



ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

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ST. STEPHEN'S ANNUAL PICNIC AND JAZZ ON THE LAWN

Thank you to everyone who helped make it a wonderful time of fellowship, especially Father Chuck, John, Dave, Karen, Pam, Tony and Chuck.



Blessing of the Animals

October 3



Please bring your pets to be blessed on October 3. And don't worry about barking and meowing...they are just making a joyful noise!

CONSIDER SERVING AS BACKUP FOR THE FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

For several years, the Vestry has discussed the need to train people to understand the financial system of our church. Some of you may remember that it took us almost a year to get our books in order, after Lee Muffit died suddenly. We would like to avoid this in the future. I am therefore looking for people who would be willing to learn the financial procedures. This does not mean you would take over the position, should we find ourselves in the need of a Financial Administrator. However, you would be able to assist the person, selected for the job, to be able to prepare a "Profit/Loss" statement, as well as other reports. It is my thought we will hold training sessions in August or September. These would be scheduled, based on your availability. If you think this would be a way to serve your church, please let me know. Talk with me any Sunday or give me a call or send an email. Gerry Dalton
galton1364@gmail.com

All Saints Day

Please send us the names of loved ones who have passed on so that we might remember them, give thanks for them and pray for them on All Saints Day.

Call 412-243-6100

Or Email

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Let's pray Psalm 46 for our country, for those who are suffering because of natural disasters and for the health of our earth.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge

Please pray for those dealing with the raging forest fires and those caught in storm Ida, and for the healing of our earth.



FOOD OF THE MONTH

CANNED FRUIT



BIRTHDAYS

Oct. 4 Gabe Sunderman, Oct.5 Ruth Moore, October 7 Cathy Wilke, Oct. 10 Jay Vaidya, Oct. 14 Douglas Chaffey, Oct. 16 Don Block

ANNIVERSARIES

Oct 18 Pam and Chris Sovich

XI Bishop of Pittsburgh, Ketlen Solak, Consecration



Ketlen Solak will be consecrated as the Bishop of Pittsburgh on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11 a.m. Due to Covid, the diocese is exploring the best way to make sure all can safely experience the consecration. It will definitely be live-streamed, and we will let you know of opportunities to be there in person. One way to attend a consecration event is to volunteer on one of the four days of activities. Gerry Dalton is in charge of parking and transportation and will need volunteers to help at each event. Let him know if you are interested. galton1364@gmail.com

The events are as follows: Thursday, 11/11/21, Bishop Elect Solak, Presiding Bishop Curry and Bishop McConnell will have dinner together; Friday, 11/12/21, Press Conference, also Bishop Curry and Bishop Elect Solak will meet with the clergy of the diocese; Saturday, 11/13/21, Sealing of the Consecration Certificate and breakfast with visiting bishops, then Consecration and Reception at 11 a.m. at Calvary Episcopal Church; Sunday, 11/14/21, Seating of the bishop and reception at Trinity Cathedral at 11 a.m. You won't want to miss this historic event!

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 3 Blessing of the Animals. Nov. 1 All Saints Day.

Nov. 13 Bishop Solak Consecration

Are you interested in joining our Bible Study this fall? We meet Thursdays from 12-2 p.m. in the library. We will be reading the gospel of Mark. Call Melanie Sprenkel with questions: 412-725-1174

**Mission of the Month:
Hello Neighbor**

Hello Neighbor is a Pittsburgh based non-profit founded in 2017 committed to supporting recently resettled refugees and immigrant families. They build partnerships with community groups and these families. They help them to get on their feet in a land that is foreign to them. They follow God's command to welcome the stranger in our midst. You can visit on-line if you wish to donate or you can write a check with "Hello Neighbor" in the memo line, put it in the donation plate on Sunday, and we will get it to them.

<https://www.helloneighbor.io/>

Wilkinsburg is LOVING the blessing box!

We always need more donations for this beautiful ministry. The supplies listed below have been the most popular. Thank you!

Pancake mix and syrup

Small boxes of cereal

Mac-n-cheese

Coffee and tea

Boxed pasta and pasta sauce

Toiletries and paper products

Dish and hand soap

Cookies and crackers

Dry Soup Mixes

Cans of food or milk with pop tops

Instant oatmeal

Brownie mix

Peanut butter and jam

Sunday Worship 8AM & 10:30AM

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Please join us in praying for the members and committees of St. Stephen's. Green prayer cycle booklets are in the back and front of the sanctuary.