

# SAINT STEPHEN'S PARISH

Pittsfield, Massachusetts

## Christmas December 2020

FOR A CHILD HAS  
BEEN BORN FOR US.



A SON GIVEN FOR US.  
i s a i a h 9:6

### Our Mission

is to be the heart and hands of Christ, nourishing people and transforming lives.

### Our Core Values

may be found on our website

**THE HOLY EUCHARIST**  
**CHRISTMAS 2020**  
**5:00 p.m. and 10:00a.m.**

**Hymn 83**      “O come, all ye Faithful” (*stanzas 1,2, 3, 6*)

*Adeste fideles*

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
come, and behold him, born the King of angels;

*Refrain:* O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,  
O come, let us adore him, Christ, the Lord.

2. God from God, Light from Light eternal,  
lo! He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
only begotten Son of the Father; (*Refrain*)
3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above;  
glory to God, glory in the highest; (*Refrain*)
6. Yea, Lord, we greet the, born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (*Refrain*)

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People**      **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant prays:*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

**People**      **Amen.**

**Gloria in excelsis**      (*all saying together*)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, you make us glad by the yearly festival of the birth of your only Son Jesus Christ: Grant that we, who joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, may with sure confidence behold him when he comes to be our Judge; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

### **First Lesson** Isaiah 9:2-7

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire. For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalms 96:1-4, 11 & 12** *(please read responsively at half verse)*

1. Sing to the Lord a new song;\*  
**Sing to the Lord all the whole earth.**
2. Sing to the Lord and bless his name;\*  
**proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.**
3. Declare his glory among the nations\*  
**and his wonders among all peoples.**
4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;\*  
**he is more to be feared than all gods.**
11. Let the heavens rejoice, . . . and let the earth be glad; . . .  
let the sea thunder and all that is in it;\*  
**let the fields be joyful and all that is therein.**
12. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before  
the Lord when he comes,\*  
**when he comes to judge the earth.**

### **Second Lesson** *Titus 2:11-14*

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 79 “O little town of Bethlehem” (*stanzas 1,2,5*) *St. Louis*

1. O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by;  
yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting Light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.
2. For Christ is born of Mary; and gathered all above,  
While mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth!  
And praises sing to God the King, and peace to men on earth.
5. O holy child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel!

**The Holy Gospel** *Luke 2:1-20*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. (And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.) And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

Rev. David DeSmith

**The Nicene Creed** *said by all, standing*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not  
made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the  
right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively*

Dear people of God, all the gifts we shall give and receive in these days are but small tokens of the gift  
that shines forth in God's word made flesh this season. From grateful hearts let us intercede for all who  
find themselves longing for this deepest, truest gift, saying:

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the peace proclaimed by angels in the shepherds' field might be realized on every field of  
war, on every street of violence, and in every angry heart, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have been injured or killed this week through the many acts of violence in this  
nation and around the world, that the injured may be healed; the bereaved comforted; and the dead  
raised to new life in you, let us pray to the Lord,

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the child born to us might find in our hearts warm welcome by our openness to the needs  
of the homeless and the hungry, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That in this time of gift-giving we might become more responsive to the abandoned, the despairing, and  
the mourning, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the rejoicing of this season might be a bond leading us to true communion of life and worship, let  
us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray that the joy and consolation of the Wonderful Counselor might enliven all who are afflicted by  
disease and illness especially those whom we name silently or aloud, (*leave a brief silence*) let us pray to the  
Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the blessed hope we celebrate this night might be the fulfillment of all who have gone before us in  
faith, especially those remembered through the Christmas flowers, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

We offer thanksgiving for all of the blessings of this life, especially our family, friends, and others who

have been important in our lives, and those remembered silently or aloud, let us pray to the Lord.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Other intercessions or thanksgivings may be offered silently or aloud.*

O God, in the darkness and silence, you have pierced the quiet of this season by the utterance of your word made flesh. May our words of praise and petition be strong echoes of your Christmas word, so that all might come to the peace you promise in Jesus, who is Lord and God this day and forever. **Amen**

### **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Solo** “O holy night”

Adolphe Adam

O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, it is the night of the dear Savior’s birth; Long lay the world in sin and error pining, till he appeared, and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, for yonder breaks a new and glorious morn. Fall on your knees! oh hear the angel voices! O night divine! O night when Christ was born, O night divine! O night divine.

Truly He taught us to love one another; his law is love and His Gospel is peace.

Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, And in His name all oppression shall cease. Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we, let all within us praise his holy name. Christ is the Lord, then ever, ever praise we, His power and glory evermore proclaim.

### **The Great Thanksgiving** (Eucharistic Prayer B)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** **The Hymnal, S 128** *said by all*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Bless’d is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People say:*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia .

*Spiritual Communion Prayer*

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says:* Let us pray

*The Celebrant and People say:* " I will light candles for Christmas"

by Howard Thurman

I will light Candles this Christmas,  
Candles of joy despite all the sadness,  
Candles of hope where despair keeps watch,  
Candles of courage for fears ever present,  
Candles of peace for tempest-tossed days,  
Candles of grace to ease heavy burdens,  
Candles of love to inspire all my living,  
Candles that will burn all year long.

Hymn 111 “Silent Night” (*Sung kneeling or seated*)

*Stille Nacht*

1. Silent night, holy night, all is calm, all is bright  
round yon virgin mother and child,  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace. Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, shepherds quake at the sight,  
glories stream from heaven afar.  
Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;  
Christ the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love’s pure light  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
with the dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth. Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

### **Christmas Blessing**

May Christ, who by his Incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Hymn 87 “Hark!” the herald angels sing

*Mendelssohn*

Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!  
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;  
With the angelic host proclaim Christ is born in Bethlehem!

*Refrain:* Hark! the herald angels sing glory to the newborn King!

1. Christ! By highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
late in time behold him come, offspring of the Virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail the incarnate Deity.  
Please as man with us to dwell/ Jesus, our Emmanuel! (*Refrain*)
2. Mild he lays his glory by, born that we no more may die,  
Born to raise us from the earth, born to give us second birth.  
Risen with healing in his wings, light and life to all he brings,  
Hail, the Sun of Righteousness! Hail, the heaven born Prince  
of Peace! (*Refrain*)

*Priest* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God.**

**Voluntary** *In dulci jubilo - Fantasia*

J.S. Bach

**CHRISTMAS 2020**  
**Prelude**

“I wonder as I wander”      *Appalachian Carol*/John Niles

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on’ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, ‘twas in a cow’s stall,  
With wise men and famers and shepherds and all.  
But high from God’s heaven a star’s light did fall,  
And the promise of ages it then did recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing,  
A star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,  
Or all of God’s angels in heav’n for to sing,  
He surely could have it, ‘cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky,  
How Jesus the Savior did come for to die  
For poor on’ry people like you and like I...  
I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

“The apple tree”      Scottish folk song/K. Lee Scott

The tree of life my soul hath seen,  
Laden with fruit and always green:  
The trees of nature fruitless be  
Compared with Christ, the apple tree.

His beauty doth all things excel:  
By faith I know, but ne’er can tell  
The glory which I now can see  
In Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

For happiness I long have sought,  
And pleasure dearly I have bought:  
I missed of all; but now I see  
‘Tis found in Christ, the apple tree.

I'm weary with my former toil,  
Here I will sit and rest awhile:  
Under the shadow I will be,  
Of Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

This fruit doth make my soul to thrive.  
It keeps my dying faith alive;  
Which makes my soul in haste to be  
With Jesus Christ, the apple tree.

*Anonymous Collection of Joshua Smith*

“In the bleak mid-winter”

Harold Darke

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan.  
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.  
Snow had fallen snow on snow, snow on snow.  
In the bleak midwinter long ago.

Our God, Heav'n cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain.  
Heav'n and earth shall flee away, when He comes to reign.  
In the bleak midwinter, a stable place sufficed.  
The Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ.

Enough for Him, who cherubim, worship night and day,  
A breast full of milk, and a manger full of hay,  
Enough for Him, whom angels, fall down before,  
The ox and ass and camel, which adore.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.  
If I were a wise man, I would do my part;  
Yet what can I give Him, give my heart.

Christina Rossetti

# WELCOME!

We are delighted that you are celebrating Christmas with us!

## Ministers of the Celebration

### CHRISTMAS 2020

DECEMBER 24, 5:00 P.M.  
DECEMBER 24, 10:00 P.M.  
DECEMBER 25, 10:00 A.M.  
DECEMBER 27, 10:00A.M.

#### CELEBRANT

The Rev. David DeSmith

#### LECTOR

Diane Forsyth

#### PREACHER

The Rev. David DeSmith

#### PRAYERS

William Frazier

#### ALTAR GUILD

Marie Sutton, William Frazier

#### QUARTET

Sarah Novak, soprano  
Wavelyn Hine, alto  
Jeffrey Hine, tenor  
Robert Szczepaniak, bass

#### VIDEO PRODUCTION

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Jack W. Browne	Janet & Fred Morrison	
Henry & Bonita Bush	Anne & William Morrow	
Coles family loved ones	Roy Rawson	
Judy J. Culver-Bueno		



## Parish Notices

**WHO ARE WE?** St. Stephen's Parish is a community of people who together seek to serve our community, drawing strength and joy from worshipping together. We don't all believe the same, act the same, vote the same, or dress the same – but we strive to love the same, as Christ loved and served all people.

**ST. STEPHEN'S TABLE** – Gifts in thanksgiving or in memory can be made by sending a donation to the church with the name of the person to be honored or remembered. You can also make a donation online! Just go to our website, select "Support Our Ministries," and follow the prompts to the list of gift opportunities. Select "St. Stephen's Table" and follow the directions. *This week's Gifts to the Table are given by Debbie and Roy Stillman in honor of loved ones, PEO in honor of Dan Moon and Dr. and Mrs. Hashim in loving memory of Virginia Smith.*

**HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS and BRIDGE PRIEST'S VACATION**– The church office will be closed until Monday, January 4 at 9:00 a.m.. Rev. David DeSmith will be on vacation during that time, but available for pastoral emergencies: phone number 201-602-3642.

