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**St. John**

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<b>Ann Stone</b>	RCIA

**St. Stephen**

<b>Theresa Martin</b>	Music Ministry
<b>Natalie Lopez</b>	Youth Faith Formation
<b>Peggy Reikowsky</b>	Youth Faith Formation
<b>Phillip Parriah</b>	RCIA

**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*

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**September 18, 2022**



**S. Patricia Friel , S.S.J.**

**Born:**

September 28, 1945

**Born to Eternal Life:**

September 10, 2022

in the 59<sup>th</sup> year of her religious life.

**S. Catherine M. Larkins , S.S.J.**

**Born:**

August 8, 1936

**Born to Eternal Life:**

September 15, 2022

in the 68<sup>th</sup> year of her religious life.

**S. Georgeanne Esker , S.S.J.**

**Born:**

October 18, 1942

**Born to Eternal Life:**

September 17, 2022

in the 62<sup>nd</sup> year of her religious life.



**IMPORTANT PARISH GATHERING**  
**RE - INVEST** in YOUR FAITH COMMUNITY

If you're interested in reconnecting  
with your fellow parishioners,  
*send me an email.*

[Connect@StStephenNC.org](mailto:Connect@StStephenNC.org)

Here are three options for you:

**CHOOSE A DATE**

**Evenings:**

Sept. 21 ~ 7:00p

**Daytime:**

Sept. 28 ~ 1:00p



**Our Lady,  
Queen of Peace,  
pray for us!**

**TRI-COUNTY  
CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES**  
**ANY non-perishable foods,**  
**toiletries, or household items**  
**(small size are best;**  
**Non-brand names are fine)**



**CRISCO STICKS**

## You cannot serve two masters...

### Morning Church!

There's a legendary tale told about the Ford assembly workers who were subject to daily evaluations of their work on the line. All the workers had lockers or cubbies where they kept their things. At the end of the day they would find a slip of paper from management there. A white paper meant the day's effort was acceptable. A pink slip, though, meant that they weren't wanted back in the morning. Being fired, or "shown the door" is very difficult to handle. During your work experience, you, or someone you know, contended with the dreaded Pink Slip. The Pink Slip experience provides time for self-reflection before you do another thing.

Amos is a shepherd turned prophet. He prophesied at a time of relative peace and prosperity ~ and also a time when God's Law was neglected. He spoke against the increased disparity between the very wealthy and the very poor. He spoke of God's authority and divine judgment and the people's injustices. His visions of the locusts, a drought, a plumb-line, and a basket of fruit illustrated Israel's injustices to the needy and their unfaithfulness to God. He is a thoughtful man of ferocious integrity, who possessed a poet's gift for homely but forceful imagery and rhythmic language.

The Israelites' greed resembled a crooked, impacted tooth that leaves no room for further growth, until it's extracted. God will no longer tolerate their greedy, fixed scales and the way they embezzle from the poor. Amos' prophetic witness called them to change their hearts and restore their relationship with God and one another. He fiercely castigated their corruption, vain worship of the gods of Bethel, and their social injustice among their pagan neighbors, Israel itself, and Judah. Amos asserted there is only one true God of all; and he predicted the imminent destruction of Israel and Judah. He is the first of the "chronologically biblical prophets who preached against the abuses of the sacred covenant in Israel's Northern Kingdom. With military and economic prosperity at a peak, this shepherd-prophet has a difficult time confronting the people's grave injustices against God and each other. Serving as God's voice, he addresses their moral rot, contempt for religious observances, and their exploitation of the poor — to enhance their own wealth."

The Israelites chose idolatry and greed over faithfulness and generosity. They ignored the prophet's call to live with a higher degree of morality, and a deeper sense of compassion, love, and justice. Their behavior and their misled, showy idol worship uncovered their lack of character, integrity, and disrespect for God's covenant. By choosing to pink slip God, their Northern Kingdom would be attacked, and they would be captured and deported to foreign lands by the Assyrians. In exile, they would have plenty of time for self-reflection.

God's blessings,




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### 🌱 Reflecting and Acting on the Word 🌱

Recall a "Pink Slip" moment in your life, when a job or a relationship ended.  
How did this experience cause you to re-evaluate your lifestyle and choices?

