



***Alleluia!***  
***He isn't here, but has been***  
***raised.***  
***-Luke 24.6***

Newsletter April 2019

*St. Stephen's Memorial Episcopal Church, Lynn*  
*Join us for Holy Week & Easter*

**Sunday, April 14—Palm Sunday**

*8:00 & 10:00 Procession with Palms, Reading of the Passion, & Eucharist*

**Tuesday, April 16—Tuesday in Holy Week**

*2:30 Holy Communion at St. Stephen's Towers*

*4:00 Final Lenten Tuesday @ the Monastery*

**Thursday, April 18—Maundy Thursday**

*Noon Healing Service & Holy Eucharist*

*7:00 Commemoration of the Last Supper, Foot Washing and Stripping of the Altar*

**Friday, April 19—Good Friday**

*Noon-3:00 Last Words at Washington Street Baptist Church*

*7:00 Service of the Solemn Collects and Veneration of the Cross*

**Saturday, April 20—Easter Vigil and Baptism**

*7:00 Lighting the First Fire of Easter on the Lynn Common*

*7:30 Great Vigil of Easter with Baptism*

**Sunday, April 21—Easter Day**

**8:00 & 10:30 Festival Holy Eucharist with Choir**

**11:00 Kenyan Congregation's Celebration of Easter**

**From the Interim Rector:**

**Join us to celebrate The Jesus Movement.**

As we have been listening and discussing Presiding Bishop Michael Curry's sermons about the Jesus Movement, we have been reminded again and again that the Jesus' way of love begins at the cross and blooms at Easter.

Presiding Bishop Curry, preaching at Charlottesville, VA month after the deadly and racist demonstration, said, "Jesus says from the cross, hanging, dying from the hands of those who had tortured him, "Father forgive them, they know not what they do." This the way of love."<sup>1</sup>

Easter is about celebrating the way of love but we cannot celebrate unless we remembering Good Friday and the cross. Together the Passion and the Resurrection have the power to change the world.

We invite all to join us for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday as well as Easter. We pray that remembering the love of God show us through this most holy week will renew and strengthen us all. Presiding Bishop Curry reminds us that, "This kind of love is counter intuitive – It is counter intuitive to this world.....but it can change the world.

Peace,



The Rev. Tom Barrington

- ❖ **Monday: Daniel Fast** at 4:00pm in the Dining Room.
- ❖ **Tuesday Praying With The Monks** - At the Monastery of the Society of St. John the Evangelist (SSJE), 980 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, for their Tuesday 5:30 PM Eucharist.
- ❖ **Wednesdays: Lenten Study** -Hear sermons by Presiding Bishop Michael Curry
  - April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jesus and Racial Justice
  - April 10<sup>th</sup> – Jesus and Honoring the Environment
  - April 17<sup>th</sup> – Jesus and Young People

Come hear Presiding Bishop Curry in person on Saturday, April 27th in Boston. See below for details.

- ❖ **Thursdays: Healing Service And Holy Eucharist** in the Chapel at noon
- ❖ **Fridays: Stations Of The Cross** in the Sanctuary at 12:00pm

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<sup>1</sup> Michael Curry Preaches in Charlottesville Sept, 2017 - [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGF\\_saBeJYE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bGF_saBeJYE)

## STEWARDS OF RESOURCES

### ST. STEPHEN'S CLEAN UP DAY

**Saturday, April 13th, the day before Palm Sunday**

- There will be crews working mornings, mid-day and afternoon
- Deep cleaning of the church
- Raking and fixing up of the grounds
- Sorting out clutter
- Repairs and maintenance

**SEARCH COMMITTEE!** In March we completed a draft and forwarded to the Vestry for review, comment, and vote. We are hoping to get a copy to the congregation for the same process. We will provide a hard copy one week and then the next week hold a group meeting after church so we can hear what you think about the profile. Once we have the congregation's approval we will forward to the diocese for their approval. As we wait for the resolution of each of these steps we will be completing the Community Portfolio and begin to devise interview questions. All of this would not be possible without your thoughts and prayers so keep them coming! Thanks for your patience.

## NURTURING THE CONGREGATION

**JOIN US FOR OUR FINAL LENTEN TUESDAY AT THE MONASTERY.** For those who join us every week as well as those who have been thinking about joining us but haven't quite made it yet, Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> is our last Lenten Tuesday at the Monastery. Please sign up so that we know how many cars we will need.

**BAPTISM AT THE EASTER VIGIL.** The first Christians welcomed new members to the fellowship of the church on Easter Eve. Our Easter Vigil begins on the Lynn Commons with St. Mary's/Sacred Heart lighting the first fire of Easter. We continue in our Church with the story of salvation history, baptism and communion. If you are interested in baptism on April 20<sup>th</sup>, please complete a registration form by Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Our next baptism will be on Pentecost, June 9 at 10:00am.

