



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 7 February

Feria

Morning Prayer 9:30

Low Mass 10:00

Tuesday 8 February

Feria

Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Wednesday 9 February

Feria

Evening Prayer 5:30

Low Mass 6:00

Thursday 10 February

Feria

Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Friday 11 February

Our Lady of Lourdes

Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00

Saturday 12 February

Feria

Morning Prayer 9:30 am

Low Mass 10 am

Next Sunday 13 February

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Prayer and Low Mass 8 am

Sunday School 9:55 am

Solemn Mass 10 am

**no coffee hours until
pandemic wave subsides*

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Charles and Sandra Calverley, Fr. Norman Catir, Katy Gilchrist, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Richard Hogarth, Beverly Myers, Beth Shirley, Rhoda Steinhart, Christopher Whittingham.

Birthdays this week: Sharon Lloyd Clark (2/9), Chris Butler (2/10), Alison Huff (2/12)

The faithful departed: *Recently departed:* Vera Metcalf

Year's Mind: Thomas Greene Cure, Priest (2/13); M. Marie Pearson (2/14), Alan Edward Reniere (2/15), James Stephen Clarke (2/15).

In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for The Church of Ireland (2/6); The Diocese of Karachi – The (united) Church of Pakistan (2/7); The Diocese of Karamoja – The Church of the Province of Uganda (2/8); North Karamoja– The Church of the Province of Uganda (2/9); The Diocese of Karimnagar– The (united) Church of South India (2/10); The Diocese of Karnataka Central – The (united) Church of South India (2/11); The Diocese of Karnataka North – The (united) Church of South India (2/12). In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we are asked to pray for the Church of the Beloved, Pascoag.

COXMAIL EMAIL ADDRESSES TO BE RETIRED FROM USE

Please take note of the fact that the old “necoxmail.com” email addresses will cease to be active by the end of the month, and at this time we are experiencing trouble with accessing them anyway. To get ahold of the Rector or the Office, please use rector@sstephens.org or office@sstephens.org.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL/STUDY GROUP

Last year, we joined with other parishes in examining the sources and practices of the Eucharist over the history of the Church and Anglicanism, and its implications for us in a time of pandemic. This year we will shift the focus from Sacrament to Word, and will engage in a group study of Luke's Gospel, using N.T. Wright's *Lent for Everyone: Luke, Year C*. This accessible volume provides readers with an inspirational guide through the Lenten season, from Ash Wednesday through the week after Easter. Popular biblical scholar and author N. T. Wright provides his own Scripture translation, brief reflection, and a prayer for each of the days of the season, helping readers ponder how the text is relevant to their own lives today. By the end of the book readers will have been through the entirety of Luke, along with Psalm readings for each Sunday. Suitable for both individual and group study and reflection, Wright's Lenten devotional will help you make Luke's gospel your own, thoughtfully and prayerfully, and your journey through Lent a period of rich discovery and growth. Books provided free of cost – so far 15 have been ordered. 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 and will meet over Zoom.

CONSTRUCTION WORK HAS BEGUN!

Please note that demolition work has begun on the 4th floor. Over the next several months, with two or three staff people in the building at a time along with contractors, there will be times parking and use of the driveway will be tight or simply not possible during the work week. If you come to daily mass at noon (Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays), please allow extra time to find nearby parking so that you do not block a staff member in or find yourself blocked in by a construction truck. We apologize for this inconvenience, and are hopeful that it will not occur too many days out of the week.