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Worship Times

***Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass 11:15a; En español, 1:00p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p***

***Sunday Mass 9:00a
Communion Service Tuesdays, 12:15p
Holy Days 7:00p
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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 20, 2022



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YOUTH WORKSHOP SERIES

FREE EVENT
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

SATURDAY
MARCH
26
2022

**GUEST
SPEAKER**

STORYTELLER & POET

**SHARLENE
PROVILUS**

SPOKEN WORD POETRY 101 YOUTH WORKSHOP
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YOUTH SESSION (8-12YO) | 10 AM - 12 PM
TEEN SESSION (13YO+) | 1 PM - 3 PM

For more information please contact StackingStonesMinistry@gmail.com

**Sharleen's spoken word poetry is a gift!
This is a not-to-miss event for your children!**

**¡La poesía hablada de Sharleen es un regalo!
¡Este es un evento maravilloso para sus hijos!**

YOUTH:

Ages 6-12	10a-12N
Ages 13+	1:00-3:00p

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LIVE LENT INTENTIONALLY:

**BE LIGHT
IN THE DARKNESS
EACH DAY
COMMIT
TO
ONE ACT OF LIGHT
GIVEN IN KINDNESS
THROUGH
YOUR WORDS.**

**COMMIT
TO
ONE ACT OF LIGHT
GIVEN IN KINDNESS
THROUGH
YOUR ACTIONS
TO COUNTER
THE DARKNESS
THAT DESIRE
TO OVERTAKE YOU
AND ALL OF US.**

**COMMIT
TO
PRAYER**
THREE TIMES A DAY:
*Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
May almighty God
have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins
And bring us to everlasting life.
Amen.*

Kneelers Refurbish & Install
SIT or KNEEL

Now that the kneelers have been
refurbished and reinstalled
you have prayer position options
during Mass.

You may continue to sit.

If you choose to **SIT**,
please sit on the pew, and not halfway
between the pew and the kneeler.
*This pressure/weight on the pew's edge
causes the pews to split.*

If you choose to **KNEEL**,
please do not lean back onto the edge of the pew.
*This pressure/weight on the pew's edge
causes the pews to split.*

Thank you!

**SYNODALITY:
WALKING TOGETHER**
COMMUNION
PARTICIPATION
MISSION



**SINODALIDAD:
CAMINANDO JUNTOS**
Comunión
Participación
Misión

A brief survey on
"Walking Together"
as Church will be emailed
to you this week.

Please complete
and return it as
we prepare for our
Listening Sessions.

Thank you!

**TODAS
SON
BIENVENIDAS**

Esta semana se le enviará
por correo electrónico una breve
encuesta sobre
"Caminando Juntos"
como Iglesia.

Por favor complételo y devuélvalo
mientras nos preparamos
para nuestras sesiones
de escucha.

¡Gracias!

**ALL
ARE
WELCOME**

**Our Lady,
Queen of Peace,**

pray for us!

Prayer of Pope Francis for Ukraine

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners!

Lord Jesus, born in the shadows of bombs falling
on Kyiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who died in a mother's arms in a bunker
in Kharkiv, have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, a 20-year-old sent to the frontlines,
have mercy on us!

Lord Jesus, who still behold armed hands
in the shadow of your Cross, have mercy on us!

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, if we are not satisfied with the nails
with which we crucified Your hands,
as we continue to slake our thirst with the blood
of those mauled by weapons.

Forgive us, if these hands which You created
to tend have been transformed into instruments of death.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us, O Lord.

Forgive us, O Lord,
if we continue to kill our sisters and brothers;
Forgive us, if we continue like Cain to pick up
the stones of our fields to kill Abel.

Forgive us, if we continue to justify our cruelty
with our labors, if we legitimize the brutality
of our actions with our pain.

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore You!

Hold fast the hand of Cain!

Illumine our consciences; may our will not be done;

Abandon us not to our own actions!

Forgive us for war, O Lord. Forgive us for war, O Lord.

Stop us, O Lord, stop us! And when you have held back
the hand of Cain, care also for him. He is our brother.

O Lord, put a halt to the violence!

Stop us, O Lord! Amen.

*Making Lent More Intentional Peace
in Ukraine and the World*

Mondays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Tuesdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Wednesdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Thursdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Fridays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Saturdays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

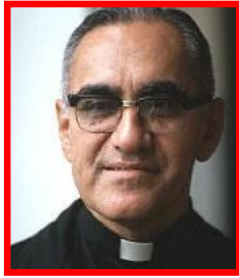
I will do ___ acts of kindness.

Sundays:

I will pray ___ minutes today.

I will fast from _____.

I will do ___ acts of kindness.



St. Oscar Romero, Martyr

Archbishop of El Salvador 1977-1980

Born:
August 15, 1917

Born to Eternal Life:
March 24, 1980

Prayer in Romero's Words

Ant. We are prophets of a future not our own.

