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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.*

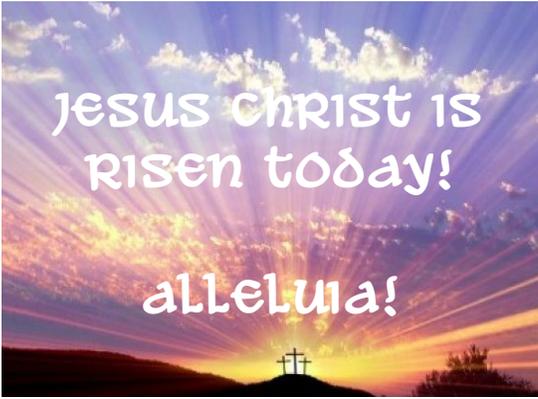
**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**

*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*

**Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020**



There are so many firsts for us these days. The sequence of numerous never-befores can make your head spin. Like other unparalleled times, all of us will remember the details of these days and gather new stories to share when we're together again.

With only her son Martin present, Fr. John and I lead our first Zoom Wake Service for Ruth Weibel. Her great grandson in NJ set it for us. Her large family, scattered over many states, shared "Ruth stories" and prayed together for her. No one imagined it would be this way.

Tackling technology has countless firsts as I prepare Wednesday's Word and Sunday Mass. Never imagined it would be this way or the invaluable grace, coaching, and assistance of Gail Pieropan and John Orta. What a difference they've made keeping us connected so we can pray together as a community! Can I get an "Amen, Alleluia!?"

As part of the ministerial team, I offer support to the HCMH medical staff. The Ladies' Guild provided a meal for them, though not as ah-mazing as their Holy Week Services Tuesday lunch. Whether it's a five minute reflection or a hot pizza, the ministry of presence is more important than ever, especially when it comes attending to our local healthcare front-liners. Never imagined it would be this way. Yet, it is.

This year's group of parishioners preparing to become SSJ Associate in Mission are in an unexpected holding pattern until we are free to gather in church for their Initiation Ritual. They, too, never imagined it would be this way.

Our RCIA folks still gather Wednesday evenings via Zoom. They had their hearts set on being welcomed into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Clyde, Ashley, Aymes, Elijah, Jamie, and Cindy never imagined it would be this way. Me, either. Their faithfulness to Christ and their faithjourney is visible grace. Imagine how they feel during an indeterminate pause on their faithjourney. Let's continue to hold them in prayer.

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb on the **First Easter**. She never imagined The Holy One, whose life's ministry generated many firsts, would suffer crucifixion.

Magdalene never imagined she'd become "The Apostle to the Apostles," bearing witness to the **First of All Firsts**: Christ's resurrection from the dead!

No one imagined it would be this way.  
Yet, it is *The Way of the Truth and the Life*.

These Days of Firsts invite you to resurrect your faith, deepen your belief in the Resurrection, and always and gratefully, remember it never would've been this way without Jesus.

IT'S YOUR LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH.  
HOW ARE YOU MAKING THEM BETTER.

**Happy Easter! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

\* Most notable first this week: no calls asking, "What time are your Holy Week Services and Easter Masses?"

<b>Sunday Scriptures</b>	
Acts 10:34a, 37-43	1Cor 5:6B-8
Ps. 118: 1-2, 16-17. 22-23	John 20:1-9

<b>April Intentions</b>	
12	Intentions of The RCIA Elect & St. Stephen Parishioners
19	+Deceased members of the Dana & Reikowsky Families
26	+Rufus Daughtery

**Reflecting & Acting on the Word**

*Easter Sunday: The Resurrection*

*These weeks have been filled with firsts. Take a few minutes each day this week to reflect on your "firsts" and how your life has changed since our mandated "stay home." What sustaining graces do you need from the Risen Christ this week?*

APRIL

ALL MASSES and PARISH ACTIVITIES  
are canceled until further notice.



1955 ~ 2020

### 65<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

At our Pancake Breakfast you were invited to offer your suggestions for celebrating our 65th Anniversary as a faith community. Those suggestions are being collated and will be shared with the parish for further input.

With all of us spending more time at home these days, please take some time to send your suggestions for how we can celebrate the life and legacy of our parish community.

Send your suggestions to: parrishd1109@gmail.com or  
Connect@StStephenNC.org

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

19 Mario Crispin  
23 Kimberly Lopez  
27 Deborah Lopez



27 Luis Rodriguez  
30 Vanessa Lopez



15 Judy & Frank Simon  
21 Guadalupe & Ray Hernandez  
27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier

*With the exception Wednesday evenings,  
when our RCIA folks are on Zoom 7:00-8:30p  
I am willing to help you or get you help with a ride  
to the store or doctor, or any other critical errands.  
Please call and we'll make it happen.  
(336)835-4542 (H)*

*Your best source for parish info is:*

**ST. STEPHEN PARISH WEBSITE**

**<https://www.ststephennc.org>**

Please check our website for *weekly Mass,  
the bulletin and parish updates*



*Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 69  
Stay in the present moment.  
Trust the future to God.*

- ☪ *I renew my practice of finding God in the present moment.*
- ☪ *I notice any tendency to regret the past or fear the future.*
- ☪ *"Look at the birds of the air." Do I live in the present moment?*

### ☪ Prayer Request

Let us 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  
or its complications.

