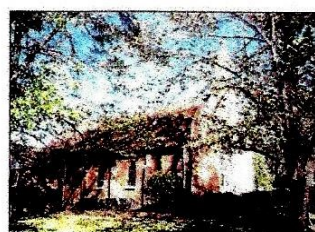




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Worship Times

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

*There are the voiceless
whose prayer is felt deeply
in the depth
of the unraised valleys of the heart.*

*There are the powerless
whose prayer is seen
in the tiniest knolls of the eye.*

*There are the impaired
whose prayer still dances
across the crooked paths
of faith's way.*

*In the senselessness of our time,
God became limited to our senses,
became enfleshed in our midst---
and felt, and saw, and danced with us.*

Incarnation.

~ Janis McQuade, SSJ Reflection on Baruch 5:1-9

A New Year of Grace ~ Advent, 2019

My brother-in-law, Mike, and I had deep faithsharings as Ellyn battled cancer. As I prayed with today's Word, one specific sharing came to mind ~ the one on **Hope**, for which we create a litany.

Hope is a divine, resilient grace.

It's fierce against fear and disobeys doubt.

Hope smooths and heals every indented valley in the spirit. **Hope** has a true, relentless resolve to expect faith to confirm its lead and will.

Hope sees what you can't, and transforms your sight.

Hope energizes your spirit putting prayer into action.

Hope graces you to dance with God even when you feel stuck or numb.

Hope is the conviction of God's steadfast presence, mostly in the face of terminal illness, family friction, ridiculous stress, grief, loss, or debilitating addiction.

Hope enfolded Mike in a way no other grace could as he companioned Ellyn home.

Hope is the invincible grace
of Emmanuel, God-With-Us.

We sing: *Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for hope, many despair.*

We pray *We wait in joyful hope for the daily comings
of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

LIFE. FAMILY. PARISH. **MAKE THEM BETTER.**

God's blessings,

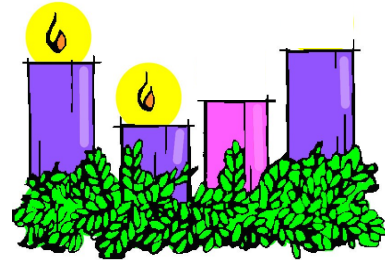
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Sunday Scriptures

Baruch 5:1-9	Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11
Ps 126:1-6	Luke 3:1-6

☞ Reflecting & Acting on the Word

*Where do you place your **hope**
as you long for light in the darkness?*



☞ Mass Intentions _____

Dec 09 +Pat Black, SSJ; Mona Schaufenbuel
+Ellyn Garwood; Tim Garwood (B)

Prayer request

+Fran Hefty(86), born to eternal life December 2

+S. Leona Tucker, SSJ, born to eternal life
in the 77th year of her religious life.

+S. Marian Steiner, SSJ, born to eternal life
in the 75th year of her religious life.



Dec 16

Acolyte	Jocelyn, Nancy
Reader	Karen, Izzy
Altar Linens	Sarah C
EM	ELLEN, RICHARD; Julie, Alex
Usher	Maggie, Ron
Children's Liturgy	Jennifer, Gabby

DECEMBER

09 **2nd Sun Advent** CLOW; FFF, YG

11 Communion Service, 12:15p



12 **Feast of Our Lady Guadalupe**
New SSJ Associates "Come & See", 6:45p
Choir, 7p



13 **Wise Ones** Hosts: Aileen & Fran FLC, 5:30p

16 **3rd Sun Advent** CLOW; FFF, YG

☆ Giving Tree Due



17 **Ladies' Guild**, 5:30p Host: Aileen

18 Communion Service, 12:15p

19 Choir, 7p



22 Wedding: Hilda & Joel Lopez 2p

23 **4th Sun Advent**

24 **Christmas Eve** Mass, 4p

25 **Christmas Day** Mass, 9a

30 **Feast of the Holy Family** Mass, 9a



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Inclement Weather Notices

For closures or changes in our schedule



NBC Ch 1203 or Ch 11

FOX Ch 1206 or Ch 10

or

<https://www.facebook.com/ststephenelkinncc>

Giving Tree

If you're new to St. Stephen:

Just take a card from the tree, purchase and wrap gift. Secure the tag to the gift box/bag.

Bring gift to church **on / before Dec. 16.**

If you take a gift card, purchase the gift card, put it inside the unsealed envelope and place it in the basket by the tree. TYVM!



Dar Arbol

Si eres nuevo en St. Esteban: sólo toma una tarjeta del árbol, compre el regalo, envuélvala y asegure la etiqueta en la caja/bolsa de regalo. Traiga un regalo a la iglesia **el/antes del 16 de diciembre.** Si toma una tarjeta de regalo, compre la tarjeta de regalo, colóquela dentro del sobre sin sellar y colóquela en la canasta junto al árbol.

Muchas gracias!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

12 Rebekah Palmer

15 Carolyn Blackburn

15 Melia Orta

17 Juan Rodriguez

18 Gracie Spicer
Owen Wagoner

18 Jackie & Bryan Wagoner

19 Roselyn Castellanos

Fran Smitherman

20 Tom Cirone

21 Zander Pebler

26 Judy Simon

27 Becky Dursee

Diana Rodriguez

22 Erika & Luis Castellanos



DEC Tri-C Donations

Will your household please make a donation this month?
TYVM!!

Ackerman ~ Cahill
Cirone ~ Harper
Hernandez ~ Whitman

Instant pudding/jello
Dish soap small size
Criso sticks or cooking oil

Nov. Almsgiving

73 lbs. Value: \$128.25



Pope Francis Walking the Word

Advent

If fear makes you lie on the ground,
Jesus invites you to get up;
if negativity pushes you to look down,
Jesus invites you to turn your gaze to him...
...we are not children of fear, but Children God.



Messiah Performance

Yadkin Community Chorus

Willingham Theater for Performing Arts

December 16, 3p

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to donate towards our Christmas flowers in honor or memory of family member and/or parishioner, please use the blue poinsettia envelopes in the lobby basket. Print the names clearly on the envelope's back. *TYVM!*



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...**Other Elves** Rich, Ellen, Jerry, Inez, Ania, and Dany who helped set up our Giving Tree cards...God bless you real good! Blessed Advent!*