It helps, now and then,
to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond
our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction
of the magnificent enterprise
that is God's work.

Nothing we do is complete,
which is a way of saying
that the kingdom always lies beyond us.

No statement says all that could be said.
No prayer fully expresses our faith.
No confession brings perfection.

No pastoral visit brings wholeness.
No program accomplishes
the church's mission.
No set of goals and objectives
includes everything.

This is what we are about.
We plant the seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted,
knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations
that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces far beyond
our capabilities.

We cannot do everything,
and there is a sense of liberation
in realizing that.

This enables us to do something,
and to do it very well.

It may be incomplete,
but it is a beginning, a step along the way,
an opportunity for the Lord's grace
to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results,
but that is the difference
between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders;
ministers, not messiahs.

All: We are prophets of a future not our own.

And to this we say:

Amen!

Reflection: Am I willing to speak out against injustice and oppression in my own family, neighborhood, government, and church?

Am I willing to take a stand against systems and structures that do violence to my sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ?

How can I be more compassionate in my relationships, especially with those who seem to me to be "impoverished" in mind, body, or spirit?



Earth's crammed with heaven
and every common bush
afire with God.
Those who see take off their shoes.
The rest sit around
and pluck the blackberries.

e.b.browning



S. Marianna Fieo, S.S.J.

Born:

May 27, 1948

Born to eternal life:

March 17, 2022

in the 56th year of her religious life
(Attended H.S. together)

S. Therese Benedice McGuire, S.S.J.

Born:

February 27, 1926

Born to eternal life:

March 17, 2022

in the 78th year of her religious life

Bill L. Blackburn

Born:

August 1, 1944

Born to eternal life:

March 14, 2022

Married 57 years to Sandra
Children: Lori (Gwyn)
and Barry (Mary)

*Eternal rest, grant them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace.
Amen+*



Daily Readings ~ www.usccb.org	
Gen. 15:5-12, 17-18	Phil. 3:17—4:1
Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14.	Luke 9:28b-36

Morning, Church!

God's Word creates on continuing reflection on our personal and communal efforts for full conversion to Christ, imaged in two different trees, one a burning bush in Genesis and the other, a dying, unfruitful fig tree in Luke. Both trees can inspire and cause fear.

The God of Our Ancestors inspires us and Moses in each sacred encounter. A tree ablaze, yet now consumed, is Divine Presence and Power. This blazing bush called Moses and us to renewed, reverential worship and conversion. God called Moses to witness to Saving Presence and Power. God had rescued Moses from slavery in Egypt and called him to be an leader and an instrument of justice and compassion for The Chosen.

In the gospel, The Fig Tree, is anything but ablaze with power and presence. Despite human care and Earth's resources, the fig tree resisted bearing fruit. It neither inspires nor graces its gardner or passersby. The Fig Tree is an apt Lenten image for all who desire "the more", "the deeper", and the "life-giving" on this faithjourney. Jesus uses this particular fig tree as an image of what is and what can be ~ in grace.

It's not enough to merely exist. Your faithjourney is all about "the more", "the deeper", and the "life-giving" right now, rather than postpone a fuller faith life. *NOW* is the time. *TODAY* is the DAY to search your heart, your personal fig tree and scrutinize what needs to be pruned, irrigated, or fertilized.

It's another honest-to-God conversation

God desires to have with you today..

On this day, around the world, the *RCIA Rite of Scrutiny* is solemnly celebrated on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent. Today, we join with Martha Neaves, as we pray this Rite together. The meaning and purpose of this Rite for Martha ~ and all of us ~ is to look into our hearts, to scrutinize what is graced, and what has yet to be graced, what is ablaze with God's presence and what is fruitless and dying like the fig tree.

The solemn Rite of Scrutiny is a "...rite of self-searching and repentance" for Martha, for the whole Church. It is meant to "uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in our hearts as well as bring out, then strengthen, all that is upright, strong, and good."

Let this be our prayer for one another and for Martha.

God's blessing,

M A R C H	
20	3rd Sun Lent Rite of Scrutiny I, 9:00a Faith Fusion, 10:30a
21	Give Blood, Elkin Rescue Sq., 1:00-6p RCIA, 3:30p
22	Communion Service, 12:15p
24	St. Oscar Romero (1980)
25	Feast of the Annunciation
27	4th Sun Lent Rite of Scrutiny II, 9:00a Family Faith Formation: Sacrament Prep, 10:30a
28	RCIA, 3:30p
29	Communion Service, 12:15p

PROCLAIMERS of the WORD		
3/20	Karen G	Mary H
3/27	Ronnie K	Kathy J
4/3	Beth O	John O

