



# ST. STEPHEN'S SPIRIT

The Newsletter of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Wilkinsburg PA

APRIL 2025

## *Looking toward Easter*

*The phrase "the death of death" embodies what transpired on that first Easter morning when Jesus rose from the grave. He didn't just rise for himself: he conquered death.*

*Paul expressed this beautifully in his second letter to Timothy, where he stated that Jesus Christ abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.*

*Jesus abolished death. He obliterated it. He wiped it out.*

*That's exactly what happened on that first Easter Sunday.*

*As we gather to worship the Lord, we worship the risen Savior who died not for himself, but for us. He lives, and because he lives, we also will live.*

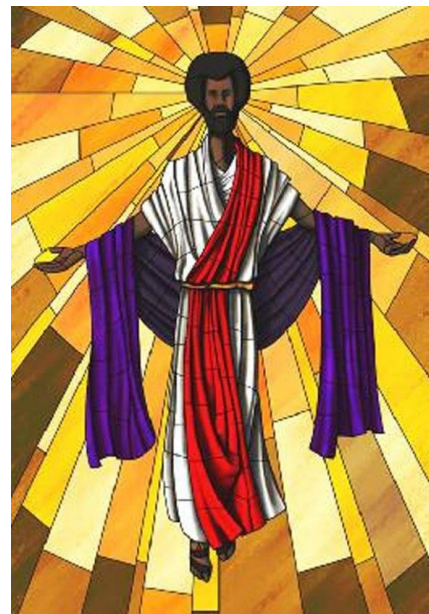
*This is the essence of the gospel: life and immortality have been brought to light through the gospel.*

*We proclaim this gospel because it's through its power that sin is conquered, and ultimately, death is defeated—granting us eternal life.*

*The moment we receive Christ, we're given eternal life that extends infinitely.*

*This gives us great reason to rejoice!*

*-Father Chuck*



## FOOD OF THE MONTH

### PASTA AND SAUCE



**Morning Prayer happens the first Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. See you on April 2!**

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

April 1-Amanda Morin

April 9-Judy Wooten

April 29-Gerry Dalton and Charlie Sprenkel

April 30-Darlene Malone



## PRAYER FOR APRIL

*Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*-The Book of Common Prayer*

Mindfulness Meditation with Derrick Jones in St. Stephen's Parish House Guild Room

To learn when sessions are being held, contact at [derrickmjones7@gmail.com](mailto:derrickmjones7@gmail.com) or 918-859-7819

## MISSION OF THE MONTH – *Brother's Brother*

*BBF helps bridge the gap between aid and sustainability by supporting localized programs and providing essential resources in the areas of Healthcare, Infrastructure, Disaster Response, and Education (H.I.D.E). They work with local agencies in underserved parts of the world with the vision that aid will lead to sustainability. If you'd like to support this non-profit that helps people around the world, see the link below or write a check with "Brother's Brother" in the memo line and put it in the collection plate.*

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EAST END PARISHES  
**2025 LENTEN**  
PREACHING SERIES



**Be Doers of the Word:  
The Gospel in Action**

6 p.m. Dinner | 7 p.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon

**Tuesday, March 11**

Preacher: The Rev. Guy Brown  
[Curate at St. Thomas, Oakmont]

**at Calvary** – 315 Shady Ave., East Liberty

**Tuesday, March 18**

Preacher: The Rev. Canon Kim Karashin  
[Canon to the Ordinary, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh]

**at St. Matthew's** – 336 E 10th Ave., Homestead

**Tuesday, March 25**

Preacher: The Rev. Deanna Briody  
[Curate at Calvary, East Liberty]

**at Redeemer** – 5700 Forbes Ave., Squirrel Hill

**Tuesday, April 1**

Preacher: The Rev. Jean Chess  
[Retired Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh]

**at St. Stephen's** – 600 Pitt Street, Wilkinsburg

**Tuesday, April 8**

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Asa Lee  
[President of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary]

**at St. Andrew's** – 5801 Hampton St., Highland Park

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**HEINZ CHAPEL CHOIR WILL PERFORM  
THEIR LAST CONCERT OF THE SEASON  
AT ST. STEPHEN'S ON **MONDAY, MAY 5**, AT  
7:30 PM. THIS WAS A REAL TREAT FOR  
US LAST YEAR, AND WE ARE EXCITED  
FOR THEIR RETURN.**

**HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!**

**2025 Lent & Easter at  
St. Stephen's**

Bible Study 4-6 PM, Wednes-  
days in Lent, Library

April 12-Preparation of the  
Palms 10:00 AM, Choir  
Room

April 13- Palm Sunday 8AM &  
10:30AM

April 17 - Traditional Maundy  
Thursday Service 7PM

April 18 - Good Friday Service  
12NOON

April 20 - Easter Sunday Ser-  
vice 8AM & 10:30AM



## St. Stephen's Pancake Supper



Sunday Worship 8AM & 10:30AM

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