



Life and Times

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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

Prayer from the Book of Common Prayer:



O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world; We commend this nation to thy merciful care, that, being guided by thy Providence, we may dwell secure in thy peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of New Jersey and to all in authority, wisdom, love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve the people in thy fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end.



Happy Eastertide St. Stephens!

Lisa, Uno and I are extremely happy to be with you. We say that Uno has a restless heart for the gospel because he loves to share love (and dog hair) with everyone he meets! He is a big part of our family (as you will soon realize).

For the past few months, Lisa and I have been working with your Search Committee, Vestry and Diocese to come together. And here we are! We have moved from New York. We began with you during Holy Week. We are closing on our new Home during the week of April 25th. Our oldest daughter graduates (Masters Degree in Library Science) in May. And then we hope things settle a bit. But we love it here and are so happy to be with you! Our passion at Church is in the membership, literally sitting down with you (our members) and getting to know you – in coffee hour, church events, a private meeting, coming to your home, or just anywhere we can get together and share. Lisa and I want to know you, support you, and just be with you. We believe in the Old Fashioned Way of just getting together and talking. We want to hear more about you – where are you from; how did you come to St. Stephens; what do you love about St. Stephens; and what do you like to do when not in Church? Please reach out and let me know if you'd like to grab a coffee, in our office at Church or not. It doesn't matter.

For the first several months, Lisa and I will be supporting all ministries at St. Stephens; however, our initial focus will be on a) solid worship b) getting to know our members and c) getting to know the traditions and systems of St. Stephens (how you do things).

Please reach out to us. [Chip](#) [Lisa](#)

A Return to 8 AM and 10 AM Sunday Worship

On Sunday, June 5th we will be returning to conducting two Holy Eucharist Services. One at 8:00 and again at 10:00. The 10:00 service will be a full choral and live streamed. Both services are followed by a fellowship coffee time. We could use once-a-month volunteers to usher, read or serve at the 8:00 Service. For more information please speak with Lisa or Chip.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthday's

Mike Presti, May 3rd | Morgan Silletti, May 5th | Joyce Echochard, May 11th | Gary Petrizzo, May 11th
Gene Winne, May 11th | Teddi Palmer, May 12th | Connor Wenger, May 13th | Madeline King, May 18th
Greg Fennjell, May 26th | Jenn Hall, May 27th | Karen Egan, May 29th | David Julian, May 29th | Karen Stolte, May 31st
Linda Waldron, May 31st | Greg Savoth, Jun 4th | Jeff Palmer, Jun 7th | Jean Brown, Jun 8th | Becky Smith, Jun 11th
Aaron Presti, Jun 12th | Randy Holak, Jun 14th | Deb Kirk, Jun 22nd | Gloria Boone, Jun 23rd | Judy Phillips, Jun 29th

Anniversaries

Ron & Norma Turner, May 11th | Richard & Gloria Boone | Dennis & Monna Micai, May 19th
Jim & Jo Ann Joeriman, May 22nd | John & Pat Will, Jun 7th | Maureen & Willie O'Keefe, Jun 24th
Bob & Barbara Gray, Jun 26th, Kevin & Kristen Waldron, Jun 28th | Carlos and Linda Staszkeski, Jun 29th

If we have missed your name, please [email us](#) your name and birth date so we can up date our files and include you.



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, Tom Don, Linda Staszkeski, Dick Heward, Barbara Julian, Carol Ricci, Jim Emery, Kevin Seabert, Ron Turner, Jr, Ron Turner, Chris Baker, Liz Luciano, James F. Joeriman and family

The 9:30 Sunday Service is normally live streamed to YouTube. Visit our [YouTube channel](#) (SSEC Waretown) to watch live or past services. **We need a few alternate live stream operators** to ensure we are able to stream every week. You will be trained. It is really only following the picture guide and a few clicks. If you might be able to serve in this ministry, please contact [Jim Joeriman](#) for further information.



Choir Anyone? If you like to sing, why not join our choir? The church needs new choir members. If you, or should you know of someone who is not a member of the Church, but likes to sing, Please speak with Carlos.



ORDER OF ST. LUKE—Corinne Cromwell

The Order of Saint Luke meets every Friday morning with the leadership of [Corinne Cromwell](#). The Order meets in the Parish Hall on Friday's at 10:00 AM .

A Note From The Page Family...

As we close out 2021 and begin a new year, we wanted to express our appreciation for all of your support last year following the loss of Aline.

Whether you spent the day with us, shared a memory, sent a gift, made a donation, or wrote a note, your thoughtfulness during our difficult time touched us more than you can know.

Aline was extraordinary. She lived an incredible life and she will be missed. She would have loved that so many people cared and were touched by her. We know that she loved all of you.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME...WAIT FOR IT...BASEBALL?



The warmer weather is coming which means you can put away those snow boots, gloves, scarves and heavy coats. Bring out your flip-flops, bathing suits, shorts and beach chairs. And don't forget the sunscreen.

Enjoy the "boys of summer" as they play baseball in picturesque First Energy Park in Lakewood. Walk around the concourse and you can play miniature golf, by a 50-50 raffle ticket, enjoy the Boardwalk area with their games or sip a drink in the Biergarten. Meanwhile, you can cheer the BlueClaws to victor in the picnic area along with everyone from Saint Stephen's and Holy Spirit.

The big date is Friday, July 8th for our Southern BBQ. Gates open at 6 PM and the BBQ is available until 8 PM. Game time is 7 PM.

When the game is over with the BlueClaws victorious, we finish the night with FIREWORKS! KABOOM!



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 reoccurring 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. You are able to place an in memory of when donating.



