

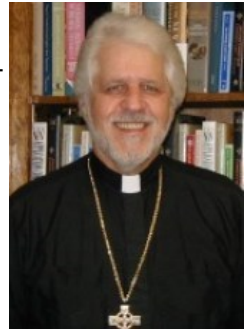
# The Voice of St. Stephen

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## BISHOP RICH LIPKA TO VISIT

Bishop Rich Lipka is the Suffragan Bishop of our Diocese and Bishop-in-residence at the cathedral. He was ordained a priest in 1966 in Rome, Italy. He has served as senior pastor of churches in several states on the mainland United States and in Hawaii in the Roman Catholic Church and the Episcopal Church. He has been active in the liturgical renewal movement since 1978. He has taught seminars and published articles in the areas of practical application of the Bible to daily life. He was consecrated Bishop of the Diocese of the Hawaiian Islands and the American Protectorates in the Pacific in 1995. In 2004 he moved to Maryland to serve as the Diocesan Bishop for the Delmarva Peninsula.



Bishop Lipka is a graduate of St. Mary's College (B.A.); the Pontifical Gregorian University (S.T.B.); St. Mary's Seminary (M.A.); and the University of Maryland (M.S.W.). He has pursued doctoral studies at Fuller Theological Seminary and the International College and Graduate School. He was part of the faculty of St. Michael's Seminary (of the CEEC) in Hawaii. He is a licensed clinical social worker and a diplomate of the American Association of Pastoral Counselors.

Bishop Lipka was born and raised in Wilmington, DE. He is married and the father of four. His wife, Susan, and his family, are active in ministries at Holy Trinity Cathedral and in the Diocese.



Bishop Lipka and his wife Susan will be visiting Saint Stephen Church during the second weekend in June, and will be celebrating the Eucharist and preaching on Sunday, June 10. We will have a community gathering on Saturday, June 9, at 6:00 PM. The gathering will include a pot-luck dinner and plenty of time to socialize and fellowship. Please put this on your calendar and plan to be with us!

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# PASTOR'S CORNER

A FEW WORDS FROM FATHER JIM

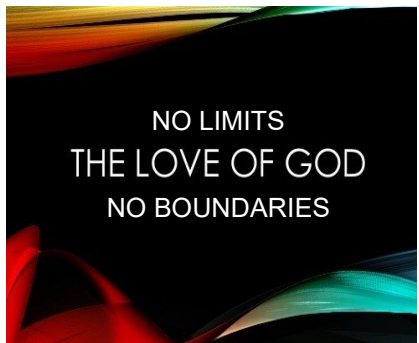
For months, a common theme in our sermons here at Saint Stephen has been love – our love of God and neighbor. A life filled with harmony, and peace, and love is something we all want. And, yet, we can't quite achieve it. Because harmony, and peace, and love are by-products of living well, not things that we can force to appear. How can we live in a way that these things could naturally appear? How can we live in love? How can we create lives that are full of faith, and hope, and love?

Because God is love, the only way to live in love is to dwell in God. And if the only way to dwell in God is to be in Jesus, then the only way to become loving is through Jesus Christ. And if the only way to Christ is through the cross, then we need to realize our brokenness and our need for grace. When we repent and are forgiven, we are ready to extend love, and grace, and compassion to others. When God pours grace upon grace and love upon love on us, we can truly live in love.

That's the theology of Christian love, but how can we practice that love in real life? We can only love if we live in God. We are dependent on God's love and on the Holy Spirit working in us. God's nature is love and he is happy to pour out more love into our relationships if we ask. God's language is love and he is delighted to give us more love to extend to our co-workers, our neighbors, and even our enemies if we ask. God's spirit is love and he is overjoyed to send on us more love to be shared through our work, and our play, and our lives if we ask.

When we receive God's love, we are transformed. Our lives are not our own anymore. It's not us loving our enemies. It's not us extending help for our neighbors. It's not us becoming radically obedient to God's guidance. It's not us living in love and grace. It's God dwelling in us and through us. It's God sharing harmony, and peace, and love. It's God pouring out grace upon grace, love upon love, life and more life!

So, my dear friends, let us thank God for his amazing love! Let us ask him to come and dwell in us! Let us pray that he will come and transform us! Let us open ourselves so that he might come and live through us! Let us – by the grace of God – live lives of love, full of harmony, and grace, and peace. Let us strive to become a bit more like Jesus every day!



# COMMUNITY INTEREST

## NEWS AND UPCOMING EVENTS

### ANGLICAN WAY SEMINAR SERIES COMING SOON

We are looking at some dates in July and August for a Wednesday evening series of teaching on the Anglican Christian Tradition. We are tentatively considering three evenings with two thirty-minute sessions in each covering such topics as Anglican history, the Eucharist, the Prayer Book, the Sacraments, Anglican Theology, and Holy Orders. If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please let us know.

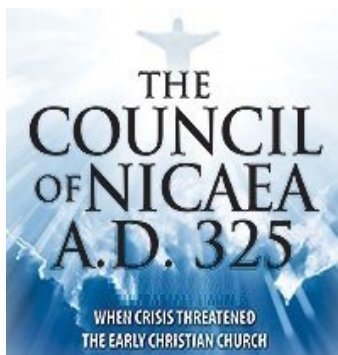
### SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Dr. Brian Shoemaker continues his teaching of our Adult Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:30. Brian is opening the Gospel of John, enabling us to learn more of Jesus through the eyes of the beloved disciple. Doctor Shoemaker's teaching has been uplifting and fulfilling as well as eye-opening. Please join us.



