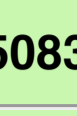




Join Us For Worship

Sunday, August 8th

The Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost
Holy Eucharist & Zoom - 9AM

 **JOIN US VIA ZOOM** - Zoom meeting #431-816-9467 / Password: 5083664134

Those without a computer, smartphone or iPad may join by phone. Dial in, follow the prompts, and listen to services by phone: **1-646-558-8656**; Enter the meeting ID, and if asked for a participant ID, press # and then enter password. If anyone is still having difficulty joining by computer, please reach out to Sara Regan at sara.robblee.regan@gmail.com for help.

[Download Service Order Here \(Word Doc\)](#) [Download Service Order Here \(PDF\)](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Face masks are now highly recommended: due to the local increasing numbers of the delta variant of Covid 19 and out of an abundance of love, care, and concern for each other, we are requesting that masks be worn during worship time and coffee hour (when not eating/drinking).

- ON AUGUST 8TH**, members of the Vestry will be available to meet during coffee hour to answer questions regarding Mary's transition into being our official rector and what this new hybrid model would entail. We will also be happy to organize a Zoom information session for those who cannot meet in person. Please reach out to Deacon Beth if you are interested in this.
- RESTARTING YOUTH GROUP:** The parish is looking into restarting the youth group; if anyone is interested in leading or knows of any children who would like to participate, please reach out to Mother Mary.
- STEWARDSHIP VOLUNTEER NEEDED**
We are in need of a person to take over the duties of stewardship chair for this stewardship season. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to find out more about this position, please reach out to Deacon Beth or Mother Mary.
- CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS!**
We are in need of volunteers for positions such as servers, lectors, crucifers, acolytes, etc. If you are interested in helping out, please reach out to the parish office with your availability. Email us at info@ststeph.com or call at 508-366-4134; please reach out to Mary or Beth with any questions.
- MOTHER MARY'S NEW EMAIL: RECTOR@STSTEPH.COM**

UPCOMING EVENTS

- SIGN UP TO HOST COFFEE HOUR:** Sign up sheet located in the parish hall.
- VESTRY MEETING, AUGUST 18TH @ 6:30 PM**

ELITE REPEATS THRIFT SHOP

From the Thrift Shop

Our sales and donation activity has increased this past week...almost back to normal. We are trying to find someone to take the remainder of our furniture collection in an effort to clear out one more room. We have a crib in excellent condition, a small desk, a love seat, coffee tables, and 2 small matching swivel chairs. Perhaps someone going off to college in an apartment could use some of these items.


Thursdays can be a busy day for us. This month it's a longer day. We could use your help even for a few hours over the next several weeks. Some of us are away during a couple of those weeks, so if you have some spare time, please contact me or Suzanne to schedule some time. We do have a good time in the basement...and we now have a new air system that has made a difference in the climate down here.

Thank you for your support,

Nancy

To volunteer, please reach out to Suzanne Gillam at 774-278-8056

THE LITTLE FREE PANTRY




Sponsored by Westborough In Your Shoes; a community cupboard of non-perishable foods, household, and personal items now located in the St. Stephen's parking lot by the shed. The cupboard is available to anyone in need; open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, no registration required.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please keep these people in your daily prayers; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: Fred & Sharyn, Marjorie, Mary, Alan, Ken, Nancy, Bob & Anne, Yvette, Katie, Paul, Kenny, Carol, Simon, Ruth, Fitzgerald, Timothy, Michelle, and Chris; for those who are homebound, remembering Sylvia, Fred, Lorraine, and Rita.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Lauren Armstrong, Alexandra Boyer, Maria Holland, Evan Calderone, Elana Regan, Matthew Regan, Yvette Kite, and Rhonda Russian.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: Simon Fricker & Meta Mitchell and Dan & Melissa Flahive.



Altar Flowers...

In moving back towards indoor worship, we are opening the opportunity for parishioners to reserve and purchase flower arrangements to be displayed during Sunday services. These flowers are a beautiful way to commemorate loved ones and to celebrate or give thanks for the blessings of life, friends, and family.




To purchase an altar flower arrangement for Sunday worship, please:

- Print your name next to your preferred date on the flower poster located in the narthex just outside the sanctuary doors.
- Fill out one of the altar flower envelopes (located next to the poster) with any pertinent information, including a color specification, and enclose your payment inside. A typical arrangement costs \$80, but prices may differ for specialized arrangements. Please contact the parish office with any questions regarding this.
- If nobody is in the office, envelopes may be left in the mailbox located outside the parish office doors. Otherwise, envelopes may be left to any administrator of the office.

NEED A QUIET PLACE TO PRAY?

Our side chapel remains open for prayer 24/7. Please enter through the small exterior red door, found on the small walkway. The prayer garden and labyrinth at the end of the walk behind the church/entrance to the thrift shop are also available. We pray that those who use these places will find peace and comfort during this difficult time.

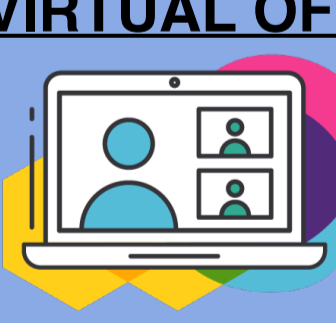


DONATE TO THE LITTLE RED WAGON:

Sitting just outside the parish office and accepting donations. Doors are open Mon - Fri, 9AM - 12PM. Food items, cleaning, and personal care items needed



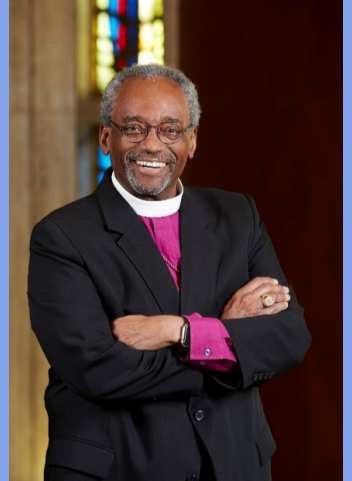
VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS



Mother Mary is available to meet for virtual office hours using the church's zoom account. Please let Mary know if you would like to schedule an appointment with her.

A PRAYER FROM PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL CURRY:

“Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”



PRAYER FOR THE NEW RECTOR SEARCH PROCESS

Merciful God, be with us and guide us; open our minds and teach us; open our hearts and surround us with your love that we may feel your presence in all our works. Imbue us with wisdom and awareness of your vision as we begin to search for a new rector and spiritual leader. Grant us an adventurous spirit, willing to attempt new tasks and face new ways, ever mindful of the need to listen more to your still, small voice than to our own fancies and desires. Grant continued grace and commitment to those who will be called to serve as members of the Profile and Search Committees, that they may become faithful companions to each other, to the Vestry and to this Parish. We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

PLEASE NOTE

All submissions for information to be included in the Announcements and Sunday service order must be turned in BEFORE Monday at noon. You may send all submissions to info@ststeph.com.

PLEASE FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Following us or liking us helps raise our profile in general on the web and means that more people around us will see what St. Stephen's is doing. Please find us online today and click Follow or Like:



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Westborough, MA 01581
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