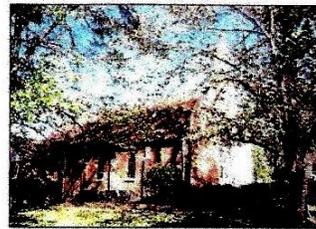




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Worship Times

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 Baptism of the Lord

January 13, 2019

There are many endearing terms used to express affection for a loved one. Some standing the test of time seem to be *Honey, Babe, Sweetie*, and more recently, *Boo-Boo*. These terms express the depth of love and the desire for intimacy with another. Intimacy is often reduced in our culture to mean mere physical expressions. Intimacy in its truest meaning is profound trust.

Intimacy is the freedom to be who you are with another. This gives you the liberty to express your deepest dreams, hurts, hopes, brokenness, and wonderments. Intimacy in this sense demands full confidentiality, an unbreakable bond of trust. This isn't merely keeping another's secrets, it's honoring another's life with profound confidentiality. It's the grace to *stand with*, to *be for*, and to *generously serve* as Christ's presence* for another person. (álà Fr. Joe's Christmas homily*).

Our God *is* Presence, and our God desires to be intimately close to us ~ in every circumstance of our life: in the days that bask us in glory, as well as the times that soak us in sorrow. Jesus, the Beloved of God, is Visible Presence and grace for all who gather at the Jordan. He is the Word Made Flesh who calls us to entrust ourselves to him and to one another. To share our deepest dreams, brokenness, hopes, and hurts means taking one giant risk after another, as Jesus has with us. Jesus honors us with a lifetime of Presence now and a promise of Presence forever.

To be God's Beloved is to honor God with your life, to trust God more than you trust yourself. This is where true intimacy begins and is sustained: to rest your heart in the heart of God, just as you are, nothing more, nothing less, and to accept God's presence with gratitude, joy, and praise. This is living your Baptism in closeness to God.

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

God's blessings,

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A New Year of Grace ~ 2019



*Water of Life. Jesus our Light
Journey from death to New Life!*

Sunday Scriptures

Isaiah 60:1-6	Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6
Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8-10-13	Matt 2:1-12

Prayer request

+Linda Ann Weibel Beck

June 7, 1944 ~ December 25, 2018

Daughter of Ruth Weibel and +Herbert Weibel.

+Anthony A. Bisulca, Jr.. *Uncle of Danny Kerr*

+S. Joan Mary Bannigan, S.S.J.

born to eternal life on the 56th year of her religious life.

☪ **Mass Intentions** _____

Jan 13 *S. Joan Huggard, SSJ; +Fran Hefty*

20 *The Torres / Kitts Family Members*

+Ashely, Maria, & Tony Torres

+Letty & Myron Kitts, +Joshua Flockhart

+Chuck Turbiville

Jan. 20



Acolyte

Julie, Jocelyn

Reader

Mary H, Kathy J

Altar Linens

Zenaida

EM

AILEEN, JULIE; Carmen, Cheryl

Usher

Ron, Marcus

Children's Liturgy

Jackie, Maggie



☪ **Reflecting & Acting on the Word**

Spend time reflecting on your relationship with Jesus.

How do you experience being the Beloved of God?

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January		
13	<i>Feast of Baptism</i> CLOW; FFF; RCIA	
15	Communion Service, 12:15p	
16	Choir, 7p	
	17 SSJA Come & See, 6:45p Host: S. Janis	
18-25	<i>Christian Unity Week</i>	
20	2nd SOT CLOW; FFF; RCIA <i>Combined Missions Collection</i>	
	21 <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday</i> GIVE BLOOD Elkin Rescue Squad, 1:30-6:00p <i>Ladies' Guild</i> , 7p	
22	Communion Service, 12:15p	
23	Choir, 7p	
27	3rd SOT CLOW; FFF; RCIA	
29	Communion Service, 12:15p	
30	Choir, 7p	
	31 SSJA/CGG Host: Parrish, 6:30p	

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| 14 Tina Vargas Guerra | 20 Cecelia Jones |
| 16 Jenny Ardizzola | 21 Inez Trejo |
| Barry Blackburn | 22 Caroline Kerr |
| Epi Cortez | 29 Claire Golden |
| 18 Jacob Volk | Virgilio "Jr." Gonzalez |
| 19 David Scherer | 30 Marta Segura-Lopez |
| 20 Isabella Estrada | 31 Dolores Spicer |



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Come prepared for Sunday
Reflect with #FaithFriday

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JAN Tri-C Donations

Will your household please make a donation this month?
T Y V M ! !

Ackerman ~ Cahill
Cirone ~ Harper
Hernandez ~ Whitman

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



Inclement Weather Notices

NBC Ch 1203 / Ch 11 or FOX Ch 1206 / Ch 10

Thanks to all who helped in countless ways throughout the Advent and Christmas season to help our times of worship and celebration be so life-giving...as we enter Ordinary Time I continue to be grateful for your faithfulness and generous spirits...to our Finance Committee, Tom C., Carmen D, and Joanna S for their service...our Parish Life Committee, Aileen, Ron, Jason LaC, Eileen & Leo, Phillip P...high fives to all who gave our poinsettias a new home and to our ladies who returned to church Monday to clean again! *God blesses you and so do !!*



Did you know... Overall, there are 141 Catholics in the House, or 32% of the chamber. Catholics make up 30.5% of Congress. Of the 96 newly elected to Congress, 78 are Christian, including 28 Catholics. Overall, 141 Catholics in the House, or 32% of the chamber; 22 of the 100 U.S. senators are Catholic.

Reflect: How does your faith inform and influence your daily life and political views?



Your generous **Stewardship**
shared Time, Talent, & Treasure transforms into
Grateful Giving & Divine Restoration.

Pope Francis Calling U.S. Bishops to Walk the Word

While U.S. bishops gathered for retreat (Jan 2-6) Pope Francis address the purpose of their retreat on abuse in the U.S. Church...The clerical abuse crisis requires conversion and humility...The clerical abuse crisis and the "crisis of credibility" it created for the you (U.S. bishops) have led to serious divisions within the U.S. church and to a temptation to look for administrative solutions to problems that go much deeper...Without a clear and decisive focus on spiritual conversion and Gospel-inspired ways of responding to victims and exercising ministry, *everything we do risks being tainted by self-referentiality, self-preservation and defensiveness, and thus doomed from the start...*convinced your response to the sins and crimes of abuse and the efforts made to deny or conceal them must be found through heartfelt, prayerful and collective listening to the word of God and to the pain of our people...you, as a group, must have a collegial awareness of our being sinners in need of constant conversion, albeit deeply distressed and pained by all that has happened...

~ Excerpts from Pope Francis' message to U.S. bishops.