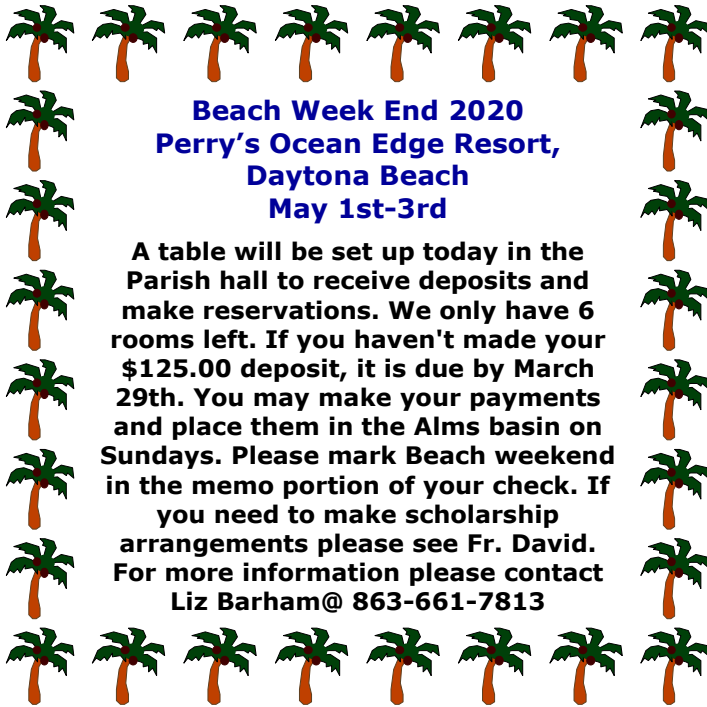


**St. Stephen's  
Episcopal Church**

1820 County Road 540-A  
Lakeland, Florida, 33813  
Office: 863-646-6115  
ststoffice@gmail.com  
centralfloridachurch.com

# FYI 2020

March 15th, 2020 Volume 18 Issue 11  
The Third Sunday in Lent



**Beach Week End 2020  
Perry's Ocean Edge Resort,  
Daytona Beach  
May 1st-3rd**

A table will be set up today in the Parish hall to receive deposits and make reservations. We only have 6 rooms left. If you haven't made your \$125.00 deposit, it is due by March 29th. You may make your payments and place them in the Alms basin on Sundays. Please mark Beach weekend in the memo portion of your check. If you need to make scholarship arrangements please see Fr. David. For more information please contact Liz Barham@ 863-661-7813



The Lunch Bunch will meet at 11:30am this Thursday, March 19th, at Fred's Market on Harden Blvd. All members of the congregation are invited to attend. Please call Carol Weatherington at 619-2803 if you plan to attend or want more information.



There will be a Vestry Meeting on Tuesday, March 17th at 6:00pm. Vestry meetings are open to the entire congregation. (Wear Green or be pinched)



The Annual Seder Meal will be on March 29th @5:00pm. There is a sign up poster in the Worship Center to help with the Meal. Please take the time to check out what is needed. And sign up.

**St. Stephen's LENT and HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**MARCH 29th: Passover Dinner**  
(5pm in the Worship Center)

**APRIL 5th: Palm Sunday**  
(10am combined outside)  
**Holy Week Quiet Service**  
(7pm in the Worship Center)

**APRIL 9th: Maundy Thursday**  
(7pm in the Sanctuary)

**APRIL 10th: Good Friday Services**  
(Noon and 7pm in the Sanctuary)  
**Cross Walk after Noon Service**  
(one hour walk through town)

**APRIL 12th: Great Easter Vigil**  
(6:30am in the Sanctuary)  
**9am and 11am Easter Services**  
**Egg Hunt 10am, Bonnet Contest 10:15am**

Lent and Holy Week Magnets are available in each worship area. Pick up yours today and put it on your refrigerator at home. When you have a question about a service time it will be right there for you to check.