**ONE SERVICE OF FESTIVAL HOLY EUCHARIST** with familiar carols and music will be available for your participation and viewing on Christmas Eve at 5 P.M. and 10 P.M. as well as on Christmas Day at 10 A.M. and Sunday, December 27 at 10 A.M. There will be no other worship service on Sunday, December 27.

**WE WILL RESUME OUR VIRTUAL WORSHIP ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 AT 10 A.M.** when we will celebrate the Feast of The Epiphany.

### LIVING GREEN TIP

After the Christmas Season, remember that your natural tree can be chipped, composted, become a backyard bird feeder or shelter, cut up and used to protect your garden or burned in an outdoor firepit. (thisoldhouse.com)

## THIS WEEK AT SAINT STEPHEN'S

### THURSDAY, December 24

Parish Office Closed  
3:00 p.m. St. Stephen's Table-Grab and Go  
5:00 p.m. Facebook Service  
10:00 p.m. Facebook Service

### FRIDAY, December 25

Parish Office Closed  
10:00 a.m. Facebook Service  
NO St. Stephen's Table

### SATURDAY, December 26

### SUNDAY, December 27

10:00 a.m. Facebook Service  
1:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Beloved  
Grab and Go Lunch

### MONDAY, December 28

Parish Office Closed

### TUESDAY, December 29

Parish Office Closed

### WEDNESDAY, December 30

Parish Office Closed

### THURSDAY, December 31

Parish Office Closed  
St. Stephen's Table TBD

### FRIDAY, January 1

Parish Office Closed  
St. Stephen's Table TBD

### SATURDAY, January 2

### SUNDAY January 3

10:00 a.m. Facebook Service  
1:00 p.m. Cathedral of the Beloved  
Grab and Go Lunch

## THIS WEEK'S PRAYER LIST

### SUNDAY, December 27

All persons serving in the armed forces and their families: MAJ Andrew B., CPT Nicholas P., ILT Curran J. D., Lance CPL Chad L., SPC Amanda D., Pvt. Corey F. D., Army Ranger Sean J., MAJ Michael C., Micah H.

St. Michael's-on-the-Heights, Worcester  
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### MONDAY

Dioceses of Fond du Lac and Fort Worth (both in USA)

### TUESDAY

*We remember all who need our prayers especially:* Timothy A., Madge B., Clarence D., Ken & Diana E., Cyndi K., Henry L., Christina O., Kevin S., Clara V., Maureen W., Abby, Becca, Betty, Donna, Faye, Fiona, Heather, Jay, Jim, Joan, John, Josh, Judy H., Karen, Keith, Linda, Lisa, Maia, Marilyn, Mary, Melissa & Family, Nancy & Rick, Noreen, Pam, Patrick, Paula, Susan, Barbara, Zeke, Marion, Joe, Roy, Marie, Bob, Robert J., Walter H., Jill, Barbara A., Jeff S., Shirley, Maryann J. and family, Marion, Charles W. H., Sydney A., Jeffrey B., Ray, Thomas S., Peter, Barbara D., Ray, William, Doris, Barbara, Erika, Nancy G., Louis C., all who are impacted by the Coronavirus, Pat, Jack, Francis, Susan, Frank L., Deane, Tom, David P., Joan K., Teddy C.

Those with mental health issues

Dioceses of Fredericton (Canada) and Freetown (Sierra Leone)

### WEDNESDAY

Dioceses of Gahini (Rwanda) and Gambia

### THURSDAY

Local Food Programs  
Pittsfield City Government  
The Governor of Massachusetts

Dioceses of Gasabo (Rwanda) and Gboko (Nigeria)

### FRIDAY

St. Stephen's Caring for Other's Team  
St. Stephen's Property Team

Dioceses of George (South Africa) and Georgia (USA)

### SATURDAY

Dioceses of Lagos, Lagos Mainland, and Lagos West (all in Nigeria)

## ST. STEPHEN'S CALLS A NEW RECTOR!

The Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley will be joining St. Stephen's in February.

Nina comes to us from St. Bartholomew's in Yarmouth, Maine. She will be joined by her husband Ken, adult daughters, Mackenzie and Channing, dog Finn and a few cats.

The calling of this Rector was the coordinated effort of the Profile and Search Committees and the Vestry. The Profile Committee truly captured the heart of St. Stephen's and The Search Committee did their due diligence to find the best match for us. Both the Search Committee and Vestry voted unanimously to call Rev. Dr. Nina Pooley as our new Rector. Additional information, including a letter from Rev. Dr. Pooley, has been mailed or emailed to the parish and can be found on St. Stephen's website.

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