

St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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3rd Sunday in Lent



Easter Flowers Dedications

You are invited to share in beautifying our church for Easter by sponsoring Easter flowers. These flowers may be given **in memory of** or **in honor of** loved ones, and the dedications will be listed in the Easter FYI.

Please look for forms marked "**Easter Flowers**" and complete one with your dedication. A donation of **\$20 per dedication** is requested. Your payment may be placed in the **collection plate** or **sent to the church office**.

To ensure your dedication is included in the Easter FYI, please return your completed form **by March 29**.

After Easter, the flowers will be **planted on the church grounds** to help beautify our property.

March Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Dena's Place Diner & Grill at 4525 Florida Ave. this Thursday 3/19/26 at 11:30am. The food is great and the space is limited so if you can make it, please call Debbie at 305-304-2548 so that we can make reservations and allow all of us to sit together. Hope to see you there!

DENA'S PLACE
Diner & Grill

Stations of the Cross

Each Wednesday at 5pm and continuing throughout the **Lenten season**, we will pray the **Stations of the Cross** in the Sanctuary. Each week, we will follow with **homemade soup** and a discussion of the biblical references in the **Stations of the Cross**. If you are looking for a truly meaningful way to experience Lent, we invite you to come and join us. **Guaranteed to be worthwhile.**



Stations of the Cross

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



2026-Betty Pratt, Juliana Walker, Karen Spiller
2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh-Treasurer.
2028-Mary Roach, Helen Vogt, Mike Whitt
Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Secretary: Karen Beasley



The **St. Stephen's Vestry** will meet this Tuesday at **6:00 PM** in the **Parish Hall**.

If you have an issue you would like the Vestry to consider, please notify the **church office** so it can be added to the agenda, or feel free to attend and raise it during the meeting.

Vestry meetings are open to all members of the congregation.

St. Stephen's T-Shirts

We are preparing to place another order for **St. Stephen's T-shirts** and would like to get an idea of the level of interest.

A couple of things to keep in mind:

- Many people feel the shirts **run a bit small**, so you may want to consider **ordering one size up**.
- Some have expressed interest in **long-sleeve shirts**.
- Others have asked about the possibility of a **collared shirt option**.

Please let me know **if you are interested**, along with:

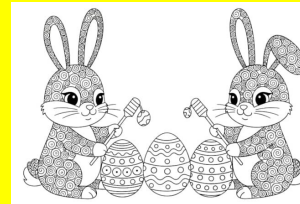
- The **type of shirt** (short sleeve, long sleeve, or collared), and
The **size** you would prefer.

Once we see how many people are interested, we will move forward with the order. Thank you!



Lenten Reflections

- **DON'T MISS OUR DAILY 90-SECOND SERMONS ON FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE AT 10AM**
- **YOUR LENTEN DEVOTIONAL CARDS**
- **Weekly Stations of the Cross**



NEEDED: CANDY (NOT CHOCOLATE) AND VOLUNTEERS TO STUFF EASTER CANDY BAGS April 1st

We will meet Wednesday, April 1st at 10am in the Small Group Room to stuff Easter candy bags and assemble plastic eggs for the Easter morning egg hunt. If you're interested in participating, just call or email the office to volunteer!

2025 Giving Statements

With the standard deduction now so high, many of us no longer need giving statements. If you do need a copy of your **2025 giving statement to St. Stephen's Church**, we are happy to provide one by **email or printed copy**.

Simply contact the church office by **email or phone**, and we will be glad to get it to you.

ststtreasurer@gmail.com
(863) 646-6115

END OF YEAR
GIVING
STATEMENTS

Long Horizon's Tax Preparation

Linda Long

(Wife of Jim Heal)

30+ years of tax preparation experience & 5star Google Rating

Former owner and operator of **Liberty Tax Service** in Spring Hill, FL (2005–2015)

Special Offer for St. Stephen's Members & Friends (March Only):

\$50 discount on tax preparation fees

10% of all fees will be donated to St. Stephen's

Call for appointments or consultation: 352-346-1339

Christmas Bazaar Help

I am putting this in early so that we are prepared when **December 5** gets here. **Michele Giberson** let us know last year that, due to back problems, she would only be able to help with the **Christmas Bazaar** in a limited capacity going forward. She is available to help and advise, but it is too much for her to lay out the booths and handle the physical setup.

If you are able to take this on—either on your own or as part of a team—please contact **Michele** or the **church office**. Thank you!



