

The WITNESS

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Troy, Michigan 48098

April 2010

The Rambling Rector



Economic recovery is on everyone's mind these days, especially here in Michigan. For Christians, recovery is a process that pre-dates our present crises by more than 2000 years. At St. Stephen's we seek to support one another in recovering from recession, depression, division, denial, disenchantment, and all other manifestations of sin and death. We do this by singing out, laughing often, crying together, reaching out beyond our own walls, and learning what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ in our own time and place. Join us in celebrating "tradition with humanity and humor."

Rambling around Resurrection

Some years ago, I remember writing in this column that "it's a good thing Jesus didn't try to rise from the dead in Michigan: the ground is still frozen in March," or words to that effect.

But March has been relatively kind to Michigan in 2010. Lent's restraining hand seems less stern when the temperature sur-

passes 60 degrees and frogs test out their spring voices in the night.

From such a vantage point, it does not seem so far fetched to hear of an empty tomb and a familiar

stranger revealing himself among disciples whose "hearts burned within them" so intensely that it thaws our chilled-out faith even after two thousand years.

Obviously, the Resurrection of Jesus had to overcome a lot more than just frozen earth to become a reality. It is our frozen hearts and ice-bound imaginations that hold us under the snow, not the weather.

Recently a parishioner wrote to me about his efforts to find a completely new type of employment after years "in the corporate sector." "There's something a bit liberating in finding your own way after the traditional paths have come to a dead end."



Amen to that. Those "bits of liberation" are the signs of a thaw, not just in the global economy, but in, as one of the Easter hymns puts it, "all the winter of our sins."

That same hymn, composed by John of Damascus in the 8th Century C.E., speaks of the Jesus, held down by "the gates of death...[and by] the tombs dark portal," and guarded by "watchers" and restrained by "the seal" placed upon his grave.

The hymn goes on, "But today, amidst thine own thou dost stand, bestowing, that thy peace which evermore, passeth human knowing."

Jonathan+



Around the Parish



April Lectionary

April 1 - Maundy

Thursday

Ex 12:1-4, (5-10),
11-14

Psalms 116:1, 10-17

1 Cor: 11: 23-26

John 13:1-17, 31B-35

April 2 - Good Friday

Is: 52:13-53: 12

Psalms 22

Hebr 10: 16-25 or

Hebr 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

John 18: 1-19: 42

April 4 - Easter Day

Acts 10: 34-43 or

Is: 65: 17-25

Psalms 118: 1-2, 14-24

1 Cor: 15: 19-26 or

Acts 10: 34-43

John 20: 1-18 or

Luke 24: 1-12

April 11 - Easter 2

Acts 5: 27-32

Psalms 150 or

Psalms 150

Rev: 1: 4-8

John 20: 19-31

April 18 - Easter 3

Acts 9: 1-6 (7-20)

Psalms 30

Rev 5: 11-14

John 21: 1-19

April 25 - Easter 4

Acts 9: 36-43

Psalms 23

Rev 7: 9-17

John 10: 22-30

Don't Stop Believing

Dear Episcopal Diocese of Michigan,

Grace and peace be upon all of you who do, and don't, read this letter. My walk in my life through God and my faith through Christ has been tremendous, and I would like to share with you an experience that has stuck out to me.

I've been attending my freshmen year of college at Grand Valley State University. While attending this great school, I've been a part of many organizations that are Christian-based. One organization that has been most remarkable for me, has been a group known as Restoration. It's a club where singers and musicians get together for praise and worship, as the main purpose. We also partake in expressing our faith through music; we put together concerts, or as we call it "Worship Experiences", along with other colleges. In between events, we pull together times to commit to community service for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Ever since I've join this group my knowledge of God and Christ has grown significantly. While exploring other branches of Christianity, I've gained a broader sense of what other brothers and sisters believe in. I've taken a look at Pentecostal, Protestant, Baptist, Methodist, and Evangelical branches. It has been an eye opening experience, and I'm thankful for God showing me what others believe in.

At the same time, I've gained knowledge of my own faith and have become more rooted in my personal beliefs. God has always been giving and understanding, and now I understand what it really means to be an Episcopalian, but more importantly a Christian.

If I could give one bit of advice, it would be for all Episcopal youth to participate in worship outside of church. It can show each youth member to enjoy and understand worship outside of the church setting, which could be an awesome experience. It could be a retreat, a mission trip, any community service event, or

even a lock-in.

