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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 16, 2021

Morning Church!

Over our lifetime there are many good-byes and hellos we say or have said to us. These greetings connote a clear transition on our faith journey. Some good-byes and hellos are joyous celebration or pervasive sadness, or both.

We miss people and places where we've deeply invested and devoted ourselves, in time, talent, and treasure. Those who merely exist, with little passion or concern for their relationships, rarely miss or are missed by who and what they leave behind for what's next. As the Beatles say,

*"...in the end, the love you take
is equal to the love you make."*

The Ascension celebrates an ultimate FareWelcome.

Imagine how his disciples felt when Ascension eventually came. They must have been quite traumatized by his final farewell. The disciples quickly realized they were "it" and now fully responsible to finish Christ's mission and commissioned to "go out into the world...proclaim the gospel to every creature."

They would say their *farewell to Jesus*
and soon say their *welcome the Spirit*.

As you reflect on the Divine Mystery of the Ascension, remember you, too, are missioned by Christ every day to proclaim the gospel, and to serve as his servant-leaders with faith, joy, courage, and zeal. Every day wherever your feet are, give clear signs of your faith in the Risen Christ, to be a healing presence in any and all situations, and exercise your Baptismal grace to drive out demons and the divisive spirit that permeates our families, nation, and all of God's Neighborhood.

As you "go out to all the world to spread the gospel", rely on God, your family, and the Household of Believers. You will do even greater things that you could dream or imagine! Traveling mercies as you continue your journey!

*Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and enkindle in them
the fire of your love.*

God's blessings!

FareWelcome

Blessing the Distance For Ascension Day

It is a mystery to me
how as the distance
between us grows,
the larger this blessing
becomes,

as if the shape of it
depends on absence,
as if it finds its form
not by what
it can cling to
but by the space
that arcs
between us.

As this blessing
makes its way,
first it will cease
to measure itself
by time.

Then it will release
how attached it
has become
to this place
where we have lived,
where we have learned
to know one another
in proximity and
presence.

in which it moved,
the habits
that helped it
recognize itself,
the familiar pathways
it traced.

Finally this blessing
will touch its fingers
to your brow,
your eyes,
your mouth;
it will hold
your beloved face
in both its hands,

and then
it will let you go;
it will loose you
into your life;
it will leave
each hindering thing

until all that breathes
between us
is blessing
and all that beats
between us
is grace.

—Jan Richardson

Pope Francis Walking the Word

On Ascension: the Apostles returned to Jerusalem **with great joy**. ...separated from our relatives, from our friends, because of a definitive departure and, especially, death, there is usually a natural sadness in us since we will no longer see their face, no longer hear their voice, or enjoy their love, their presence.

Ascension...emphasizes the **profound joy** of the Apostles. But how could this be? ...with the gaze of faith they understand, that although he has been removed from their sight, Jesus stays with them for ever, he does not abandon them and in the glory...he supports them, guides them and intercedes for them ~ and all of us.

5/23 Coming Prepared: Sunday Scriptures	
Acts 2:1-11	Gal. 5:16-25
Ps 104	John 20:19-23

☞ Reflecting on the Word _____

Recall an experience that lifted you up, deepened your faith in Christ's ever-present presence.

What did you do with that grace?
How did that grace deepen your communion with God?

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to donate Altar Flowers for any Sunday, please contact Watson's Florist and speak with Donna who will help you make your choice. (336) 835-5235
Thank you very much!

M A Y	
11	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association mtg: Racism, 3p FLC
16	<i>Feast of the Ascension</i> Combination Collection** Catholic Relief Services, Works of Holy Father, Holy Land, Catholic University of America, Catholic Communications Campaign
18	Communion Service, 12:15p
23	<i>Pentecost Sunday</i> <i>St. Stephen Custom: ear Red Sunday</i> 
25	Communion Service, 12:15p
30	<i>Most Holy Trinity Sunday</i>

RCIA Journey & Adult 1st Communion & Confirmation Preparation

If you, or an adult you know, is interested in exploring the Catholic Faith, or prepare sacraments. please call. (336)835-3007

Tri-C Christian Ministries

Any of the following items:
Any kind of bean, dried or canned
Pasta & sauce or sm. laundry detergent

☞ M A Y	
16	+Buddy Blanton; +Byrdie Geckle (r/b Judy & Ron Berryman) Kevin McQuade (Birthday)
23	St. Stephen Community
30	2021 H.S. & College Graduates



Although masks restrictions have changed, please continue to honor social distancing as some of our community aren't fully vaccinated or can't be vaccinated due to pre-existing conditions.
It's best to refrain from handshakes and hugs to protect yourself and the rest of the folks at St. S.
Thanks!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

19 Lizette Hernandez	26 Dale Cromartie
21 Louis Reikowsky	Lila Keller
21 Luz Reyes	28 Meg Bresse
23 Aymes Davis	Stephanie Kelly
Morgan Orta	30 Mark Kroeger
Johnny Ramirez	Brian Lopez
24 Gail Pieropan	31 Hilda Sanchez-Lopez
16 Rebekah & Ryan Treannie	22 Rosa & Juan Islas
19 Linda & Mark Kroeger	30 Joyce & Aaron Kelly

☞ Prayer Request

+S. Regina Immaculata Monaghan, S.S.J.
born to eternal life in the 68th year of her religious life.

Thank you for your ongoing support for St. S and Tri-C ministries... Please consider beginning regular donations to church, especially if your household hasn't contributed since March, 2020.



Give Out of Gratitude

Check payable: **St. Stephen Church**
Mail to: Janis McQuade, S.S.J.
765 J Oakland Drive
Elkin NC 28621-2955



Open Invitation

St. Stephen friends and family

Drive through Baby Shower

Hannah Marie Treannie

Date: June 12

Time: 12N ~ 2:00p

Where: St. S FLC

Light Refreshments

Hannah's Due Date: July 30

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ANNUAL HISTORIC Rt. 21 YARD SALE

July 24, 2021

Sponsored by Ladies' Guild

Start gathering the items you will donate to our Yard Sale, which benefits the Ladies' Guild charity work.

More details to follow.