
ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

29 January 2012

TODAY: 8:00 AM Coffee Hour hosted by the Swanson family
9:30 AM Coffee Hour hosted by the Peace and Justice Committee



Visitor Loafing Ministry

✠ *Ambassador: Marie and Michael Cassata*✠ *Baker: Marie and Michael Cassata***THIS WEEK:**

Monday, January 30	3:00 PM	Our Father's Table
Tuesday, January 31		
Wednesday, February 1	12:00 Noon 6:30 PM – 8:45 PM	Deadline for Sunday Bulletin EFM class – Meditation Room, Undercroft B4
Thursday, February 2	6:30 – 7:30 PM 6:45 – 7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal – Fay Hall Prayer Circle
Friday, February 3		
Saturday, February 4	8:00-10:00 AM	Men's Group-Fay Hall
Sunday, February 5	8:00 AM 9:30 AM	Coffee Hour hosted by Marty and Bob Jarvis Coffee Hour hosted by John and Laurie Joyce

Please mark the following upcoming dates on your calendars:

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January 30	3:00 PM	Our Father's Table
February 5	Scout Sunday	(Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts invited to wear uniforms to church)
February 11	10:00 AM	Packaging of Valentine Care Packages



We welcome any visitors who are with us today. Please stay after the service and join us for coffee hour. Before you leave, we would appreciate it if you would please sign our guest book. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE HOURSMonday through Friday
9:00 AM – Noon** Please use for bulletin submissions:**Marge's email address is marge.carlson@ststeph.com****Fr. Jesse's email address remains rector@ststeph.com **

- ✠ **A SPECIAL WELCOME** to our new Parish Secretary: Marjorie Carlson. Marjorie is a member of the Church of the Nativity in Northborough and will be working in the office on weekday mornings from 9:00 AM to Noon. Please join us in welcoming Marge to the parish staff.
 - ✠ **BOB WILLIAMS ORDINATION GIFTS:** As you know, Father Bob Williams was ordained to the priesthood on Saturday. If you'd like to contribute to his ordination gifts, there's still time! We bought Fr. Bob a chasuble to match the stole he received for his diaconal ordination, but he could also use a communion kit for taking the Sacrament to those who to hospitals and nursing homes. To contribute, make a check out to St. Stephen's Church with "Bob Williams' Ordination Gift" in the memo.
 - ✠ **INCLEMENT WEATHER PROTOCOL:** At its December meeting, the Vestry adopted inclement weather protocol for announcing the cancellation of parish events and services. In the event of inclement weather or the forecast of impending severe weather, the Rector, in consultation with the Wardens, may cancel or delay services or events. Cancellations or delays will be announced through Boston's Channel 5 (WCVB-TV) and Worcester-based radio station WSRS 96.1. When possible, we will update the parish website and answering machine greeting and will send out a parish-wide email, but be sure to check with the radio and TV stations for the official word.
 - ✠ **20s/30s GROUP:** There is growing number of adults in their 20s/30s here at St. Stephen's. We'd like to get together as a group for fun and fellowship, maybe going together to the movies or out to dinner. If you are interested in joining us, please see Joanna Meek.
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⊕ **EPISCOPAL 101:** Are you new to St. Stephen's or even to the Episcopal Church? Are you a longtime member who'd simply like to learn more about the Anglican/ Episcopal tradition, our history, and why we do things the way we do? Then this group is for you! Fr. Jesse would like to offer an Episcopal 101 discussion group in the new year. (This will be much like what has been called an "Inquirers' Class" in the past). If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Jesse about what days and times would work best for you.

⊕ **FUNDRAISING:** Some fundraising updates include: first profits from the sale of Stop & Shop gift cards/shopping cards have netted the parish \$85. (Should grow a lot as we streamline the program.)

-Continuing profits and gift cards from some restaurants for our patronage of them.

-Sales of beautiful calendars to support Sunday School. Some still available: only \$6!

-Cookbook to be available soon

-Planned fair with rummage sale. Please put aside items you no longer need.

⊕ **HYMNAL MEMORIALS NEEDED:** There seems to be a shortage of hymnals in the pews so we need to order a few more. Each hymnal is \$22 and is a wonderful way in which to remember loved ones or give thanks for a special event in your life. We will add a nameplate on the front page with the name of the individual being remembered or the donor. If you would like to order a new hymnal simply write a check made out to St. Stephen's for \$22 and note "hymnal" in the memo portion of the check. I will then be in touch with you at the appropriate time to get the pertinent information for the nameplate

2012 OFFERING ENVELOPES are now available in Fay Hall. If there are no envelopes designated for your household and you would like them, please speak to Sharyn Philcox or Peggy Yankee. Envelopes are available in weekly and monthly formats.

OUR FATHER'S TABLE: Don't forget that **Our Father's Table** is coming up on January 30. We'd love to have you be a part of this important outreach event. For information, see Bev Boyer.

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATIONS: You can dedicate flowers by signing up on the flower chart in the narthex. Then put the envelope with the date you have chosen, the dedication, and your check for the flowers in Michele Mongeon's inbox which is just outside the church office. Please make sure the parish office also has the information as well for the Sunday bulletin. See Michele for questions.

⊕ **WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY** will resume on Wednesday mornings at 9:00 A.M. at the home of Phyl Endicott, 15 Oak Street, Westboro, on Feb. 8, Feb. 22, Mar. 7, Mar. 21, Apr. 4, and Apr. 18. We are currently using the Upper Room as our study guide. It is scripture based and includes questions that pertain to that day's scripture and how we relate to it in our personal lives. The Lenten season will soon be here. If you are thinking of doing a little something extra in the way of Bible Study, within a comfortable small group setting, we would love to have you join us. Since the topic differs at each meeting, it is not a problem if you cannot make each one. For more information contact Phyl at 508-366-9227.

⊕ **VALENTINE CARE PACKAGES** will be assembled on Saturday February 11 at 10:00 am for our college students and for parishioners no longer able to get to church. Please stop by in Fay Hall today and write a prayer, a note of encouragement or a personal greeting to be sent with the goodie packages. Anyone who would like to join the fun and help with the project is welcome to join us on Feb. 11. Donations of cookies and wrapped candy would be much appreciated. See Yvette Kite for more information

NEW PARISH DIRECTORIES are available in Fay Hall. We've had a number of new families join the parish, so please pick one up. If you have any updates, changes, or corrections, please email them to info@ststeph.com and we'll get them into the next edition.

ADULT AND CHILD CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM are invited to talk to Fr. Jesse about the next steps for Baptism. Easter is the ideal time for a baptism, so if you know of an adult or a child who needs to be baptized, please see Fr. Jesse soon so there's time to plan.