I'm very pleased with what the Diocese has done so far, but we can't stop here. The youth are the future and as I'm starting to become more of an independent adult, I'm starting to see just how important this all was to me. At the very least, I would want the youth, now and in the future, to experience what I've experienced.



God's Peace and Love,
Mark E. Pierce

P.S. *"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning. Of his own will He brought us forth by the word of truth, that we might be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures."*

James 1:17-18

And another quote, non-scripture though, that I like...

"Don't Stop Believing!"

Journey

Easter Vigil - April 3

Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 1: 1-2:4a (The Story of Creation)

Genesis 7:1-5,11-18,8:6-18, 9:8-13 (The Flood)

Genesis 22: 1-18 (Abraham's sacrifice of Isaac)

Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 (Israel's deliverance at the Red Sea)

Isaiah 55: 1-11 (Salvation offered freely to all)

Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8: 1-8,

19-21; 9:4b-6 (Learn wisdom and live)

Ezekiel 36: 24-28 (A new heart and a new spirit)

Ezekiel 37: 1-14 (The valley of dry bones)

Zephaniah 3: 12-20 (The gathering of God's people)

At the Eucharist

Romans 6: 3-11

Psalms 114

Luke 24: 1-12

Something More

Acolyte Schedule

Sunday, April 4 - 8 am

Crucifer - Nancy Irey-Sams
1st Server - Lindsay Podsiadlik
2nd Server - David Hatt

Sunday, April 4 - 10 am

Crucifer - Cathryn Hardy
1st Server - Alex Morley
2nd Server - T.J. Morley

Sunday - April 11 - 10 am

Crucifer - Amy Church
1st Server - Lindsay Podsiadlik
2nd Server - Courtney Bialowas

Sunday, April 18 - 10 am

Crucifer - Sarah Edwards
1st Server - Hannah Ward
2nd Server - Jayne Edwards

Sunday, April 25 - 10 am

Crucifer - Garret Fragnoli
1st Server - Brent Fragnoli
2nd Server - Justin Fragnoli

Sunday, May 2 - 10 am

Crucifer - Sarah Edwards
1st Server - Cathryn Hardy
2nd Server - Jayne Edwards

Habitat for Humanity

We are pledging \$5000 once again to build affordable and safe housing in the city of Pontiac! All monies raised will go directly to building a house (no overhead!). Please consider giving during the months of April and May a gift—checks can be made out to St. Stephen's, memo "Habitat" or use your e-giving account and in the Transactions page, indicate "Habitat" as other fund.

-Pastor Manisha, chair of Outreach Ministries

Walk MS

Someone you know may have Multiple Sclerosis — including at least two (2) members of St. Stephen's. When one person in a family is affected by MS, the whole family lives with it as well — as several other families at church can share. Symptoms of MS are varied from person to person



and can vary for an individual, as well. At times, especially in the early years for those who have "relapsing-remitting" conditions, the symptoms are less challenging and less obvious to others. However, sometimes the symptoms of MS are very challenging, and make it difficult—or even impossible—for people to carry out their daily activities. For some, the fatigue is overwhelming, For others, weakness or balance problems make getting around too difficult or too dangerous.

This year, the MS Walk will be on Sunday, May 2nd. The funds you raise help support national research and local programs and services for the 18,000 people living with MS in Michigan and their families.

Team St. Stephen's will participate in the Walk MS: Troy, again this year. This site is the largest of the MS sites, and last year more than 1,300 walkers and volunteers were welcomed and over \$300,000 was raised. This year's event will be another great day of fun and festivities, in support of those living with multiple sclerosis, their families, and caregivers.

Your financial support is greatly appreciated, Please see any of the Team St. Stephen's members — including Nancy Papet, Diane Kenefic, Cheryl Davenport, Gretchen Waters — or go to the NMSS website (go to Walk; Troy, and look for Team St. Stephen's) for the opportunity to donate, and help create a world without MS! Thank you so much.

Diane Kenefic



COME SING WITH US!

Adult Choir

Wednesdays at 7:15 pm

A Big Thanks

If you have been in the Bishop Emrich Lounge in the last few weeks, and have had the opportunity to sit in comfort, you may thank Liz & Harold Golding for donating that furniture. We offer a big thank you for their generosity!



Have a Favorite Charity?