**PASTORAL CARE & HEALING PRAYER TEAMS GATHER APRIL 4.** The PCT & HPT will meet on Thursday, April 4 to organize visits, check in. If you are interested in joining the ministries please speak with Rev. Tom Barrington, [tbarrington@ststephenslynn.org](mailto:tbarrington@ststephenslynn.org).

**BELOVED COMMUNITY TEAM MEETS ON APRIL 11TH !** BCT had a very good showing at the Black Heritage event on February 24<sup>th</sup> with Pastor Bernadette Hickman-Maynard. We had fifty people attending many from four churches on the Northshore. This month we will begin reading "White Fragility" by Robin DeAngelo. We are hoping to learn a lot about this timely topic. As usual we will meet the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen's. Anyone interested in deep conversation about race and privilege is welcome to join us as we build beloved community.

**Big Money Raffle (BMR).** This year we are kicking off the Big Money Raffle Ticket Sales early — so you don't have to wait to be excited about winning BIG MONEY! Save the date June 30th for the Big Money Bash! *But we need your help — we are asking every parishioner to sell two tickets before June 30.* The vestry will be leading the charge by selling 6 tickets each to support the raffle. Please go to our Facebook page and share the event with your friends and family — and tickets are available online. We have a goal of selling 230 tickets, and tickets always sell out — so get your lucky number today. Since it is Lent — we will not be actively selling raffle tickets on Sundays until after Easter. Look forward to the official Sunday Ticket kickoff on Sunday, April 28. **The BMR Committee** is so grateful for all your support — Irene, Joyce, Pam, Heather, Carolyn and Sandy.

**TIFFANY WINDOWS AT ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, LYNN ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27<sup>TH</sup> FROM 11AM TO 3PM.** Come and learn about the 41 exquisite Tiffany stained glass windows in this beautiful church built in 1880. They are perhaps the oldest ecclesiastical Tiffany windows in the world. Two of the three that are wall sized were designed by the famous sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, and are the only windows that he designed. The building, designed by Ware & Van Brundt, was given by Enoch Redington Mudge in memory of his children Fannie Olive (Mudge) Van Brundt and her brother Lt. Col. Charles Redington Mudge who died at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863. The family are buried there.

In celebration of the 175th anniversary of the parish there will be an organ concert at 2:15 pm after the end of the tours. The final tour will start at 1:30 pm. This organ concert by church organist Bruce Beecroft is called “Tiffany Americana Music with Organ”. There will be tours with a Spanish translator available between 12 and 1 pm. Entrance and parking off Blossom St. Handicapped parking and entrance off of So. Common St.

**WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERS ON PALM SUNDAY.** All women are invited to gather at 12:00 on April 14<sup>th</sup> for a potluck lunch and fellowship. Please bring a dish to share. Every month it's a feast of food, faith, fellowship, and fun.

<b>HOSPITALITY TO CHILDREN, YOUTH &amp; YOUNG ADULTS</b>
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**WORK AT KIDS IN THE COMMUNITY (KIC) THIS SUMMER .** Will begin registration in May for our 2019 Summer program. We are looking for youth mentors to join our team in assisting in our day to day activities. The Summer program will run 4 weeks beginning the second week of July into August. Please contact Shannon Morrissey Program Director at [Smorrissey@ststephenslynn.org](mailto:Smorrissey@ststephenslynn.org) to complete an application.

**OASIS MEETS FRIDAYS, APRIL 12 AND 26 6:30-9.** The OASIS Community Youth Group is open to all high school students who are looking for a safe space to hang out, share a meal and have conversation about what matters to them. We will begin to plan the Fourth Annual Youth Pride Event, which will be the SECOND Saturday June 8th! If you want to help with this Pride Event, please reach out to Jason Cruz at [iflows@gmail.com](mailto:iflows@gmail.com) for more information please.

