

**We pray for healing in our parish:**

Kelly, Monica, Donald, Charlotte, Bruce,  
Connie, Joan, Carlos, Rev. Ken, Sharon, Anna and Val

**In our extended fellowship we pray for:**

Katie, Jennifer, Matthew, Deborah, Mary, Diane, Dorothy,  
Delores, Letiticia, Robert, Ceil, Carol and Frank.

**In the food pantry community:** Dan

**For the deceased:** We pray for the soul of Edward Tomcics.  
May his soul, and the souls of all the faithfully departed, rest in  
peace.

**In our diocese, we pray for:**

Epiphany Episcopal Church, Glenburn, PA and the Transitional  
Leadership committee

**In the greater Anglican communion, we pray for:**

Emmanuel Cathedral, Romogi, Kajo Keji

**St. Stephen's Church**  
**Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem**

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WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S

The First Sunday After The Epiphany

January 12th, 2025

Processional hymn Hymnal 120, verses 1-3,6

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: *and blessed be his  
Kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*Collect for Purity* Prayer Book 355

Gloria in Excelsis Hymnal S-280

Collect:

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan  
proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy  
Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the  
covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory  
everlasting. *Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson **Isaiah 43:1-7** see insert

**Psalm:** 29 see Insert

Epistle Lesson **Acts 8:14-17** see insert

**Hymn** hymnal 508, (vs 1&2 prior, vs 3-4 after)

Holy Gospel **Luke 3:15-17, 21-22** See Insert

Homily

***Dear People of God: through our Baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we have been reborn into new life in him. I call upon you, therefore, as we celebrate his Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.***

Renewal of Baptismal Vows                      Prayer book pg 292

Prayers of the People              *Form IV*              Prayer Book 388

Parish Prayer:

*Heavenly Father, inspire us to see your vision for this parish; bless us with the boldness and wisdom of our patron, Stephen, that we may be a beacon of your love and a witness to your peace, both in this community and in the world; through Christ our Lord.*

Peace / Announcements

Offertory and Doxology

Great Thanksgiving                      Prayer Book 369

Sanctus                      Hymnal S-130

*(You may kneel or remain standing)*

Eucharistic Prayer C                      Prayer Book 370

Lord's Prayer                      Prayer Book 364

Fractional Anthem:                      Hymnal S-155

**Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

**COMMUNION**

*(All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion)*

Post-Communion Prayer

Prayer Book 366

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn**

**Hymnal 448, verses 1-3,6**

**Dismissal**

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***Attendance this past week of Jan 5th:***

***In person 22, at least 4 online***

**7 Day Reservation Candle is given this week to the Glory of God, by Steve & Libby DeVore, in honor of their son David's birthday.**

**Healing service will be held monthly, starting today, immediately following church at altar railing.**

**Roasted pork, with or without sauerkraut, takeout dinner 1/18/2025; order forms are on the back table. Orders must be in by this Wed, 1/15 to Val's office**

**Please take your 2024 giving tax statement envelope from the back table.**

**Dates to remember:**

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> - Pork & Sauerkraut takeout dinner, p/u 4-5:30

Feb 2 - Parish Annual Meeting, immediately following service in the parish hall with pot luck luncheon.

March 5th - Ash Wednesday

April 20th - Easter Sunday

**A hearty welcome to any who are visiting with us today.**

**Please join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the parish hall.**

**We are so pleased that you are with us!**