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September 19, 2021 - Year B
17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Today	9:30am 6:30 pm	Holy Eucharist Rite II AA Meeting
Monday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 20	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Tuesday		
September 21	10:00 am 6:30 pm	Thrift Outlet Ladies AA
Wednesday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 22	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Thursday		
September 23	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
Friday	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet
September 24	6:30 pm	AA Meeting
Saturday	8:30 am	AA Meeting
September 25	10:00 am	Thrift Outlet



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John Marcy

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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:

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, on God, for ever and ever. Amen

SCRIPTURE READINGS

17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

A Reading from Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands, she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel
Of the wicked, *
Nor lingered in the way of sinners,
Nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
And they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,

Bearing fruit in due season,
With leaves that do not wither; *
Everything they do shall prosper.

- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
They are like chaff which the wind blows away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
Judgement comes, *
Nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
But the way of the wicked is doomed.

A Reading from James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

August Prayers & Memorials

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Province of Uganda

In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer** today we pray for the Members and Ministry of the Diocesan Communications Team

Altar Candles for the month of September in memory of Helen & John Kent & Lu and Stu Winne by the Winne family

Please keep in your prayers:

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

We celebrate the birthdays today of Nick Morgan and the anniversary of Gary & Susan Petrizzo

St. Stephen's News

All are welcome to join the Bible Discussion Group. It meets following coffee hour til noon. Currently discussing 1st Corinthians.

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.

Have you ever thought about being an Usher? Well...now is your big opportunity! The responsibilities are a little different under the COVID protocols and not that difficult to learn. Please remember the more the merrier and the less often you would be scheduled. If you are interested and would like to volunteer, please see Pattie Meyer after the Sunday service or you can contact me at 609-891-6814. Thank you for caring about Saint Stephen's!

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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