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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

8:00 AM and 9:30 AM

8 January 2012

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**TODAY:** 8:00 AM Holy Eucharist  
9:15 AM Church School with Nursery Care  
9:30 AM Holy Eucharist with Music

Coffee hour follows the conclusion of each service and is provided by:

† *Helpers needed after the 8:00 AM service*† *Helpers needed after the 9:30 AM service*

Visitor Loafing Ministry

† *Ambassador: Elaine Sanborn*† *Baker: Meta Fricker***THIS WEEK:**

Monday, January 9

Tuesday, January 10

Fr. Jesse away at Fresh Start Retreat

12:00 Noon

Deadline for Sunday Bulletin

Wednesday, January 11

Fr. Jesse away at Fresh Start Retreat

Women of Faith Bible Study

6:30 PM – 8:45 PM

EFM class – Meditation Room,  
Undercroft B4

Thursday, January 12

6:30 – 7:30 PM

Choir Rehearsal – Fay Hall

6:45 – 7:30 PM

Prayer Circle

Friday, January 13

Saturday, January 14

Sunday, January 15

9:00 AM

Single Service followed by Annual  
Meeting

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

January 21

10:00 AM

Bob Williams' Priesthood Ordination (St.  
John's, Milville)

**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.



**Sanctuary Candle Memorial** is burning today in honor of the baptism of Liesbeth, Ben and Max Verheijen

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday through Thursday

9:00 AM – Noon

*\* Please note that the parish email address  
has changed to [info@ststeph.com](mailto:info@ststeph.com) \***\*Fr. Jesse's email address remains [rector@ststeph.com](mailto:rector@ststeph.com) \**

⊕ **CONGRATULATIONS** to the newly baptized today: Austin Klocek (son of Greg and Alicia Klocek) and Max, Ben, and Liesbeth Verheijen (children of Jeroen and Laura Verheijen). We welcome you to the household of God and to our parish family!

⊕ **THE ANNUAL REPORT** is available in Fay Hall. This volume contains all the committee, ministry, and officer reports for the 2011 year. Please pick one up and review it in preparation for the annual meeting next Sunday.

⊕ **THE PARISH ANNUAL MEETING** will be held next Sunday, January 15 immediately following our single service at 9:00 AM. New vestry members and officers will be elected and the 2012 budget will be presented at this meeting. Please plan to attend.

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

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⊕ **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 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:** Ruby Tuesday is now offering a Community GiveBack Program in which 20% of your food purchase will be donated to St. Stephen's. Our days for the fundraiser in 2012 are January 26, 27, and 28, which are a Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The rules require that a Ruby Tuesday flyer has to be handed to the server and no discount coupons are used in conjunction with the GiveBack Program.

⊕ **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 up aside items you no longer need.

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⊕ **WOMEN OF FAITH BIBLE STUDY:** We are a relatively small group and are currently using the "The Upper Room" study guide. If you are not a subscriber to the Upper Room but would like to join us, I would be happy to make a copy of the reading and questions for you, prior to the meeting. Since the subject matter differs at each meeting, it is not a problem if you can't make it to every meeting. The date of our next meeting is Wednesday, January 11. Bring your Bible and join us. For questions, call Phyl Endicott at 508-366-9227.

⊕ **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.

⊕ **PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE UPDATE:** I was thrilled to receive feedback from our adopted soldier in Afghanistan. The soldier is Capt. Leticia McGrady and she has 50 men and 50 women in her group. She writes to thank us for the care packages and letters. Most of which were packed and sent out by Linda, Bev and Kristen. I am also pleased with the donations coming in to pay for the postage. We are caught up at this time and will have a bake sale the last Sunday in January, for the troops. Right now, we have a flat rate of \$12.50 for the small boxes. If we send books and magazines, it is very expensive. To send a card it is 1st class rate. Or just place cards in care packages and they go for free. I also thank Tim, Liz, Yvette, and Peter for their help, too. Without their support, the care packages would not get out as quickly. Each care package has Capt. McGrady's address and the necessary customs forms with it. There are protocols for packing. Capt. McGrady wishes us Happy Holidays and certainly knows we are thinking of the troops, too. – *Ruth Beck*

⊕ **HOW DO YOU WANT TO GET YOUR NEWSLETTER?:** We are re-evaluating how best to get *The Beacon* out to readers. Please let the parish office know if you would prefer to receive your edition by email or by regular postal mail

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