



Life and Times

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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Welcoming Everyone, Connecting with God, Building Community, Transforming Lives



Almighty God, Source of all strength, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who on the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. On our behalf they have entered into danger, sacrificed their lives, endured separation from those they love, labored long hours, and borne hardship in times of war and in times of peace.

Lift up by your mighty Presence those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals, rehab facilities or mending from their wounds at home. Guard those in any need or trouble; hold safe in your hands all military families; and bring returning troops to joyful reunions and tranquil life at home.

Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our prayers, and let the people say, *Amen*.

Alexander L. Don, Alfred Frissiola, Andrew L. Don, Bill Marcy, Catherine Mallon, Charles Frizziola, Charles Wade, Dan Cody, David Reynolds, Dominick Frizziola, Ernest V. Haines, Francis B. Phipps, Frederick Dougherty, Frederick Durasky, Gene Winne, James Crosley, Jason Daskalakis, Jim Daskalakis, Jim Joeriman, John Marcy, John W. DeWitt, Jon R. Hart, Michael Daskalakis, Mike Marcy, Ralph W. Hart, Richard J. Grinnan, Robert Payne, Rudy Meyer and Thomas Don.

Affiliation News



The Affiliation Agreement between St. Stephen's and The Church of the Holy Spirit has been approved by the Diocese. We are now ready to begin the transition process of selecting and calling a Priest in Charge. This process will take some time. Both Vestries have agreed to retain Ms. Rhonda Jackson as our Transition Consultant and we will establish a Joint Discernment Committee with Holy Spirit. Our next step is to appoint St. Stephen's members to the Discernment Committee, starting the formal Discernment Process. The initial goal will be to draft the

Discernment documentation to support our joint effort with Holy Spirit. Should you be interested in serving on the Discernment Committee, please contact our Senior Warden, [Jim Joeriman](#).

November 29th is the First Sunday in Advent The first season of the church year, beginning with the fourth Sunday before Christmas and continuing through the day before Christmas. The name is derived from a Latin word for "coming." The season is a time of preparation and expectation for the coming celebration of our Lord's nativity, and for the final coming of Christ "in power and glory." On the first Sunday in Advent, the first purple candle is lit and it represents Hope. On the second Sunday the next purple candle is lit which represents Love. On the third Sunday, the pink candle is lit and it represents Joy. On the fourth Sunday the next purple candle is lit and it stands for Peace. On Christmas Eve, the center white candle is lit for Christ coming into the world. In this time of pandemic, you can do this at home. After each candle is lit, share a prayer of thanksgiving or of hope.



NEWS FROM THE "BACK OF THE CHURCH" Faithfully submitted by Pattie Meyer



REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE...

There are many of us who have returned to the limited number of church activities that are permitted under the COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the Diocese. Many of the volunteers for the Thrift Store are hard at work keeping this open six days a week. We have a group of parishioners who come to our one service every Sunday and finding this time to be not just "good for the soul" but also a way of keeping in touch with one another. The Sunday Seminar now meets after the service to continue their discussions.

There is, however, a group of parishioners that we have not seen. These are the ones who for whatever personal reasons they have, have chosen to refrain from any in person contact here at St. Stephen's. These are the very people we need to "Reach out and touch someone".

I would like to start a group of volunteers who would be interested in calling these parishioners. It doesn't have to be on any particular day or time...just when perhaps you think they need to hear a friendly voice that will bring a smile to their face, make them laugh and probably more often than not to be a good listener for how their day is going. If you are interested in this type of outreach, please let me know. You can call or text my cell phone at 609-891-6814 or via email to pattiemeyer@yahoo.com.



