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Lillian Fink, Marge Pomykala, 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.

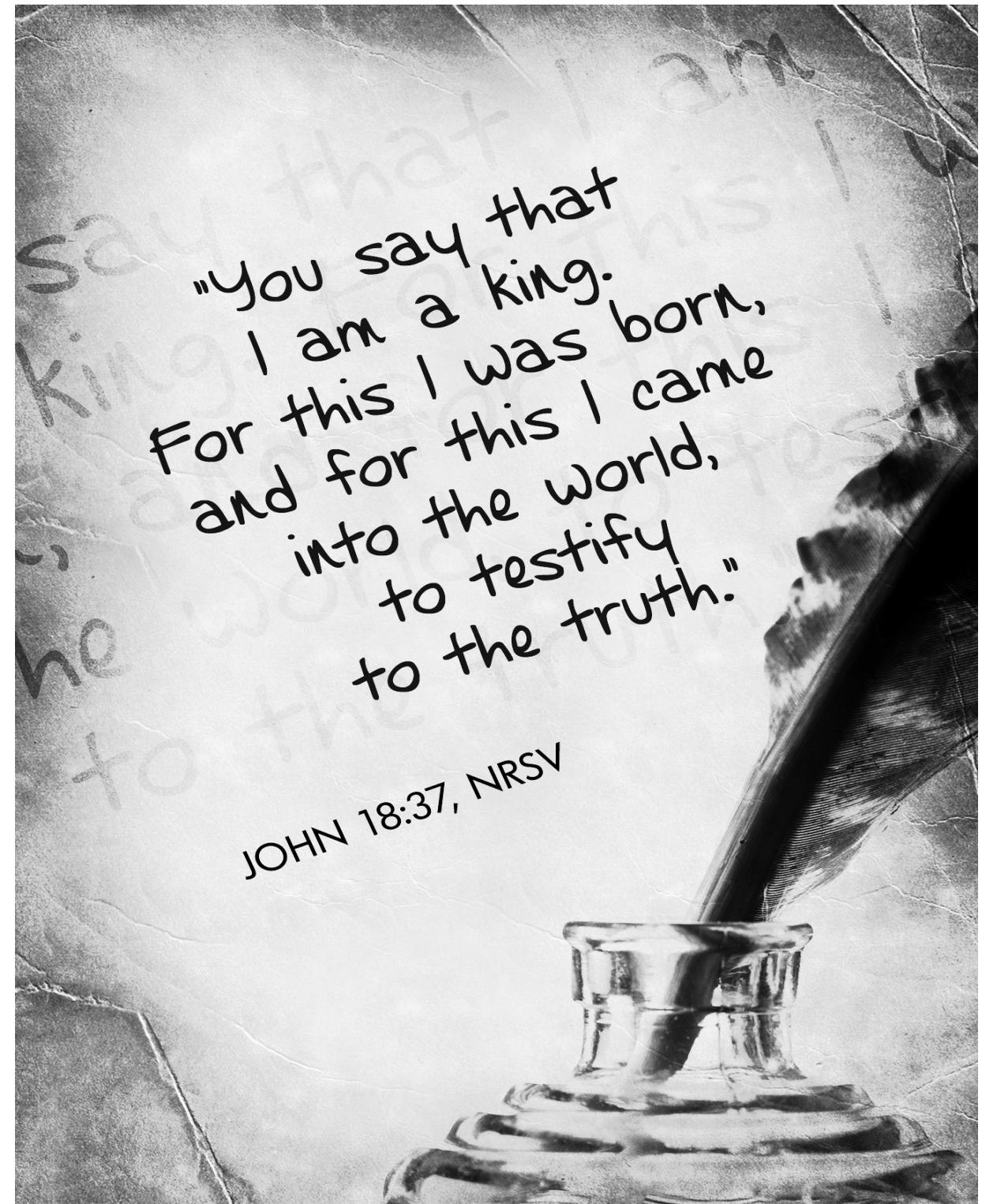
To Report Illness, Hospitalization, etc.

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.



LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Christ the King

NOVEMBER 25, 2018
8 am & 10 am

Hymnal	The Word of God	
450	Processional Hymn: "All hail the power of Jesus' name"	
	Patriotic Hymn: 717v4	
	Opening Acclamation	355
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	Collect of the Day	Insert
	First Lesson: Second Book of Samuel 23:1-7	Insert
	Psalms 132	Insert
	Second Lesson: Revelation 1:4b-8	Insert
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	Dismissal	

Last Sunday After Pentecost Proper 29

November 25, 2018

Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector	8:00 AM	Susan Quigley
LEM	8:00 AM	Bill Bodine
Altar Guild	8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Betty Carino
Ushers	8:00 AM	Mary Storey, Glenn Mortimer, Bill Bodine, Peter Quigley
Lector	10:00 AM	Richard Woods
LEMs	10:00 AM	Bill Bodine, Stefanie Rotsaert
Altar Guild	10:00 AM	Valerie Thompson, Pat Russo
Ushers	10:00 AM	Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson

CALENDAR FOR WEEK OF:

November 25, 2018-December 1, 2018

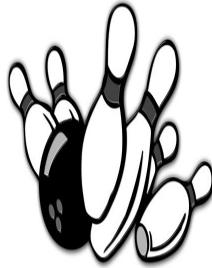
Today	Holy Eucharist	8 am & 10 am
	AA Meeting	8:00 pm
Monday	Office Open	9 am-2 pm
Tuesday	Closed AA Meeting	2:00 pm
Wednesday	Closed AA Meeting	3:00 pm
	Chime Practice	7:00 pm
Thursday	Healing Service	10:00 am
	Choir Practice	2:00 pm
Friday	Pineland Symphonic Band	9:30 am
Saturday	AA Meeting	3:00 pm
	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.





Today! KING OF THE HILL
non-sanctioned tournament
At Playdrome Lanes of Toms River
Registration and check-in @ 5:30PM
Open to adult & junior bowlers
Entry Fee is \$ 75.00
High Game & High Series Pots
Payout: King, 2nd and 3rd place



Please note: Junior bowlers cannot receive cash awards! Trophies and medals are offered

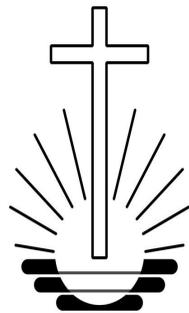
Gift cards equal to winnings are available through Playdrome Lanes.



In Memory of

- Jean Bowman**
- Bob Pomykala**
- Nancy Forster**
- Nicolas Kulibaba**
- Bob Pomykala**
- Bob Pomykala**
- Bob Pomykala**
- Charles Mueller**

Flower Memorialsj



Given By

- Sandra Gaskill**
- Sandra Gaskill**
- Luciano Gagliardi**
- N. Lillian Kulibaba**
- The Choir**
- Marge Pomykala**
- Stefanie Rotsaert**
- Stefanie Rotsaert**

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Christ the King

November 25, 2018
8 AM & 10 AM

Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading

Second Book of Samuel 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, the son of Jesse, the oracle of the man who was raised on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the sweet psalmist of Israel: "The Spirit of the LORD speaks by me, his word is upon my tongue. The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: When one rules justly over men, ruling in the fear of God, he dawns on them like the morning light, like the sun shining forth upon a cloudless morning, like rain that makes grass to sprout from the earth. Yea, does not my house stand so with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. For will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire? But godless men are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be taken with the hand; but the man who touches them arms himself with iron and the shaft of a spear, and they are utterly consumed with fire."