Readings <https://bible.usccb.org/>

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S E P T E M B E R	
 18 	25th Sun OT Baptism: Osvaldo Martinez <i>All Faith Formation Families!</i> <b>NEW to St. Stephen?</b> <b>Bring a copy of your child's</b> <b>BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE</b> <b>GATHER in the FLC after MASS ~ 10:30a</b> If you will, please bring juice bags & soft granola bars
20	Communion Service, 12:15p
21	Parish Gathering, 7:00p
24	YV Pumpkin Festival 9a-4p 
 25	26th Sun OT <span style="float: right;">Priests' Retirement Collection</span> Baptism: Roberto Eric Garcia Gold Star Mothers Event ~ Elkin Park, 2p
27	Communion Service, 12:15p
28	Parish Gathering, 1:00p

☪ Mass Intentions	
9/18	+Richard "Richie" M. Falcone Kate & Michael Garwood (Anniv) Kassi & Kyle Whitman (Anniv)
9/26	+Mattie Douthit Glenn r/b Carol Ross
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>Mass Intentions</i></p> <p>You are welcome to request Masses for Special Intentions, Birthdays and Anniversaries, as well as Masses for deceased loved ones. If you are new to St. S, there are Mass Intention envelopes in the lobby and in the pew pockets. The usual stipend is ten dollars and the check is made payable to Fr. John, instead of St. S Church.</p>	

### Parish Celebrations



25 Theresa Martin  
28 Britney Crispin  
29 Minnie Espino



19 Erika & Ruben Ramirez  
23 Maria & Jose Ledesma  
29 Julia & Diego Carreon

## PARISH MINISTRIES: YOUR HELP/PRESENCE IS REQUESTED

*Altar Linen Team*  
*Choir*  
*Church Cleaning Team*  
*Faith Formation Team*  
*Eucharistic Ministers to Homebound*  
*Small Church Maintenance Projects*

*Also, please consider joining*  
*Ladies Guild, Aileen*  
*(336) 874-2471*  
  
*Men's Group, Jerry*  
*(336) 957-2250*

**STEWARDSHIP: SHARING YOUR TIME, TALENT, AND TREASURE**  
**IN GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S GOODNESS TO YOU!**

☪ Liturgical Ministries ☪							
Date	Acolyte	Proclaimer		EM	Greeters/Ushers		Altar Linens
9/18	Volunteer	Elia M	S. Janis	S. Janis	Jerry S	Bob H	Kathy J
9/25	Morgan	Lukas McC	Wendy McC	Judy	Wendy McC	Jason McC	

Liturgical Minister, please consult our website  
for the schedule...If you are unable to serve, please find your own substitute.

<https://www.ststephenncc.org/liturgical-ministries-1>

**COMMUNITY NEED: VOLUNTEER DIRECTOR for FEED the ELDERLY PROGRAM, INC.**

*In the 1970s Holly Neaves initiated Meals to the Elderly (FTE) Programs which now serves 30 residents. Hugh Chatham Hospital provides the meals. FTE is comprised of a Board of Coordinators, a Director, Treasurer, and different church teams who deliver meals Monday-Friday, including holidays.*

**DIRECTOR'S JOB DESCRIPTION:**

- ~ basic computer skills required and the ability to maintain a list of eligible persons, their contact information; date of birth, emergency contact number; beginning date of deliveries; directions to the home and a brief bio of the client; persons must be within four miles of hospital to receive deliveries.
- ~ maintains a list of churches and their delivery schedule on a seven (7) week rotation basis; teams deliver to 12-15 persons.

~ Yearly **DELIVERY SCHEDULE** is prepared in late Fall for the next year and titled:

**The Elderly Program Meal Delivery Schedule (20\_\_ ~ 20\_\_ )**

- + Schedule includes, name of church coordinator/contact and their phone number
- + Each church coordinator is also a member of the FTE Board of Coordinators

~ **PRINT SIX (7) COPIES of CALENDAR:**

- one for each church for their delivery day, hospital cafeteria supervisor; Director's copy
- additional copies are kept filed for easy access, or in case of printer failure

~ **DISTRIBUTE DELIVERY SCHEDULE** (for church contacts & hospital cafeteria supervisor)

- take five (5) copies of each list to the hospital kitchen on Sunday before 6:30pm
- Place copies in the bottom drawer of supervisor's desk on the right side of hospital kitchen

~ **UPDATE DELIVERY LIST**

- makes necessary changes; adds names and the churches responsible for the deliveries days that week
- inform church volunteers of any changes in the delivery schedule re: recipient's status

~ **MAINTAIN LIST** of persons requesting a place on meal delivery schedule

- records their name and contact information, etc., as listed above, or the name of the person requesting the delivery for them

**FTE Treasurer**

- ~ handles all FTE finances, i.e., donations, pays bills, prepares financial statements, and applications.