03/17/26 **Vestry Meeting 6pm**
03/19/26 **Lunch Bunch 11:30 Dena's**
03/29/26 **Palm Sunday in the Garden**
03/29/26 **Passover Dinner & Seder**
 5pm
03/30/26 **Lenten Quiet Service 7pm**
04/01/26 **Stations of the Cross 7pm**
04/02/26 **Maundy Thursday 7pm**
04/03/26 **Good Friday 12pm & 7pm**
04/03/26 **Cross Walk 12:45pm**
04/05/26 **Easter, 6:30am, 9am &**
 11am. Easter
Brunch between services and
Easter Egg Hunt and Easter



Welcome to our Church

March 8, 2026

Sanctuary	9:00am	63
Worship Center	11:00am	46
Total		109

Look for the bright yellow **BUCK\$ 4 BUILDING** envelopes to donate toward our out of budget building and grounds maintenance expenses.

If you are new to St. Stephen's or if you would like to have Fr. David contact you, please fill out a Newcomer Card and place it in the plate and we will see that you are contacted. God Bless.

Verse of the Week: Psalm 23:4

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

March Birthdays

- 1 Celeste Cooper**
- 2 Scott Sauve, Abigail Lankford**
- 3 Glenn Brown, Jessica Peoples**
- 8 MaryLou Taylor**
- 14 Dennis Flynn**
- 16 Bill Heath**
- 22 Richard Eijo,
Shirley Rumpel**
- 24 Bill Schaal**
- 25 Joe Adams**
- 29 Mary Trimbath**



March Anniversaries

- 6 Richard & Melissa Eijo**
- 9 Steve & Beverly Meyer**
- 10 Ed & Dianne Knox**
- 15 Phil & Gail Wortman**
- 16 Bill & Dee Schaal**
- 25 Rick & Rita Yenney**
- 27 Dan & Michele Giberson**

St. Stephen's Prayer List
(Parish Members are in Bold)

Prayer Needs: Amy (Fr. Scott's Daughter), Lou Alers, Kim Birmingham (from **Scout Troop 106**), Charlie Bibb (**Season Barham Hodges' Father in Law**) Shannon Black (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Louis Bloodworth**, Elizabeth Bradford (**Charlie Bradford's sister**), Bryan Biery (**Judy Elam's Friend**), Rachel Blackwell (**Karen Spiller's daughter-in-law**), **Jim Bowen, Betty Calhoun, Stephen Calhoun, Italo & Janet Casini**, Roz Coleman (**Althea Nye's friend**) **Jim Cross, Pat Dayton**, Annie Delling, **Roger Doyle**, Laurie Dresser (**David Dresser's sister**), Lily Dresser (**David & Patricia Dresser's granddaughter, Stacy Englert**, Laurens Flanagan (**Sally Flanagan's Daughter in Law**), **Morgan Goers**, Ricky Morrison, Becky Sue Morrison (**Stacy & Michael Englert's Friends**), Jeremy Gagne (**Pat Dupont's nephew**) Angela Grilli (**Althea Nye's friend**), **Jim Heal**, Bob & Kay Henry (friends of **Betty Calhoun**) Nicole Hernnkind (**Karen Spiller's sister**), **Wendell & Donna Hunt, Kevin Jackimowicz**, Ken & Clair Jones (**Roger Doyle's friends**), Kay Jordan (**Judy Elam's friend**), Father Robert Keller, (**Kathy Leahy's friend**) Karen Kent (**David Dresser's Relative**) Cynthia Krempel (**Janice Olson's sister**) ,Minnie Lewis (**Sally Flanagan's Sister in Law**) **Trudi Lithgow**, Mary & Adrian McAleer (**Liz Barham's sister & Brother in Law**), **Donna McLemore**, Raelyn (daughter of **Sue DeMan's** friend Stephanie), Al & Lucille Pfund, (**Lula Peoples' co-worker**), **Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds , Glen Richardi**, Donna Roberts (**David Dresser's sister**) **Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Shirley Rumpel, Carla Sauve**, Sheryl Short (Tropical Doll Club), Ed Silveira (**David Dresser's Cousin**), **Karen Spiller**, Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), **Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Helen Vogt, Dailia Walker, Meg & Rhys Wallace, Lindsay Zielinski.**

Homebound or Skilled Nursing Facility: Tony Barfield, Susan Cardman, Rick Rahn, Jo Willey, Sandra Mewborn,

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>15</p> <p>9:00am Sanctuary</p> <p>10:15am Rector's Class, Sm Group Rm</p> <p>11:00am Worship Center</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>Vestry Meeting 6pm</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>18</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>11:00am Holy Eucharist</p> <p>5:00pm Stations of the Cross and Soup</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>19</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>Lunch Bunch at Dena's 11:30am</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>8:00am Online Morning Prayer</p> <p>8pm Online Compline</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Office Closed</p>
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"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." – 1 Thessalonians 5:18