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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.

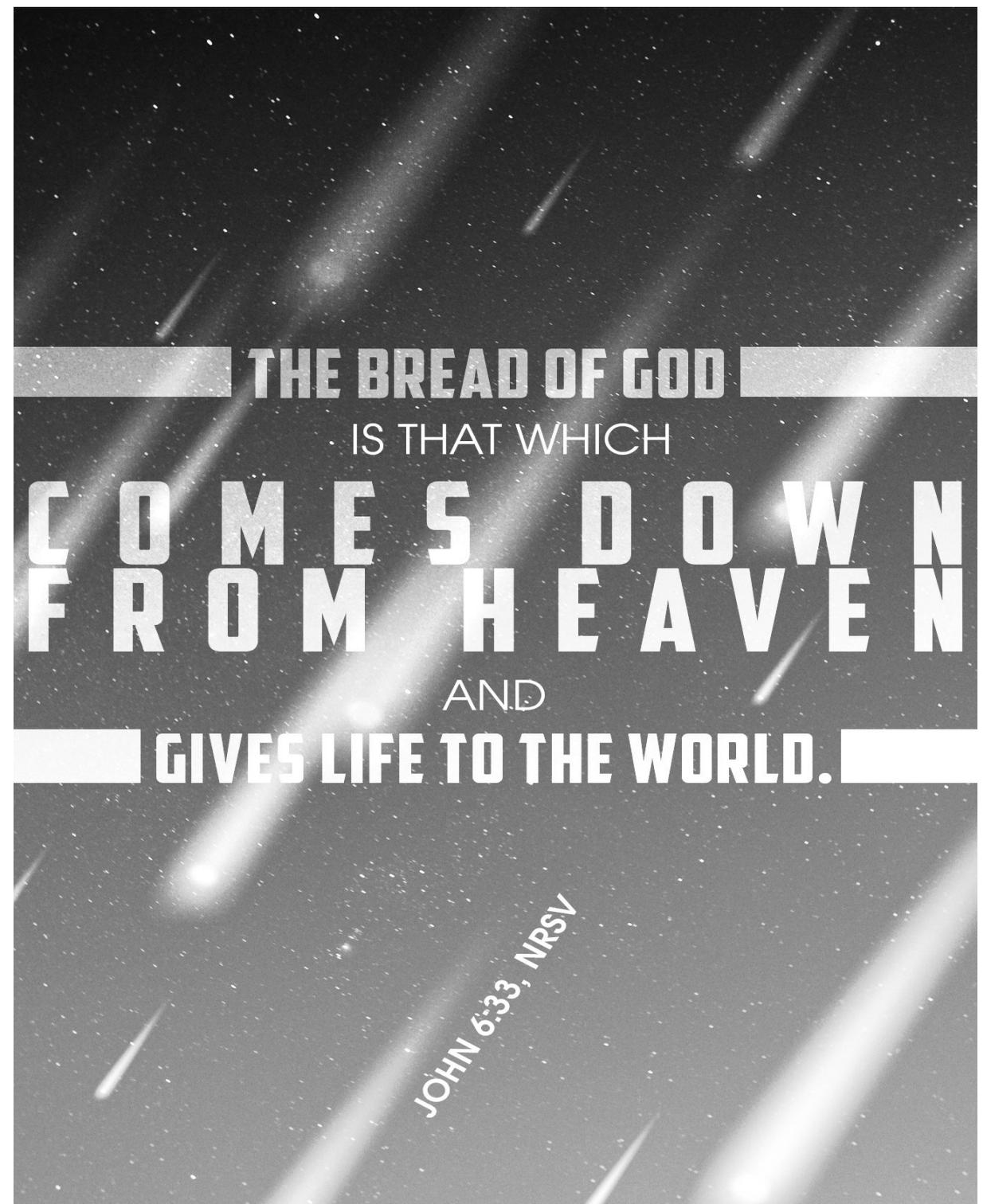
To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

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 Dottie Kaster, Rector's Warden at 732-647-5065 or

Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II Proper 13**

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**AUGUST 5, 2018
8 am & 10 am**

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Serving in the Liturgy today:

August 5, 2018

Lector	8:00 AM	Mary Storey
LEM	8:00 AM	Richard Smithson
Altar Guild	8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Carino
Ushers	8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine
Lector	10:00 AM	Amanda Rutkowski
LEMs	10:00 AM	Bill Bodine, Susan Clarke
Altar Guild	10:00 AM	Carol Cavanaugh, June Coles
Ushers	10:00 AM	Bob Axon, Jim Mason

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF: August 5, 2018-August 11, 2018

Today	Holy Eucharist AA Meeting	8 am & 10 am 8:00 pm
Monday	Office Open	9:00 am– 2:00 pm
Tuesday	Closed AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting Chime Practice	3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service Choir Practice	10:00 am 2:00 pm
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.





SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

is back with another exciting season of tournament action at

Playdrome Lanes

We will open the Fall season with our all new

King of the Hill Tournament!

