
ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

22 January 2012

TODAY: 8:00 AM Coffee Hour hosted by the Helen Panas
9:30 AM Coffee Hour hosted by the Meek family



Visitor Loafing Ministry

† *Ambassador: Jean McPherson*
† *Baker: Anne Deysler*

THIS WEEK:

Monday, January 23

Tuesday, January 24

Wednesday, January 25 12:00 Noon Deadline for Sunday Bulletin
6:30 PM – 8:45 PM EFM class – Meditation Room,
Undercroft B4

Thursday, January 26 St. Stephen's at Ruby Tuesday Fundraiser
6:30 – 7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal – Fay Hall
6:45 – 7:30 PM Prayer Circle

Friday, January 27 St. Stephen's at Ruby Tuesday Fundraiser

Saturday, January 28 St. Stephen's at Ruby Tuesday Fundraiser

Sunday, January 29 8:00 AM Coffee Hour hosted by the Swansons
9:30 AM Coffee Hour hosted by the Peace &
Justice Committee

*Please mark the following upcoming dates on your calendars:***2012**

January 25-28 Fr. Jesse away on vacation
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.

- ⊕ **CHURCH CALENDARS:** 2012 Church Calendars are still available. You may pick yours up in Fay Hall.
 - ⊕ **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.
 - ⊕ **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
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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.

- ⊕ **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.

RUBY TUESDAY FUNDRAISER is this **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 26, 27 and 28**. Ruby Tuesday will give back 20% of your food purchases to St. Stephen's. They require that a be handed in and no discount coupons can be used. We will not have the opportunity to do this program again for several months so don't miss you chance to enjoy yourself!

BAKE SALE TO BENEFIT SOLDIERS

The Peace and Justice Committee will be hosting a bake sale on Sunday, Jan. 29, to raise money to help defray the costs of mailing care packages to soldiers in Afghanistan. People may contribute baked items or come by on Jan. 29 to to buy some of the baked goods. Please contact Ruth Beck for questions.

- ⊕ **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.
- ⊕ **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 Amelia Brigandi or Fr. Jesse.
- ⊕ **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
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Sharyn Philcox or Peggy Yankee. Envelopes are available in weekly and monthly formats.

- ⊕ **AN EMAIL ADDRESS LIST UPDATE** is underway. If you have not received an email about the past couple issues of the monthly *Beacon*, then we might not have your email address on file in the office. If you have a new email address, please email that information to the office at info@ststeph.com.
- ⊕ **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.
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