

Appeal for Sunday Collection Counters

We are in the process of reconstituting our teams of counters to process and deposit the weekly collection. This ministry was temporarily suspended due to the pandemic, but it is important that it be reinstated for maintaining sound business practices. The Manual of Business Methods in Church Affairs of the Episcopal Church specifies that at least two unrelated persons be responsible for counting and depositing the collections. Accordingly, we are seeking 8-10 individuals who are willing to dedicate approximately 1/2 hour of time one Sunday a month to complete this important task. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. Please let Fr. Chris or Gary Witosky know if you are willing to serve in this capacity or need additional information.

We will be collecting personal care items, shampoo, toothpaste, etc. for those in need. A basket for donations is located in the church entrance. Thank you, Sue Mullet

Intercession List

With the season of Advent, we are again renewing our intercession list. So if you have someone you want to add to the intercession list, please email the office at stlukechardon@yahoo.com

Metro Food Bank Project

The next Metro Food Bank event will be on **Jan 22, 2022**. Volunteer sign-up online www.stlukechardon.org, in food pantry info.

We welcome you this morning!

If you are visiting, we hope you enjoy worshipping with us today.

Officiant Rev Chris McCann **December 26, 2021**

Opening Hymn *Of the Father's love begotten* Hymn# 82

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
People: and blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP p. 355

Collect

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him, and to be born [this day] of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

(Please sit for the readings)

First Reading *Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15*

Psalm *31:1-5*

Second Reading *Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51c-60*

Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia*

The Holy Gospel *Matthew 23:34-39*

Sermon Rev Chris McCann

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Intercessions

Parish Intercession/Prayer List:

- Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark our Bishop, Arthur and William assisting bishops;
- For the whole world for which Jesus offered himself as a saving source of our reconciliation with God: for all who strive for peace with justice in God's creation. For the Uyghurs; the people of Syria; the people of Myanmar; the people of the holy land

For our civic life; for leaders in government, for all who work for the common good

For the mission of the church, and especially for the ministry of Reconciliation and especially for clergy and congregations as we gather together to wait upon the Lord's and his appearing

For the missionaries in Haiti

In the Diocese of Ohio, pray for the Southeast Mission Area.
 St. Stephen's Church, Steubenville
 Christ Church, Warren, The Rev. J. Jeffrey Baker, Rector
 St. John's Church, Youngstown, The Rev. Gayle L. Catinella, Rector

- For all who have asked our prayers: Joan, Dave and Suzanne, Ginny, Grace, Greg, Stellie, Jeannette, Anna, Donald, Marie, Doug, Carolyn, Jaime, Katie, Rae...for all who are distressed and discouraged because of illness,...and all those we name either silently or aloud
- For the Faithful Departed:

Confession

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The Peace

Gospel
Matthew 23:34-39

[Jesus said,] “Therefore I send you prophets, sages, and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue from town to town, so that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. Truly I tell you, all this will come upon this generation. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you, desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Financial Income Information			
Week of 12/19/21		Year To Date	Budget
Pledges/Non Pledge	\$915	\$95,807.75	
Loose Plate	\$65	\$1,368.35	
Christmas Flowers	\$230		
Attendance	25 people		

Second Reading

Acts 6:8-7:2a, 51c-60

Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. Then some of those who belonged to the synagogue of the Freedmen (as it was called), Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and others of those from Cilicia and Asia, stood up and argued with Stephen. But they could not withstand the wisdom and the Spirit with which he spoke. Then they secretly instigated some men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God." They stirred up the people as well as the elders and the scribes; then they suddenly confronted him, seized him, and brought him before the council. They set up false witnesses who said, "This man never stops saying things against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and will change the customs that Moses handed on to us." And all who sat in the council looked intently at him, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Then the high priest asked him, "Are these things so?" And Stephen replied: "You are forever opposing the Holy Spirit, just as your ancestors used to do. Which of the prophets did your ancestors not persecute? They killed those who foretold the coming of the Righteous One, and now you have become his betrayers and murderers. You are the ones that received the law as ordained by angels, and yet you have not kept it." When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. *The Word of the Lord.*

Offertory Hymn Good King Wenceslas

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Prayer Over The Gifts

*All things come of thee O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee.*

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer

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Sanctus

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Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord,
God of pow-er, God of might, heav-en and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is
he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na in the high-est, ho-
san-na in the high-est.

Lord's Prayer

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Fraction Sentence

*Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

