

The Church of the Nativity & St. Stephen
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost July 5, 2026



Mission of Nativity and St. Stephen

To seek and serve Christ through service to others.

To manage responsibly the financial resources of our parish as loving and caring stewards.

To welcome and involve all persons into our parish family valuing both diversity and unity.

To enable nurture and learning in the Episcopal heritage of Scripture, tradition and reason.

To foster a community of faith for worship, spiritual growth, ministry and mission.

We invite your prayers before our mass begins. Please be reminded of the importance of Holy silence that prepares us to listen to God. Conversation, food, and fellowship following worship. All are welcome.

The Rev. Ryan M. Tobin

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Sermon

The Rev. Ryan M. Tobin

The Nicene Creed BCP 358

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Form VI BCP 392

The Peace BCP 360

(Stand and greet each other.)

The Offertory Sentence BCP 376

Offertory Hymn “*Just as I am, without one plea*” Hymnal 693

The Doxology Hymnal 380, v.3

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

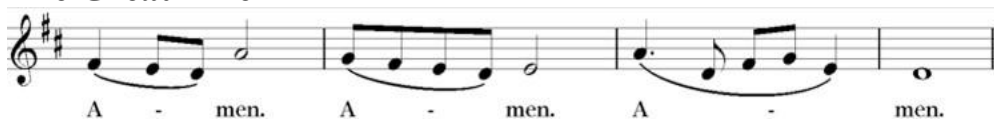
The Great Thanksgiving is found on page 361 of the Book of Common Prayer.

Sanctus

Hymnal S130

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. 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.

The Great Amen



The Lord's Prayer BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP 364

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dearest Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we all cannot receive communion in the consecrated bread and wine, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with our hearts, souls, and minds. Let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

Ministration of Communion

Prayer after Communion BCP 365

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional Hymn “Lift every voice and sing” Hymnal 599

The Dismissal BCP 366

Postlude

Announcements

Today we worship at St. Stephen in Thompstown.

Today we accept an additional offering for Caring for Nativity's Neighbors Heating and Health. Donations are sent to Join Hands, so people in our community have support for their needs.

Please include the following in your daily prayers.

Wendy, Tootser, Mary Jeanne, Jan, Bob, Jim, Lynne, Tammy, Kim, Marie, Sue, Robert, Monty, Kevin, Nancy, Ann, John, and Charlene.

The church office will be closed Monday, July 6, for the holiday.

Weekly Devotions Gatherings

Wednesday, July 8, 9am, Zoom

Wednesday, July 15, 9am, Newport Family Restaurant

Wednesday, July 22, 9am, Zoom

Wednesday, July 29, 9am, Newport Family Restaurant

Join Hands Back-to-School Program

Join Hands has asked for our help in providing socks and underwear for their back-to-school program which will be held on August 1. Socks- Children to adult all sizes EXCEPT newborn and toddler. Underwear-Sizes 5T through adult 3X.

Please bring to church by July 19.

Vestry Meeting, Thursday, July 30, 6pm, Zoom

Parlor People will return on Sundays in August with a Bible Study on the Letter of James.

Dedication of Communion Elements

The church is now offering the opportunity for you to dedicate the Communion Elements in honor of, or in memory of, a person or event that is important to you (e.g., birthdays, wedding anniversaries, and other special occasions). The dedication will be printed in the bulletin and announced by the celebrant during the service. Please contact Michele at the church office to select a date and arrange your dedication. An offering of \$60 for this dedication will be collected to support the Worship and Music program at Nativity & St. Stephen.

Help fill our community food pantry!

Items that seem to be taken first include canned pasta meals, soups, macaroni & cheese, etc. We also need items that kids can take for a snack or light meal without cooking (pop tarts, fruit cups, etc.). Please make sure that your contributions are neither damaged nor expired.

Help People in Need when you buy your Groceries!

See Gail Shull or Pat Szabo to purchase cards in various amounts to use at Giant, Weis, or Karn's Stores or stop by the office. 5% of the cost of each card stays with the church and is used for outreach and mission projects.

Service Participants

Greeter: Gail Shull

Lector: Susan Rice

Prayers of the People: John Cramer

Acolyte and Eucharistic Minister: Bill Day

Organist: Andrea Jezewski

Coffee Hour: Terry Stanton

Altar Guild: Darlene Amsler

Counters: Wendy Day and Jill Hoover

Media Technician: Aiden Shiffer



Vestry

Bill Day, Sr. Warden

Jill Hoover, Jr. Warden

Wendy Day

Mary Price

Rick Rasmussen

Charlene Robbins

Terry Stanton

Rebecca Gephart-Crup, Treasurer