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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

January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

The NFL in 1986, the NHL in 1991, and the NBA in $2002 \sim$ the first years these leagues used instant replay to aid their officiating crews. A second, close up, slow-mo look at a play helps refs make a more accurate call on what they thought they saw in full speed.

What did you first see and hear in last week's gospel? It spotlighted Christ as *The Beloved of God*, the One on whom God's favor rests. The *Beloved's* relationship with God is proclaimed to everyone at the River Jordan. In a spiritual instant replay today, we look again to examine the crucial theological shift we hear when *Christ's title*, "Beloved", changes to "Lamb of God."

Behold the Lamb of God! All in earshot fell silent and turned towards Jesus. To Hebrews steeped in prophets' words, the title Lamb of God is synonymous with The Messiah, The One who'll lay down his life for them. This new descriptor, drawn from the prophets, causes the minds and hearts of the crowd to race.

In Aramaic, Jesus' dialect, "lamb" means "talyã'," This word also means "servant." *Lamb of God* defines <u>sacrifice</u>, a total surrender to God. John uses it's attention-getting dualism (lamb/servant) so the crowd will recognize Jesus is the promised *Lamb of God*. Is this the pivotal moment in time when God's ancient pledge of a Savior is finally fulfilled?

This Divine Lamb will be confounded by his disciples' lack of faith; he'll be in a contention with some religious and civic leaders, and suffer the rash judgment of his own home town. This Divine *Lamb* will die many, many *little deaths* like these, before his death on the Cross.

As the *Lamb of God*, Jesus is our model for letting go, for trust, resolve, and setting aside what *we want to do*, in order to *do what God asks of us*. Today, reflect on your Baptismal call. Take a second, close-up look on how you live as Christ did, how you advocate for justice, healing, forgiveness, and peace in his Name. It's your call \sim or after instant replay, you may see it's *Christ's call*.

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God's blessings,



Lam, bo of God Servant-Leader

Sunday Scriptures

Isaiah 49:3. 5-6	I Cor 1:1-3
Ps 40:2.4.7-10	John 1:29-34

Reflecting & Acting on the Word

How does your daily life resemble the life of the Lamb of God? When I pray the Lamb of God at Mass, I will be more conscious of its deepest meaning.



👸 January Intentions		
19	Michael Atkins, Chris Akstin, Alexander Bicskei, Dan Gilman, Bernadine and Joseph Miller, Mary (Mandy) r/b Ann Atkins	
26	+Faith Balzer r/b Danny & Brenda (1 st Anniv)	
₹ Februa	ry Intentions	
02	Lucille, Ernest, and Edmund Bresse r/b Bill	
09	Denis & John Cahill, John & Elizabeth Cahill, Kathleen Elbi, Pauline Hannan, William & Margaret Hannan, Jane Hardiman	

Jan. 26	
Acolytes	Anahi
Children's Liturgy	Gabby
Proclaimers	Mary Gayle, Emma
Altar Linens	Sarahi, Zenaida
EMs	SAM A., ELLEN., Richard, Judy B
Greeters/ Ushers	Jerry, Tom



NEW & CONTINUING ALTAR SERVERS Sat., Feb. Ist, I:30-3:00p, Church

Check out our website's new features & updates www.ststephennc.org	
JANUARY	
19	2nd Sun OT CLOW; Family Faith Formation, 10:30a
20	BLOOD DRIVE Elkin Rescue Squad 1:30-6:00p Honoring CPT Mark Garner, Post 7794
21	No Communion Service
22	RCIA, 6:30-8:00p; Choir, 7p
☆ 23	Parish Life Cmte., FLC, 6:30p
24	SSJA/CGG 11a
26	3rd Sun OT CLOW; Family Faith Formation, 10:30a
28	Communion Service, 12:15p
29	RCIA, 6:30-8:00p; Choir, 7p
30	St. Stephen January 30, 1955 ~ January 30, 2020 Happy 65 th !! SSJA ~ Residence, 6:30p



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Winter Weather Warnings

NBC / WXII Channel 12 or 1120 FOX8 Channel 1206 or 10 For changes in worship and event schedule.



PARISHIONERS NEEDED FOR:

Church Cleaning Team, Children's Liturgy Team Church Maintenance Team

Tithing Time & Talent

These teams provide behind-the scenes, critical help that supports parish life and minor tasks done in teams are completed easily and are not time-consuming.

If you're willing to serve on any of these teams, please contact S. Janis (336)835-3007 TYVM!

Tri-C Donations Store brands are best.

JANUARY Toilet paper



Birthdays & Anniversaries

20 Isabella Estrada, Craig Golden25 Tim Atkins20 Cecelia Jones29 Claire Golden21 Inez TrejoVirgilio "Jr." Gonzalez22 Caroline Kerr30 Marta Segura-Lopez23 Jue Cortez31 Dolores Spicer

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2020

2020 A New Year of Grace B A Year of New Vision

Our 65th year is a grace of endless possibilities and opportunities for us to grow together in faith, love, and service, to see with Jesus' eyes, pray with Jesus' heart, and serve as generously as Jesus did.

St. S Community marks its $65^{\rm th}$ year in 2020! The Parish Life Committee meets 1/23 to discuss ways we might celebrate our 65 years of faith, service, and presence here.

Do you have an idea for us? Pass them on to one of the PLC Cmte. before January 23: Ron Berryman, Aileen Cahill, Jason LaCashio, Eileen & Leo Ouellette, or email: Connect@StStephenNC.org

TYVM!!! Jaime Guy, Jason LaCashio, Wendy, Jason and Lukas McClamrock who stored our outdoor Nativity & FLC Christmas Tree...our diligent ladies who cleaned church and put away the last of the Christmas décor...Deborah Griffith and Carmen Kitts who have joined our Altar Linen Team...to our Faith Formation Team: Samantha Ange, Anne Atkins & sometimes Tim, too, Sarah Kerr, Beth Orta & sometimes John, too, and Michael Reikowsky... and to all of you who so generously donate to Tri-C Christian Ministries and The Ark each Sunday...

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Attention!

We will be completing our new Parish Directory this month.
Updated family photos are needed by **January 26.**

Also, if your **phone number** or **address**has changed
since the last directory, please share
that information, too.
Thank you!



¡Atención!

Completaremos nuestro nuevo
Directorio Parroquial este mes.
Se necesitan fotos familiares actualizadas
para el **26 de enero**.
Además, si su **número de teléfono** o

Además, si su **número de teléfono** o **dirección ha cambiado** desde el último directorio, también comparta esa información.
¡Gracias!