



ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH

Walk with Christ and Share the Journey

Join Us For Worship



Sunday, August 15th
The Twelfth 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.roblee.regan@gmail.com for help.

- Service Order Download (PDF)
- Service Order Download (Word)

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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).

For those attending the memorial service this Friday as well as future services, please remember to bring a mask as we are running low on spares!

- 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

ELITE REPEATS THRIFT SHOP

From the Thrift Shop:
Activity picked up the second and third weeks after returning from vacation. We have ongoing half price sales on all summer clothes. It seems after 5:00 everything stops. We decided to leave the closing time at 5PM.

Most customers are looking forward to our Saturday reopening on September 11th. That means we will see a huge increase in donations...which means we will need assistance in emptying the back entry space for donations and extra hands for receiving and sorting.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. We are seeing more activity from our target customer base and our customers are very happy with the quality of our shop. Again, the non-profit community sings our praises and is grateful for our contribution to the community.

Blessing to all,

Nancy

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please keep these people in your daily prayers; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation: Sharyn and the Philcox family, the Joyner family, 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, Lorraine, and Rita.

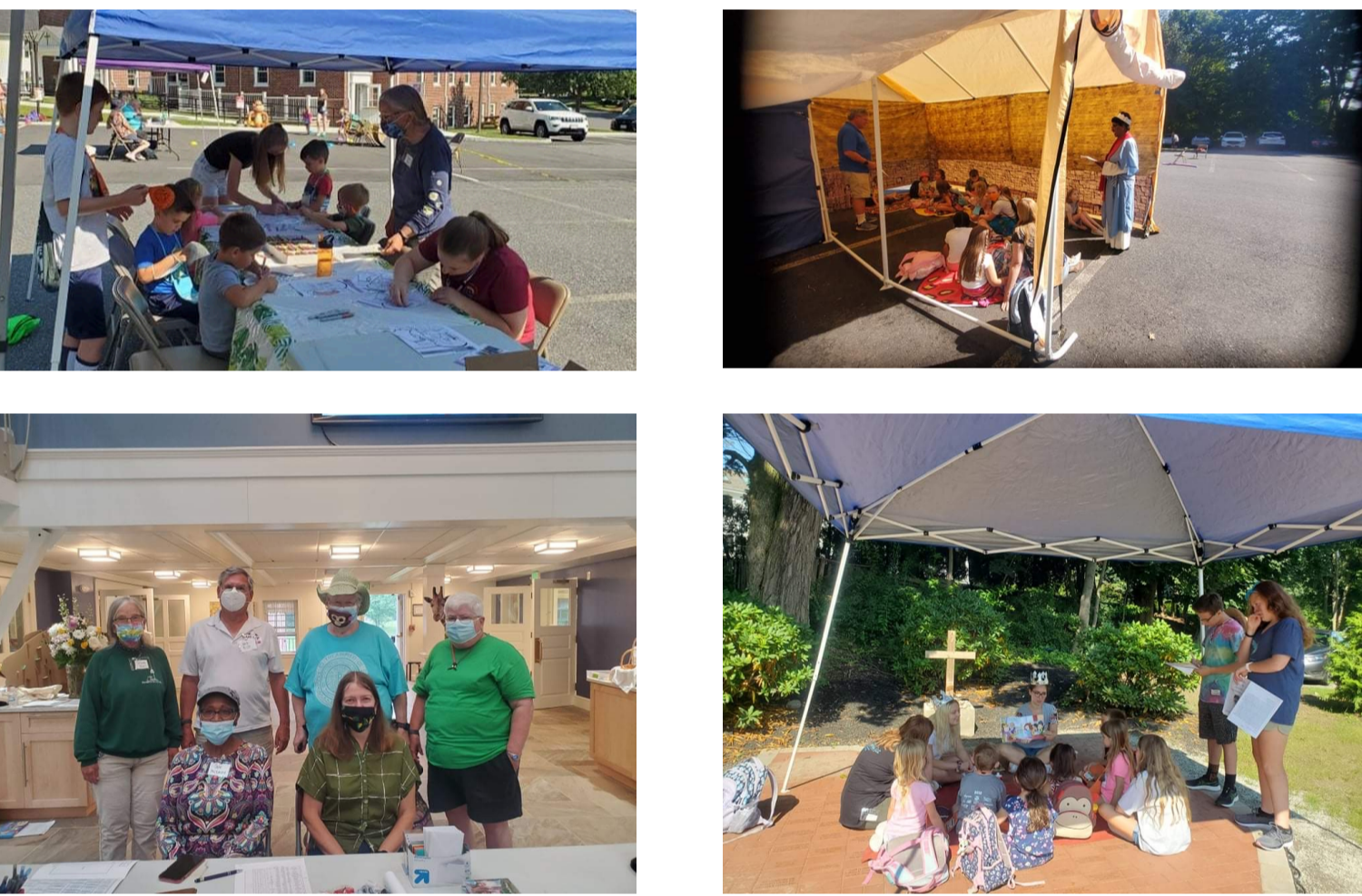
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:
Leslie Leedberg, Phoebe Plasterer, and Sara Chambers



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO:
Justin & Stephanie Lundberg and Brian Swartz & Ruth Beck.

2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

VBS was a huge success – even the one day it rained and we had to meet inside. 74 enthusiastic campers and 58 tireless and talented volunteers worked and played together discovering that we're all priceless to God. Thank you for your prayer support!



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.



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

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.

Altar Flowers...

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

- Print your name next to your preferred date on the sanctuary 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.

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 human 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."

A Prayer for New Ministry at St. Stephen's and St. Paul's

Loving and gracious God, you give us the gifts of life, love, joy, and wonder as we walk with you. Through your son, Jesus, we are given the gifts of your presence and support as we continue in our journey of faith through his love and teachings. Your ever-present Spirit gives us the gifts of your continual guidance and support always encouraging us in all we do.

We give thanks that you have called Mary to serve not only this congregation as its pastoral leader but also to serve the people of our neighboring parish, St. Paul's, in Hopkinton. We ask you to strengthen and sustain Mary and our respective communities with patience and understanding as we live into your call to love and serve your people in our area. May we learn to walk with Christ and share the journey with the people of St. Paul's and all whom we encounter through the offering of our gifts and talents. All this we ask in Jesus' name. 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.

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