This year, you can request a grant for them from your church! Fill out a grant request form (available online or in the office) and help your organization that does good work in the world! Questions? Ask

Pastor Manisha or Deacon Liz





Storytellers: story@ststephenstroy.org

The Lima Bean God

Liz Sinkovich is the Storyteller. Call, write or email her with your stories:

story@ststephenstroy.org

Stories are the vehicles that God uses to tell of His work in our community and in ourselves. It is how we connect and know one another.

Ginny Bennett has been a friend for more years than I care to count. Her wisdom, even if she didn't always know it, has informed my life in so many ways. In this story, life boils down to lima beans - that sometimes it seems like God is a lima bean mother - that sometimes, the answer is that we have to do things we don't like, and confront things in ourselves that we find are not what we pretend to be. The lesson for Lent is to look within, take the opportunity to learn and grow - and eat your lima beans! What we do...and how we live matters!

There was a part of my childhood which was perfect and I was transported there just the other day. It happened when my mother and I were talking on the phone and it happened because she recited a poem (by John Milton) from memory...

*"When I consider how my light is spent
Ere half my days in this dark world and wide,
And that one talent which is death to hide
Lodged with me useless, though my soul more bent*

*To serve there with my Maker, and present
My true account, lest he returning chide,
'Doth God exact day-labor, light denied?'
I fondly ask. But patience, to prevent
That murmur, soon replies, 'God doth not need
Either man's work or his own gifts. Who best
Bear his mild yoke, they serve him best. His state
Is kingly: thousands at his bidding speed,
And post o'er land and ocean without rest;
They also serve who only stand and wait."*

I was deeply moved and astonished. She recited from memory in her beautiful low voice, a sonnet she had memorized almost 75 years ago, stumbling only once on the part about "bearing his mild yoke"

The happiest part of my childhood seems now to be closely connected to my mother's great storehouse of memorized poetry and songs. I particularly remember that when the family (7 children: small car!) traveled anywhere in the car she taught us songs: simple rounds, spirituals, songs in German and French, snatches of opera. She knew all the verses to hundreds of hymns and their alternate tunes. And poetry... she recited Sir Patrick Spens and How They Brought the Good News from Ghent to Aix.* She could quote a rhyme on any virtue: Little drops of water, little grains of sand... or any vice: I know a little girl who has a little curl...

There was of course, another part of my childhood that was less happy: the Singing mother (my Real mother) could disappear at any moment and be replaced by the Lima Bean Mother.

The Lima Bean Mother first appeared at lunchtime on a summer day when I was four. She said I had to sit at the table in the dining room until I had finished my lima beans.

I shudder to this day when I remember how long I stared at the repulsive brown things on my plate. Never before or since have I despised anything as intensely as I despised those lima beans. I could not eat them. I couldn't go out to play until they were gone. I solved the problem as efficiently as my 4-year old mind could manage: one at a time I dropped them onto the floor under the table. I believed the dog would eat them. He didn't, though.



And, in the words of my children's generation: I got busted. Unlike my Real mother, the Lima Bean Mother spanked.

I never learned to like lima beans, but I did learn a lasting lesson. I learned that there are times when Life acts just like a Lima Bean Mother.

You go through those times every now and then. You're going along doing your job, or raising your family, or conducting your love life: Maybe you're very content. Maybe it's not perfect—what is? But you're doing okay. Your life is pretty much like everyone else's, a lot better than some. Anyway even if you wanted to change something, you couldn't. You need the money. You have responsibilities. People depend on you. You would hurt everyone's feelings.

Then something unexpected occurs. Maybe you lose your job, or you lose a friend, or a spouse. You are injured in a car wreck. You get sick. Doors you assumed would be open forever slam shut. Your life seems to stop. And no

Under the Dogwood

2010 Building on Faith



Habitat for Humanity is looking for some special volunteers to help with the **2010 Building on Faith and Thrivent Builds**

projects. Please contact **Alesha Allen at (248) 338-1843** or volunteer@habitatoakland.org to learn more.

• **Prayer Corps.** Perfect for those who do not wish to volunteer on a home construction site. Prayer Corps members commit to pray five minutes every day for the Habitat for Humanity ministry and the 2010 Building on Faith and Thrivent Builds projects.

• **Partner Family Task Force.** This is a team of volunteers who find, train, and support the families who will become Habitat for Humanity homeowners in 2010.

• **Crew / house leaders.** Habitat for Humanity will train you to lead groups of volunteers on the home construction site.