November Birthday's

Joanne Emery 5th	Jo Ann Joeriman 6th	Dick Heward 8th	Matt Sullivan 8th
Richard Boone 10th	Laura Koegel 11th	Jim Emery 12th	Michael King 12th
Dee DeBot 13th	Caiden Wenger 14th	Cailyn Wenger 14th	Kristen Schools 15th
Jim Joeriman 18th	Linda Grinnan 20th	Lynn Muller 22nd	

December Birthday's

Anita Armishaw 2nd	Kevin Waldron 7th	David Sullivan 7th	Susan Petrizzo 7th
Ron Turner 8th	Beverly Seabert 13th	Kevin Seabert 16th	Ryan Dalon 21st
	Jaydren Waldron 29th	Carey Cranmer 29th	

Anniversaries

Dick & Flossie Heward Nov 7th	Gen & Jan Winne Nov 16th	Pattie & Rudy Meyer Nov 18th
Lori & Greg Fennell Nov 30th	Nancy & Matt Sullivan Dec 15th	

If we have missed your name, please [email us](mailto:pattiemeyer@yahoo.com) your name and birth date so we can up date our files and include you.

Sunday In-Person Worship Update. The Sunday Service is live streamed only to YouTube. Visit our [YouTube channel](#) (SSEC Waretown) to watch live or past services. The Order of Service Bulletin can be viewed or downloaded from the home page of our website.



There are always so many people to thank and this month we want to say Thank You to Pattie Meyer!

Pattie has been instrumental in getting our church services coordinated with the seating charts and the assistance of the ushers. When you enter through the front doors, Pattie is the first person you encounter to give you a seat number to keep us separated for our safety. She is one of our devoted members of St. Stephen's and also our Junior Warden. Thank you Pattie!!!



WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Faithfully submitted by Jo Ann Joeriman

It is hard to believe that 2020 is almost coming to an end. We have been on the most frightening roller coaster ride that has left us confused and afraid. Starting back in March, when we realized the magnitude of this COVID-19 virus and how we would be affected, we experienced something none of us expected or could have predicted. Along with that, our country is experiencing some dramatic changes which can also be upsetting. One place that we can find solace is in our Church and with our congregation. Also, we have been blessed with an energetic & knowledgeable supply priest, The Reverend Rosemary Lillis. She has been a wonderful inspiration by continually delivering a dynamic and powerful service for the past few Sundays and we can look forward to having her with us until the end of the year. Rosemary has guided us each Sunday by teaching us some background information on parts of the service where we may lack a certain understanding. With her life experiences, along with being a priest, she has been a benefit to us at a time when we needed it the most.

After so many Sundays doing services online, we were happy to enter our beautiful Church once again and feel the special energy that being in that space brings. Just sitting in silence, praying in our own way gave the additional energy needed to get through each day. There is something to be said about being in God's house that offers comfort and peace so we can face the challenges in our lives. Maybe being forced to shift our priorities has been a silent gift that will help us connect with our families, friends and most importantly, to God.

The Saint Stephen's Food Pantry is open from 9am until 11:30 on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to help meet the needs of people in our communities. Spread the word to those who are in need of this ministry. We are in need of volunteers in order to expand the hours to Thursday & Friday.



Available During The Pandemic

ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser Supports Our Building and Maintenance.

There will be \$5 & \$10 cards for gift-giving and will be available by the middle of November. Please consider donating to the church through purchase of ShopRite Gift Cards. Five percent of your purchase is returned to the church and designated for Church Building and Maintenance. **Call Gloria Davis at 609-693-4205 or Ron Turner at 609-660-2635 and place an order and we will be outside the church between 10 AM & 11 AM on a designated day.**



THRIFT SHOP NEWS

Back by popular demand, St. Stephen's Thrift Shop will hold its annual family & friends sale **November 15th from 10:30 to 2pm**. All our congregation is welcome to get first pick at our beautiful Christmas display before we open to the public on Monday. We will be spending the week of November 9th getting ready for this event by sorting through the mountains of Christmas donations that we have been storing all year. With the COVID-19 hanging over us, we will practice safety by wearing masks and allowing eight(8) shoppers at a time in the store.



Doing a little X-mas shopping may get you into the Christmas spirit to kick off the upcoming holidays. The Thrift Shop, although closed from 11/09 to 11/14, will be open at our regular hours from Monday to Saturday, 10am to 2pm. We welcome donations and we enjoy interacting with the folks that stop in.

