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August 15 2021 ~ Year B TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today	9:30am	Holy Eucharist Rite II
Monday August 16	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Tuesday August 17	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Wednesday August 18	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Thursday August 19	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Friday August 20	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Saturday August 21	8:30 am	AA Meeting
	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet



Eucharistic Service Ministers

Lay Readers

Glenys Baulderstone

Ushers

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Ray Davis, Tom Don, Jim Emery

St. Stephen's Vestry

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Jan Winne	Nick Morgan
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Peggy Beck	Bob Gray
Debbie Kirk	Ron Turner (Treasurer)

Welcome Visitors and Newcomers: We extend a warm welcome to all who are new to St. Stephen's. We are delighted to have you with us for worship this morning. Please take time to sign our visitor's book. An usher will gladly assist you with any questions you may have.

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

Be thoughtful, be silent, and be reverent, for this is a house of God. Before the service speak to the Lord; during the service let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

Holy Eucharist Rite II 9:30 am

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The Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

12th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 15, 2021

A Reading from Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars. She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table. She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town, "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says, "Come eat of my bread, and drink of the wine that I have mixed. Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

Psalm 34:9-14

- 9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints,*
For those who fear him lack nothing.
10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger,*
But those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is Good.
11 Come, children and listen to me;*
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
12 Who among you loves life*
And desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking*
And your lips from lying words.
14 Turn from evil and do good;8
Seek peace and pursue it.

A Reading from Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A Reading from the Gospel of John 6:51-58

Jesus said,, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread who will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.” The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

August Prayers & Memorials

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Anglican Church of Southern Africa

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Ministry of the Church Attorney

The **Altar Flowers** for today are in Memory of Norma L. Lockwood by Norma & Ron Turner

Please keep in your prayers:

Nancy Sullivan, The Nelson Family, Tom Don, Dick Heward, Beverly Seabert, Barbara Julian, Ellen Rich, Bud Boyd and Marie Carr.

We celebrate the birthdays this week of Brian Waldron and Michelle Sieling.



St. Stephen's News

The Garden Chapel Eucharist is now held on Saturdays at 5:00pm.

Shop Rite Gift Cards – See Gloria Davis before and after the service.

August 17, 2021 at 2:30pm there will be a Thrift Shop volunteer meeting in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in volunteering is encouraged to attend. If you have any questions please see Beth MacKenzie, Barbara Heilich or Jan Winne.

The votive candles have recently been placed in the Narthex for those wishing to remember a loved one.

The Order of Saint Luke meets every Friday morning at 10:00am in the Parish Hall. Anyone interested in finding out more about the group is invited to attend.

Upcoming Events at St. Stephen's

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church has asked us to join them for a Jersey Shore BlueClaws baseball game on Friday night, September 10th. Game time is 7:00pm. The cost of \$16 includes a hot dog, soda, novelty ice cream AND FIREWORKS! Children will get a free game on the Boardwalk. Please send cash or check made out to Louise Wagner by August 22nd. Home address is 107 Danbury Drive, Little Egg Harbor, NJ 08087. Email address is wagner_louise@yahoo.com or 609-668-3314. Hoep to see all of you there for a fun evening.

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