Featuring a brand new format and a

higher prize fund!

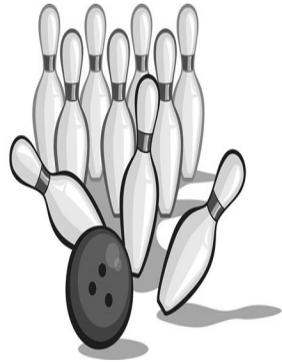
Our first event will be held

September 30th @

6:30 PM At Playdrome of Toms River

With cash prizes and trophies

More information to follow soon!



44TH ANNUAL FAIR

“Dignified Junque”

SEPTEMBER 1ST 2018

Every year we are inundated with wonderful, unique items to sell at our Annual Fair.

WE WILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR PRICING AND ORGANIZING ITEMS STARTING

AUGUST 18TH

Please contact Stefanie Rotsaert at 732-350-2904

Or the Church Office at 732-350-2121



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 13

August 5, 2018

8 AM & 10 AM

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

Second Book of Samuel 11:26-12:13a

When the wife of Uri'ah heard that Uri'ah her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband. And when the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD. And the LORD sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. The rich man had very many flocks and herds; but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. And he brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his morsel, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was unwilling to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared it for the man who had come to him." Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity." Nathan said to David, "You are the man. Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul; and I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if this were too little, I would add to you as much more. Why have you despised the word of the LORD, to do what is evil in his sight? You have smitten Uri'ah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have slain him with the sword of the Ammonites. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uri'ah the Hittite to be your wife.' Thus says the LORD, 'Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun.'" David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD."

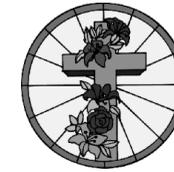
Psalm 51

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.



EWC MEETINGS 2018: Sept 6th-Dec 6th
ORDER OF SAINT LUKE: 2nd Thurs. after healing service.
PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND Practice Fridays @ 9:30 am

Altar Guild Flower Memorials Forms



Forms are now available in the Narthex for requesting Altar Flowers and Sanctuary Candle Memorials. Please fill out the form and place it and your donation in the envelope provided and place in the Offering Plate or give it to any Altar Guild member. Also, please continue to add your name to the chart in the Narthex in the appropriate space.

Thank-you!
From The Altar Guild



St. Stephen's and AAA will be raffling off a \$1000.00 voucher towards AAA services and products!

Each chance is \$10.00

Purchase tickets through October 27th when the winner will be announced at our Annual Vendor Fair!

See one of our Vestry Members or come see us in the Church office Monday through

Thursday Between 9am-2pm



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.



In the Bible, God has issued more than 40 thousand promises!

- A. Limited promises
- B. General promises
- C. Conditional promises
- D. Unconditional promises

Can you find 3 to 5 promises and which book they are in?

Enjoy!

Lillian Fink

Stewardship

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body”

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



Second Reading

Letter to the Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all, who is above all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men." (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is he who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) And his gifts were that some should be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ; so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the cunning of men, by their craftiness in deceitful wiles. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every joint with which it is supplied, when each part is working properly, makes bodily growth and upbuilds itself in love.

Holy Gospel

John 6:24-35

So when the people saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Caper'na-um, seeking Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you; for on him has God the Father set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see, and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven, and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Lord, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst.

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Today we hear the response of the crowd after Jesus had fed the 5,000 people with five loaves and two fish. Then we hear the first part of the discourse from the Gospel of John on Jesus as the bread of life. Starting with bread as a material object and earthly food, Jesus then leads his hearers to an understanding of communion or fellowship with him as food for our spiritual nature. It is that spiritual nourishment which gives eternal life.

Last Sunday we heard the story of David's adultery with Bathsheba and his murder of her husband. The prophet Nathan comes and, in a parable about a rich man stealing a poor man's only lamb, induces David to confess. David repents, but the damage is done. His household will be in turmoil from that time forward. Sin can be forgiven, but its damage continues to work through those around the sinner.

In today's reading from Ephesians, one of the Pauline tradition's strongest themes is introduced. We are in unity with God and with all people through our baptism. Baptism has joined us together into one life as the body of Christ—the same body which we receive in Holy Communion.

The Christian Gospel takes as its basis the nature of human life in this world and sees our life as being shot through with signs of the fuller life that is ours in Christ. Ours is not a religion of the spirit alone, nor is it solely a means of dealing with material life in this world. As bread and wine are revealed in the liturgy to be instruments of God's presence in us, so all of life is revealed as the sacrament of God in the world; we remember that we are (in the words of St. Augustine) "...means of grace and vehicles of the eternal charity."

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The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God

In Memory of

Dorothy Dewland

By her daughter Joy Frey



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

In Memory of my husband Arthur

By Marge Redfern

Today we welcome

Aubree Lynn Faison

Into the body of Christ's Holy Catholic Church

through the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

Let us all pray that our heavenly Father continues to strengthen her life with the grace and power of the Holy Spirit as she grows in the midst of the Christian Community.