The Thrift Shop benefits our Church financially and to be a volunteer, which is no easy task, is so vitally important to keep us going. WE NEED YOUR HELP as we are in short supply of volunteers. Any time you can give would be greatly appreciated. A big Thank you to our current volunteers who have worked tirelessly to get our Christmas display completed and in advance for any new volunteers that want to join this great cause for our St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.



Supporting Saint Stephen's is only a click away. We are now able to offer you the opportunity to give online. It is quick, easy and of course secure. Visit SaintStephensWaretown.org/Donate to make a donation. You can make a one time gift or arrange for secure automatic recurring contributions from a bank account, or from a credit/debit card. You are also able to designate your gift toward your Pledge, Building & Maintenance, Organ & Music, the Good Sam House, Sunday School, Memorial Candles, Memorial Altar Flowers, or make a free-will offering. No matter how you choose to give, your donations will help sustain our church and its ministries. **Thank you for your generosity!**



Prayer List. We are refreshing our prayer list. Should someone need to be included, please [email](#) us or contact the church office. Unless renewed, people will stay on the prayer list for a month.

Please Keep in Your Prayers, Beth MacKenzie, Becky Smith, Ron Turner, and Dick & Flossie Heward, Tom Don and George Merrifield.

Thanksgiving. A national holiday and day of thanks. This custom is based on the celebration of three days of prayer and feasting by the Plymouth, Massachusetts, colonists in 1621. The first national Thanksgiving Day was celebrated in 1789. Thanksgiving Day is a major holy day and a national day in the Prayer Book calendar of the church year (pp. 16-17, 33). The Proposed Prayer Book of 1786 included "A Form of Prayer and Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for the Fruits of the Earth, and all the other Blessings of his merciful Providence." The first American Prayer Book (1789) replaced the four national days of the 1662 English book with propers for Thanksgiving Day. The collect for Thanksgiving Day gives thanks to God the Father for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. It asks that we may be faithful stewards of God's great bounty, providing for our own necessities and the relief of all who are in need (BCP, p. 246). The Hymnal 1982 Accompaniment Edition, Vol. 1, provides musical settings for a Litany of Thanksgiving for a Church (S 391; see BCP, pp. 578-579) and a Litany of Thanksgiving (S 392; see BCP, pp. 836-837). The Litany of Thanksgiving may be used on Thanksgiving Day in place of the prayers of the people at the eucharist, or at any time after the collects at Morning or Evening Prayer, or separately.



Spotlighted This Month... *Pat Terentz*



There are members of our church that are quietly in the background but offer so much to the forefront. One of those individuals is Pat Terentz. Pat and her husband Bob, who happens to be our sextant, have been members of our church for the past 22 years. Being married since 1979 they raised two lovely daughters who had the benefit of being confirmed here at St. Stephens.

Although Pat was raised Roman Catholic, she and her family found a warmer and inviting congregation here and decided to become members. Like so many of us that have taken that path, Pat has found that the Episcopal Church has many similarities as her previous church but adding the atmosphere of feeling wanted and accepted.

At the beginning, as a new member of the congregation, Pat joined the choir. She has a beautiful singing voice and has made a wonderful addition to the beautiful songs that would fill the church each Sunday. Although our Choir is on hold due to the pandemic, we look forward to hearing the Choir once again.

By the way, if you happen to come into our church during the week and go by the office, you will see Pat as she is our Church Administrator. Pat took over this job when another of our church members had to step down and take care of her health. This job involves coordinating our outreach, being available to anyone calling in need or anyone coming to the parish hall to pick up food from our food bank. As a certified coordinator for the food bank, Pat, with the help of our food bank volunteers, makes sure everyone that comes to our door, does not leave without having the food they need to feed their families.

