

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.*

FROM THE VESTRY



The search for our Priest-in-Charge is under way. The Discernment Committee of Glenys Baulderstone, John Will, Peggy Beck and Ray Davis did an outstanding job of putting together our parish profile which is used by potential candidates to decide if our Church might be right for them. This profile is posted on the Office of Transition Ministry (OTM) website.

You can also view our profile on our website at SaintStephensWaretown.org/Clergy-Search.

Our initial posting will end on October 8th and the Discernment Committee will decide whether to start the interviewing process or extend the posting for an additional period of time.

St. Stephen's has long been a HUB for our community. Last month we resumed making our Parish Hall and Classrooms available to groups. We also want to welcome Boy Scout Troop 26 to St. Stephen's. The troop meets in the Parish Hall on Thursday evenings.

As you may be aware, The Reverend Marcel Tabone is a member of St. Stephen's and at St. Stephen's, in March, he was received by Bishop Stokes as an Episcopal.

Marcel is also the regular Celebrant for our outdoor Saturday Holy Eucharist. On behalf of the congregation, the Vestry recently presented Marcel with a Stole in celebration of his reception into the Episcopal Priesthood.

In this picture, Marcel is showing off his gift from the good people of St. Stephen's.



The Rt. Rev. William H. "Chip" Stokes, the 12th bishop of New Jersey, announcing Sept 2 his intent to retire in June 2023 and [called for the election](#) of his successor.

The Diocese of New Jersey has [created a web page](#) with all the latest news and resources about the process. The Standing Committee has general oversight responsibility for the election process and is working on retaining a consultant to advise committee members and the wider diocesan community.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

September Birthday's

Zack Rietman 5th
Nancy Eadie 16th

Linda Staszkeski 8th
Janet Cleary 18th
Rose Ann Marcy 26th

Ben Waldron 12th
Nick Morgan 20th
Carol Ricci 26th

Jan Winne 13th
Billy Cacchiola 21st

October Birthday's

Dee DeWitt 2nd
Carlos Staszkeski 13th
Stacey Cranmer 23rd
Logan Savoth 28th

Robert Payne 3rd
Marcel Tabone 14th
Gloria Davis 23rd
Myles Savoth 28th

Kristin DelSontro 10th
Pattie Meyer 18th
Emilee Harrington 23rd
Chris Presti 29th

Gary Petrizzo Jr. 12th
Brenden Harrington 20th
Sophia DelSontro 24th
AJ DelSontro 30th

Anniversaries

Gary & Susan Petrizzo Sep 25th Mavis & Rory O'Rourke Oct 19th Joseph & Diane Cleary Oct 25th

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



This and That... By Jo Ann Joeriman

If you think that time flies by quickly, you are not alone. It has been a few months getting the latest **Newsletter** out and although we had good intentions, I remember the great saying "Man plans, and God laughs!!" We have experienced some trying times in the past few months which includes some health issues and planning restraints. This does not mean that stuff was not happening during that time, it just means that some things

became unplanned priorities.

So...here we are once again bringing you some news that we hope is noteworthy. The Thrift Outlet has been doing extraordinary in activity and we hope to surpass our budget amount this year. So many people have brought donations to us and although some days its overwhelming, we appreciate all the items that allow us to help our church financially. We could still use more volunteers and we will keep searching as long as we can.

The parish hall is now in use, and we have six groups meeting there. It does feel good to get back to some normal activity and see some familiar faces. We have also done some cleaning, specifically the parish hall closet, the pantry in the kitchen and one of the hall closets. It was amazing to find stuff that has been saved over the years and although these items are no longer needed, they bring back memories regarding the history of our parish. We still have more cleaning to do and look forward to tackling this project. We are always open for helping hands and would appreciate any time that could be given. Working together makes me feel blessed that we have not only our personal family but our church family as well.



COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOUR IS BACK.

In the Parish Hall following the Sunday Service. Please consider sponsoring a coffee hour by bringing in bagels or pastry, there is a sign up sheet at the table.

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 Resumes at St. Stephen's

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

Parish Hall, Classroom #1

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.



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, Nancy Sullivan, Traude Beck, Linda Staszkeski, Tom Don, Dick Heward, Beverly Seabert, Barbara Julian, Ellen Rich, Bud Boyd and Marie Carr.



Dan from the Good Sam House who has been keeping our grounds looking so nice. **Rett Rich and Glenys Baulderstone** who stepped up (on very short notice) to facilitate morning prayer so we would not have to cancel church. **Karen Smith-Moretz** who tirelessly bakes and makes goodies for our Coffee Fellowship Hour. **Gloria Davis** who is there every Sunday to raise funds for our Building & Maintenance Fund with those Shop Rite Gift Cards. All the **Thrift Outlet Volunteers**, our church could not financially survive without your unselfish donation of a few hours of time.