**BCH CAMP ONLINE REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!** Barbara C. Harris Camp offers( and encourages) online registration at <https://bchcamp.campbrianregistration.com/>. Summer camp cost \$600.00 per week, per child. The Camp ask each family to pay what you can BUT scholarships are available and no child will be deprived a week at Camp because of the inability to pay. Diocesan scholarship look to the family, the church and the Diocese each paying 1/3 of the cost. **If a family cannot pay \$200, a letter explaining why you can't pay needs to accompany the regular Camp Scholarship form, which St. Stephen's clergy must sign unless you pay the full \$600.** Camp transforms lives of young people; St. Stephen's and the BCH leadership remain committed to making Camp accessible to all children. **SIGN UP NOW!**

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS EXTRA HANDS. Please help our pantry distribute food and read with kids on Friday afternoon (except first Friday), 3:00-4:00!**

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# **175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Cherishing • Celebrating • Strengthening**

**The 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee announces**

## **Upcoming Events**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019**

ArtWeek Presentation on Tiffany Windows and Tours  
Organ Concert with Mr. Bruce Beecroft

**Saturday, June 1, 2019**

Diocesan Parish Historian's Society Annual Meeting  
(registration required)

**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

Trails & Sails — Tiffany Window Tours  
Catered Dinner — limited seating, tickets required

**Sunday, September 22, 2019**

Festival Eucharist with Bishop Gates  
Reception to follow service

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church  
175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year  
TIFFANY WINDOW TOURS  
and ORGAN RECITAL**

**Saturday, April 27, 2019 11 am to 3 pm**  
**Tours are 11 am to 2 pm (last tour 1:30 pm)**  
**Organ recital following the last tour.**

Come and learn about the 41 exquisite Tiffany stained glass windows in this beautiful church built in 1880. They are perhaps the oldest ecclesiastical Tiffany windows in the world. Two of the three that are wall sized were designed by the famous sculptor Augustus Saint-Gaudens, and are the only windows that he designed. The building, designed by Ware & Van Brundt, was given by Enoch Redington Mudge in memory of his children Fannie Olive (Mudge) Van Brundt and her brother Lt. Col. Charles Redington Mudge who died at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863.

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- MAY 5**

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## PRESIDING BISHOP MICHAEL B. CURRY

### Ways of Love: Practices for a Jesus-Centered Life

**THE WAY OF LOVE**  
*Practices for Jesus-Centered Life*

**TURN** Pause, listen, and choose to follow Jesus

**LEARN** Reflect on Scripture each day, especially Jesus' life and teachings

**PRAY** Dwell intentionally with God each day

**WORSHIP** Gather in community weekly to thank, praise, and draw near God

**BLESS** Share faith and unselfishly give and serve

**GO** Cross boundaries, listen deeply, and live like Jesus

**REST** Receive the gift of God's grace, peace, and restoration



The Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

Come and gather with Presiding Bishop Michael B. Curry

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

**"PB & J" YOUTH JAMBOREE WITH THE PB**  
5:00 p.m., Cathedral Church of St. Paul, 138 Tremont Street, Boston  
 Pizza and special conversation program with middle and high school youth and their adult mentors.  
 YOUTH GROUP: Register in advance at [www.diomass.org](http://www.diomass.org)

**MINISTRY FAIR**  
5:45 p.m., The Cathedral Church of St. Paul will host community gathering space and a Ministry Fair showcasing ministry programs across the diocese.

**"WAY OF LOVE" RALLY**  
6:15 p.m. Boston Common

Gather and be inspired, challenged and blessed as Bishop Curry proclaims the transforming power of walking the "Way of Love" with Jesus. Everyone is welcome for this public witness.  
*Come prepared for whatever weather the day brings. Chairs will be available for those who need them.*

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

**"OUR EPISCOPAL 'BIG TENT': HOW BIG IS IT?"**  
3:4 p.m., Grace Church, 133 School Street, New Bedford

Panel Conversation with Bishop Curry, Bishop Barbara C. Harris and House of Deputies Vice President Byron Rushing.  
How well does the Episcopal Church measure up to its "big tent" ideal? Come for a provocative panel conversation with three distinguished figures and Church leaders sharing their unique perspectives. Reception follows. Seating will be first come, first served.

Details and updates at: [www.diomass.org/pb-visit](http://www.diomass.org/pb-visit)  
 Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts

In addition to several ministry visits and meetings with designated groups that Bishop Curry will be making around the diocese over the course of the weekend, there will be public gatherings with him on **Saturday, April 27** and **Sunday, April 28** to which all are welcome.

#### Saturday, April 27

- **"PB & J": Youth Jamboree with the PB, 1:30-3 p.m.**

Cathedral Church of St. Paul (138 Tremont Street) in Boston. Pizza and special conversation program with Bishop Curry for middle and high school youth and their adult mentors. Register in advance [here](#).