• **Events.** These volunteers help plan, manage, and promote special events that support the Building on Faith and Thrivent Builds projects. These events include:

- o Groundbreaking ceremony (May 2)
 - o Building on Faith Week Opening Ceremony (June 20)
 - o Building on Faith Week I (June 21 – 26)
 - o Building on Faith Week II (July 12 – 17)
 - o Home dedications (July 17)
 - o Building on Faith Sunday (September 12)
- Alesha Allen*

April 2010						
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Please check the website for the most up-to-date calendar of events
www.ststephenstroy.org

Support the YAC Mission Trip to Pontiac!

Would you consider sponsoring a young adult in their week long mission trip to Pontiac? We are looking for folks who would pray and donate \$25 to be prayer partners with our kids. If you are interested, let Pastor Manisha or an 11th or 12th grader know. Checks can be made out to St. Stephen's, memo "YAC Mission Trip" or use your e-giving account and in the Transactions page, indicate "YAC Mission Trip" as other fund.

Lima Bean God Cont.

matter how hard or much you pray you find yourself sitting at Life's table staring at what's on your plate while other people's lives go on as before. You're sure what you're being forced to swallow will kill you. You are furious; it's obvious that you are being punished unfairly or being expected to do something impossible.

But Life's dog won't eat those beans either: you get busted and you stay busted and your lunch will be lima beans until you learn the lesson on Life's menu.

The lesson you learn is that the repulsiveness you are staring at is in you. You learn that even though there is stuff inside yourself that you despise, that life's events can expose it; it can't be ignored; you can't pretend it isn't there. Even though you try to give it away it stays on your plate.

And you learn that every now and then lima beans are going to appear on the menu and you will have to eat them.

That's all. Just two or three bites of humility. Two or three bites of faith. And then you get your Real Life back.

Ginny Bennett

Job Leads

Please notify the church office with new employment opportunities for interested parishioners.
office@ststephenstroy.org
Or call 248-641-8080.



Sexton in the City

On Saturday, May 1, at 5:30 pm, we will celebrate the service of Miranda Spates, our Sexton extraordinaire, with a pot luck dinner. Call or e-mail the office for reservations! Do not miss this event!



April Birthdays

Ken Elder	1
Stephen Nicholson, Jr ..	2
Tommy Wenrich	3
Mike Wellman	3
Tyler Braidwood	3
Shelly McKean	4
Ian Sordilla	4
Arch Coran	5
Mary Ann Kish	5
Kelly Dunn	6
Emily Kalaj	6
Janet Jones	7
Lindsey Sieja	7
Ken Fuhr	8
Paster Manisha Dostert .	8
Michelle Ziebell	10
Steven Abitheira	10
Lillian Cook	11
Bill Gratsch	11
Erika Hoffman	11
Joseph Przeslawski	12
Drew Masters	12
Vicki Hunt	13
Ronny Karlsson	4
Tammy Gerard	14
Jennifer Gatt	14
Mark Pierce	14
Don Ingersoll	15
Lauren Miller	15
Mary Taormino	15
Jim Stern	17
Cynthia Patrick	17
Michael Allen	17
Laura Erikson	17
Duron Lewis	18
Paul Hardy	18
Mary Lou Jones	19
Peter Goulding	20
Daniel Safronoff	21
Leah Jarnac	21
Bob Hoffman	22
Cameron Woolley	22
Louis Pavloff	23
Ray Forest	24
Jessica Kosticak	24
Ryan Collins	25
Bryon Ehlers	26
Mary Hembree	26
Danielle Pokoyoway	26

Reaching Out



Dear all,

Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County is one of the charitable organizations that our congregation supports regularly, robustly and joyfully.

In addition to Building on Faith, please consider this wonderful opportunity to take a leadership role in the good work that is going on there!

Habitat Oakland County has become a 2010 partner for the "Give a Day, Get a Disney Day" Program by signing up volunteers on our Construction Crews, Office Maintenance, ReStore Cleaning & Organizing Volunteer Opportunities. These volunteers earn a one-day free Disney pass.

Paster Manisha

Greetings!

We look forward to working with you on our mission of providing affordable housing to low-income families of Oakland County. As you may be aware, at HOC you are able to volunteer in many different ways. We currently have 30 Volunteer Teams we are recruiting. We are looking for 1-2 Leaders in Training (LIT) to help fulfill Habitat Oakland's mission. If you want to be a Team Leader you can forward me your resume or answer the questions below and forward them back via email or fax me them at the contact information listed below. Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have leadership, event planning, human relations skills?
2. Do you have skills in the specific team you want to lead?
3. Can you dedicate 6 months to 1 year to the Team Leader position?
4. Would you like use the team leader position as a possible internship position? If so, can you provide a resume, participate in an interview and provided internship documentation?
5. Are you able to participate in training to

learn more about the team leader position?

