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August 29, 2021 - Year B FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today	9:30am 6:30 pm	Holy Eucharist Rite II AA Meeting
Monday August 30	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Thrift Outlet AA Meeting
Tuesday August 31	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Thrift Outlet Ladies AA
Wednesday September 1	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Thrift Outlet AA Meeting
Thursday September 2	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Friday September 3	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Thrift Outlet AA Meeting
Saturday September 4	8:30 am 10:00 am	AA Meeting Thrift Outlet



Eucharistic Service Ministers

Lay Readers

JoAnn Don

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Ray Davis, Tom Don, Jim Emery

St. Stephen's Vestry

Warden:	Jim Joeriman
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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:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 29, 2021

A Reading from Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

Moses said: So now Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land of the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You may neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you. You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today? But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

Psalm 15

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
Who may abide upon your holy hill?
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
Who speaks the truth from his heart.
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
He does no evil to his friend; *
But does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
But he honors those who fear the Lord.
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
And does not take back his word.
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
- 7 Whoever does these things *
Shall never be overthrown.

A Reading from James 1:17-27

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose, he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a king of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved; let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore, rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save souls. But be doers of the word and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act- they will be blessed in their doing.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, 'This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.' You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called to the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand; there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come; fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander pride, folly. All these things come from within, and they defile a person."

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Episcopal Church of South Sudan

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Members and Ministry of the Global Goals Task Force.

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.

We celebrate the anniversary this week of Beverly & Erne Seabert.

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.

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

Interfaith Health & Support Service of Ocean County is holding their annual fundraiser "Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, September 24, 2021 at St. Mary's of the Pines Parish Center, 100 Bishop Way, Manahawkin, NJ. Doors open at 5:30pm, Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Tickets are \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door. Additional Bingo cards \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Super Bingo tickets are available for purchase. Complimentary Beverages and Desserts! Bring your own food. No alcohol permitted. Pick up tickets at 56 Nautilus Drive, Manahawkin, NJ Monday-Thursday, from 10-2. 609-978-3839

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