- **Ministry Fair, 3-4:30 p.m.**

Leading up to the "Way of Love" Rally at 5 p.m., the Cathedral Church of St. Paul will host community gathering space and a Ministry Fair showcasing the good work of ministry programs across the diocese. *Those interested in having a table exhibit are invited to contact Martha Gardner, Missioner for Networking and Formation (617-482-4826, ext. 403 or [mgardner@diomass.org](mailto:mgardner@diomass.org)).*

- **"Way of Love" Rally, 5-6 p.m.**

Boston Common (exact location to be announced)  
 Gather and be inspired, challenged and blessed as Bishop Curry proclaims the transforming power of walking the "Way of Love" with Jesus. Everyone is welcome for this public witness.  
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#### Sunday, April 28

- **"Our Episcopal 'Big Tent': How Big Is It?" 3-4 p.m.**

Grace Church (133 School Street) in New Bedford  
 How well does the Episcopal Church measure up to its "big tent" ideal? Come for a provocative panel discussion with Bishop Curry, Bishop Barbara C. Harris and House of Deputies Vice President Byron Rushing. Seating will be first come, first served. Reception follows.



**POEM FOR THE MONTH**

***LAYING DOWN MY BURDENS***

Cross-bearer and Wearer of the Wood,  
Many are the burdens that press with force  
upon my spirit as I trudge through life.

These cares and concerns weigh heavily,  
pushing their energy upon both mind and heart,  
taking their toll, lessening my power to love well.  
These burdens shape themselves into leaden anchors  
of growling self-pity and loss of self-confidence.

They snatch away joy and destroy empathy.  
Today I choose to release their useless weight.  
I am ready to stop dragging them alongside me.  
Here are my troubles, struggles and afflictions.  
I lay them down before your cross. I let them go.  
I undo the clutching of shame, guilt, and blame.

I step back from painful patterns of the past  
that leak into my current thinking and behavior.  
I do not need to drag down my life under the bulk  
of these needless burdens bearing weight on me.

I deliberately move on with fresh freedom,  
placing faith in your strength and compassion.

I leave my burdens here with you today.  
I will not take them back

By: Joyce Rupp

If anyone would like to offer a Poem for the Month for future newsletter please send it to [ststephens@ststephenslynn.org](mailto:ststephens@ststephenslynn.org) or speak to Rev. Tom.

# St. Stephen's Events

# April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 4:00 pm Daniel Fast 8:00 pm AA	<b>2</b> 4:00 pm Monastery 7:00 pm NA	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm Lenten Study: Jesus Movement	<b>4</b> 10:30 am Healing Prayer & Pastoral Care Team Meeting 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers	<b>5</b> 12:00 pm Station of the Cross	<b>6</b> 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
<b>7</b> <b>Fifth Sunday in Lent</b> <b>Easter Lily Deadline</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Worship - Kenyan Congregation 11:30 am Search Committee Meeting	<b>8</b> 4:00 pm Daniel Fast 8:00 pm AA	<b>9</b> 4:00 pm Monastery 6:00 pm Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 pm NA	<b>10</b> <b>Submit Payroll!</b> 6:30 pm Lenten Study: Jesus Movement	<b>11</b> 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 7:00 pm Beloved Community Team	<b>12</b> 12:00 pm Station of the Cross 3:00 pm Food Pantry 6:30 pm OASIS	<b>13</b> 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am St. Stephen's Clean up Day
<b>14</b> <b>Palm Sunday</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Worship - Kenyan Congregation 12:00 pm Women's Group	<b>15</b> <b>Tax Day</b> 4:00 pm Daniel Fast 6:30 pm Search Committee Meeting 8:00 pm AA	<b>16</b> 2:30 pm Communion at the Towers 4:00 pm Monastery 7:00 pm NA 7:00 pm Stewardship Ministry Team	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm Lenten Study: Jesus Movement	<b>18</b> <b>Maundy Thursday</b> 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers 7:00 pm Commemoration of the Last Supper & Foot Washing	<b>19</b> <b>Good Friday</b> 12:00 pm Station of the Cross 3:00 pm Food Pantry	<b>20</b> <b>Holy Saturday</b> 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Easter Vigil: Lynn Commons w/ St. Mary's 7:30 pm Great Vigil of Easter
<b>21</b> <b>Easter Day</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Worship - Kenyan Congregation	<b>22</b> <b>Easter Monday</b> 4:00 pm Daniel Fast 8:00 pm AA	<b>23</b> 7:00 pm NA	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm Lenten Study: Jesus Movement	<b>25</b> 12:00 pm Eucharist & Healing Prayers	<b>26</b> 6:30 pm OASIS	<b>27</b> 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal 11:00 am Art Week Tiffany Windows Tour
<b>28</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b> 8:00 am Holy Eucharist 10:00 am Holy Eucharist - English 11:00 am Worship - Kenyan Congregation 11:30 am Search Committee Meeting	<b>29</b> <b>St Mark, Evangelist (transferred)</b> <b>Clergy Conference</b> 8:00 pm AA	<b>30</b> 7:00 pm NA				