**FOOD to the ELDERLY  
P.O. Box 503  
Elkin NC 28621**



**Sunday September 25, 2022**

**National Gold Star Mothers and Family Day Event**

PLEASE JOIN US  
AS WE CELEBRATE THE

*Gold Star Mother's  
and Family Day*



**GOLD STAR FAMILIES  
MEMORIAL MONUMENT**

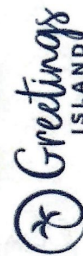
GUEST SPEAKER: CHAPLAIN (LTC) MARK SHELLMAN  
NATIONAL ANTHEM PERFORMED BY A GOLD STAR MOTHER  
VETERAN HONOR GUARD WITH 21 GUN SALUTE AND TAPS  
YELLOW ROSE PRESENTATION BY THE FAMILY MEMBERS

SPECIAL GUESTS:

ROLLING TUNDR- NC      FREIGHTLINER RIDE OF PRIDE TRUCK

**SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 25 2022      2 PM**

ELKIN MUNICIPAL PARK  
399 NC 268 W ELKIN, NC 28621  
HOSTED BY CAPTAIN MARK GARNER VFW POST 7794 ELKIN, NC  
PLEASE RSVP TO CDR JOHN HAWKINS 336.467.7212  
CDRPOST7794@VFWNC.COM



**Bring folding chairs. Water and restrooms will be available.**



**Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States  
Captain Mark Garner Post 7794  
Elkin, North Carolina**

Announces Events in Conjunction With

**September as Military Suicide Awareness Month**

**Gold Star Mothers and Family Weekend**

**Saturday September 24, 2022**

**2.2 Mile Military Suicide Awareness Walk (Shadow Walk with Capital Walk)**

**Come walk and help address mental health concerns**

**9am Start/Finish Gold Star Family Monument Elkin Municipal Park**

**399 NC 268 West Elkin, NC 28621**

**Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival**

**Main Street Elkin Booth: Suicide Awareness**

**Partnered with Hugh Chatham Behavioral Health**

**All day Saturday**

**MENTAL HEALTH  
MATTERS**



**22**  
**VETERANS**

# Being a Good Steward



Jesus tells the story of a steward who took care of a rich man's wealth. When he was about to lose his job, he quickly made friends by letting the rich man's debtors pay less than what they owed. So, when he couldn't work anymore, his new friends would take care of him.

Jesus is teaching us to be good stewards and to use what God has entrusted to us (our gifts, our talents, and our treasure/money) to help make the Earth a more loving, just place. Also, Jesus is asking us to do whatever job we are given to the best of our ability.

God has given you the gifts and talents you have to be used to help others. This is what it means to be a good steward: spend money on what is good and necessary, instead of wasting it on foolish things.

Be generous with those who are poor.

Be as generous with others as God is with you.

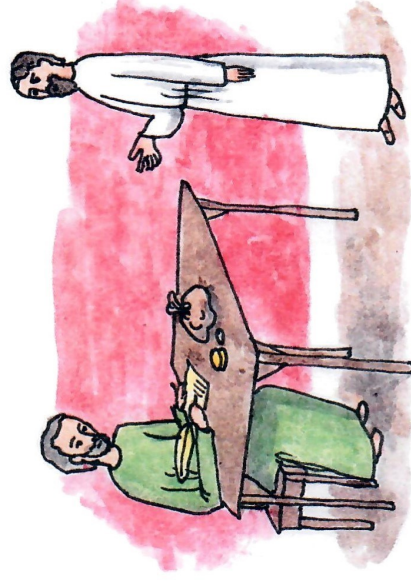
Be grateful for all God has given you.

Pray for a deeper trust in God.



