

Life and Times

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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

Almighty God giver of every good gift: You have called Saint Stephen's Church, Waretown and Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton to walk together for a time in calling, supporting, sharing a priest in charge for our congregations. Look graciously on your Church and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a priest for us, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



Palm Sunday Service March 28, 2021 • 9:30 am

Holy Eucharist with [Liturgy of the Palms](#) | The Rev. Rosemary Lillis

We open Holy Week with a service marking the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and move to the story of Christ's utter rejection and crucifixion outside the gates of the city.

Maundy Thursday Service April 1, 2021 • 7 pm

Holy Eucharist with Stripping of the Altar | The Rev. Canon Karen Mitchell

[Maundy Thursday](#) begins the Great Three Days (The Triduum) as we remember the Last Supper, the agony in the [garden of Gethsemane](#) and Jesus' journey to the cross and crucifixion. This year there will be no hand or foot washing.

Maundy Thursday All Night Prayer Vigil. April 2, 2021 This year you can join the vigil via live stream at any time after the service or during the night. You can join in praying as the altar is live streamed on our [YouTube Channel](#) until 7am.

Stations of the Cross April 2, 2021 • Noon

Stations of the Cross Prayers will be made available at the service. You may also pray the Stations of the Cross as an individual devotion or you may pray it with others. [View/Download Devotion here](#)

Good Friday April 2, 2021 • 7 pm

Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday | The Rev. Canon Karen Mitchell

On this most solemn of days, we offer a service of scripture, and ancient prayer to mark the suffering, crucifixion, and death of Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday Service April 4, 2021 • 9:30 am

The Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: Festival Holy Eucharist | The Rev. Rosemary Lillis

Join us as we proclaim the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead in a festive service marking the beginning of the Easter season.

Please pre-register for each indoor service. Our sextant will disinfect the church after each service. All indoor services will be live streamed to [YouTube](#) for live or post live viewing.

We Are Going Back to the Blueclaws ...Faithfully submitted by Pattie Meyer



I am absolutely delighted to announce that we are going to be able to go to the “old ballgame”! I have been formally told that the Jersey Shore BlueClaws will be taking the field this summer and we’ll be there. We will be having the Southern BBQ once again this year. Unfortunately, I do not have a confirmed date, what the menu will include, or the seating arrangements to maintain social distancing. But there will be FIREWORKS!

For those of you who have not been to the park, the picnic area has been remodeled with the picnic tables removed and counters with chairs facing the field were replaced back in 2019. We do, however, have to remain in our assigned rows during the game. You are always free to wander around the stadium, visit the Biergarten, play miniature golf, and partake in any of the concession stands. I hope that you are as excited about the game as I am.



March Birthday's

Patti Dalon 1st	Lorraine Issacs 3rd	Diane Cleary 4th	Peggy Beck 23rd
Mavis O-Rouke 24th	Lori Fennell 27th	Norma Turner 27th	

April Birthday's

Bob Terentz 1st	Ken Boulderstone 2nd	Joseph Cleary 3rd	Ernie Seabert 6th
Lindsay Harrington 19th	April Harrington 21st	Lori Savoth 35th	Tom Don 26th
	Rev. Canon Muller 28th	Mike Spielman 29th	

Anniversaries

Floyd & Sheree Skinner Mar 29th	Jasmine & Randy Holak Apr 27th	Karen & Joel Stolte Apr 27th
Pat & Bob Terentz Apr 28th		

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

St. Stephen's Continuing Response to the COVID-19 Virus. We are most thankful that our protocols for worship and use of the Church have been successful. To date, we have no reports of anyone attending church who is contagious. While government promulgate policies regarding indoor gatherings and maximum occupancy ceilings, we are bound to adhere to what our Bishop promulgates. We consistently review our plan and protocols for any needed adjustment. We feel the time has come to prepare for larger numbers of people being able to return to in-person worship. One factor which will impact our decisions are knowing the number of people who have received vaccination.