**YOUTH GROUP MEETING TODAY @ 6:30pm**

**STAFF MEETING MONDAY @ 10:30**

*St. Stephen's ...  
To Love and Serve  
God and Neighbor*



**OUR  
VESTRY**

2020-Mike Whitt, Bill Baggett, Carol Reynolds  
2021- David Dresser, Liz Barham, Debbie Powell  
2022- Charles Bradford, Steve Meyer, Missy Sabine  
Treasurer: Bruce Goers  
Book keeper: Cathy Zielinski



### Hospitality Committee Members Wanted

We need lots of volunteers to help food-involved events. There is a sign-up including such things as laundry, cooking, serving, set-up and shopping. No matter what your specific skills and abilities are, we can use your help.

Please check this out and consider volunteering.



### A Note from Michele Giberson

After waiting a long time, we will be able to start making plans for our missionary trip to Navajo. We will be working with a group of deaf children and making much needed repairs on two churches. We will be going in July. Waiting on the date. Thank you once again to St. Stephens family for making it possible for me to go.

Michele Giberson

## Art Gala 2020

Photos by Jim Heal and Karen Spiller



### Verse of the Week Romans 5:5

Hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.



## Virus Season and Lent at St. Stephen's

As the flu season continues, and amid growing concerns about the possible spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, now is a good time to remind everyone about best practices for hygiene during Eucharist and other services.

- During Lent this year we will forgo the use of pottery for communion and continue to use our silver vessels.
- Parishioners who are coughing or sneezing should refrain from handshaking during the Peace. Fist bumps, elbow bumps, friendly waves, and peace signs are all acceptable substitutes.
- Avoid intinction (the dipping of the bread into the wine). Intinction does little to avoid the spread of disease and may actually increase the spread, as the bread or wafer spends more time in the (possibly unclean) hand before being dipped in the wine. There has never been much evidence of risk of disease associated with the shared communion cup, but of course each parishioner must make up their own minds about its use.

This flu season has been a particularly hard one and we want to remain a safe a healthy place to worship.



*Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."*

March 8th, 2020

Attendance: 163

Income: \$7744.00

Bucks for Our Buildings: \$64.00

## Upcoming Events

- March 15th: Inquirers' Class  
Beach Weekend Sign Up  
Talbot House Tea
- March 16th: Staff Meeting@10:30
- March 17th: Adult Fellowship@1:00  
Vestry Meeting@6:00
- March 18th: 9am HE & Bible Study  
7:00pm Bible Study
- March 19th: Lunch Bunch@11:30@ Fred's

- March 22nd: Inquirers' Class
- March 23rd: Staff Meeting@10:30
- March 24th: Adult Fellowship @1:00
- March 25th: 9am HE & Bible Study  
Noon HE& Book Study  
7:00pm Bible Study

- March 29th: Seder Meal @5:00
- March 30th: Staff Meeting@10:30

**PEACE Nehemiah Action**  
Tuesday, March 31, 7 pm  
at Resurrection Catholic Church  
333 Terrace Way  
Lakeland



Join with Christian congregations from throughout Polk County as we engage with public officials in the creation of more just and equitable systems in the community. This year, in particular, we will be addressing issues related to affordable housing and mental health. When PEACE shows up, Justice Reigns.



**Church Office Hours** are Monday–Thursday, **9:00am-3:00pm.**  
Office phone number is 863-646-6115  
Office email is [ststoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststoffice@gmail.com) and [ststlinda@gmail.com](mailto:ststlinda@gmail.com)  
Please do not hesitate to communicate with the us.

