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#### St. John

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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

#### St. Stephen

Julie Colglazier 336-353-8222 Bookkeeper
Theresa Martin Music Ministry
Patrick Colglazier Youth Ministry
Peggy Reikowsky Youth Ministry
Phillip Parrish RCIA

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

4th Sunday of Easter
April 25, 2021

Morning Church!

The convergence of events this week requires our prayerful reflection followed by action. Perhaps the writers scheduled this episode months ago, though, clearly, it has the hand of God woven through it in light of The Verdict and Conviction.

This Is Us explores family relationships and the decision-making that shaped their hearts over several decades. The utter complexity of its layers has gradually peeled away over the past five years. This Is Us has engaged our common history: the Viet Nam war, alcoholism, drug use, interracial families, infertility, managing self image, bullying, and racism.

Rebecca and Jack Pearson shepherd their family through it all with realness and color-blind, expansive love, best described a "knowing." They demonstrate a God-given sense of *knowing* how to respond to the individual needs of each of their three, very different children.

The Good Shepherd is the image and expression of God's love. In this pivotal time on Earth, we need the guiding hand and heart of the Good Shepherd to grace us to live more abundantly for ourselves and others.

We all need to learn how to breathe the same air differently now.

Our current behaviors have taught us that our breath-taking patterns are not The Way of Jesus.

The Shepherd has *loving knowing* of you, and desires you have the same *loving knowing* of your Neighbor, especially the sheep on the edges of the pasture, those who have yet to be accepted into the flock.

Go, gather all of them with the same love and protection you receive from the Shepherd.

This is The Way.

May you shepherd with compassion and generosity this Easter Season!





# I Am the Good Shepherd

When so much shepherding

has gone so wrong

So many pastors

hopelessly astray

The weak

so often preyed on

by the strong

So many bruised

and broken

on the way

The very name

of shepherd

seems besmeared

The fold and flock

themselves

are torn in half

The lambs we left to face

all we have feared

Are caught between

the wasters

and the wolf.

Good shepherd

now your flock

has need of you

One finds

the fold and

ninety-nine are lost

Out in the darkness

and the icy dew

And no one knows

how long

this night will last.

Restore us,

call us back to you

by name,

And by your life

laid down,

redeem our shame.

Malcolm Guite

## Prayer request

+S. Mary Dolores Sneeringer, S.S.J.

born to eternal life in the 76<sup>th</sup> year of her religious life.

Eternal rest, grant her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Sunday Scriptures		
Acts 4:8-12	1 John 3:1-2	
Ps 118	John 10:11-18	

# Reflecting on the Word \_\_\_\_\_

Reflect on the experience of the first Christians. How do you deal with rejections or misunderstandings?

# Altair 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!

	A P R I L	
18	3rd Sunday Easter	
20	Communion Service, 12:15p	
25	4th Sunday Easter	
27	Communion Service, 12:15p	
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02	5th Sunday Easter	
04	Communion Service, 12:15p	
09	6th Sunday Easter Happy Mother's Day!!	
11	Communion Service, 12:15p Ministerial Association mtg: Racism, 3p FLC	
16	Feast of the Ascension	
18	Communion Service, 12:15p	
23	Pentecost Sunday	
25	Communion Service, 12:15p	
30	Most Holy Trinity Sunday	

#### **Tri-C Christian Ministries**

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

<b>₩ A P R I L</b>		
25	+Marcy Morrey	
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02	+Mackenzie and McKinley Orta	
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16	+Byrdie Geckle (r/b Judy & Ron Berryman) Kevin McQuade (Birthday)	
23	St. Stephen Community	
30	2021 H.S. & College Graduates	

# Birthdais & Anniversaries

27 Deborah Griffith 27 Luis Rodriguez 30 Vanessa Lopez27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier

01 Emilio Lopez, Phillip Parrish



Give Out of Gratitude

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.

Check payable to: St. Stephen Church

Mail to: Janis McQuade, S.S.J.

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Thank you so much!!

## RCIA Journey & Adult 1st Communion & Confirmation Preparation

If you, or an adult you know, is interested in exploring the Catholic Faith, or any adult who would like to prepare for First Communion or Confirmation, please call. (336)835-3007