

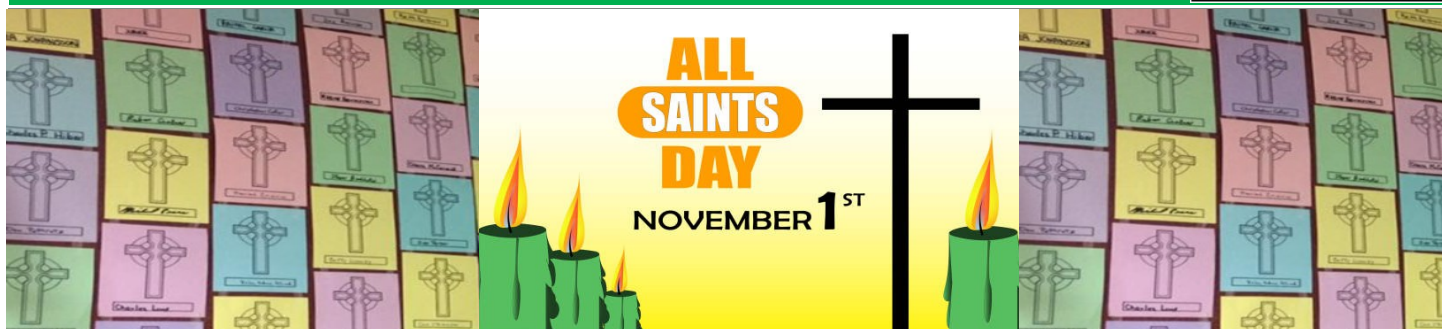
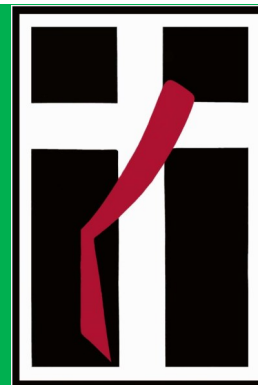
St. Stephen's
Episcopal Church

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Twentieth Sunday after
Pentecost, Proper 23



Give Us a Name for our All Saints' Wall of Remembrance

As in prior years, St. Stephen's has a special way of remembering our loved ones who have gone before us. Multicolored sheets of paper with crosses printed on them are available in each of our worship areas. Please write the names of those you would like to remember on these sheets, which will be displayed on **All Saints' Sunday, November 1st**.

Please submit your loved ones' names by **October 25th** so they can be included in this year's remembrance.

Come Make a Joyful Noise!

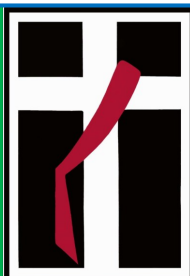
With the return of our fall worship schedule, we need additional choir members for both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

As Thanksgiving and Christmas approach, we would love to have full choirs helping lead our worship and filling St. Stephen's with the joyful music of these special seasons. You do not need to be a professional singer—just someone who enjoys music, fellowship, and serving God through song.

If you feel called to share your voice with St. Stephen's, please speak with Suzy, our Choir Director, for more information. We would be delighted to have you join us!



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



2026-Betty Pratt, Karen Spiller

2027-Joyce Brock, Stephen Gaydosh, Jack Vonesh-Treasurer

2028-Mary Roach, Helen Vogt, Mike Whitt, Jr Warden

Bookkeeper: Cathy Zielinski, Treasurer: Jack Vonesh,
Secretary: Karen Beasley, Office Secretary: Charlie Bradford

Join the Lunch Bunch on Thursday, October 15, 2026, at 11:30 a.m. at Abuelo's in Lakeside Village for good food and fellowship. Everyone is welcome!

If you plan to attend, please let Debbie know at 305-304-2548 or call the church office at 863-646-6115 so we can provide the restaurant with an accurate head count.

We hope to see you there. God bless!



Directory Update

Verify & Update Your Information

Help Us Update Our Parish Directory

With all the comings and goings during the past year, it is time to update our parish directory and make sure the information we have for everyone is correct.

Copies of the current directory will be available as you enter the church. Please take a few moments to review your information, even if you do not think anything has changed. Check that we have the correct names, mailing address, phone numbers, email addresses, birthdays, and anniversaries for everyone in your household. If any information is incorrect or missing, please make the necessary corrections. If your name is not included in the directory, please add your information so we can include you in the updated edition.

An accurate directory helps us stay connected, celebrate important occasions, and keep everyone informed about parish news and activities. Thank you for taking the time to help us keep our parish records complete and up to date!



