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ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The basic life of St. Stephen's is centered around the Parish Eucharist held each Sunday morning. The liturgy is followed by Church School classes for children from kindergarten through the 9th grade. There is also an Adult group which meets during this time, with discussions focusing on such subjects as Biblical Studies and the renewal of our liturgical life. Both the Liturgy and Church School classes are conducted in English, but the coffee hours and other social occasions reflect the realities of the families in the congregation. Some families are North American, others are Puerto Rican, while yet others are mixed. The result is often a lively example of Spanglish!

Above all else, St. Stephen's wishes to carry out an effective ministry and witness to our common Lord. One way is to provide support and help to newcomers, so that they learn to move into and enjoy their new home in Puerto Rico. This means learning about and learning to appreciate and share in the many aspects of Puerto Rican life and culture around us. We also hope that St. Stephen's and its facilities will be of real use to the community around us. For whether we are newcomers or Puerto Ricans, our vocation is the same: All of us are called "to be the servant of others." God wishes to create through us and in all of us a new and truly authentic human community.

Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church

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THE LITURGY FOR THE DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION
OF SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NOVEMBER 26, 1977

The Rt. Rev. Francisco Reus-Froylán, officiating

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We wish to welcome all our guests who have come to celebrate this special day in the life of St. Stephen's Parish. Everyone is cordially invited to share in the reception immediately after the inaugural liturgy.

St. Stephen, the patron saint of this parish, is well known from the stories about the very early Christian community in the Acts of the Apostles. He was a deacon (literally, a "servant/waiter") of the church. As he is our patron, so, we hope, he will be our pattern: to be a servant and witness to our common Lord in this community is the sole purpose of the congregation of St. Stephen's. Come and join with us in our life together.