We will soon be sending out a BLIND survey to determine how many have been vaccinated or plan to be. We understand that the decision on whether or not to become vaccinated is a personal one and we will appreciate your participation in the survey.

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. Consult our [Church Calendar](#) on our website to see the type of service and who the Celebrant will be.





WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Faithfully submitted by Jo Ann Joeriman

What does it mean to volunteer!

A person who voluntarily undertakes or expresses a willingness to undertake a service for others without monetary reward. For us, St. Stephen's is the perfect place to utilize your talents for the benefit of our congregations and for helping others.

Some examples of skills volunteers can offer are commitment, communication, compassion, leadership, strong work ethic, teamwork, and time management. They can also possess patience, creativity, initiative and be driven by passion for their chosen tasks. Volunteers can develop problem solving skills and the ability to plan and prioritize work.

Volunteering allows you to connect to your congregation and community and make it a better place. Volunteering can be a two-way street: it can benefit you and your family as much as the cause you chose to help. It can also help you make new friends and connections and learn more than just what appears on the surface of others. We actually become a second family of support and accomplishment.

Here at St. Stephen's, there are many opportunities for volunteering and everyone that is willing, is most welcomed to participate in any area they choose. All that is needed is a little energy and some time. With our many outreach programs, we can only keep them going by the many people that offer their time and talent in the service to others. From the Thrift Outlet, Food Pantry, Altar Guild, Lay Readers, Memorial Garden, Sunday School, Fund Raisers and so many others. All you need to do is reach out to someone that volunteers in the area that appeals to you and you will be guided in the right direction.

Any amount of time that you can offer would be greatly appreciated. Remember that one hour or one day is a way to keep our programs moving forward, especially in these trying times where getting back to normal seems so far in the distance. A big "THANK YOU" to those that currently volunteer and make our St. Stephen's Episcopal Church a home away from home!



June Smith, a longtime member and volunteer at St. Stephen's, has passed away peacefully at home with her family by her bedside on February 5, 2021. "June was full of life until the end, and her legacy lives on through her adoring family including her devoted husband of 67 years, Russell Smith." A celebration of life will be planned for a later date. Donations can be made in memory of June to the Popcorn Park Zoo or Saint Stephen's.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory. And, may all who mourn be comforted. [Read June's Obituary.](#)



Update From The Saint Stephen's Food Pantry

In February 2021, we feed 81 families comprised 275 people. During the entire year of 2020 we feed 764 separate families which was comprised of 1749 adults and 791 children—2540 individual people in need of the assistance our food pantry provides.

The Food Pantry now has a direct phone number which is 609-312-7041. The Pantry is open from 9am until 11:30 on Monday through Wednesday. Spread the word to those who are in need of this ministry. We are in need of volunteers (need not be church members) in order to expand the hours to Thursday & Friday.

Affiliation News - Discerning Our Common Call

The Discernment Committee is hard at work and preparing for the process of selecting a new Priest-in-Charge. Serving on the Discernment Committee is Glenys Balderstone, Peggy Beck, Ray Davis, and John Will. The Church of the Holy Spirit has a similar committee and the two committees, along with our Transition Consultant Rhonda Jackson, are having weekly meetings and making terrific progress.



The next step is to develop a profile of the values and traits we seek in our new priest. The Discernment Committee desires your help in formulating this profile. An electronic survey has been sent out which we encourage you do respond to. A paper survey will be mailed to those who do not have email. Here is the [link to take the survey](#).

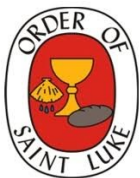


Supporting Saint Stephen's is only a click away. We are now able to offer you the opportunity to give online. It is quick, easy and of course secure. Visit SaintStephensWaretown.org/Donate to make a donation. You can make a one time gift or arrange for secure automatic reoccurring contributions from 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. No matter how you choose to give, your donations will help sustain our church and it's ministries. **Thank you for your generosity!**



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, Alex Jimenez, Jim MacKenzie, Becky Smith, Beverly Seabert Nancy Sullivan, John Beck, Ellen Rich, Michelle Sieling, Michael Swanson, Ron Turner, Dick & Flossie Heward, Tom Don, Jackie Goedesky, June & George Merrifield.



