



St. Stephen's E-NEWS

WHERE GOD IS SEEN, LOVE IS FELT, LIVES ARE CHANGED.

April 22, 2022

SUNDAY WORSHIP

This Sunday is the Second Sunday of Easter, and our readings will be:

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 150
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31



DID YOU KNOW?

There's quite a number of ways to describe the this liturgical season: Eastertide, Paschaltide, Paschal Time, but they all refer to the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday.

The Second Sunday of Easter is also known in Western Christianity as Divine Mercy Sunday, the Octave Day of Easter, White Sunday, Quasimodo Sunday, and Low Sunday. In Eastern Christianity, this day is known as Antipascha, New Sunday (or Renewal Sunday), and **Thomas Sunday** (#sundaysermon). You may hear the term "Low Sunday" bandied about for this Sunday, and it referst to the lack of high ritual and not the number of attendees at church following Easter Sunday. Now you know!

WEEKLY PRAYERS

WE PRAY FOR PARISH MEMBERS

Lisa Griggs
 Gary and Katherine Grubb
 Linda and Ed Hagaman
 Virginia Hall

Please include these people in your prayers.

BISHOP COLE VISIT

The Right Reverend Brian Lee Cole, Bishop of the Diocese of East Tennessee,



will be visiting St. Stephen's on Sunday, May 1, 2022. We will have our usual 7:45 and 10 a.m. worship services with several confirmations at the 10 a.m. service.

BARBEQUE FOR THE BISHOP

Parish Life is hosting a Barbeque for the Bishop on **Sunday, May 1, 2022**, and we are looking for side dishes like coleslaw,

potato salad, vegetable salads, and desserts! The reception will be outside, weather permitting!

Please [sign up](#) for the Spring BBQ to bring food items requested! Thank you!



COFFEE CONCERT



The Oak Ridge Civic Music Association (ORCMA) will present its first coffee concert in two years at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, **Sunday, April 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m.** The group Trillium and Friends, a group composed of Robert Bonham, piano, Shelby Shankland, flute and Alicia Randisi-Hooker, cello will perform music by Haydn, Villo Lobos and von Weber. The concert is free and open to the public.

ORDINATION OF ASHTON SIMS

Ashton Lane-Ross Sims will be ordained to the Sacred Order of Priests on **Saturday, May 7, 2022 at 11 a.m.** We are delighted to invite the congregation to celebrate his ordination!

We are also collecting a purse for Ashton's ordination gift. If you would like to contribute to his ordination gift, please indicate "Ordination Gift" on the memo line of your check.



ORDINATION RECEPTION

The St. Agnes Daughters are hosting the Ordination Reception following the service but we need help from the parish! Please bring a finger food item for the reception, if possible, plated and ready to be put on the serving tables. **FINGER FOODS ONLY!** Here are some suggestions:

- Finger Sandwiches (chicken salad, pimento cheese, egg salad, ham & cheese; on bread, mini croissants, Hawaiian rolls etc.
- Fresh fruit plates
- Relish plates
- Hot or Cold dips with chips
- Barbecue meatballs
- Cheese Balls with crackers (gluten-free or regular)
- Assorted Cheeses with crackers (gluten-free or regular),
- Fresh Veggies with dip,
- Deviled Eggs,
- Banana Bread/ Date Nut Bread with cream cheese sandwiches
- Chex mix, Assorted Nuts.

NO DESSERTS! A dessert will be provided! Please email Jeanne Kring at jbk4ut@gmail.com by May 5th concerning the finger food item you are planning to provide so there is a balanced variety of finger foods! Thank you for your helping hands!



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EYF ON SUNDAY

EYF meets on Sunday, in the Parish Hall for lunch after 10 A.M. church services. Afterwards, we will meet in the Youth Room for Sunday School. Father Bailey will continue discussions to prepare us for confirmation with Bishop Cole on Sunday, May 1, 2022.



After Sunday School, we will have a service project. One of our parishioner's husband died recently and we will go to their home (in Oak Ridge a couple of miles from the church) and do some yard work: raking leaves and some pruning. Please wear light clothing because it's supposed to be hot on Sunday! We will take some of the lawn equipment that's stored at the church with us. Pick-up is at 3:30 pm. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday.

~Craig Brent

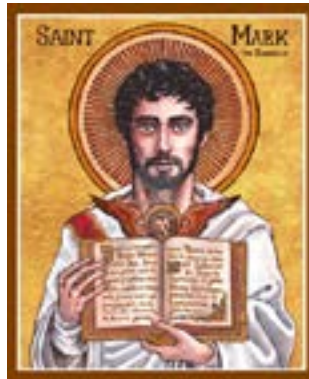
HAPPY EARTH DAY

Almighty God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess: Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and, remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



ST. MARK THE EVANGELIST

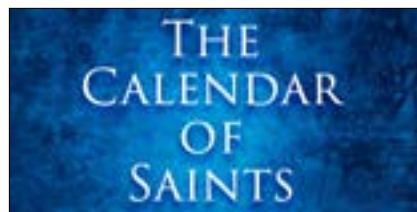
On Monday, April 25, 2022 at 8 A.M., we will have a service of Morning Prayer in celebration of St. Mark the Evangelist. You are invited to attend this service or watch it on our YouTube channel.



THE CALENDAR OF SAINTS

Did you know that Fr. Bailey (and others!) are doing a marathon project called The Calendar of Saints on our YouTube channel? We are providing a short 5-10 minute video every day to commemorate a different saint that is recognized in our liturgical calendar. It's an interesting and meaningful way to have a daily devotion, and to learn something about some amazing people.

A fresh video is (usually) available every day at noon. Enjoy!



If you would like to record one of these videos, please get in touch with Fr. Bailey, Fr. Ashton or Elizabeth to sign up...there's plenty of saints to talk about!

ALTAR GUILD MINISTRY

Whenever we come to church, we all see a beautifully set altar for Sunday worship, with hangings, frontals, vestments and liturgical accoutrements all in their places, in the proper seasonal colors. The Altar Guild is responsible for making everything just so in every church, and it's frequently called the "Stealth Ministry" since so much of the work is behind the scenes. If you would like to learn more about taking care of God's house and setting God's table, please let one of the Altar Guild team leaders know of your interest! Talk to Roni Boyd, Judith Delaney, Bonnie Nestor or Barbara Steele!

The Altar Guild is open to all — men and women — and a training will be scheduled for May for those interested.