Gloria Davis oversees many types of donations throughout the month to various places that could use some extra help. They include:

Donations made to Popcorn Park Zoo and Manahawkin Dog Shelter every Monday consisting of blankets, sheets & towels. Men's clothing and shoes to Keswick. Assorted clothing to the Methodist Church in Lacey. Costume Jewelry to AristaCare, Crystal Lake, and Cedar Creek Church. Personal items for Vietnam Vets of clothing and extras,

Received scrap money from Sonny's for all the metal the Thrift Shop collects for recycling.

Sending a huge "Thank you" to Audrey Vernon, Edna Reynolds and Delores DeWitt for their creative knitting and crocheting items that are donated to various organizations. Also "Thank You" for donations from Jeanette DePew, Evie Brown & Barbara Heilich for distribution at AristaCare, Crystal Lake, and Keswick for Easter goodies & treats.

Now on to the next month of helping those in need, however we can, with donations.



The Sunday Seminar Group meets in the Parish Hall immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. Each week someone in the group says an opening prayer and a different participant selects a Scripture verse or chapter in advance and there is a discussion on the scripture. You are invited to join in.

To receive more information email Deb Kirk at Debrus56@gmail.com or text her at 609-312-3802. During the week the group also shares prayer requests through group text or email.



Spotlighted This Month is Karen smith-Mortiz.

When you think about coffee hour at St. Stephens Church the first person that comes to mind is Karen Smith-Moritz. Karen is an expert chef that graces us each Sunday with her delectable creations that include anything from delicious cookies & cakes to very tasty quiche or some other creation from Karen's kitchen. Karen has been bringing these goodies for quite some time and makes coffee hour an adventure.

Karen started out in Kansas City as her father was in the Navy during WWII. She went to St. Lois University and obtained a bachelor's degree in education taking summer school courses. She then finished her education in Virginia as her father was stationed there. She then attended George Mason University and went all the way to a psychology dissertation studying gerontology, which is the study of aging. She stopped there but had plans to someday go all the way and obtain her degree. Both Karen and her late husband Walter Moretz taught in local colleges and did counseling as psychologists.

Aside from baking and cooking Karen enjoys walking, reading, and gardening. After graduating from high school, she did spend four years in a convent and although she believed this to be her calling, she ended up leaving since the desire to be a mother became a priority.

Walter, who passed in 2000, helped raise Karen's 4 daughters. The oldest, Christine, lives in Arkansas with eight children, Diana lives in Tennessee and is working on her master's degree in social work and has three children. Caroline lives in Freehold NJ with four children and her twin sister Emilie has two children. So that is a total of seventeen grandkids, and they range from the age of 29 to 8yrs old.

Karen has been at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church for the past 4 years joining in 2018. She had originally started as a member of St. Stephen's Church in Whiting but after coming to St. Stephen's Waretown she decided that this would be a much better fit for her. As Karen stated, "the congregation here felt more genuine and approachable than she was used to", so she has been with us ever since. As Karen was raised Catholic, she has found the Episcopal Church to be more comforting and approachable and I totally agree with her. Thank you, Karen, for all you do for us with your delicious goodies every Sunday morning. We are blessed to have you as part of our congregation.



Saturday Evening Service. To say we were blessed to have Fr. Marcel Tabone perform the Saturday Evening Service is an understatement. Fr. Marcel had been gracious in offering his time to keep the Saturday Service going and the folks in the photo can attest to the wonderful personality and spirituality of Marcel during those services. Unfortunately, we must let Fr. Marcel get back to his new Church and begin his new journey. In warm weather, the Saturday Evening Service was held outside in the garden, a chapel created for just this purpose. This was for anyone that wanted to experience a Sunday service but were unable to be present on Sunday. To be in this garden, experiencing nature and God is beyond words. Thank you, Fr.

Marcel, for devoting your precious time for us and we hope that sometimes you will come back even if it for just a visit. A heartfelt thank you from your St. Stephen's family.

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You can buy a gift card for the same amount you spend. Spend \$50 on a gift card and buy \$50 of products. Please consider donating to the church through purchase of ShopRite Gift Cards (cash or check). Five percent of your purchase is returned to the church and designated for Church Building and Maintenance. **Back on sale in the hallway leading the parish hall.** See Gloria Davis.



Eucharistic visitation is a special ministry of lay persons called by God and licensed by the Bishop. It is the ministry of taking the Sacrament, consecrated at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, are unable to be present at the Celebration. Many have been enriched by this sacramental ministry, both those who take the sacrament and those who receive it.



If you, or you know of someone who cannot attend the services at the church and would like to have the Eucharist brought to them, or if you would like to be a part of this extraordinary ministry, please contact the parish office.



Bible Study at St. Stephen's

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Parish Hall, Classroom #1



Making Pretzels for Lent and a Spring Fashion Show



Thank you for your support of our Sunday School.

Parish Calendar & Events

WORSHIP

Holy Eucharist Sunday at 9:30

Commencing on June 5th 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM

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

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday's at 9:30 AM

Priests: The [Rev. Dr. Chip Graves](#) and The Rev. [Lisa Graves](#)

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

Vestry Members: [Glenys Baulderstone](#), [Peggy Beck](#), [Jan Winne](#), [Debbie Kirk](#), [Jo Ann Joeriman](#), [Bob Gray](#), [John Marcy](#), [Ray Davis](#) and [Nick Morgan](#)

Treasurer: [Ron Turner](#)

Parish Administrator: [Pat Terentz](#)

Website: www.SaintStephensWaretown.org

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MINISTRIES & FELLOWSHIP

Thrift Shop Open

Monday through Saturday 10am to 2pm.

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

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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