Update From The Saint Stephen's Food Pantry

In August 2021, we feed 75 families comprised 158 adults and 52 children. 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 return to the pre-pandemic operations on Thursday & Friday.**



Where Did The Summer Go?...Pattie Meyer



Here we are in the middle of September, and I am wondering where did the summer go? It was certainly hot enough to be summer and there were some events that were held that reminded us of a summer at the shore.

Going to the local boardwalks and savoring the salty smell of the ocean along with hints of whatever was being cooked at the eating establishments along the way. And do not forget the rides and games of chance.

Parishioners this summer enjoyed sharing the fun of the Jersey Shore BlueClaws baseball team by going to two games with our friends from Holy Spirit. Both of these games were winners topped off with exciting fireworks.

Children are now back in school after being home for all of this last year's school session. Sports are back with fans in the stands.

We are also now responsible with not only selecting a new priest for SSEC/HSEC but also replacing Bishop Stokes when he retires in two years. I know that we will select the best candidates for both of these positions.

So now we have to think about putting away our flip flops and bathing suits and start thinking about warm coats, gloves, and hats. Oh, by the way, have you started your Christmas Wish List?



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.



The Sunday Seminar Group meets in the Parish Hall immediately following the 9:30 Worship Service. No food or beverage is provided. However you are invited to bring your own.

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.

A Prayer for Our Affiliation Almighty God, giver of every good gift, you have called St. Stephen's Church, Waretown and Church of the Holy Spirit, Tuckerton to walk together for a time in calling, supporting and sharing a Priest in Charge for our congregations. Look graciously on your churches. And so guide the minds of those who shall choose a Priest for us. That we may receive a faithful Pastor that will care for your people and equip us for our ministries. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reverend Canon Donald Muller

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.

Spotlighted This Month... *Beth MacKenzie*



We have many members of our congregation that have been at St. Stephen's for quite a number of years and one of those members is Beth MacKenzie. Beth is one of the most loyal and devoted members of our church family. Back in 1980 when Beth and family joined St. Stephen's her family was still in the process of growing. With two daughters to care for, Beth started teaching Sunday School so she could be involved in their learning. She and Jim came on board with two daughters and as time went on, two more daughters came on the scene. Cheryl, Kelly, Tracey & Amy all were confirmed at St. Stephen's and when they were younger, were very much part of our congregation. Beth ended up teaching Sunday School for 23 years and when the girls were grown and on their own, Beth took on another project which was the Thrift Outlet. Beth started as a volunteer and worked her way up to being on the Executive Committee and is instrumental in the important decisions that keep the shop going. Along with teaching Sunday School, Beth joined the Vestry in 2005 and remained there for six years. After that, she was on the Discernment Committee to appoint a new pastor when Father Murray retired. It was a timely process and challenging in order to choose the right individual for the position.

Beth's started her career working as a drafting typist at Western Electric. When the girls came along, she stopped working to manage the full-time job of raising kids. As they got a little older, Beth did babysitting for neighbors and then teachers at school and ended up doing this full time.

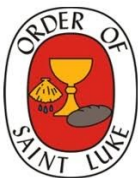
When her youngest daughter was 13 years old, Beth took a job at the Drifting Sands Hotel in Ship Bottom. She has been there for 25 years and now works in the office. Retirement is on the horizon, however, that decision will be made later. With Jim retiring last November 2020, the enticement becomes stronger every day.

Beth and family moved from North Jersey to Barnegat and lived there of 34 years before moving to Little Egg Harbor. Beth's parents owned a home there and Beth and Jim decided that was where they wanted to retire someday. So...they sold the Barnegat house and moved to LEH where they totally renovated their new digs.

When Beth started volunteering at the Thrift Outlet, Marie Carr and Gloria Davis trained her. The Thrift Outlet is one of our best assets for St. Stephen's and Beth is very instrumental in keeping it running as smooth as possible. That job can be quite challenging at times, but Beth has tenacity and sets a good example for all the other volunteers. The current Executive Committee of the Thrift Outlet is Beth MacKenzie, Gloria Davis, Barbara Heilich and Jan Winne. Beth keeps the shop updated with all the seasonal changes and monitoring which items should go on sale. Our Shop is most successful, and we have a number of regular customers. Thanks to Beth for all she does and all the time she devotes to making this her special project. Beth is one of many who always keeps a cheerful outlook, especially in the most challenging times. Whether it be maintaining volunteers for the Shop, helping out at church events or even some health issues, Beth can be counted on in any situation. It would be exceedingly difficult to fill Beth's shoes!

ShopRite Gift Card Fundraiser Supports Our Building and Maintenance.

Back on Sale at the Church after the Sunday Worship Service. See Gloria Davis. 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. ***Back on Sale at the Church after the Sunday Worship Service.*** See Gloria Davis.



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.

September Parish Calendar & Events

WORSHIP

Holy Eucharist

Sunday at 9:30

Evening Prayer in the Outdoor Garden Chapel

Saturday's at 5:00PM

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, [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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