ST. STEPHEN'S NEWS
Sunday, March 15, 2026
The Fourth Sunday in Lent

WELCOME!
If you are worshipping at St. Stephen's for the first time today, you are welcome to share in the Holy Communion. Please fill out a "Visitor" card at one of the Greeters tables and/or the guest book on the podium before you leave and get a welcome packet.

COMMUNION
If you are in need of a gluten free wafer during Communion, please let an usher know before the offertory or let one of the persons serving the host know. If you have a mobility problem, please let an usher know before the service begins and communion will be brought to you.

LOOKING FORWARD

SAINT STEPHEN'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
& PRESCHOOL

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday, March 29th
7:45 AM & 10:30 AM
(child care available at 10:30 AM)

Holy Eucharist @ 12:30 PM
Monday -Thursday of Holy Week

Tuesday in Holy Week, March 31st
Tenebrae / 7 PM

Interactive Stations of the Cross, April 1st
Wednesday, 6:00-7:30 PM

Maundy Thursday, April 2nd
Foot Washing & Holy Eucharist / 7 PM

Good Friday, April 3rd
12:30 PM (In-Person & Livestream)
7 PM (In-Person only)

Saturday, April 4th
The Great Vigil of Easter / 7 PM

Easter Sunday, April 5th
Festival Eucharist / 9 AM & 11 AM
Easter egg hunt after each service
(child care available)

For more information about the Holy Week experience go to
st-stephens.org

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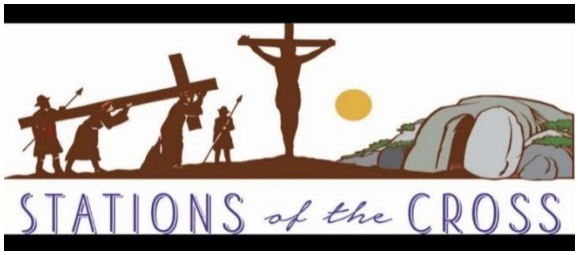

A Personal Journey

Join us Tuesday evening, April 1st, between 6:00 and 7:30 pm for a spiritual pilgrimage through our sanctuary, stopping at each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross. You'll have the opportunity to experience **interactive "stations" that** add visual, sensory, and meditative elements to the telling of Christ's last hours on earth.

A thought-provoking Christian practice, the Stations of the Cross have been followed for decades in churches and homes around the world.

The goal is to help you contemplate the self-giving sacrifices of Christ and draw you into deeper engagement with the Lenten-Easter story. Your personal journey may take 30 to 40 minutes as you spend time reading and reflecting, moving from one station to the next.

Everyone is welcome! For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Mary Jo Higginbotham at maryjohigg@gmail.com

Vigil at the Altar of Repose
From Maundy Thursday evening at 9:00pm through Good Friday at Noon, we keep watch before the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose. This commemorates for us the disciples being asked to watch and pray with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane the night before He was crucified.
So that we can make certain there are at least two people keeping watch for each hour of the Vigil, sign up for half hour increments (you may sign up for more than a half hour). This way we can be certain that there is always someone before the Blessed Sacrament, and we can ensure people's safety as no one will be there by themselves.
Sign up in the parish hall, use this QR Code, or call Tracy in the Church office at 661-259-7307.
If you have any issues with the sign up page, please contact Tracy in the Church office.
https://tinyurl.com/472xayss

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY The Altar Guild invites parishioners to contribute palms to be used in decorating the sanctuary for Palm Sunday and to be carried when we process from the upper courtyard. If you have palms (no dried palms), please let Mary Mercogliano know by email mary.mercogliano@gmail.com.
Palms will need to be delivered to the church by 8:00 am on Saturday, March 28th. You may also stay and help decorate if you'd like.

