

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

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

**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

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

North Parish, St. Clair & Ashland, PA

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

St. Paul Beliak Parish, Kajo Keji

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

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WELCOME TO ST. STEPHEN'S

The Presentation of Our Lord

Feb 2nd, 2025

Processional hymn Hymnal 48

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:

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

1<sup>st</sup> Lesson **Malachi 3:1-4** see insert

Psalm: 84 see Insert

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 2:14-18 see insert

Hymn hymnal 457 (vs 1-2 prior, vs 3-4 after)

Holy Gospel **Luke 2:22-40** See Insert

Homily

Nicene Creed Prayer Book page 358

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

February birthday celebrations

Offertory and Doxology

Great Thanksgiving Prayer Book 367

Sanctus Hymnal S-130

*(You may kneel or remain standing)*

Eucharistic Prayer B Prayer Book 368

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 533**

**Dismissal**

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*Attendance this past week of Jan 26th:*

*In person 20, at least 4 online*

**7 Day Reservation Candle has been given this week to the Glory of God in honor of all those who perished in the plane crashes this week, both in Washington DC and Philadelphia.**

Annual Parish meeting today immediately following service. It important that we all attend, if you are able.

**Food Pantry Items in need: Soup (this is a major need), canned carrots and other canned veggies, Mac & cheese, Jelly, Bags of egg noodles**

**School is selling Pierogies. Order forms on back table. Orders are due in Val's office by Monday Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. Pick up 2/25 from 1130-12:15 in parish hall.**

**Please, we are asking that no one touch the thermostats or anything in the boiler room. This is an old system and things are set in a particular manner. If you have any issues with heat, please let either Scott Holmes or Val Smith know. Thank you so much!**

**Dates to remember:**

- Feb 22 - Chili and rice takeout diner 4-5:30**
- March 5th - Ash Wednesday service at 4pm
- March 22 - Baked Fish or Beef Stew takeout dinner 4-5:30pm
- April 10<sup>th</sup> - Chrism Mass - At Nativity Cathedral, Bethlehem
- April 20th - Easter Sunday
- April 26<sup>th</sup> - Lasagna take out dinner 4-5:30pm

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!