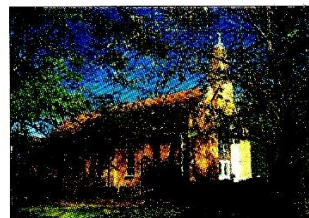




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***Worship Times***

***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*

***Feast of the Ascension***

***May 24, 2020***

This year's Feast of the Ascension celebrates our shared experience of waiting. Waiting seems to be a constant in every conversation I've had in the past 10 weeks. Everyone's waiting for someone to be with them or something to happen or change for the better or for someone to get better.

Jesus had made room in his life and ministry for the First Followers and they had made room for him in their hearts and in their lives. Now he's gone and they are left waiting for one more of his promises to come true. Waiting can be a great soul agitator if impatience is not one of your acquired virtues. Agitation unnerves your spirit and pushes your peace and calm to the side. Waiting is hard if all you do is wait, if your soul focus is waiting.

The First Followers returned to the Upper Room to reflect on all the things Jesus said and did throughout their time with him. Imagine those conversations! They spent their time of waiting actively praying individually and communally as they waiting "in joyful hope" for the Promise of Jesus' Spirit. They'd learned over their years with Jesus that prayer is the first step of all discernment or decision-making. Prayer and discernment grace your waiting and energize your spirit. Prayer clears the way in your mind and heart so you can wait and still pray without unnecessary anxiety or impatience.

Waiting makes room for grace amid your pain, sadness, or loneliness. Waiting helps you identify and discard all the negative monsters that want to limit you ~ like compulsions and addictions; a tendency to be short-fused rather than being joyful; a tendency to be self-centered instead of being considerate of others first; a tendency to want more than you need instead of appreciating what you have.

Waiting is a holy activity when it is Christ-centered, when it respects that he is already with you ready to transform your struggles into strengths and helps you keep your feelings and thoughts in balance. Holy Waiting is challenging, so Jesus gave us an Advocate who knows our heart's concerns and will help and comfort us, especially now. The Spirit of Jesus is poured over you at Baptism and sealed in your Confirmation.

The Spirit is the ever-present Presence of God who leads you to overcome your darkness and live in the marvelous light of the one in whom we "live and move and have our being."

**LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. MAKE THEM BETTER.**  
*God's blessings,*

*spanis*



*Jesus promises:*  
*I am with you all days*  
*until the end of time.*  
*Promise kept.*

#### ☞ Sunday Scriptures

Acts 1:1-11	Ephesians 1:17-23
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9	Matthew 28:16-20

#### ☞ Reflecting & Acting on the Word

*What are you doing for Christ as you wait?*

#### ☞ May Intentions

24	+Mana Schaufenbuel Deceased members of the Walters & Schaufenbuel families +Hattie Bernard Tregre (Linda A mother)
31	Intentions of the St. Stephen Parishioners

may

ALL MASSES and PARISH ACTIVITIES  
are canceled until further notice.

Your best source for parish info is:  
**ST. STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE**  
<https://www.ststephennc.org>

Please check our website for weekly Mass  
When white box pops up, click to the side  
of it and box will disappear.  
Scroll down to L-hand column for Music sheet,  
**Sunday Scriptures and Mass video.**  
Middle column is your bulletin,  
**Wednesday's Word.**  
R-hand column is for **Prayer Requests.**



*Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 76*  
*Choose the lowly way. Avoid boasting.*

- ☪ *I seek to contribute rather than dominate.*
- ☪ *To serve is my joy.*
- ☪ *Living simply means living with humility.*  
*Am I humble?*

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

24 Gail Pieropan  
24 Crystal Fuentes  
26 Dale Cromartie  
Lila Keller



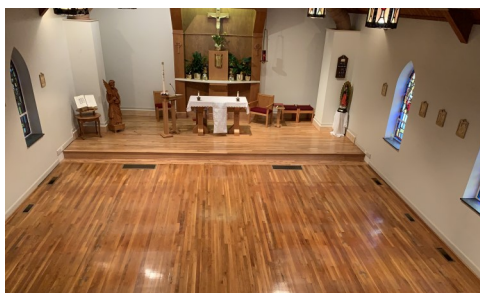
28 Meg Bresse  
Stephanie Kelly  
30 Mark Kroeger  
Brian Lopez  
31 Hilda Sanchez-Lopez



22 Rosa & Juan Islas  
28 Theresa & Phil Martin  
30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly

### ☪ Prayer Request

We hold in prayer all medical personnel and the first responders; all the delivery folks and those who struggle to keep their restaurants open for take out orders; and all our Dear Neighbors around the world who are suffering from COVID19, and their families, as well as those who have died due to the virus /complications.



## 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 1955 ~ 2020

Gratitude best expresses this time as our church pews are being refurbished, our floor refinished, and our walls painted. When we gather again for the celebration of Mass we will do so in a more glorious space.



**THANK YOU** for your ongoing generosity to your parish and to each other. Our St. Stephen Project seems to be one great upside during this time when we can not gather at church for any reason...

**THANK YOU** to all who continue to donate to Tri-C and to give me FL & WM gift cards and food to share with parishioners...

**THANK YOU** ...to our Ladies' Guild who arranged pizza donations for Hugh Chatham Memorial Hospital through Domino's...and graciously cleaned church prior to Rebekah & Ryan's wedding ...

**THANK YOU** ...to Ron B, Barry B, Daniel & Michael R, who helped clear the church and cover the choir prior to the floor being done...

**THANK YOU** ...to all who continue to give medical service on the these days...in offices and in our HCMH, No. Hospital, Wilkes Regional, WFBMC, & Forsyth Hospital nurses, PTs, tech, EMTs, doctors and the entire hospital staffs...you are God's healing presence for patients and their families! No doubt. You are definitely going to heaven!

St Stephen 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Ideas to Date

This list is a **conversation starter** in the hope other ideas will be generated.

So review the suggestions, add your own and email them to me  
so I can add them to this list and share it with everyone.

This will give us a running start so when we are able to gather, we can solidify  
how we want to celebrate this monumental time in our parish history.

Pasta feast with different pastas to sample

Invite priests who have served here to celebrate Mass  
and join us in sharing St. S stories

Parish Picnic

Parish Pizza Party we share our stories and memories  
and the love we share for St. S

Every parishioner, adults and children,  
do 65 acts of love, 65 acts of forgiveness,  
and 65 acts of compassion by January, 2021;  
then we share the most meaningful ones  
at a brunch after Mass

Fireworks (Sparklers)  
Sponsor a walk/run 5K as a fundraiser for community.  
(Lila can explain 336-530-4268)

Make the effort to get to know each other better

2020 Special Historical Directory  
current members history of parish  
old photographs (advertising to pay for this-free  
as for Chapman)

Children craft for the church

Bingo 1-2 times a month

After Sunday Mass- Omelet Bar/fresh fruit/drinks

Family hiking day

Day out with the kids playing games, hide and seek,  
blind chicken, etc

Family/community games and activities

Pray in community

Pig roast, pot luck, sides, drinks

Saturday Mass followed by celebration

Slide show pictures/happenings over past 65 years

I would like to buy or make new altar linens,  
scarves, and runners

Pictures on tv screen narrated to tell us the year,  
event, people in the photo

Paint good message rocks for kids

Written history of how parish was formed  
in small town in the South 65 years ago

Learn church song in sign language

Elizabeth von Trapp tours the country,  
does concerts; has been at small Catholic churches  
in NC. Maybe we could get her and invite the public.