### THIS MONTH IN CHURCH HISTORY

Bishop Hosius, a delegate at the Council of Nicea in 325 AD, announces the newly written Nicene Creed. Countering Arius and what came to be known as the Arian heresy, the teaching that "there was a time when the Son was not," the creed describes Christ as "God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made." It is widely reported that Saint Nicholas (yes, that Saint Nicholas) punched Arius in the face for such an idea.



### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION



Saint James wrote, "Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed." In addition to the healing grace that flows from God, spiritual and psychological healing comes from openly revealing our sins. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the church from 10:30 AM until Noon on Saturday, June 9, as well as at any time by appointment.

## PAGE SIX: VOICE OF THE COMMUNITY SUMMER CANS FOR KIDS FOOD DRIVE

Protect Our Children from the “Perfect Storm” this summer! Summer vacation means no school based free or subsidized breakfast and lunch for those who need it most! Continuing economic uncertainty means record numbers of families seeking emergency aid! Let’s fill the Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries Food Pantry to the rafters!

Yes! 62% of JCPS students receive reduced price breakfast and/or lunch (0 to 40¢) every day. In addition, those in elementary school receive a “backpack” every Friday afternoon with food for the weekend. But that is every day and every Friday afternoon during the school year. During the summer, those children have to rely on other sources like the Food Pantry at Fern Creek Highview United Ministries. Unfortunately, the Pantry food inventory is at the lowest during the summer. During those times the amount of food a family receives is much less than the rest of the year. This summer we want to make sure every child served by the FCHUM Food Pantry has as much food as possible.

Any item is appreciated but we need high protein foods like peanut butter, canned pasta with meat, tuna, mac and cheese, and hearty soups are always good choices. Although all food is important and appreciated, green beans and corn are so popular more readily available, we ask you to consider other more nutritious foods. You can donate money as well!



We are asking the schools in our area to consider making this an end of the year service project. Perhaps a senior service project, honor society, sports teams, or an 8th grade class of 2018 project. Businesses and their employees can get involved as well. Summer should be a time of fun and frolic for kids. They should not have to worry about if they will have dinner tonight or breakfast in the morning. Please help us prevent “the Perfect Storm” this summer and feed the hungry children in our area. The child you help to feed this summer could be your next-door neighbor!

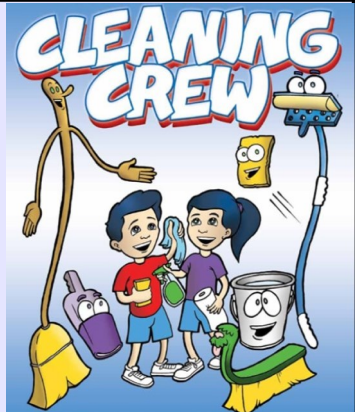
For more information, please contact Joyce Curry or any of the pastoral staff at the church. Our volunteers will be delighted to come to you and pick up your donations!

## LECTIONARY / READER / ACOLYTE SCHEDULE

<b><u>06/03/18</u></b> <b><u>Second Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>		
First Reading	Deuteronomy 5:6-21	Kathy Caccamo
Psalm 81	Prayers of the People	Diana Flatico
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Kathy Caccamo
Gospel Reading	Mark 2:23-28	
<b><u>06/10/18</u></b> <b><u>Third Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>		
First Reading	Genesis 3:8-21	Brian Shoemaker
Psalm 130	Prayers of the People	Michael Flatico
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 4:13-18	Brian Shoemaker
Gospel Reading	Mark 3:20-35	
<b><u>06/17/18</u></b> <b><u>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>		
First Reading	Ezekiel 31:1-6,10-14	Jessica Cook
Psalm 92	Prayers of the People	Vicki Lockett
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	Jessica Cook
Gospel Reading	Mark 4:26-34	
<b><u>06/24/18</u></b> <b><u>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>		
First Reading	Job 38:1-11,16-18	Mark Styles
Psalm 107	Prayers of the People	Joyce Curry
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 5:14-21	Mark Styles
Gospel Reading	Mark 4:34-41	
<b><u>07/01/18</u></b> <b><u>Sixth Sunday after Pentecost</u></b>		
First Reading	Deuteronomy 15:7-11	Kathy Caccamo
Psalm 112	Prayers of the People	Diana Flatico
Second Reading	2 Corinthians 8:1-9,13-15	Kathy Caccamo
Gospel Reading	Mark 5:22-24,35-43	

### Church Cleaning Schedule

05/28 - 06/02	D Renfrow / D Flatico
06/04 - 06/09	V O'Banion / B Brown
06/11 - 06/16	J Curry / J Cook
06/18 - 06/23	Rachelle Lo / Family
06/25 - 06/30	D Renfrow / D Flatico



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<b>Office Manager:</b>	Position Open
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<b>Outreach Ministry:</b>	Joyce Curry
<b>Fellowship Ministry:</b>	Jessica Cook
<b>Facilities Manager:</b>	John Lyons

**Worship & Holy Eucharist** 10:30 AM  
**Adult Bible Study** 9:30 AM

Our hope is that Saint Stephen Anglican Church is not just a place that you attend once a week, but a place where you can connect with people and be involved in life changing ministry. Faith should touch every part of our lives. Come on in. We've been expecting you.

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