with others are no longer based on human values or differences; and our lives consist of joy, peace, forgiveness, and thanksgiving.

When we present to God the work of human hands in bread and wine and gifts of our material possessions, we are placing our lives into a new and transforming relationship with God. Our relationship toward the material world is likewise transformed. We are put right in our relationship with God, with others, with ourselves, and with the material world. Then we are sent out to live in that new relationship each day.

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## Announcements

August 4, 2019

### 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*



*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God*

*In memory of my husband Arthur*

*By Marjorie Redfern*

### ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines

1st Sunday of each month at 9:30 am

Arista-Care

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