Easter Flowers

We would like to have abundant flowers for Easter Sunday, April 5th. If you would like to make a contribution as a Thanksgiving or a Memorial, please fill out the form which can be found in the Narthex. For your Thanksgiving or Memorial to be included in the Easter bulletins, please turn your contribution in no later than **Sunday, March 29th.**
You may also fill out the form and pay online by using this QR Code

Thank you, St. Stephen's Altar Guild

https://tinyurl.com/3wj5afvt

If you wish to have your birthday or anniversary prayed for during Sunday services or if you would like a white rose to signify a death in your family or a red rose to signify a birth in your family, please email Tracy in the Church office at office@st-stephens.org no later than 5:00pm on Thursdays with all of the relevant details.

https://bit.ly/3MGRXts

https://bit.ly/AngelGala2026
Mark your calendars for **October 24, 2026**! We're officially forming our event planning committee,

and we need your special touch to make this night a success!
The funds we raise will allow us to leverage our community, support the vulnerable who come to our doors, and strengthen the vital outreach ministries here at St. Stephen's.
We're looking for help with:

- Fundraising & Auction
- Logistics & Décor
- Catering & Menu Planning
- Music & Entertainment

Ready to earn your wings? Fill out our Google form!
For any questions, email Erick Castro-Gaeta: erickcastronunez@gmail.com
Let's work together to grow our outreach and support our neighbors!

GIVING TO ST. STEPHEN'S
If you are able to continue supporting the mission and ministry of St. Stephen's, you can pay your pledge or make a new or recurring donation online here st-stephens.org/giving. You can also text your donation by texting the word GIVE to 661.228.8909 and following the prompts. Click here for an easy How To Use Text Giving guide.
We are deeply grateful for your commitment and support.

Lay Eucharistic Care Ministry (LEM)
If you or someone you know is unable to come to church on Easter, please contact Tracy in the Church office

Also, if you or someone you know is unable to join our community for communion on Sunday and you, or they, would like communion brought to them, please contact Tracy in the Church office.

LEMs offer confidential, comforting presence for people facing challenges of illness or other issues that make it difficult for the person to come to church services. LEMs bring sacrament from the Sunday altar the same week.

If you would like to participate in the LEM ministry, please contact Michael Branda (Michael.branda@yahoo.com) or Cathy Gero (crgero2@att.net).

St. Stephen's Prayer List

Current Needs: Joanne, Vickie, Innocent victims of global and domestic conflicts and wars, especially in the U.S., Israel, Iran war, Jim and Judy, Laura, Trudy, Gayle, Lisa and Lou, Lella, Eliza, Janet, Gail, Summer, Bill, John and the Nelson family, Marie, Lilly, Nevelle, Jess, Patrick, Amy, Dolores and family, Steve, Heather, Maria, Jerome, Joy and Dennis, Nancy, Peggy, Angela, Brendan, Avery, Don, Ms. Monica, Greg, Debbie, Linda, Theresa, Terry, Hank, and their family, Haley, Moses, Roger, Kira, Delfred, Rosemary, Trish, Duke, Ron, Jim, Ken and Sara, Rebecca, **Tom, Colleen**

Rest in Peace:: Wilhelm Grotheer, Kathy Hannigan, **Sharon Legg**

If you would like to have prayers for yourself or someone else, please email Peggy Stabile at pstabile@pegasus2.net or call the church office at 661.259.7307. Please be aware that your prayer request content will be shared with the members of the prayer chain. If you wish for Peggy to hold your prayer request in confidence, please clarify that in your submission. Prayer requests remain active for 4 weeks and must be renewed thru Peggy or the office to be on the list again.

St. Stephen's Week	March 15, 2026 to March 22, 2026
TODAY'S SERVICE	7:45 & 10:30 AM
SUNDAY 3/15	VPOD: John Alexopoulos
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Baptism Class / Lounge
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall
12:00pm	YESS / Youth Room
MONDAY 3/16	
6:45pm	Troop 2019 / Spurling Hall
TUESDAY 3/17	
6:30pm	Preschool Board meeting / Spurling Hall
WED. 3/18	
7:00am	Holy Eucharist followed by breakfast
9:30am	Circle of Gratitude / Zoom
6:00pm	EfM / Room 8
THURS. 3/19	
9:30am	Book Study Group / Sacristy
6:30pm	Troop 2222 / Spurling Hall
7:30pm	Parish Choir Rehearsal / Church
FRIDAY 3/20	
SAT. 3/21	
NEXT SUNDAY 3/22	VPOD: Cheryl Sena
7:45am	Holy Eucharist
9:00am	Baptism Class / Lounge
10:30am	Holy Eucharist (also livestreamed via Facebook live)
10:30am	Sunday School / Spurling Hall