The Habitat Volunteer Teams include Event-Related Teams, Affiliate Operations Teams, Construction Related Teams and The ReStore.

If you are interested in being a Volunteer Team you may sign up directly me at mjackson@habitatoakland.org.

However, if you are interested in serving in one of the other many volunteer areas, please contact me directly at one of the numbers listed below. We will match your desires to the best of our ability.

Marnese Jackson
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 Habitat for Humanity of Oakland County
 150 Osmun Street, Pontiac, Michigan 48342
 248-338-1843 ext. 224-Office
 248-420-7609-Mobile
 248-338-1361-Fax
mjackson@habitatoakland.org



Red Cross Blood Drive

The Blood Drive will be held at St. Stephen's on Monday, April 12 2 - 8 p.m.
 Give the Gift of Life - Donate Blood.
 Sign up in the Gathering Area on Sundays or via the Red Cross link on the St. Stephen's website

Regards,
Judy Lazzaro McQuiston

Did You Know?

Resume Help

I would like to invite anyone interested in a workshop on Resumes at my house, on April 13th. I would appreciate an RSVP (586-764-



2560). I have wireless available so people can bring their laptops and work from their own system but print on my printer. It will be from 10-2pm but people can leave

early if they are done with their resume re-write.

I have attended several workshops on resumes for specific types of positions and would be happy to share this information.

Peace+
Deacon Liz

Health Insurance

September through December of 2009 I studied supplemental insurance to run with my Medicare.

Having poured over the big book supplied by Medicare I then went to a Humana seminar. I'm not promoting Humana, it's just the one I chose.

I was armed with my new found knowledge and their presentation was on their highest priced policy. This policy proved to charge more deductibles and co-pays than the lowest priced



one that they sold. Opting for the lowest price seemed like a great idea, even though it did not provide any drug coverage, I figured I knew how to circumvent that.

First Health Co. market a drug coverage supplement at a very low price, so I bought this as a hedge against penalties that the government apply to people who haven't bought any drug insurance.

BANG! Information arrived by mail they had not added drug coverage, but used it to replace my supplemental insurance (it's against the rules to buy two supplementals). So now I have no option but to buy supplemental insurance

that includes drug coverage.

One offer was Humana's middle priced policy.

Humana's middle price program here in Michigan for Zip Code 48307 (Different Zip Codes may have different plans) can be located at www.humana-medicare.com. To accompany this I am buying drugs from Sams, Costco or local pharmacies who offer generics for \$10.00 or less for 90 days. The non-generic drugs that cost more, I buy on line for prices less than my insurance co-pay. The insurance pays for my occasional meds such as antibiotics.

A fact to remember, because you pay for drug insurance, does not mean that you have to buy your drugs through that insurance company.

It **is** wiser to buy insurance that has a drug program attached, if a person was to contract a devastatingly critical condition the donut hole would be the least of their concerns. You will be eligible for Medicare at age 65 and can buy supplemental at time of your birthday and don't have to wait till the end of the year.

The biggest motivation for my elaborate planning is that I use enough high priced med's I would fall into that dreaded donut hole. If this totally mind blowing, and you wish to discuss it more in depth, as a means to deciding on your own pending health coverage, call me at 248-652-9039.

Colin Davis

An Invitation

Liturgical Publications is extending an invitation to any St. Stephen's parishioner who would like to advertise their business on a monthly basis in *The Witness*. Liturgical Publications is now publishing *The Witness and The Core* which will save St. Stephen's significant printing and paper costs. If you are interested, please contact Larry Schroeder, the Advertising Consultant, at LPi, 586-979-4241, ext. 322, or lschroeder@4LPi.com

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We are the Church

Five Years Ago

Thank You

Thank you so much to *Bob Bagnall* for the wonderful new wooden holder he built for the crosses and candle lighters in the sacristy!

Alice Brandon

Five years ago I walked into St Stephen's for the first time to attend the Sunday service. I had been away from church for sometime for various reasons and just prior to that Sunday I had attended several other parishes - I got hooked pretty instantaneously. I remember thinking how real Jonathan seemed (and of course the bag of candy I received was a definite incentive).