Father David Blessed 26 dogs and 7 cats last Sunday. We had to postpone the SPCA & PCBP, but will visit them soon.

Mailboxes and Name Tags

As we prepare for a cool and wonderful fall and winter, we are cleaning up the parish mailboxes and hope to begin using them more regularly. We would also like to encourage everyone to wear their name tags—it is a simple way to help us get to know one another and warmly welcome visitors.

If you have lost your name tag or never received one, please let Charlie know on Sunday, email stsoffice@gmail.com, or call the church office at 863-646-6115. We will do our best to have your new name tag ready the following Sunday.

Thank you!





This photograph of Bishop Calvin O. Schofield and Jim Heal was most likely taken in Miami during the 1990s. Bishop Schofield served as the second Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of Southeast Florida from 1980 to 2000.

Bishop Schofield passed away on October 5, 2026. He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed by the many people who knew him.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

10/11/26	2nd Sunday Brunch
10/12/26	Columbus Day Office Closed
10/15/26	Lunch Bunch, Abuellos
10/20/26	Vestry Meeting 6:00pm
10/25/26	Last day for All Saints Crosses to be turned in
11/01/26	All Saints Sunday & Day Light Savings time ends! Brunch between services
11/03/26	VBS Spaghetti Dinner 5-7

Welcome to our Church

October 4, 2026

Sanctuary	9:00am	61
Worship Center	10:00am	34
Total		95

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: Philippians 4:7

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

October Birthdays

- 1 Alice Clark
- 3 Lynn Whitt
- 6 Tom Hiber
- 7 Louis Bloodworth
- 8 Anderson Zielinski,
Joanie Mullin
- 9 Phil Wortman
- 11 Deven DeMan
- 15 Ava Naples
- 16 Nancy Hurley
- 17 Scott Dickie
Lyla Peddycoart
- 25 Mary Statzer
- 27 Jim Cross
- 28 Michele Jump
- 30 Major Kight
Dee Schaal
- 31 Kai Richardi



October Anniversaries

- 1 Nelson & Shirley Rumpel
- 8 Ray & Karen Spiller
- 17 Mike & Lynn Whitt

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**), Janet Bingham, Bryan Biery (Judy Elam's friend), Shannon Black, Sarah Leahy DePatie, Lynn Staffier (from **Kathy Leahy**), Rebecca Bloodworth (Louis Bloodworth's Daughter in Law), Louis Bloodworth, Elizabeth Bradford (Charlie Bradford's sister), 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, Cory Davis, Annie Dellling, Cathi DiGigiacomo, Uncle Pat (Michele Giberson's Aunt) Roger Doyle, Laurie Dresser (David Dresser's sister), Lily Dresser (David & Patricia Dresser's granddaughter) Justine (Samantha Dutcher's Daughter), Stacy Englert, Laurens Flanagan (Sally Flanagan's Daughter in Law), Ricky Morrison, Becky Sue Morrison (Stacy & Michael Englert's Friends), Angela Grilli (Althea Nye's friend), Jim Heal, Bob & Kay Henry (friends of Betty Calhoun) Nicole Hernnkind (Karen Spiller's sister), Kim & Kevin Jackimowicz, Ken & Clair Jones (Roger Doyle's friends), Karen Kent (David Dresser's Relative) Cynthia Krempel (Janice Olson's sister), Minnie Lewis (Sally Flanagan's Sister in Law) Mary & Adrian McAleer (Liz Barham's sister & Brother in Law), Donna McLemore, Raelyn (daughter of Sue DeMan's friend Stephanie), Mary Peoples, Al & Lucille Pfund, (Lula Peoples' co-worker), Janell Repsher, Roy Reynolds, Glen Richardi, Donna Roberts (David Dresser's sister) Art & Bonnie Rowbotham, Carla Sauve, Ed Silveira (David Dresser's Cousin), Karen Spiller, Carol Starling, Marion Stewart, Dailia Walker, Meg & Rhys Wallace, Lynn Whitt, Lindsay Zielinski.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11 9:00am in the Sanctuary 10:15am Rector's Class, Sm Group Rm 2nd Sunday Brunch 11:00am Worship Center	12 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline Columbus Day, Office Closed	13 8am Online Morning Prayer 8pm Online Compline	14 8:00am Online Morning Prayer 11:00am Holy Eucharist 12:00pm Book Study Sm Grp Rm 8pm Online Compline	15 8:00am Online Morning Prayer Lunch Bunch @ Abuellos 11:30am 8pm Online Compline	16 8:00am Online Morning Prayer OFFICE CLOSED 8pm Online Compline	17 Office Closed
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