# The Kids' Bulletin

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 18th, 2022



"ni luthtiat zi odw sh"

shthil yrvu n

ozlp luthtiat zi

sh baw, dnum ni

ni tsnodzib zi odw

zi shthil yrvu n

"dnum ni ozlp tsnodzib

Luke 16:1-13

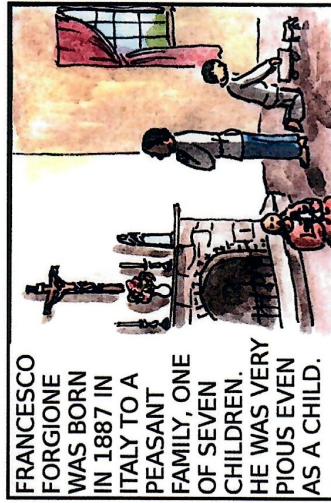
*Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons Jesus taught from today's parable.*





# Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

September 23



FRANCESCO FORGIONE WAS BORN IN 1887 IN ITALY TO A PEASANT FAMILY, ONE OF SEVEN CHILDREN. HE WAS VERY PIOUS EVEN AS A CHILD.



HE ENTERED A MONASTERY AT AGE 16 AND WAS ORDAINED AT 23. HE BECAME KNOWN AS PADRE (FATHER) PIO.



Yes. He is ready to enter!



PADRE PIO WAS FORCED TO JOIN THE ARMY, BUT WAS DISCHARGED BECAUSE HE WAS SICK.



He can't fight!



HE WAS SENT TO A FAR MONASTERY AND THERE HE RECEIVED CHRIST'S STIGMATA.



PADRE PIO SUFFERED GREATLY FROM THE WOUNDS BUT HE WAS STILL CHEERFUL.



Hi Padre!

Good to see you!



SOON THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE COMING TO ST. PIO FOR CONFESSION. HE COULD SEE WHAT WAS IN THEIR SOULS.



You've forgone them something.

That was so long ago!



PADRE PIO BROUGHT ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE CLOSER TO GOD.

HE LOVED THE SICK AND HAD A HOSPITAL BUILT. HE DIED AT THE AGE OF 81.

SAINT PIO SUFFERED MUCH DURING HIS LIFE, BUT HE KNEW THAT SAVING SOULS WAS WORTH IT. HE SPENT HUNDREDS OF HOURS HEARING CONFESSIONS TO HELP BRING PEOPLE BACK TO GOD. HAVE YOU GONE TO CONFESSION LATELY? IF YOU HAVEN'T, GO THE NEXT TIME YOU HAVE THE CHANCE!

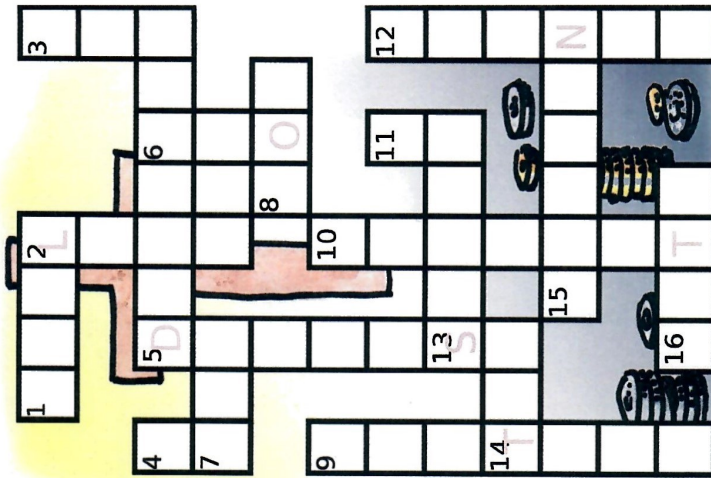
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# Whom Do You Serve?

## Cross-Word

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks in today's Gospel reading and fit them into the puzzle.

A=Across D=Down



CANNOT  
HATE  
MASTERS  
SERVANT  
MAMMON  
THE  
SERVE  
HE  
DESPISE  
YOU  
TWO  
ONE  
LOVE  
NO  
DEVOTED  
GOD  
WILL

" 4D 10D can serve 6D  
;9D for either 11D will 16A  
the one and 2D 14A other, or he  
1A be 5A to the 7A  
and 5D the other. 8A  
12D 13A 3D and  
" 15A