



Welcome to Saint Stephen's – If you are new or visiting today, please know that we are so glad that you are here, and that you are welcome in this community of faith. S. Stephen's is an Episcopal parish in the Diocese of Rhode Island and is part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Located in the midst of Brown University, it serves the communities of Providence and beyond. S. Stephen's has stood within the Anglo-Catholic tradition since its founding, and so the Mass or the Eucharist is at the center of our common life, with ancient and timeless ceremonial used to draw attention to the Living God in our very midst. We strive to be a diverse community and come from many various backgrounds, while united in One Body through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fr. Benjamin

The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

THIS COMING WEEK AT S. STEPHEN'S

Monday 21 February

President's Day (Federal Holiday)

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Low Mass 10:00 am

Tuesday 22 February

Feria

Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Wednesday 23 February

Polycarp, Bishop
and Martyr of Smyrna, 156

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm

Low Mass 6:00 pm

Thursday 24 February

Saint Matthias the Apostle

Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Friday 25 February

Feria

Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Saturday 26 February

Feria

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Low Mass 10 am

Epiphany Soup Kitchen 2:30 – 4:00 pm
(meals handed out at door only)

Next Sunday 27 February

Last Sunday after Epiphany

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8 am

Sunday School 9:55 am

Solemn Mass 10 am

Coffee Hour returns! 11:15 am

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Charles and Sandra Calverley, Fr. Norman Catir, Trudy Egan, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Richard Hogarth, Beverly Myers, Bryan Ripley, Beth Shirley, Rhoda Steinhart, Christopher Whittingham. **Birthdays this week:** Tristan Kinloch (2/20); Bradin Anderson (2/25). **The faithful departed:** *Year's Mind:* Pierre Angers (2/23); Francis John Baronie (2/23); Barbara Albee (2/26). In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East (2/20); The Diocese of Kentucky – The Episcopal Church (2/21); The Diocese of Mount Kenya Central – The Anglican Church of Kenya (2/22); The Diocese of Mount Kenya South – The Anglican Church of Kenya (2/23); The Diocese of Mount Kenya West – The Anglican Church of Kenya (2/24); The Diocese of East Kerala – The (united) Church of South India (2/25); The Diocese of South Kerala – The (united) Church of South India (2/26). In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for all deacons as they make Christ and his redemptive love known to the world.

PANCAKE SUPPER – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Having been given the go-ahead to resume Coffee Hour and other unmasked activities in the coming weeks, we would like to resume our tradition of a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday hosted by our Sunday School children and families. Please mark your calendars for the evening of March 1st! Actual start time TBD. Stay tuned!

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL/STUDY GROUP

This year's Lenten series will be a group study of Luke's Gospel, using N.T. Wright's *Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C*. Books are provided free of cost – so far 15 have been ordered. If you would like a book, please contact the office or the Rector. More can be ordered, and you may also download in electronic form from Amazon to your Kindle. We are looking tentatively at Wednesday evenings, 7:00 to 8:00, beginning on March 9th, and will meet over Zoom.

BOOK GIVEAWAY!

As we have emptied out the remaining contents on the 4th floor, there are a number of books on church history, theology, spirituality, biblical scholarship, etc. that we have no use for or simply cannot keep. Please come to the library after mass today and help yourself with anything you see on the table. (not the shelves!). Books will be out for one more week before they go to the dumpster.

SEARCH COMMITTEE TO BE FORMED

Having announced our beloved and esteemed James Busby's retirement from S. Stephen's at the end of June, we will begin the formidable process of finding his successor, who will continue to build up the rich legacy established by Mr. Busby during his 29-year tenure. If you are interested in being a part of the search committee, please reach out to the Rector or a Vestry Member.

RETURN TO PRE-PANDEMIC PRACTICES

As we are given clearances from both the Governor and now Bishop Knisely to relax COVID mitigation measures, the following changes are taking place: As of this Sunday, 2/20, Communion distribution returns to the altar rail. Beginning next Sunday, 2/27, mask wearing will be optional and Coffee Hour will resume in the Guild Hall. On Ash Wednesday (3/1) distribution of the Chalice at Communion will resume for those who wish to receive it. Despite these changes, you should continue to make the choices that best suit you and your family regarding masks and the common cup.