

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.

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The Rev. Benjamin Straley, Rector

THIS COMING WEEK AT S. STEPHEN'S

Monday 11 April
Monday in Holy Week

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm Low Mass 6:00 pm

Tuesday 12 April

Tuesday in Holy Week

Noonday Prayer & Low Mass 12:00 Vestry Meeting 7:00 pm (via Zoom)

Wednesday 13 April

Wednesday in Holy Week ('Spy Wednesday')

Evening Prayer 5:30 pm Low Mass 6:00 pm

Thursday 14 April

Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm Watch at the Altar of Repose 9:00 pm Friday 15 April

Good Friday

Solemn Liturgy & Mass of the Presanctified 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross 5:30 pm

Saturday 16 April

Holy Saturday

please note, no morning liturgies

(Altar Guild & decorating of the church for Easter throughout the morning) The Great Vigil of Easter & First Mass of Easter 7:30 pm

Next Sunday 17 April
Easter Day:

The Sunday of the Resurrection

Morning Prayer & Low Mass 8 am Sunday School 9:55 am Solemn Mass of the Resurrection 10 am Coffee Hour & Easter Egg Hunt 11:30 am

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

Prayers have been requested for: Meghan Butler, Charles and Sandra Calverley, Fr. Norman Catir, Trudy Egan, Fr. Harrington Gordon, Richard Hogarth, Rose Krawiec, Beverly Myers, Andrew Oliver, Bryan Ripley, Beth Shirley, Fr. Allan Warren, and Christopher Whittingham. Birthdays this week: Kate Lester (4/11); Brian Ehlers (4/14); Rhoda Steinhart (4/16). The faithful departed: Year's Mind: Doris Johnson (4/13); Steel Wade Martin, Priest (4/14). In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we are asked to pray for The Church of North India (United) (4/10); The Diocese of Kuching – The Church of the Province of South East Asia (4/11); The Diocese of Kumasi – The Church of the Province of West Africa (4/12); The Diocese of Kumi – The Church of the Province of Uganda (4/13); The Diocese of Kushtia – The (united) Church of Bangladesh (4/15); The Diocese of Kutigi – The Church of Nigeria (4/16).

COFFEE HOUR

Please come to the 2nd floor of the Guild House and enjoy fellowship after Mass. The Guild Hall is located through the doors at the back of the church, and up the stairs to the left. If you are interested in helping to host a coffee hour, please see the sign-up sheet on the piano, or reach out to Leana Hooks.

EASTER EGG HUNT!

After Mass on Easter Day, the children of the parish are invited to scour the grounds of the church (and inside, if raining) for Easter eggs. Parental supervision is strongly encouraged.

OFFICE CLOSED GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER MONDAY

Please note that the parish office will be closed Good Friday through Easter Monday. Emails and phone calls will likely go unreturned until Tuesday, April 19th. If there is a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. Benjamin on his mobile phone – (614) 561-8913.

RECTOR AWAY

Fr. Benjamin will be away in Chattanooga, Tennessee April 21 through April 25 to lead a Hymn Festival at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. If a pastoral emergency arises, please contact the church office or reach out to Fr. Bill Locke or Fr. Michael Pearson. (The church office can supply you with their contact information if you do not have their emails or phone numbers).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! TWO IMPORTANT DATES

As was announced in January, our esteemed James Busby will be stepping down from his duties at S. Stephen's at the end of June. Please mark your calendars for two important dates on which we will celebrate and acknowledge his invaluable service, dedication, and accomplishments over the past 29 years of our parish life. On **Sunday, May 22**, we will have a special reception after Solemn Mass in the Guild Hall to celebrate and toast Maestro Busby. On **Sunday, June 19**, the Feast of Corpus Christi, James will play and conduct his final liturgy at S. Stephen's. Please make every effort to be in attendance for both of these significant days in the life of S. Stephen's Church. A special "purse" will be collected to present to Mr. Busby as a token of our gratitude and appreciation for all he has done. More details to follow.