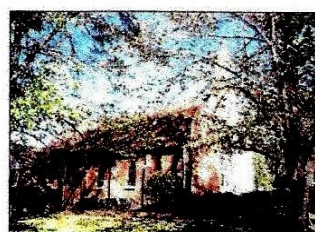




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***Worship Times***

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En español, 1:30p***

***Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass, 9:00a***

***Holy Days 7:00p***

***Communion Service Consult bulletin***

***Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment***

***Welcome, New Parishioners***

***We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.***

***Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony***

***For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.***

***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)***

***For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.***

***Anointing of the Sick***

***For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis***

***First Sunday of Advent***

***December 2, 2018***

## *A New Year of Grace ~ Advent, 2019*

Advent's like the first breath taken after you've been under water too long. Advent is the first breath of the Church Year. It's our season of Beginning Again, of moving away from all the make-believing of the past year and starting fresh in faith, with courage and hope.

More than other years, doesn't your heart *yearn* for the new grace this Advent offers? Doesn't something deep inside you want to shed all the rife pessimism breeding an incessant negativity and, worst of all, a demonizing branding that divides and alienates our families and our fellow pilgrims of God's world?

"*Longing for light, we wait in darkness*" will be our Advent prelude each Sunday. Singing its lyrics is meant to raise awareness of the darkness we sit in individually, as a parish, as a Church, and as a nation. We've longed for this true light all our life long. Advent's our seasonal opportunity to step out of the darkness and walk as a Child of the Light.

Taking any first step is a tough task. It's even tougher amid current familial and national rifts. If spiritual "fires" or "floods" shake you, your consoling grace is this: in the Light, all our warts, worries, wounds and wishes are *revealed, held and upheld* in the heart of God, who sees your vulnerable porousness and enfolds you in protection and hope.

Advent is our Beginning Again, an opportune grace to stop pretending,  
and become who we say we are: Children of the Light.

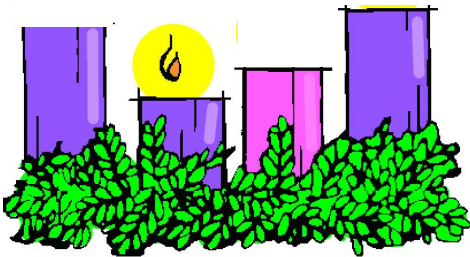
**We sing:** *Longing for light, we wait in darkness...*

**We pray:** We wait in joyful hope for *the daily comings* of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH.  
**MAKE THEM BETTER.**

God's blessings,

*spanis*



### Sunday Scriptures

Jeremiah 33:14-16	1 Thes 3:12—4:2
Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



### Dec 9

<b>Acolyte</b>	Morgan, Anahi
<b>Reader</b>	John, Theresa
<b>Altar Linens</b>	Sarah C
<b>EM</b>	MARY, BARRY; Ellen, Richard
<b>Usher</b>	Bob, Tom
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Diane, Gabby

### ☞ Reflecting & Acting on the Word

*How are you longing for light  
as you wait in darkness?*

*Where did you see the Light this week?*

### Mass Intentions \_\_\_\_\_

**Dec 02** Geneva Foster (B); +Matthew Smith-Farrell

**09** +Pat Black, SSJ; Mona Schaufenbuel






*Thank you...*

...to all who helped switch out the worship aids last week and Michael R. who took the old books directly to recycle...the crews for our outdoor Nativity, Giving Tree, & TV room Nativity...Santa's elves who inconspicuously spruce up the church whenever it needs it, like do-gooder *WeatherTech* ninjas...

...the list of kind generosity among us keeps getting longer, no doubt you're going to heaven!

*God bless you real good! Blessed Advent!*

## DECEMBER

- 02 **1<sup>st</sup> Sun Advent** CLOW; FFF, YG
- 04 No Communion Service
- 05 Choir, 7p
-  SSJA Christian Growth Group, 6:30p
-  08 **Chrismon Tea**  
Maple Spring U.M. Ch. 10:30-12N
- 09 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sun Advent** CLOW; FFF, YG
-  11 Communion Service, 12:15p
- 12 **Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe**  
New SSJ Associates "Come & See", 6:45p  
Choir, 7p
-  13 **Wise Ones** Hosts: Aileen & Fran FLC, 5:30p
- 16 **3<sup>rd</sup> Sun Advent** CLOW; FFF, YG ☆ Giving Tree Due
-  17 **Ladies' Guild**, 5:30p Host: Aileen
- 18 Communion Service, 12:15p
- 19 Choir, 7p
-  22 Wedding: Hilda & Joel Lopez 2p
- 23 **4<sup>th</sup> Sun Advent**
- 24 **Christmas Eve** Mass, 4p
- 25 **Christmas Day** Mass, 9a
- 30 **Feast of the Holy Family** Mass, 9a



GIVING TREE



### Inclement Weather Notices

For closures or changes in our schedule

NBC Ch 1203 or Ch 11

FOX Ch 1206 or Ch 10

or

<https://www.facebook.com/ststephenelkinnc>



**Giving Tree** begins TODAY.

If you're new to St. Stephen:

Just take a card from the tree, purchase and wrap gift. Secure the tag to the gift box/bag.

Bring gift to church **on / before Dec. 16.**

If you take a gift card, purchase the gift card, put it inside the unsealed envelope and place it in the basket by the tree. TYVM!



**Dar Arbol** comienza hoy. Si eres nuevo en St. Esteban: sólo toma una tarjeta del árbol,

compre el regalo, envuélvala y asegure La etiqueta en la caja/bolsa de regalo. Traiga un regalo a la iglesia

**el/antes del 16 de diciembre.** Si toma una tarjeta de regalo, compre la tarjeta de regalo, colóquela dentro del sobre sin sellar y colóquela en la canasta junto al árbol.

Muchas gracias!

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

- |                           |                             |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 01 Shane Herko            | 15 Melia Orta               |
| Jason Cashio              | 17 Juan Rodriguez           |
| 02 Brylee Ange            | 18 Gracie Spicer            |
| 03 Doris Watson           | Owen Wagoner                |
| 04 Jocelyn Espino         | 19 Roselyn Castellanos      |
| John Orta                 | Fran Smitherman             |
| 05 Karen Neito            | 20 Tom Cirone               |
| 08 Mary Gayle Golden      | 21 Zander Pebler            |
| 12 Rebekah Palmer         | 26 Judy Simon               |
| 15 Carolyn Blackburn      | 27 Becky Dursee             |
|                           | Diana Rodriguez             |
| 18 Jackie & Bryan Wagoner | 22 Erika & Luis Castellanos |



**Be inspired!**

Follow us on Instagram **st.stephen.elkin**  
Watch for weekly **#FaithFriday** posts.



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### DEC Tri-C Donations

Will your household please make a donation this month?  
**TYVM!!**

**Ackerman ~ Cahill**  
**Cirone ~ Harper**  
**Hernandez ~ Whitman**

Instant pudding/jello  
Dish soap small size  
Criso sticks or cooking oil

### CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to donate towards our Christmas flowers in honor or memory of family member and/or parishioner, please use the blue poinsettia envelopes in the lobby basket. Print the names clearly on the envelope's back. **TYVM!**



*Pope Francis Walking the Word*

### Advent

*increases our hope,  
a hope which does not disappoint.  
The Lord never lets us down.*

### NOV Stewardship ~ Giving Out of Gratitude

Sunday	\$8468.00
Monthly Expenses (5 wks)	10,100.00
Under	-1632.00
Administration	3119.00
Campaign for Human Development	420.00
Poor Box	104.00
Priests' Retirement	659.00
Little Books	50.00