



St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

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A parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey

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Wardens and Vestry 2024

Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden

Richard Smithson, Property Warden

Roberta Mackey, Maryann Payne, Marge Pomykala

Bill Bodine, Blanche Dwonch, Kay Karlick

Tom Larson, Ann Solaequi, Geraldine Vergona

Joanne 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 Stefanie Bodine, Rector's Warden at 732-350-2904 or Father Paul at his home 609-268-2864.



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sunday After Ascension Day



**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II**

**MAY 12, 2024
8 & 10 am**

Save the Date on Upcoming Events



<i>Hymnal</i>	<i>The Word of God</i>	<i>BCP</i>
497	Processional Hymn: “How bright appears the morning star” Easter Acclamation	355
S280	Gloria Collect of the Day First Lesson: <i>Acts of the Apostles 1:15-17, 21-26</i>	<i>Insert</i> <i>Insert</i> <i>Insert</i>
	<i>Psalm 1</i> Second Lesson: <i>1 John 5:9-13</i> Gradual: “Word of God, speak” (Lyrics below) Gospel: <i>John 17:6-19</i>	<i>Insert</i> <i>Insert</i> <i>Insert</i>
	Sermon — <i>The Rev. Paul A. Van Sant, Sr.</i> The Nicene Creed Prayers of the People Form VI Confession and Absolution The Peace Blessing of the Garden (<i>Rogation Sunday</i>) Announcements Offertory Anthem Doxology: “All things come of thee O Lord”	<i>Insert</i> 358 392 360

HOLY COMMUNION

	Eucharistic Prayer D	372
S120	Sursum Corda	
S125	Sanctus	
S140	Memorial Acclamation The Lord’s Prayer	368 364
	Breaking of the Bread	
S152	Fraction Anthem Communion Hymns:	
325	“Let us break bread together”	
450	“All hail the power of Jesus Name”	
400	“All creatures of our God and King” (verses 1,2,3&7)	
	Post Communion Prayer	365
	Blessing	
542	Recessional: “Christ is the Worlds true light”	
	Dismissal	

*Word of God speak
 Won't you pour down like rain
 Washing my eyes to see
 Your majesty
 To be still and know
 That You're in this place
 Please let me stay and rest
 In Your holiness
 word of God speak*

WOMAN’S BIBLE STUDY GROUP

“The Bible, What Speaks to your Heart”, gathering on the 1st and 3rd Monday of the each month at 11am. For info contact: *Roberta Mackey at 917-696-6863*

CHOIR PRACTICE

Please see *Esther Graham* if you are interested in being a part of our joyous hymns and songs.

HEALING SERVICES

Join us every Thursday at 10 am for an experience that will help you find comfort, support, and spiritual healing. We welcome everyone with open hearts and look forward to sharing an enriching time with you.

RADA ORDERS

Contact Joy Frey and use the catalog to order Rada as soon as possible.

Bowling Ministry

We are proud and pleased to announce that **Fence Financial, The Heritage Restaurant** and **Nona’s Place** are now proud sponsors of our upcoming KOH tournament at Thunderbowl Lanes Wrightstown NJ!

OSL

Our next meeting is June 13th after the 11am healing service

VESTRY MEETING

Monday, May 20th @ 10am.

Whiting Garden Club meeting

Wednesday, June 5th, at 10am. This is the last meeting of this year. More details will follow on the speaker/program.

English Tea

Stefanie is handing out reminder notes for the tea on May 16 . She will be contacting people to help make sandwiches, desserts, etc. The tables will be set on Wednesday, May 15 at 9am. Clean-up will happen after tea on Thursday after 4pm. If you can help and wish to speak to Stefanie, call her at (732)278-4846.

Reminder Chapel Chimes Articles for June, due today!

If you have not submitted your information or articles for June’s issue of the Chapel Chimes Newsletter yet, please do so before the end of the day tomorrow, Monday, May13th.

Thank you for your Speedy response, Greg Mathews



CHAPEL CLOTHESLINE ~ We are now accepting **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. Please save donations for September Dignified Junk Sale until summer.

Sincerely, Linda Chiappetta

\$ Dollar AUCTION \$

Brand new item's are needed for our dollar auction coming this summer, on **June 15th**. Please drop your items off at the Church office and label them "For \$ Auction". Or give them directly to Tom Larson. Thank you all, a for your ongoing support in contributing to our events here at St. Stephen's.