M A R C H	
13	MacKenzie & McKinley Orta
20	+Helen Purcell r/b Lana & Bob +Mona Schaufenbuel r/b Jerry
27	+Joe Krakovsky St. Stephen Parishioners

Parish Celebrations



22 Margerita Serafin & Guillermo Lada
24 Jane & Rob Worley

01 Pat Colwell
05 Marcelino Trinidad
06 Natalie Trinidad
08 Melisa Bustos
Clyde Colwell
Jennifer LaCashio
09 Osvaldo Bustos



10 Rich Jones
11 Osvaldo Martinez
Keith Stringer
12 Jose Ledesma
19 Mario Crispin
21 Joanna Salvatore
27 Luis Rodriguez
30 Vanessa Lopez



05 Beth Altemueller & Newell Hauser
15 Judy & Frank Simon
21 Lupe & Ray Hernandez
27 Julie & Patrick Colglazier



Reflecting and Acting on the Word



*As you prayerfully scrutinize your heart
with God, what needs to be uncovered and healed;
what needs to be strengthened, refined, or purified,
or appreciated as upright, strong, and good?*

TRI-COUNTY CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES

ANY non-perishable foods: veggies, PB & J,
spaghetti and sauce; Small laundry or dish soap

Lenten Prayer & Fasting with Youe Time



We're halfway through our Lenten journey.
Here's an opportunity to make a small sacrifice for the
UKRANINAN PEOPLE. Come pray either or both times:

Communion Service

Tuesdays, 12:15p

Station of the Cross

Fridays, 6:00p



..to our ladies who keep our church sparkly
& who set up for our Faith Formation's
dinner with two groups of Habitat volun-
teers from St. Joseph Univ. (Phila.)...Chefs: Margerita
Lada, homemade mole & beef enchilada, Maria Ledes-
ma homemade tlayudas, Maria Mata, homemade salsa
and horchata; Peggy Reikowsky provided beverages &
dessert; Youth Allan, Alex, Angel, and Braulio hosted;
thanks to Jane & Rob W who are serving as tellers; big
thanks Mango Peel Restuarant (Reyna & Tirzo)who do-
nated the dinner...

The Kids' Bulletin

Third Sunday of Lent
March 20th, 2022



What's wrong with this fig tree?
See what the two men want to do with it by
reading what they say in a mirror.

What Kind of Fig Tree are You?



In today's Gospel reading, we hear a parable about a fig tree. The owner waited three years for it to grow some figs, but it still wasn't producing any. He told the gardener to cut it down. But the gardener said he would try just for one more year to get it to bear fruit- and if it didn't give any then he would cut it down.

The fig tree is like a person who can do good things but doesn't. The owner shows the justice of God- he has given the tree enough chances so its time is up. But the gardener is like God's mercy. He wants to give the tree one more chance. And he's going to give it extra fertilizer to try to help it.



Lent is a good time to look at our own life and see if we are doing all the good things we can. Maybe there's something nice that we know we could do for someone but we just never bother to. Or maybe we aren't praying quite as much as we know we should. God is giving us a chance to become better people this Lent, and it's your job to make it happen!

Answer to Word-Find: Free Land

The Annunciation March 25



WHEN IT WAS TIME FOR GOD TO COME TO EARTH AS A MAN, HE CHOSE MARY TO BE HIS MOTHER. BUT HE DIDN'T JUST TELL HER THAT SHE WOULD BECOME HIS MOTHER; HE GAVE HER A CHOICE. BECAUSE MARY CHOSE TO SAY "YES" TO GOD, JESUS CAME INTO THE WORLD AND DIED TO LET US INTO HEAVEN!

The Burning Bush Word-Find

A F R A I D O F F R E E
B D E L I V E R O M F S
R G O D J E T H R O R U
A L O R D E A O W S E F
H A V E F S K L A E J F
A N I L I H E Y R S A E
M D S G R O U N D A C R
F L A M E E G Y P T O I
A O A B U S H O R E B N
C O C N D B L A Z I N G
E K M I S E R A B L E S

See if you can find
all the words
in CAPITALS
in this story.



The left over letters
tell what the
Israelites in Egypt
wanted:

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_ _ _ _ _

MOSES was looking after the sheep of his father-in-law, JETHRO, on Mount HOREB. Suddenly he noticed a BUSH that was BLAZING like FIRE, but it wasn't burning up! He came FORWARD to look closer, but GOD spoke from the FLAME, saying "Come no nearer. TAKE your SHOES OFF, for this is HOLY GROUND. I am the God of your fathers- of ABRAHAM, ISAAC and JACOB." Moses was AFRAID to LOOK at God, and covered his FACE. The LORD said, "I HAVE seen the MISERABLE state of my people in EGYPT and heard their cry to be FREE. I will DELIVER them from their SUFFERING and bring them to a new LAND."