Another job Pat has tackled was that of Treasurer when the position became vacant. Considered one of the most important jobs at our parish, Pat handled this task and kept our books in order so we could be mindful of our income, expenses, and the unexpected needs of our Church. This is no easy job and Pat stepped up and did the job. Pat also worked on an important fund raiser which was our Gift Auction, and we were able to raise much needed funds for our congregation.

Like so many other members of our Church, Pat has also volunteered to work at our Thrift Shop. Pat was instrumental in keeping our shop going so that we could stay open on Saturdays. Because it's sometimes difficult to get volunteers due to the heavy work, Pat was able to man the front desk at the shop so we could take in the donations, do the sorting and get the items ready for sale. We could not have done that without her help.

Aside from her church duties, Pat has worked for a Special Events Coordinator for the past 25 years. She has traveled to other countries as well as the USA coordinating festivals, events and on several occasions, Oktoberfest in Germany. Pat is also currently the Recording Secretary for an organization known as Lakewood Maennerchor, which is a German social choir group that meets in Brick and has been established since 1928. Singing happens to be in her DNA. Thank you, Pat for all you do for St. Stephen's.

ORDER OF ST. LUKE—*Corinne Cromwell*

The Order of Saint Luke meets every Friday morning with the leadership of [Corinne Cromwell](#). For the past few months, the meetings have been held at the home of Corinne, outside to keep safe distances during this pandemic. Now that the weather is starting to change, the meetings will hopefully take place at St. Stephen's Church while still maintaining the safety of wearing masks and keeping a safe distance.



Nominations Please... The Nominating Committee for the 2021 term has been selected. The members are [Glenys Baulderstone](#) (Chairperson), [Ray Davis](#) and [John Marcy](#). The committee will put forth a nomination slate for one Warden, three Vestry Members, three Deputies and three Alternate Deputies to the Diocesan Convention and six Deputies to the Convocation annual meeting. Should you wish to be considered for nomination, please contact a member of the Nominating Committee.

Santa's helpers (a.k.a. St. Stephen's Elves) hard at work to transform our Thrift Shop to a Christmas Wonderland. This past week was spent sorting, cleaning, arranging, and pricing all the great donations we received throughout the year to kick off the Christmas holiday. We were blessed to have The Reverend Rosemary Lillis helping out along with the other hard-working volunteers that made this transition possible. A very BIG thank you to our volunteers that gave their time and labor making this one of the best displays yet for St. Stephen's.



LINKS

[Saint Stephen's Website](#)

[Saint Stephen's Calendar of Events](#)

[Parish Facebook Page](#)

[Thrift Shop Facebook Page](#)

[YouTube Channel](#)

[Twitter](#)

[The Book of Common Prayer](#)

September Parish Calendar & Events

WORSHIP

Holy Eucharist

Sunday at 9:30 (please pre-register)

Evening Prayer in the Outdoor Garden Chapel

Will resume in the Spring

Online: Watch live stream or recorded services on our YouTube Channel: [SSEC Waretown](#).

Wardens : [Jim Joeriman](#), [Pattie Meyer](#)

Vestry Members: [Glenys Baulderstone](#), [Peggy Beck](#), [Tom Don](#), [Debbie Kirk](#), [Jo Ann Joeriman](#), [Bob Gray](#), [John Marcy](#), [Bob Rawley](#), [Rett Rich](#)

Treasurer: [Ron Turner](#)

Parish Administrator: [Pat Terentz](#)

Website: www.SaintStephensWaretown.org

Facebook: [SaintStephensWaretown](#)

MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP

Thrift Shop Open

Monday through Saturday 10am to 2pm.

To Volunteer Contact [Beth MacKenzie](#), Barbara Heilich or [Jan Winne](#).

ECW

For Information Contact [Pat Spielman](#)

Bible Study

For Information Contact [Maureen O'Keefe](#)

Sunday Seminar—Bible Discussion

Every Sunday in the Parish Hall immediately following the worship service.

Facilitated by [Debbie Kirk](#)

Choir Director & Organist

[Carlos Staszkeski](#)

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