You can call the office for details at 732-350-2121

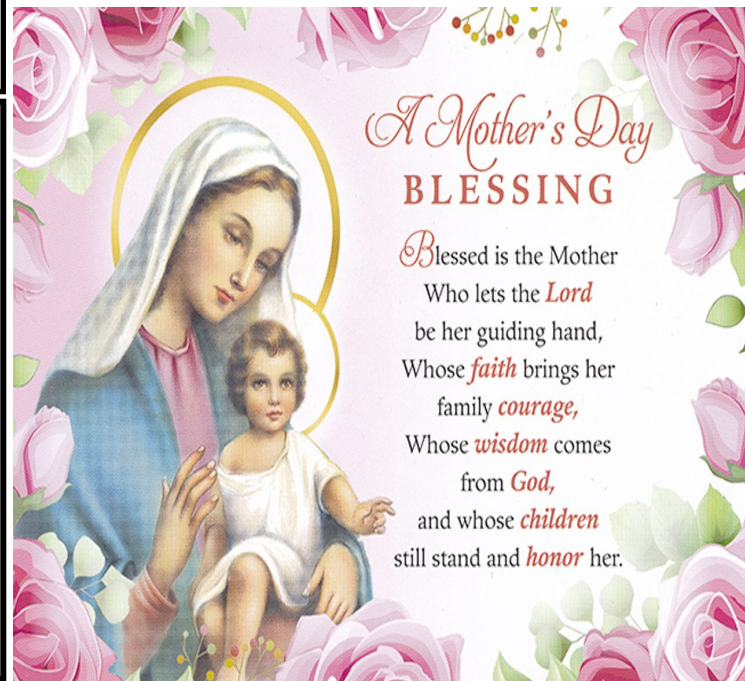
**Memorial Garden
For Pets**

Keep an eye out for our next Memorial Service Date. For all who are looking for a special place to lay your beloved pets to rest. Please contact our office Monday–Thursday 9am-1:30pm for more info (732) 350-2121

BLESSING OF THE BIKES

Our 28th Annual Blessing of the Bikes event, went off wonderfully with "BIG THANK YOU" to Gerrie Vergona (*Chair*) and the entire committee.

We will be adding a updated article to the Chapel Chimes with event details and appreciations.



Collect of the Day

☉ 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.*

A Reading from the 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 Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. 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 Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles.

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

- 1 **H**appy 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.



Order of Saint Luke

The Order of St. Luke meets on the second Thursday of each month— January 11th, after the Healing Service.

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.

ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNION SERVICES

The Pines	1st Sunday of each month	at 9:30 am
Aristicare	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



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.

TECH THURSDAY



Tech Thursday meets monthly. Keep an eye out for our new dates to come. Bring your tablet, computer, phone, i pad, etc. to the meeting. Estelle Pizzuti and/or Bill Bodine will be able assist you.

ONLINE SERVICES

Holy Eucharist are held every Sunday at 8AM and 10:15AM – join us in person or on zoom or you tube. See our schedule of services located online at www.ststephenswhitingnj.org



A new sign-up sheet is in the Narthex for 2024 - sign up! Everyone is so grateful for the delicious food that you share, your help, and they love chatting after the services. Any questions, contact *Stefanie* at (732) 350-2904

Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws

Days and Hours of Operation are:

Tuesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Wednesday 10 AM until 12:00 PM

Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws is made up of members of the **St. Stephen's Episcopal Church** community and other volunteers who assist in maintaining our pantry, provide food for the sick, the hungry and the needy. The food pantry is here to help those who have minimal funds to work with and come to us when they have a specific need for food.

The **Our Daily Bread Pantry and Hungry Paws** through very generous donations is also able to provide pet food for dogs and cats. For further information please call:

Jim Jados, Director, Food Pantry at (732) 408-5948.

A Reading from the 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.

A Reading From the Gospel According to 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.

Thunderbowl Lanes in Wrightstown NJ

Presented by St. Stephen's, Bowling Ministry
Whiting, NJ



King of the Hill

TOURNAMENT

Sunday May 26th at 4pm

Cash Prizes, Medals and Trophies Awarded
1st and 2nd place, \$50 entry fee

Dont be a Spare, See You There!

For more information please
contact Bill Bodine at 848-210-4206
or wbodine3@gmail.com

ST STEPHEN'S PRESENTS

SINGLES BOWLING SPECTACULAR

SATURDAY, June 8th 2024

\$45 ENTRY

AT 02:00 PM

Thunderbowl Lanes

423 East Main St. Wrightstown NJ
08562

Open to All adult men, women
and junior bowlers

Trophies and Medals Awarded for
1,2 & 3 Places

For more information contact Bill Bodine at 848-210-4206



Serving in the Liturgy today:

Lector 8:00 am	<i>Susan Quigley</i>
LEM 8:00 am	<i>Susan Clarke, Linda Chiappetta, Dottie Kaster</i>
Altar Guild 8:00 am	<i>Linda Chiappetta</i>
Ushers 8:00 am	<i>Glenn Mortimer, Mary Storey, Bill Bodine</i>
Lector 10:00 am	<i>Kay Karlick</i>
LEM 10:00 am	<i>Bill Bodine, Robert Virtue, Susan Clarke,</i>
Altar Guild 10:00am	<i>Valerie Thompson</i>
Ushers 10:00 am	<i>Al Thompson, Valerie Thompson</i>

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 asks the Father to unite us with 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 choose 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.



Sanctuary Candle

*The Sanctuary Candle is given to
The Glory of God*

Sans Memorial

Altar Flowers

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