

Week of APRIL 26 – May 2, 2020

CASTING OUR NET

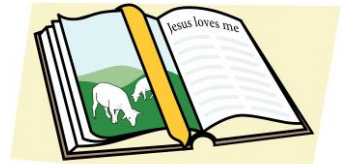
ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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You may give online by visiting our website or by texting SSNH to 73256 (REALM)



EDUCATION

Here is the liturgical calendar for the month of May, as well as a link to Bible studies for those who would like to go a little deeper.

APRIL 26, 2020

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

May 3, 2020

Psalm 23
Acts 2:42-47
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 10, 2020

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

May 17, 2020

Psalm 66:7-18
Acts 17:22-31
1 Peter 3:13-22
John 14:15-21

May 24, 2020

Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36
Acts 1:6-14
1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

May 31, 2020

Psalm 33:12-22
Genesis 11:1-9
Acts 2:1-11
John 7:37-39a

<http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/lessons/liturgical-calendar/>

A LETTER FROM THE RECTOR

Dear St. Stephen's Community,

It has been over a month since we were last gathered face to face. In the meantime, we have connected by phone, email, Zoom, YouTube, Facebook, Facetime, and even hand waves. I am so proud of our ability to keep people in our circle, despite physical location or level of technological expertise.

I am also proud of the way our parishioners have used their talents, especially Bish, Liz, and Jacob Mumford, the Diemers, and the Staubitz Family. Finally, I am proud of our vestry, Mike Staubitz,

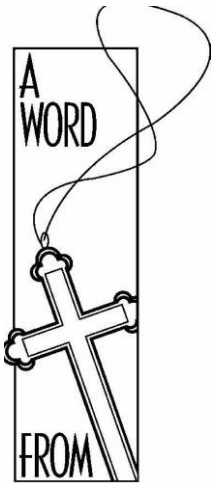
Wayne Hall, Liz Mumford, Phyllis Westfall, Peggy Meyer and our administrator, Margie Waible, for keeping us going financially and tending to the physical plant during our absence. An extra shout out goes to Ken Back and the ongoing bell tower project.

When we come back together – and we will – the “new normal” of facemasks and social distancing will impact the way we worship. Bishop Jennifer, like us, is waiting for guiding principles from the experts. It will take time, patience and flexibility. But, friends, we WILL worship!!

This pastoral letter ends with one of my favorite scriptures, Hebrews 12:1-2 (one of Presiding Bishop Curry's favorites as well):

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

Be well and be safe!
God's peace,
Beth+



We ask for Continued Prayers:

Barbara Macke, Peggy Stewart & family; Mary Keen; Mary Yuan; Residents & Staff of long term care facilities; Cindy & family; David, Doug & DeeAnn; The Parker Family; Claire; Students, Teachers, & Parents who are doing their best to educate them during this quarantine; For all struggling financially, physically, or mentally; Sheila, Greg, & Trevor; Suzy Schuette; Scottie; Greg & all workers at Ameriqua; Will and all 2020 Senior who were scheduled to graduate

And for those serving in the Military:

E.B. & his Platoon; Alex, James, D.J., Caitlyn and all serving

And for Safety in Travel for:

Truck Drivers; James & Catherine

And we pray for those who have Died:

Don Parker; Those who have died from COVID-19 Virus

For those who celebrate Birthdays in April and May:

April 18 – David Cox
April 25 – Terri Hall
May 5 – Janet Rice
May 15 – Dr. Beth Macke
May 15 – Mark Sellars

And for those serving in our Diocese, including Bishop Jennifer Baskervill-Burrows, our companion Diocese Brasillia, their Bishop Mauricio, and the people and Diocese of Haiti and St. Andre’s in Mithon

Blessings:

For beautiful weather and spring gardens; For all caregivers



PRAYER LIST:

Anyone with the following link can add names to our prayer list (think of it as the composition notebook in the cloud) located at https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_5aUEsvqUzTdAmvLG4yI0eW87mFpiPIpFd0tUuscnc/edit?usp=sharing



ZOOM COFFEE HOUR

This is how St. Stephen’s does coffee hour during social distancing!
Thank you all so much for showing up!



Reminder: Even though we are physically closed, our ministry continues! Pledges can be mailed to PO Box 173, New Harmony, IN 47631 or can be made online by credit card at

<https://onrealm.org/StStephensEpisc/-/give/now>

God bless you for giving.

SERVICE AND COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE THROUGH MAY

DATE	SERVICE PLACE	LEADERS	COFFEE HOUR HOST
May 3, 2020 YouTube: View on your own.	Mumfords on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAy8hi82jDBPBHz7MzHzKUA	Bish, Liz, Jacob	
May 10, 2020 YouTube: View on your own.	Dr Beth - Kentucky https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAy8hi82jDBPBHz7MzHzKUA	Dr. Beth	Dr. Beth
May 17, 2020 9:00 am CST	Indy- Christ Church Cathedral https://www.cccindy.org/live/	CCC	
May 24, 2020 10:15 am CST	Washington National Cathedral https://cathedral.org/worship/	National Church	
May 31, 2020 YouTube: View on your own.	YouTube (Pentecost) https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAy8hi82jDBPBHz7MzHzKUA	Dr. Beth and Mumfords	

The church building is closed through the month of May. The gate of the columbarium is open for you to walk by for a time of outside meditation and prayer. We will gladly revise this announcement if the circumstances change.