**During the Season of Lent moderation should be observed in decorating the Altar area. The tradition at St. Stephen's is to use greenery only during Lent.**

**March Birthdays**

- 1 Celeste Cooper, Sam Jerome
- 2 Scott Sauve
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples
- 8 Marylou Taylor
- 10 Samantha Denstedt, Evalyn Duncan, Gloria Thomason
- 11 Mary Lou Garland
- 12 Christopher Steadman-Jones
- 14 Dennis Flynn
- 15 Luna Denstedt
- 16 Cameron Abbey, Bill Heath
- 20 Deb Brock
- 22 Fran Auclair, Richard Eijo Shirley Rumpel
- 23 Jerry Jerome
- 25 Joe Adams Schuyler Denstedt
- 29 Mary Trimbath
- 30 Adyline Rae Dillon
- 31 Deborah Cole



**March Anniversaries**

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman
- 19 Ken & Anna Butler
- 21 Major & Priscilla Kight
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson

**St. Stephen's Prayer List**

(Parish Members are in Bold)

**Prayer Needs:** Eleanor Thomas, Alicia Weber (Broken Pelvis), Pat Dupont (Bell's Palsy), Mel Conrad (Carol Reynolds sister) Megan Stoddard (Health Issues), Susan Epan (Heath Issues), Lung Cancer), Anna Butler (Cancer), Russ Smith (stroke and Heart attack), Evie McCormick, Stephen Calhoun, Laurie Dresser, stroke, (David Dresser's sister) Jackie Monts de Oca (Knee Surgery), Richard Welch, (Marge Stockwell's brother, lung cancer), Evalyn Duncan (various health issues), Bill Warneke, Richard and Bonnie Morrison (cancer), Michael & Stacy Englert's Aunt & Uncle, (Lung Cancer) Jessica Sherotski, breast cancer, Shannon Black, Scott Barham, Bryan Stockwell, chronic lymphatic leukemia, (Marge Stockwell's son), Karen Stockwell, stroke, Peggy Taylor, cancer (Fr. Jim Taylor's mother), Rick Roach, stroke, Regina Victoria, Ernie Palmer, prostate cancer, David Dresser, severe back issues, Pat Martin, multiple health issues. Scott Johnson, (Judy Horne's brother, recovery from stem cell transplant ), Rick Rahn (prostate cancer )Janell Repsher, Trudi Lithgow, Roy Reynolds, heart problems, Michele Giberson, autoimmune disorder, Carol Kahlenberg, mental illness (Evie McCormick's friend), Sandy Gibson, Salena and her family (Janet Casini's family), Kevin Jackimowicz, back and hip (Kim's husband), Isabel Clayton, RA (Evie McCormick's friend), Gene Dumaresq, bladder cancer, Lindsay Zielinski, autoimmune disorder, Mavis Walker, multiple health issues, Dailia Walker, multiple health issues, Humphrey Walker, stroke, Whitney Hand, multiple illnesses, Mr. Havlett, Cindy and Family, Mike Bower, Michael Pierce, lung cancer, Nancy Misiazek, Christy O'Steen, breast cancer

**Pregnant:** Amanda and Joseph Nolette (Ed & Diane Knox's grand daughter), Matt and Autumn Gulley (Tom & Marion Stewart's granddaughter) Kevin and Samantha Leahy (David and Katherine Leahy's son and daughter in law)

**Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility:** Dawn Flynn, Tom Haney, Carmen Kight, Susan Cardman, Tom Crawford , Alicia Weber

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>15</b> 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Education for all 11:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Children's Church  <b>Youth Group@6:30</b>	<b>16</b>  <b>Staff Meeting @ 10:30</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Adult Fellowship 1:00pm</b>  <b>Vestry Meeting 6:00pm</b>	<b>18</b> <b>HE &amp; Bible Study 9am</b> <b>Bible Study@ 7pm</b>  Choir Rehearsal 6pm	<b>19</b>  <b>Lunch Bunch @ Fred's 11:30</b>  <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:00am Holy Eucharist 10:15am Education for all 11:00am Holy Eucharist 11:00am Children's Church	<b>23</b>  <b>Staff Meeting @ 10:30</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Adult Fellowship 1:00pm</b>	<b>25</b> <b>HE &amp; Bible Study 9am</b> <b>Noon HE &amp; Book Study</b> <b>Bible Study@ 7pm</b>  Choir Rehearsal 6pm	<b>26</b>  <b>Choir Rehearsal 7pm</b>	<b>27</b>  <b>Office Closed</b>	<b>28</b>