Psalms 132

- 1 LORD, remember David, *
and all the hardships he endured;
- 2 How he swore an oath to the LORD *
and vowed a vow to the Mighty One
of Jacob:
- 3 "I will not come under the roof of
my house, *
nor climb up into my bed;
- 4 I will not allow my eyes to sleep, *
nor let my eyelids slumber;
- 5 Until I find a place for the LORD, *
a dwelling for the Mighty One of
Jacob."
- 6 "The ark! We heard it was in Ephra-
tah; *
we found it in the fields of Jearim.
- 7 Let us go to God's dwelling place; *
let us fall upon our knees before his
footstool."
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into your resting-
place, *
you and the ark of your strength.
- 9 Let your priests be clothed with
righteousness; *
let your faithful people sing with
joy.
- 10 For your servant David's sake, *
do not turn away the face of your
Anointed.
- 11 The LORD has sworn an oath to Da-
vid; *
in truth, he will not break it:
- 12 "A son, the fruit of your body *
will I set upon your throne.
- 13 If your children keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach
them, *
their children will sit upon your
throne for evermore."
- 14 For the LORD has chosen Zion; *
he has desired her for his habitation:
- 15 "This shall be my resting-place for
ever; *
here will I dwell, for I delight in her.
- 16 I will surely bless her provisions, *
and satisfy her poor with bread.
- 17 I will clothe her priests with salva-
tion, *
and her faithful people will rejoice
and sing.
- 18 There will I make the horn of David
flourish; *
I have prepared a lamp for my
Anointed.
- 19 As for his enemies, I will clothe
them with shame; *
but as for him, his crown will shine."



ORDER OF SAINT LUKE: 2nd Thurs. after healing service.
PINELAND SYMPHONIC BAND Practice Fridays @ 9:30 am
EWC's NEXT MEETINGS 2018: ***Dec 3rd***– ***Please check your
calendar as this is a change of date for this event.***

*Another year has rolled around and it is time to think about ordering
Christmas Poinsettias. The special Christmas Flower envelope will
enclosed in the December Chapel Chimes for your convenience.
Please complete the information on the **front** portion of the envelope
to indicate whether the flowers are "In Memory of" or "In Thanks-
giving for" someone. Enclose cash or your check payable to "St. Ste-
phen'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 Ser-
vice Leaflet. Any questions or comments, you may contact me @ 732-657-4510*

*Valerie Thompson,
Altar Guild Treasurer*

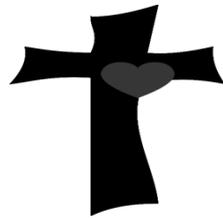


HEALING PRAYERS The Order of St. Luke provides prayers of healing to anyone after Holy Communion on the last Sunday of the month at each service. Members are also available every Sunday after the services. Look for a member near the baptismal font if you would like a prayer of healing after any service.



But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor the will of man, but of God.

John 1: 12-13



Stewardship

*And all who believed were together and had all things in common.
And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.*

Acts 22:44-45



Second Reading

Revelation 1:4b-8

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, every one who pierced him; and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Holy Gospel

John 18:33-37

Pilate entered the praetorium again and called Jesus, and said to him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?" Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me; what have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingship is not of this world; if my kingship were of this world, my servants would fight, that I might not be handed over to the Jews; but my kingship is not from the world." Pilate said to him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Every one who is of the truth hears my voice."

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

Today is the final Sunday of the church year. Through the year the liturgy unfolds, Sunday by Sunday, the full story of God's redemption in Jesus' earthly life, his ministry, his death, resurrection and ascension, his sending the Holy Spirit, and then, in the past several months, his teaching. Now, on this final Sunday, all of this is summed up, and we celebrate the universal rule of Christ over all creation.

The Gospel reading, from John's account of the Passion of Jesus, recalls that it was not through power but through the self-giving love of Jesus as he endured his passion and death that he was revealed as Messiah and King.

The first reading gives the last words of King David. As he dies, he is given a prophet's vision. His word is that from his descendants will come the great and ultimate ruler of the people of God. Christians in the first generation understood this to be a foretelling of the reign of Christ over the universe.

We end the liturgical year today gathered to contemplate the End which is to come, when Christ will be revealed as King, as the ruler of all things. Even now, as we gather, week by week, in the Eucharist, our liturgy reveals a foretaste of the reign of Christ that is to come.

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The Sanctuary Candle is given to the glory of God

In memory of my mother

Luitgardis Rotsaert by daughter Stefanie Rotsaert



The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God

In Memory of

Lutgardis Rotsaert

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
Crestwood Manor	4th Monday of each month	at 2:00 pm