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 . Masks and social distancing requirements must be met.

Sunday Worship Schedule. The type of worship service and the name of the priest can be found on our church [calendar](#) accessed on our website. Click on the service to see who our priest is.

A **Eucharistic Visitor** is a lay person authorized to take the consecrated elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity (COVID precautions), were unable to be present at the Celebration of the Eucharist. Should you wish to have a Eucharistic Visitor come to your home, please contact the church office. We will do all we can to accommodate your request.



Spotlighted This Month... *Glenys Baulderstone*



When we think about certain members of our congregation, I often wonder if any of us know about their background and what they have accomplished in their lives. We see them in Church each Sunday and know them on a limited basis. A good example of a truly diverse background is Glenys Balderstone. Glenys has such an interesting history that I am glad to share this information so we can learn of all the talents she possesses.

Glenys grew up in Cammeray, which is a Harbourside suburb of Sydney, Australia. After high school she went to work for BP Australia and also went to Business College part time. After her work schedule each evening, she took classes at Sydney's oldest repertory theater, The Independent Theater. She now uses that training as a lay reader on Sundays at St. Stephen's. She spent four years each Saturday playing the female lead in children's theater plays at the Wayside Theater. The male lead happened to be Ken Baulderstone who was newly arrived from Adelaide. They hit it off and were engaged within three months and married three months after that. They moved to the suburbs and children Adam & Melanie were born. They have recently celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

After returning from a three-month trip around the world in 1977 with their children, Ken went on an overseas assignment with NCR. The position was located in Tehran but because of war going on there, Ken was sent to Dayton Ohio with his family and then Ken went to Tehran for the job assignment alone leaving Glenys and family back in Ohio. In 1981 Ken took an assignment in Kuwait and took the family there of which they stayed for three years. While there, Glenys joined a British theater group, the Kuwait Players. Kuwait is a strict Moslem country, so Glenys and family practiced Christianity in their living room. Once again it was time to move, and the family moved to Tokyo for 24 months with a new assignment for Ken's position at NCR.

Ken & Glenys have three grandchildren and the oldest was christened at St. Stephen's by Father Murray. Glenys has been a devoted volunteer at St. Stephen's and has taught Sunday School, worked at the Thrift Outlet and is a Lay Reader. She has attended our evening Bible Study Group and The Sunday Seminar which hopefully will resume some time in the near future. Glenys also is involved in the Saturday Evening Service in the Chapel Gardens during the warmer months. She also participates in our Sunday Morning Prayer Service when we are not able to have a priest. Currently Glenys serves on our Vestry and the Diocesan Committee. She is also on the Board of Pine Shores Art Association and she artistically paints with fellow artists, from our congregation and finally she is on the Waretown Special Events Committee which will resume meetings soon.

As you can see, there is so much that each of us has to offer and when we have an opportunity to learn the history of our fellow parishioners, we know how much we are blessed to have them be a part of our St. Stephen's community.



Bible Study with Bishop Stokes

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

[Register Now](#)



Every week, Bishop Stokes is holding an online Bible study to look at the upcoming week's gospel lesson. Following the study time, the bishop will lead the end-of-day Compline prayer service. The Diocese has also set up a [web page](#) with study materials and readings to look at before the discussion, as well as recordings of previous sessions.

Please Note: Due to enhanced security precautions for online meetings, you will need to [register for this event](#) even if you have previously registered for it.

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](#), [Jan Winne](#), [Debbie Kirk](#), [Jo Ann Joeriman](#), [Bob Gray](#), [John Marcy](#), [Rett Rich](#) and Nick Morgan

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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