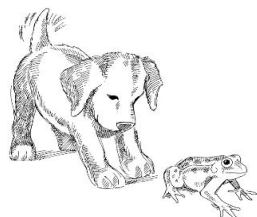
That Sunday they coincidentally had a newcomers meeting after the service, and everyone was so nice. My husband of many, many years had passed away the prior

year in November and I had been sort of hunting and pecking through life. That is still a force with me, but as I grow as a member of this fine parish it becomes less of an issue.

I'm not exactly sure when my most recent transformation revealed itself to me but I find myself feeling very passionate about faith - almost corny like I should rewrite the song to read "*faith* is lovelier the second time around."

I see God everywhere; he is in Seong and Daniels music. He is in the genuine and humorous sermons of Father Jonathan and in the passionate message that Pastor Manisha delivers; in the emotion of Deacon Liz as she gives the prayers for the people and in the devotion of Miranda, not only to her job and family, but to the faith.

He is in the burgeoning of spring, the sounds and smells and sunsets in the summer, the brilliance of fall and the fury of winter. Thinking back, I did not knowingly at the time see God in the faces of my dying loved ones. Their expressions were all very similar-it was a glimpse of what is beyond. I have seen



him in the comfort of the tattered blanket held firmly by a toddler and the chewed up toy that has become like a second growth on my dachshund, Wilson.

Finally, God is at St. Stephen's, which has a true mission - all the wonderful people that give their time and efforts to the outreach programs - the youth trips and the youth themselves are such an inspiration. Thanks St Stephen's. You have really given me a great gift indeed. I pray I will find a way to give back more and more.

Sharon Eck

VBS June 27 - June 30

Come with us on a Journey to Egypt. Follow Joseph as he travels from prison to palace. You might meet some interesting characters!



We Ask Your Prayers for...

Members

Mary Lou Bryson	Barb Lehti
Seung Cho	Pat Look
Marion DeLong	Albertine Mosier
Harold Golding	Jack & Judy Mulcahy
Joe Grutta	Charles Saylor
Steve Kirby	Marth Szott
Bill Langridge	Taylor Ward

Family & Friends

Wendy Ballard	Steve Johnston
Timothy Bennett	Carter Kentner
Gloria Bober	Lucille Makarov
Jacob Boldt	Patty McKibben
Michael Carroll	MJ Ogden
Anne Coffman	Robin Raybould
Nancy Dickens	Liz Sage
Jack Dillon	Don Saylor
Cathlynn Duncan	Pat Schlicher
Betty Feighner	Meg Schwedler
John Good	Chris Slezak
Dillan Heybour	John Spates
Claudine Hoppen	Bob Stonehouse
Robert James	Nick Taylor
Lyle Jarvis	Mike
Cynthia Johnston	Homer
Mary Olson	Mary Leuchtman
Joy James Williams	

Those in the Armed Services

Rachel Barton - Granddaughter of Jane & Harry Frank
 Bob Church - Husband of Isabel, father of James & Katelyn
 Kyle Hoffman- Known to Joe & Jan Hopper
 Nathan Madak - Cousin of Diane Kenefic & David Eldon
 David Mentier - Cousin of Diane Kenefic & David Eldon
 Brian Papet - Son of Bruce & Nancy Papet
 Joshua Spates - Son of John & Miranda Spates
 Taylor Ward - Son of Kevin & Carol Ward

These Parish Families

4/4	Louis, Melissa, Parker & Carson Pavloff Jay Pennington
4/11	Dom & Penny Piantedosi Michelle & Geena Pickering
4/18	Phil, Linda, David, Andrew & Mark Pierce John Debbie, John, Jacob, Jesse, & Kate Pincura
4/25	John, Lori, Lindsay, & J.J. Podsiadlik Marne Prouty & Alec McGill
5/2	Joseph, Patricia, Lauryn, Jenna, Christian, & Justin Przeslawski Betsy & Kathy Raczkowski

The Departed

Chuck Tischer
Former Member of St. Stephen's

Donald Ross
Brother-in-law of Norma Ross

Bob Stonehouse
*Friend of Colin Davis - Member of the Strolling
 Tones*

Roger Blackwood
Founder of St. Stephen's

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Weekly Services:

Sat. 4:30 p.m.

Eucharist for All Ages

Sun., 8 a.m.

Early Eucharist

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Sun, 10 a.m.

Eucharist, with music, Nursery

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